

## Stream of Consciousness Street Photography

**What's poppin, people? It's Dante.**

Currently photographing this beautiful—

Excuse me—

This **beautiful** sculpture on a rainy morning here in the **Centennial Arboretum**, surrounded by natural trees and peaceful surroundings.

I'm in a garden right now.

**This is paradise.**

**Welcome to the Garden of Eden.**

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## Stream of Consciousness

This is a difficult photo to make considering the lighting... but yeah.

Today's thought is about **stream of consciousness**.

What does that mean in *photography*?

Let's see if the fig tree is going to bear fruit soon...

***Wow, they're already starting to bloom. The fig tree is growing.***

As I watch these figs bear fruit, it reminds me that everything's changing, that **we too are growing**.

Physiologically, our cells replenish during sleep. Our muscles grow through:

- **Hypertrophy**
- **Satiating food**
- **Deep sleep**

We tear the fibers and rebuild. We repeat.

**Everything is in flux.**

Just last week, this fig tree was barren—now it's blooming.

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## Follow Your Curiosity

As I snapshot the figs, leaves, dew drops, and surroundings,

I'm simply following **my inner curiosity**.

I'm following **my heart**, actually.

Maybe to evoke your stream of consciousness...

**You must shut off your mind.**

***Even as I say these thoughts, I'm not thinking. My lips are just moving. I'm speaking from the heart.***

When making pictures, the **best and most authentic photos** come from that irrational side of the brain—

The gut. The intuition. The heart.

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## Photograph Through the Gut

Don't shoot with your rational mind.

Shoot with your *irrational pull*—

That gravitational tug in your gut.

That's how you evoke **stream of consciousness in an image**.

It just rained. I took out the umbrella.

Now it stopped.

Everything is changing.

**Weather. Seasons. Emotions.**

***No two days, no two moments will ever be the same.***

This fleeting passage of time—

It's beautiful to capture in a photograph.

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## **A Visual Diary**

I'm not photographing with a theme.

I'm not looking for anything in particular.

I'm creating a **visual diary**—

A record of what my heart saw that day.

***On display in my photographs is my spirit.***

Photography becomes a **spiritual act**—

Uplifting the ordinary to the extraordinary.

***Snapshotting your way through life places you in the eternal now.***

You move through the world outside of time—

Not stuck in past or future.

You may not live forever...

But at least **you can make a photograph.**

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## Will to Power = Will to Create

Creation is play.  
Snapshot your day.

*Then we can reveal the authentic voice of the artist.*

**This is my will to power.**

Nietzsche once wrote in *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* about the Übermensch.

*To become the Übermensch is to become the ultimate creator.*

It's not just physical power.  
It's creative power.  
It's returning to Eden, picking up the flaming swords—  
**And creating anew.**

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## Photograph What Your Heart Desires

Let go of destination.  
Let go of outcome.  
Detachment = Freedom.

- Don't rationalize your shots.
- Don't hesitate at the crossroads.
- Just walk forward.
- **Just shoot.**

*Photograph what your gut tells you to photograph.*

Embrace the unknown.  
Embrace chaos—  
Then put **order to it** in your frame.

That's the artist's duty.

***Go forward headfirst with courage.***

***“Cor” – the Latin root of heart.***

Wear your heart on your sleeve—  
That's what shows up in the photo.

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## **Life is Outside the Frame**

***A photograph isn't confined to the four corners of the frame.***

**Life is outside the frame.**

**Outside the box.**

A photographer needs:

- **Courage**
- **Curiosity**
- **Intuition**

Shut down your rational mind.  
Stop trying to depict the world as it is.  
Depict the world as it *could be*.  
As it *feels*.

***Everything is in flux.***

Now it's raining again.  
Time to shield the Ricoh—  
Yo **Samuel Lintaro**, we need a Ricoh Rugged.

***Imagine a Ricoh that's indestructible like a GoPro.***

That'd be wild.

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## Paradise is Within

I crossed the stream just in time.  
Maybe some of my thoughts made sense—  
Maybe some didn't.

That's okay.  
That's **stream of consciousness**.

*Embrace it in your photography. Stop overthinking. Snapshot your day like a visual diary.*

Photograph what calls to you.

**Photograph with courage.**  
**Photograph with heart.**  
**Photograph from your gut.**

*Photograph your soul—let that be what reflects in your images.*

Don't get stuck on decisions.  
Just move.  
Just flow.

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## A Walk to the Japanese House

Let's go to the Japanese House real quick before I end the video.  
This is the **Garden of Eden**.

No flaming swords... but there's a gate. And it's closed.

Before I go—  
I'm starting a new book today.

***Paradise Lost*** by John Milton.

Been reading a lot of poetry lately.  
And you know what?

***Paradise has not been lost.  
You just have to pick up the flaming swords and destroy order to create  
anew.***

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## Final Thought

***Paradise is within.  
It's in your heart.***

The rain, the cold, the wet clothes—  
They could make me miserable.

But when paradise lives in your heart...  
**Nothing can break your spirit.**

***You don't have to travel far to make a photo.  
You just have to follow your stream of consciousness.***

And keep walking.

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