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photo book

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past photos

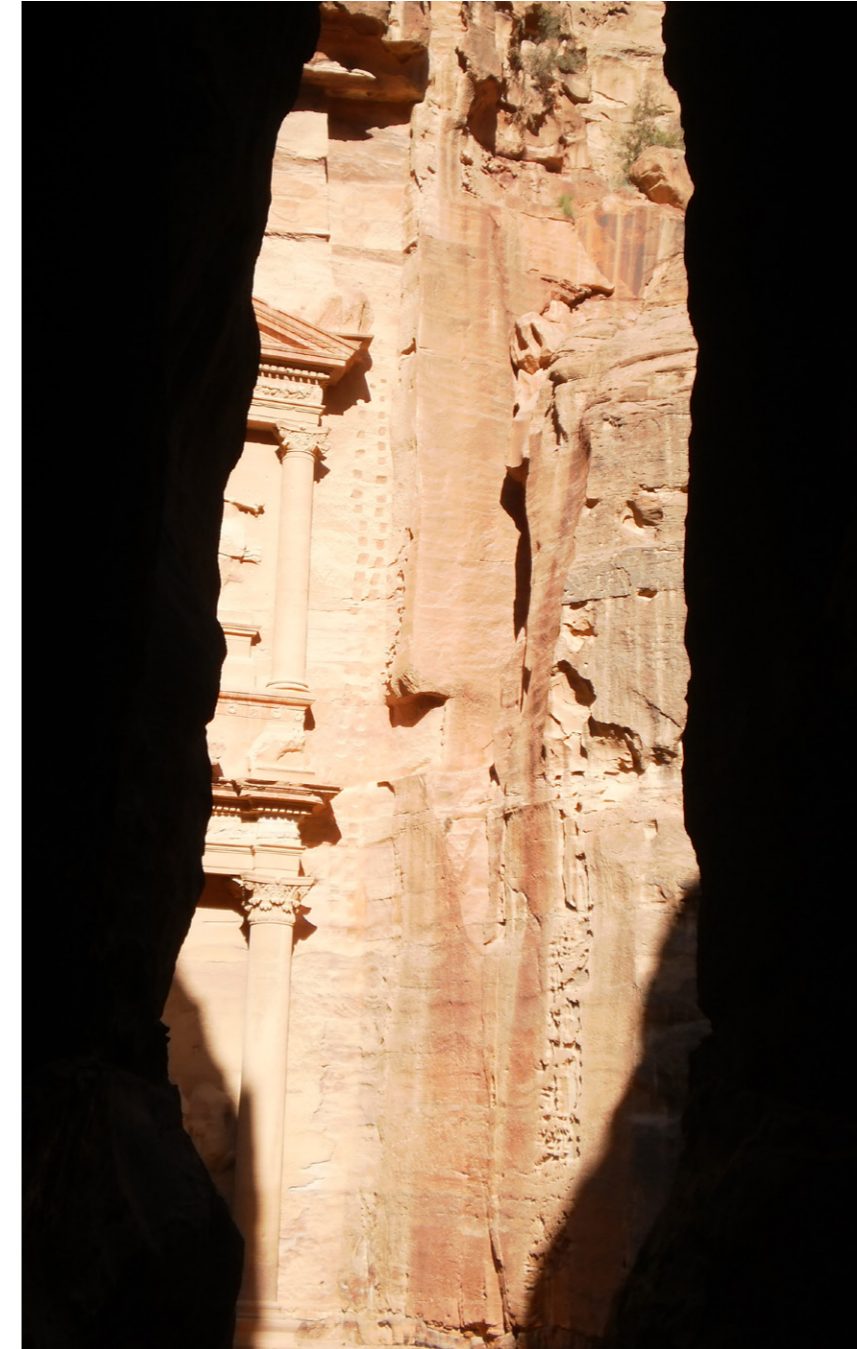
One past summer I traveled to the Holy Land. This was a great experience, unfortunately I did not have a very high quality camera to take pictures with. I had a point and shoot with a 35mm optical zoom. This really distorted some of my pictures, but fortunately I got some good pictures from this camera.

This really made me want to know how to use a camera, and be able to take control of the image, rather than the camera taking control of the experience.

These three pictures were all taken in the Holy Land. The picture on the left is from Petra Jordam, and the structure is called The Treasury. It is famous for having been used in the Indiana Jones movie where Indiana found the holy grail.

The top right picture is from the inside of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the church where Catholic tradition holds Jesus Christ was crucified, buried, and arose.

