

Imogen Cunningham

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Which of my photographs is my favorite? The one I'm going to take tomorrow.

~Imogen Cunningham

I don't love the world. I think Jupiter should have hit us.

~Imogen Cunningham

The formula for doing a good job in photography is to think like a poet.

~Imogen Cunningham

Everybody who does anything for the public can be criticized. There's always someone who doesn't like it.

~Imogen Cunningham

I don't think there's any such thing as teaching people photography, other than influencing them a little. People have to be their own learners. They have to have a certain talent.

~Imogen Cunningham

The thing that's fascinating about portraiture is that nobody is alike.

~Imogen Cunningham

Which is my best picture? The one I will do tomorrow.

~Imogen Cunningham

So many people dislike themselves so thoroughly that they never see any reproduction of themselves that suits. None of us is born with the right face. It's a tough job being a portrait photographer.

~Imogen Cunningham

I was invited to photograph Hollywood. They asked me what I would like to photograph. I said, Ugly men.

~Imogen Cunningham

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I just believe in working. I'm not one of those romantic explainers of my own individual point of view.

~Imogen Cunningham

There are certain things you don't discuss with Ansel, especially if you don't agree.

~Imogen Cunningham

I never divide photographers into creative and uncreative, I just call them photographers. Who is creative? How do you know who is creative or not?

~Imogen Cunningham

I never stopped photographing. There were a couple of years when I didn't have a darkroom, but that didn't stop me from photographing.

~Imogen Cunningham

I think San Francisco is the best place in the whole world for an easy life.

~Imogen Cunningham

I was poor. When you're poor you work, and when you're rich you expect somebody to hand it to you. So I think being reasonably poor is very good for people.

~Imogen Cunningham

A woman said to me when she first sat down, You're photographing the wrong side of my face. I said, Oh, is there one?

~Imogen Cunningham

I was brought up on art. My father thought I had a great hand at art and sent me to art school. But he did not want me to become a photographer.

~Imogen Cunningham

When people ask me silly questions about my private life, I just say, I don't discuss that.

~Imogen Cunningham

Suppose Cartier-Bresson asked the man who jumped the puddle to do it again --- it never would have been the same. Start stealing!

~Imogen Cunningham

My mind is vacant on names, but I know him as well as anything. When I need names they drop out of my head; when I don't need them they drop back.

~Imogen Cunningham

When People magazine called me, I did the job on Ansel. I'm older than Ansel and he has to mind me.

~Imogen Cunningham

I don't resent anything.

~Imogen Cunningham

I don't know what love means.

~Imogen Cunningham

It's silly to keep people alive who have a terrible disease.

~Imogen Cunningham

Anybody is influenced by where and how he lives.

~Imogen Cunningham

I told the students that whatever they did in class was for the wastebasket.

~Imogen Cunningham

When you do portraits professionally it's not a desire, it's for money.

~Imogen Cunningham

I became kind of a drop-out in science after I came back to America. I wanted to photograph.

~Imogen Cunningham

Oh, you ask me, what is the greatest torture of a person who does portraits for a living? I could fill several volumes with nice nasty stories. I don't know.

~Imogen Cunningham

I'd never kill myself for a man. I wouldn't do it for anybody.

~Imogen Cunningham

Get it out of your historic head.

~Imogen Cunningham

I don't talk about success. I don't know what it is. Wait until I'm dead.

~Imogen Cunningham

I turn people into human beings by not making them into gods.

~Imogen Cunningham

Some people say to me, Isn't it too bad that people discovered you so late? I never thought that.

~Imogen Cunningham

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