

Michael Light Quotes

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When I go up, especially if I'm paying for a small helicopter and pilot, I'm on. I've got an hour and a half and the clock is ticking and it's costly and I enter into a super-heightened state of mind.

~Michael Light

I realized that if I wanted to truly talk about vastness and the sublime and scale and the West - recurrent themes in my overall work - I needed to engage with the vast ocean that is Los Angeles.

~Michael Light

Los Angeles functions for me as a kind of holy template. It is postwar America.

~Michael Light

... anybody who has spent time with cameras and photographs knows that images, like gravestone rubbings, are no more than impressions of the truth.

~Michael Light

I struggle against photography. I struggle against the fact that it is silent, that it is just a piece of paper on the wall, often presented in a tedious white matt frame.

~Michael Light

I come at a subject from a profoundly photographic level. I am not interested in pictures that ultimately don't work as pictures.

~Michael Light

What better way to actually deal with L.A. than to get above it and engage with the horizontality and scale of the basin itself?

~Michael Light

I have a profound passion for the act of flying. It's very freeing, with an intense physicality, but it also gives an Olympian, god's-eye view, which

fuels a larger cerebral and structural analysis.

~Michael Light

Flying was certainly formative for me; I have a deep and lasting ease with it as a result.

~Michael Light

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