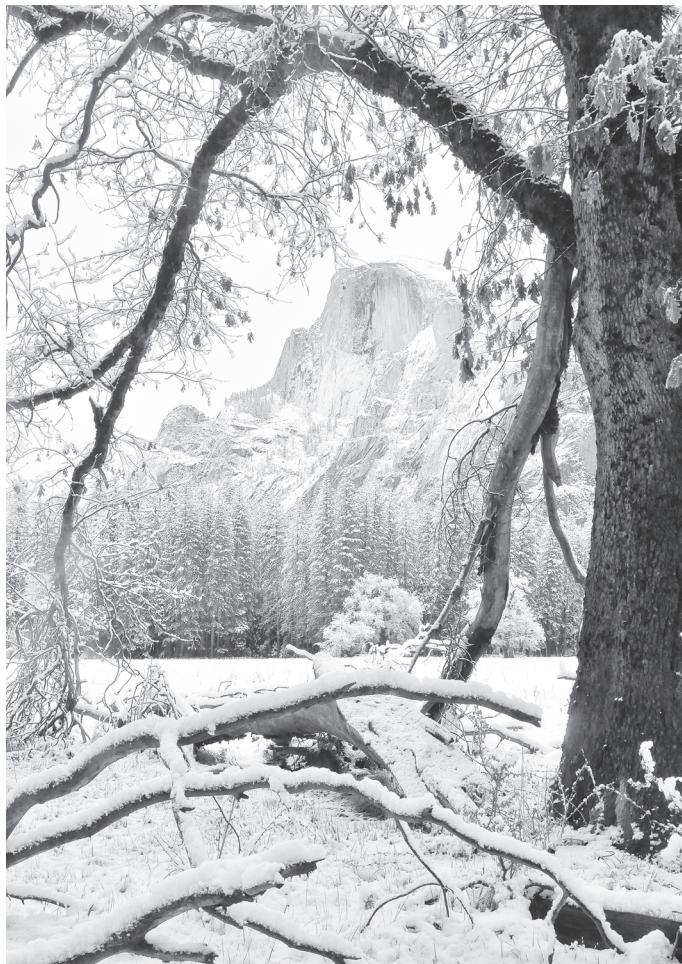


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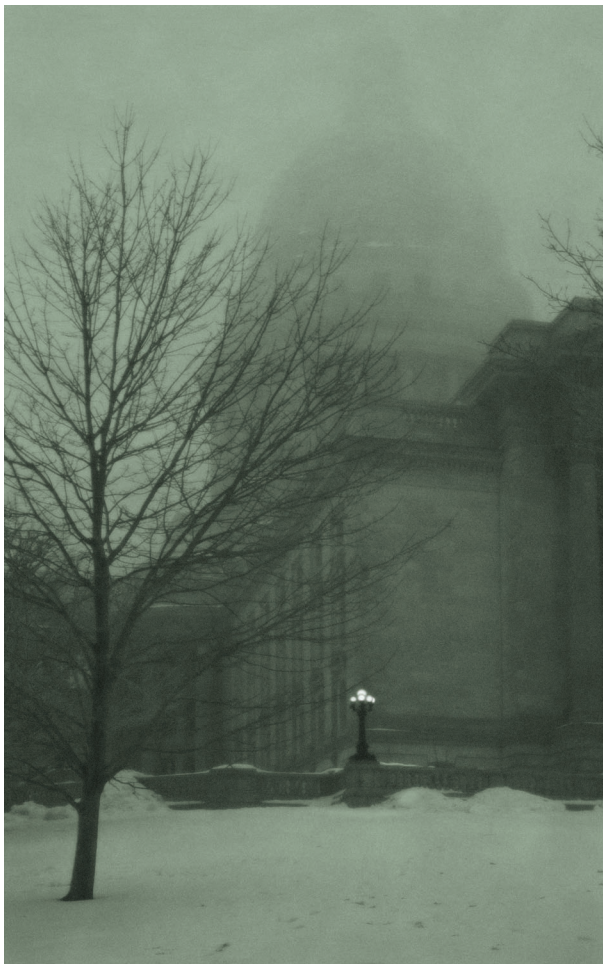
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Half Dome After the Snow, Yosemite Valley

