

# 10 inspirational quotes about photography

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During these tumultuous times, those of us interested in photography can use inspirational quotes. Although about photography, they can inform our lives in positive ways. You'll be able to see why as someone who does night photography and long exposure, I might gravitate toward some of these quotes. However, all of us can be inspired from these quotes. They can make our holidays more joyful. Perhaps if we embrace them, they can make our lives more joyful.

“You can look at a picture for a week and never think of it again. You can also look at a picture for a second and think of it all your life.”

– Joan Miro

“I think of photography like therapy.”

– Harry Gruyaert

“Getting photographs is not the most important thing. For me it's the act of photographing. It's enlightening, therapeutic and satisfying, because the very process forces me to connect with the world. When you make four-hour exposures in the middle of the night, you inevitably slow down and begin to observe and appreciate more what's going on around you. In our fast-paced, modern world, it's a luxury to be able to watch the stars move across the sky.”

– Michael Kenna



Comet NEOWISE, Owens Valley, CA. Nikon D750 with a 50mm f/1.4 prime lens.  
Earth: 90 second exposure at f/2.5, ISO 250. Sky: 19 photos taken in succession  
and “stacked,” with each photo 8 seconds, f/2.5, ISO 2500.

“Photography means painting with light. And that’s what you do. You paint a picture only  
by adding light to the things you see.”

– Katja Michael

“In photography there is a reality so subtle that it becomes more real than  
reality.”

– Alfred Stieglitz

“Photography is a love affair with life.”

– Burk Uzzle



Big Bear Lake, CA. Pentax K-1 with a 15-30mm f/2.8 lens. This is a stack of 23 photos in succession; each photo is 15 seconds, f/2.8, ISO 1600.

“You don’t take a photograph, you make it.”

– Ansel Adams

“I gravitate towards places where humans have been and are no more, to the edge of man’s influence, where the elements are taking over or covering man’s traces.”

– Michael Kenna

“One doesn’t stop seeing. One doesn’t stop framing. It doesn’t turn off and on. It’s on all the time.”

– Annie Leibovitz

“There are no bad pictures; that’s just how your face looks sometimes.”

– Abraham Lincoln

## Our verdict

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I am a night photographer. I drive long hours in a dusty car listening to weird music, stay out all night creating photos, get dirty, hang out with other creative sleep-deprived weirdos, see the stars drift across the sky and always find the best taco stands while photographing forgotten abandoned locales and amazing nightscapes. I have three books published with one more on the way. My images have appeared in National Geographic Books, Omni magazine, Los Angeles Times, Westways magazine and numerous other publications. I also teach night photography workshops, which includes light painting, star trails, and much more.