The bottom right image is of the very recognizable Dome of the Rock. The location believed by the Muslims to be where Mohammad ascended into heaven in a dream. Also where Muslims believe that Abraham almost sacrificed Ishmael.





urban scenes

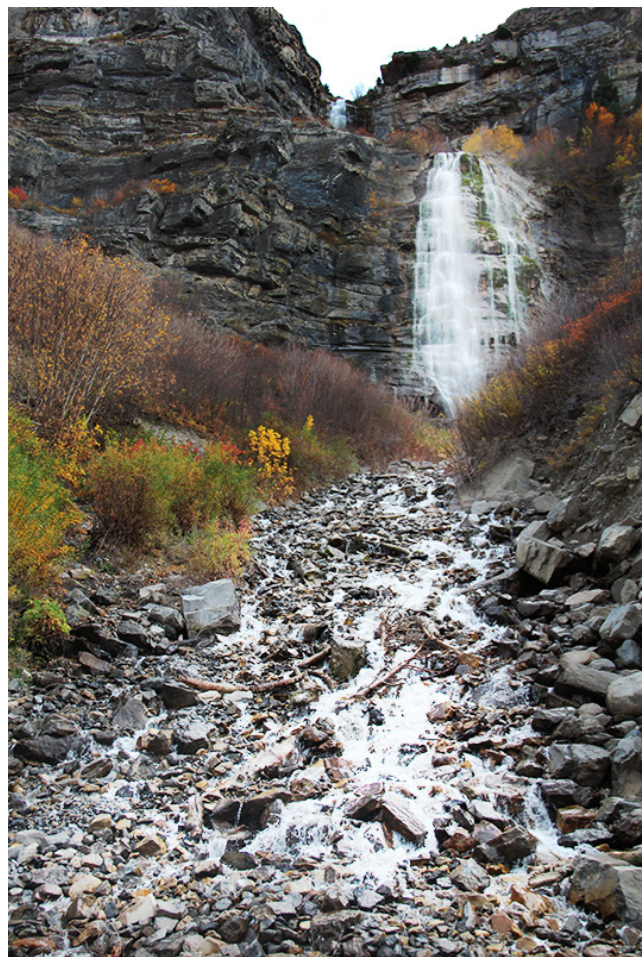
Blue and urban shoots go really well together. It brings nature into a picture that would otherwise be very bland.

I like urban photography because it gives a real feel for our modern lives. It is so rare that we go out and see a landscape for ourselves anymore. But by capturing scenes from the city where most of us spend most of our day. We can really relate to these types of pictures.

Blue is so prevalent in nature, the sky, the sea, some flowers, and birds. So by incorporating blue into our daily lives, it really gives us roots to where we all come from. Mother earth.



nature shots





Our eyes are amazing parts of our bodies, but they cannot quite focus like a camera can. So often we see just like what the camera sees when it has a “shallow focus.” We don’t realize this, because whatever we are looking at is what is in focus usually, but we cannot see everything in focus like a camera can either. We need to choose what to focus on. Those things become clear to us, then when we look away to focus on something else, we will lose focus on what was in focus before.

What are you focusing on?

people



contrast

One of the most powerful elements of photography is contrast. You can play with contrast with light and shadow; color or black and white; mess, and organization.

Contrast makes the photography interesting. If these shots were to show the entire subject, it would look like some nice stock photography of a cabin, and a stove. By only showing part of the subject it leaves you wondering what the rest of it looked like.

I chose to also contrast the saturation and the black and white to exemplify that bold colors don't always make a picture great, and black and white has a place too. Different horses for different courses I conclude.





perception

what is art?

When taking pictures sometimes, I am so tempted to just take pictures of what I know other people find beautiful. “If I take a picture of a rose then surely it will be appreciated,” I think to myself. But really who was the first person to take a picture of a rose?

I think that art is more of seeing the beauty in everyday life, rather than recreating something that is beautiful. Wedding photography is beautiful because it is always a different bride and groom. Abstract photography is so beautiful because the artist saw something that no one else had been able to capture quite the same way.

What is it that only you can see is beautiful? Will you capture it?





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Ever since I was young I wanted to go to the Holy Land. This is possibly due to the fact that I was born in a city in Pennsylvania called Bethlehem. This picture was taken in Jerusalem, about 6 miles from Bethlehem. I was finally able to go to the original Bethlehem.

I love photography, music, and business. My background is in business marketing, I hope to be able to find my way into the music industry part of business. I would love to have an excuse to always have music around me.

My family is very important to me. I also love to travel, as you might have been able to guess.