January 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>New Year's Day Gautan-sai World Day of Peace</i>	2 <i>Winter Trails Day Earth at Perihelion</i>
3 <i>National Super Day Aldo Leopold's Birthday</i>	4 <i>World Hypnotism Day</i>	5 <i>Twelfth Night</i>	6 <i>Epiphany Orthodox Christmas Third Quarter Moon</i>	7 <i>International Silly Walks Day</i>	8	9 <i>National Static Electricity Day</i>
10 <i>National Super Day Aldo Leopold's Birthday</i>	11	12 <i>New Moon 11:02 PM</i>	13 <i>Stephan Foster Day Maghi</i>	14 <i>Dress-up Your Pet Day</i>	15 <i>Humanitarian Day</i>	16 <i>Religious Freedom Day</i>
17 <i>World Snow Day World Religion Day</i>	18 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	19 <i>World Quark Day</i>	20 <i>Inauguration Day Biggest Ever Day Penguin Awareness Day First Quarter Moon</i>	21 <i>Monlam Chenmo (Great Prayer Day) National Squirrel Appreciation Day</i>	22	23 <i>National Pie Day Talk Like a Grizzled Prospector Day Eve</i>
24 <i>Talk Like a Grizzled Prospector Day</i> 31	25 <i>Robert Burns Day</i>	26 <i>Toad Day of Encouragement</i>	27 <i>Holocaust Memorial Day</i>	28 <i>Buddhist New Year Mahayana New Year Tu B'Shvat Rubber Duck Day Full Moon 1:18 PM CST</i>	29 <i>Freethinkers Day</i>	30 <i>Fruitcake Toss Day</i>



Homage to Edward Steichen: State Capitol, Winter, Madison

February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 <i>Imbolc Groundhog Day Marmot Day Candelmas</i>	3 <i>Setsubun-sai</i>	4 <i>Liberace Day Third Quarter Moon</i>	5	6
7	8 <i>Nirvana Day - Buddhism Opera Day</i>	9 <i>Extraterrestrial Culture Day</i>	10	11 <i>New Moon 1:08 PM CST</i>	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday Darwin Day</i>	13
14 <i>Anziam Sunday Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>Presidents Day Nirvana Day - Jain World Pangolin Day World Whale Day Nirvana Day - Jain</i>	16 <i>Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Kyoto Protocol Day</i>	17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	18 <i>STEM for Young Women Day Drink Wine Day Photo Day</i>	19 <i>Tartar Sauce Day First Quarter Moon</i>	20 <i>World Pangolin Day</i>
21	22 <i>Nirvana Day - Band World Thinking Day</i>	23	24	25 <i>National Chili Day International Toast Day</i>	26 <i>Snowshoe Days Begins Purim</i>	27 <i>Full Moon 2:19 AM CST</i>
28 <i>Snowshoe Days End</i>						



Mist, Parfrey's Glen State Natural Area, Wisconsin

March 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Yellowstone National Park Created</i>	2	3 <i>Forest Reserve Act 1891</i>	4	5 <i>National Poutine Day National Absinthe Day Third Quarter Moon</i>	6
7 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins 2:00 AM</i>	8	9 <i>Panic Day</i>	10 <i>Lailat al Miroj</i>	11	12 <i>Maha Shivaratri</i>	13 <i>New Moon 4:23AM CDT</i>
14 <i>Chesefare Sunday Pi Day (3.14)</i>	15 <i>Ides of March/Bruis Day</i>	16 <i>World Social Work Day</i>	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day Campfire Day</i>	18 <i>Waqf al Arafat</i>	19	20 <i>Ostara Vernal Equinox World Frog Day</i>
21 <i>Zoroastrian and Baha'i New Year First Quarter Moon</i>	22 <i>Talk Like William Shatner Day</i>	23	24	25 <i>Ramayana begins Vaffeldagen Waffle Day</i>	26 <i>Live Long and Prosper Day</i>	27 <i>Pesach begins at Sundown</i>
28 <i>Palm Sunday Lailat al Bara'ah Full Moon 1:50 PM CDT</i>	29	30	31			



Rainbow over Yosemite Valley Near Sunset

April 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>April Fool's Day First Quarter Moon</i>	2 <i>Good Friday National Ferret Day World Autism Day</i>	3
4 <i>Easter Third Quarter Moon</i>	5	6	7	8 <i>Vesakha Poja or Vesak Buddha Day (historical birth date) Yom HaShoah</i>	9	10 <i>National Baby Massage Day</i>
11 <i>New Moon 9:32 PM CDT</i>	12 <i>Ramadan Begins</i>	13 <i>Ramayana Begins</i>	14	15 <i>Yom Ha'Atzmaut That Sucks Day</i>	16	17 <i>Haiku Day Bat Appreciation Day</i>
18 <i>Sky Awareness Week begins (18-24)</i>	19 <i>National Hanging Out Day</i>	20 <i>National Library Day First Quarter Moon</i>	21 <i>Ramanovami begins John Muir's Birthday</i>	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23 <i>Talk Like Shakespeare Day St. George's Day</i>	24 <i>Cloud Awareness Day</i>
25 <i>Hairstylist's Day World Penguin Day DNA Day (observed)</i>	26 <i>Audubon Day World Intellectual Property Day Full Moon 10:33 PM CDT</i>	27	28	29	30 <i>Arbor Day National Raisin Day Walpurgis Night</i>	



Swirling Clouds Over Sahale Peak, North Cascades National Park, Washington

May 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>May Day Beltaine</i>
2	3 <i>Third Quarter Moon</i>	4	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6	7	8 <i>Lailat al Kadr</i>
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10	11 <i>New Moon 2:01 PM CDT</i>	12	13	14 <i>Eid al Fitr</i>	15 <i>Spring Astronomy Day Morel Mushroom Day Catbird Day</i>
16 <i>Shavuot (begins)</i>	17	18	19 <i>First Quarter Moon</i>	20	21	22
23 <i>National Taffy Day</i> 30	24 <i>Victoria Day</i> 31 <i>Memorial Day</i>	25 <i>Towel Awareness Day Nerd Pride Day Geek Pride Day</i>	26 <i>Full Moon 6:14 AM CDT</i>	27	28 <i>Sierra Club Day</i>	29 <i>Learn About Composting Day Ascension of Baha'u'llah</i>



Sunrise at Banner Peak, Thousand Island Lake, Ansel Adams Wilderness, California

June 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Heimlich Maneuver Day</i>	2 <i>Third Quarter Moon</i>	3 <i>New Moon Gila Wilderness, First Wilderness Declared 1924</i>	4	5 <i>National Trails Day</i>
6	7	8 <i>World Oceans Day</i>	9	10 <i>Race Unity Day New Moon 5:54 AM CDT</i>	11	12
13	14 <i>National Bourbon Day Flag Day</i>	15 <i>Nature Photography Day</i>	16	17 <i>First Quarter Moon</i>	18	19 <i>Juneteenth</i>
20 <i>Summer Solstice Father's Day</i>	21	22 <i>Lilka</i>	23	24 <i>Midsummer's Eve Full Moon 1:40 PM CDT</i>	25	26
27 <i>Happy Birthday to You Day</i>	28	29	30			



Hiker in the Rain, Parfrey's Glen

July 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>Canada Day Third Quarter Moon</i>	2	3
4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7 <i>Global Forgiveness Day Chocolate Day</i>	8	9 <i>New Moon 8:17 PM CDT</i>	10 <i>Don't Step on a Bee Day</i>
11 <i>Sharpee Day</i>	12	13 <i>Obon Embrace Your Geekness Day</i>	14 <i>Shark Awareness Day Bastille Day</i>	15 <i>Take a Poet to Work Day Be a Dork Day</i>	16 <i>World Snake Day</i>	17 <i>Tisk'a B'ac First Quarter Moon</i>
18	19	20 <i>Eid al Adha Moon Day</i>	21	22	23 <i>Hug Your Pet to Work Day Full Moon 9:37 PM CDT</i>	24 <i>Asalha Puja Day LDS Pioneer Day</i>
25	26	27 <i>Walk on Stilts Day I Won't Dance Day (Don't ask me)</i>	28	29 <i>Tiger Day Lasagna Day Rain Day</i>	30	31 <i>Uncommon Instru- ments Awareness Day Third Quarter Moon</i>



Stairs, Old Capitol Building, Iowa City, Iowa

August 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>National Mustard Day Lughnasadh - Imbolc</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>IPA Day</i>	6 <i>Hiroshima Day International Beer Day</i>	7 <i>Hangover Day</i>
8 <i>International Cat Day New Moon 8:50 AM CDT</i>	9	10 <i>Islamic New Year S'mores Day</i>	11	12 <i>World Elephant Day</i>	13 <i>Blame Someone Else Day</i>	14 <i>Appalachian Trail Completed 1937</i>
15 <i>First Quarter Moon</i>	16	17	18 <i>Muharram Ashura Bad Poetry Day</i>	19	20	21
22 <i>Full Moon 7:02 AM CDT</i>	23 <i>Waffle Day Eve</i>	24 <i>Pinto Demoted Day Waffle Day</i>	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Third Quarter Moon</i>	30	31				



Porch, Late Afternoon, Madison

September 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 <i>Bacon Day (observed)</i>
5	6 <i>Rosh Hashanah Begins Labor Day New Moon 7:52 PM CDT</i>	7	8 <i>Iguana Awareness Day</i>	9	10 <i>Ganesh Chaturthi</i>	11 <i>Prairie Day (2nd Saturday)</i>
12	13 <i>First Quarter Moon</i>	14	15 <i>Yom Kippur IT Professionals Day (3rd Tuesday)</i>	16	17	18 <i>National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day</i>
19 <i>Talk Like a Pirate Day</i>	20 <i>Full Moon 6:54 PM CDT</i>	21 <i>Sukkot begins International Day of Peace</i>	22 <i>Autumnal Equinox Mabon</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Third Quarter Moon</i>	29	30		



Frosted Leaves on an Autumn Morning, Owen Park Conservancy, Madison

October 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>National Poetry Day</i>	2 <i>International Day of Non-Violence</i>
3	4 <i>World Architecture Day</i>	5	6 <i>American Libraries Day New Moon 6:05 AM CDT</i>	7 <i>Forgiveness Day</i>	8 <i>World Egg Day National Salmon Day World Octopus Day</i>	9 <i>Fall Astronomy Day</i>
10	11 <i>Columbus Day - US Thanksgiving - Canada National Coming Out Day</i>	12 <i>First Quarter Moon</i>	13 <i>National Fossil Day Stop Bullying Day</i>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 <i>Hagfish Day Full Moon 9:57 AM CDT</i>	21 <i>Reptile Awareness Day</i>	22	23
24 31 <i>Samhain Halloween</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Third Quarter Moon</i>	29 <i>Gruel Day Oatmeal Day</i>	30



Subway Stop, Chicago

November 2021

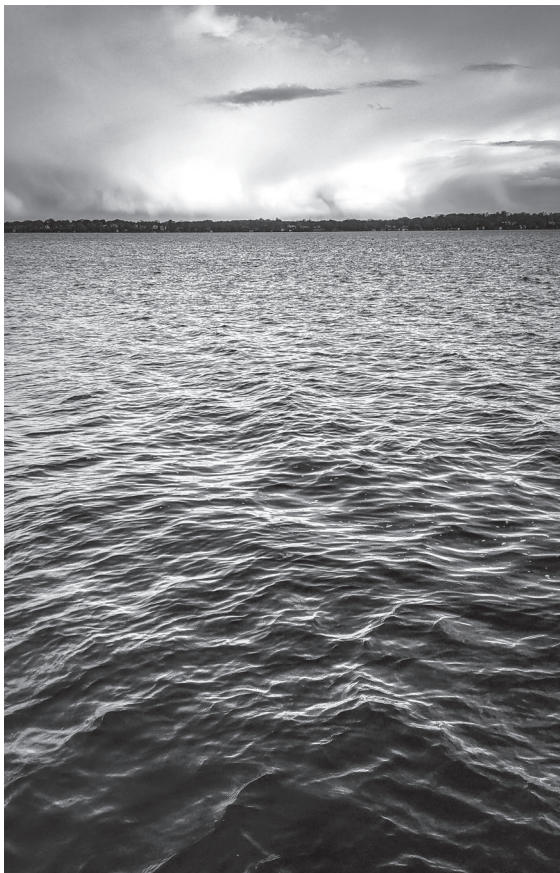
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>All Saints' Day</i>	2 <i>Election Day</i>	3	4 <i>Diwali Begins New Moon 4:15 PM CDT</i>	5	6 <i>Saxophone Day</i>
7 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	8	9 <i>Kristallnacht - The Night of Broken Glass</i>	10	11 <i>Origami Day Veteran's Day First Quarter Moon</i>	12	13 <i>World Kindness Day</i>
14	15 <i>I Love to Write Day</i>	16 <i>National Entrepreneurship Day International Day of Tolerance</i>	17	18	19 <i>Full Moon 2:59 AM CST</i>	20 <i>Survivors of Suicide Loss Day Transgender Day of Remembrance</i>
21	22	23 <i>Fibonacci Day Dr. Who Day</i>	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	26 <i>Native American Heritage Day</i>	27 <i>Third Quarter Moon</i>
28 <i>Hanukkah begins Advent begins</i>	29	30				



Snowfall at Paradise, Mount Rainier National Park

December 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>World AIDS Day</i>	2	3	4 <i>New Moon 1:44 AM CST</i>
5 <i>Hanukkah ends</i>	6 <i>Saint Nicholas Day</i>	7	8 <i>Bodhi (Enlightenment) Day</i>	9	10 <i>Human Rights Day</i>	11 <i>First Quarter Moon</i>
12	13	14	15 <i>Cat Herders Day</i>	16	17	18 <i>Full Moon 10:37 PM CST</i>
19	20	21 <i>World Peace Day Yule Winter Solstice</i>	22	23 <i>Festiveus</i>	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas</i>
26 <i>Zarathoshti Diso Kwanzaa begins Boxing Day Third Quarter Moon</i>	27	28	29 <i>Bacon Day Eve</i>	30 <i>Bacon Day</i>	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	



Water, Lake Monona

Front: Clearing Storm, Central Illinois

Monochrome

Light versus dark. Maybe just the two, or maybe some gradations – or the illusion of gradation. That's monochrome. It really means one color, or, practically, one color against a neutral background. It's been a part of visual story telling for thousands of years. It was the way photography started out and even modern digital color photography is ultimately based on it.

In photography monochrome usually means black and white, although it doesn't have to be. My photograph Capitol Building in Winter uses dark green, but the rest is pretty much black and white. My first photographic experience was with my junior high school paper. I shot with black and white film, but my photos were mimeographed blue.

Some of the pictures in the calendar were photographed using black and white film. Others were shot with a digital camera in color and converted to black and white. There are a couple that were shot with color film and converted to black and white. In the first case I chose to use black and white film. However, in the other cases I chose to convert a color picture to black and white either when I was shooting or after I spent time working with the picture.

If I had "good color" why would I want to convert to black and white? The easy answer is because I like black and white. For me form and texture is an important part of how I tell stories. I think monochrome facilitates that part of the story telling in my pictures the best in most cases. If the story really needs color, that's where I go, but the stories here are monochrome ones.

As for the stories, I feel there are stories to be told that don't involve words. If I'm doing documentary photography, I think the story telling can have specific words attached and I'm doing my best to determine those words. The photos here are not documentary. You can throw some words at them, but that's not the spirit or the point.

If you need words, I can throw a few at you. Time and place, maybe weather. That's it. You're on your own after that. I just offer these pictures to provoke thoughts and probably feelings. Those belong to you, and a real sense you complete the pictures in your own way. I may be a guide in some sense, but you have your own path. If that gets to a place without words, that's the best for me. It's your journey though.

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