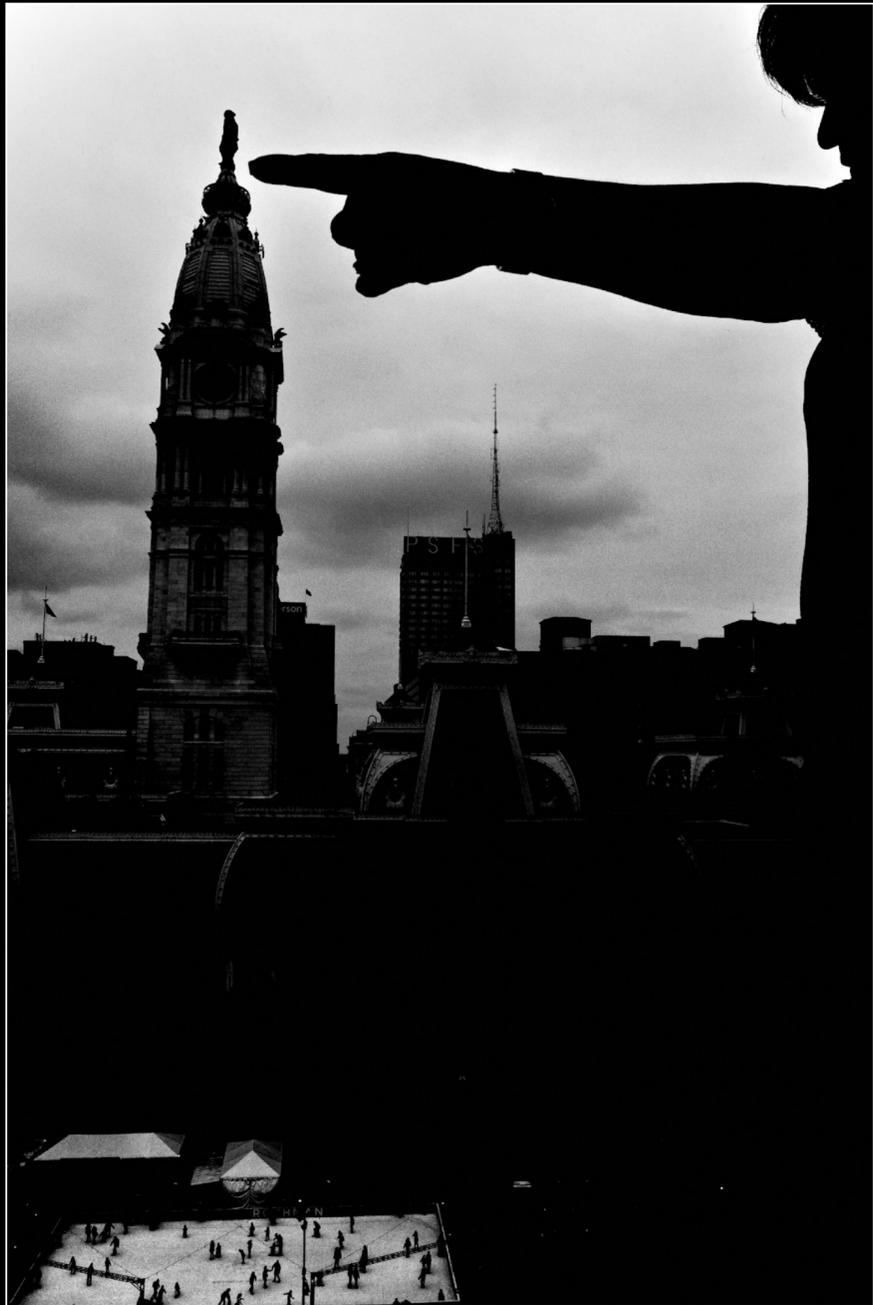


# Soul Street Photography









**What is the soul?**

# Plato's Three-Tier Soul

1. Reason (Logos) – The mind that seeks truth and wisdom.
2. Spirit (Thumos) – The heart that drives courage and honor.
3. Appetite (Epithumia) – The body's desires for pleasure and survival.



# THUMOS MAXXING



**You are a Demigod.**



**Do not fear death.**



**Release your daemon when  
you are on the street.**



**Don't wait for inspiration.**



**Motivation = movere = to  
move**



**Photograph from your pure  
instincts. Don't think. Just shoot.**

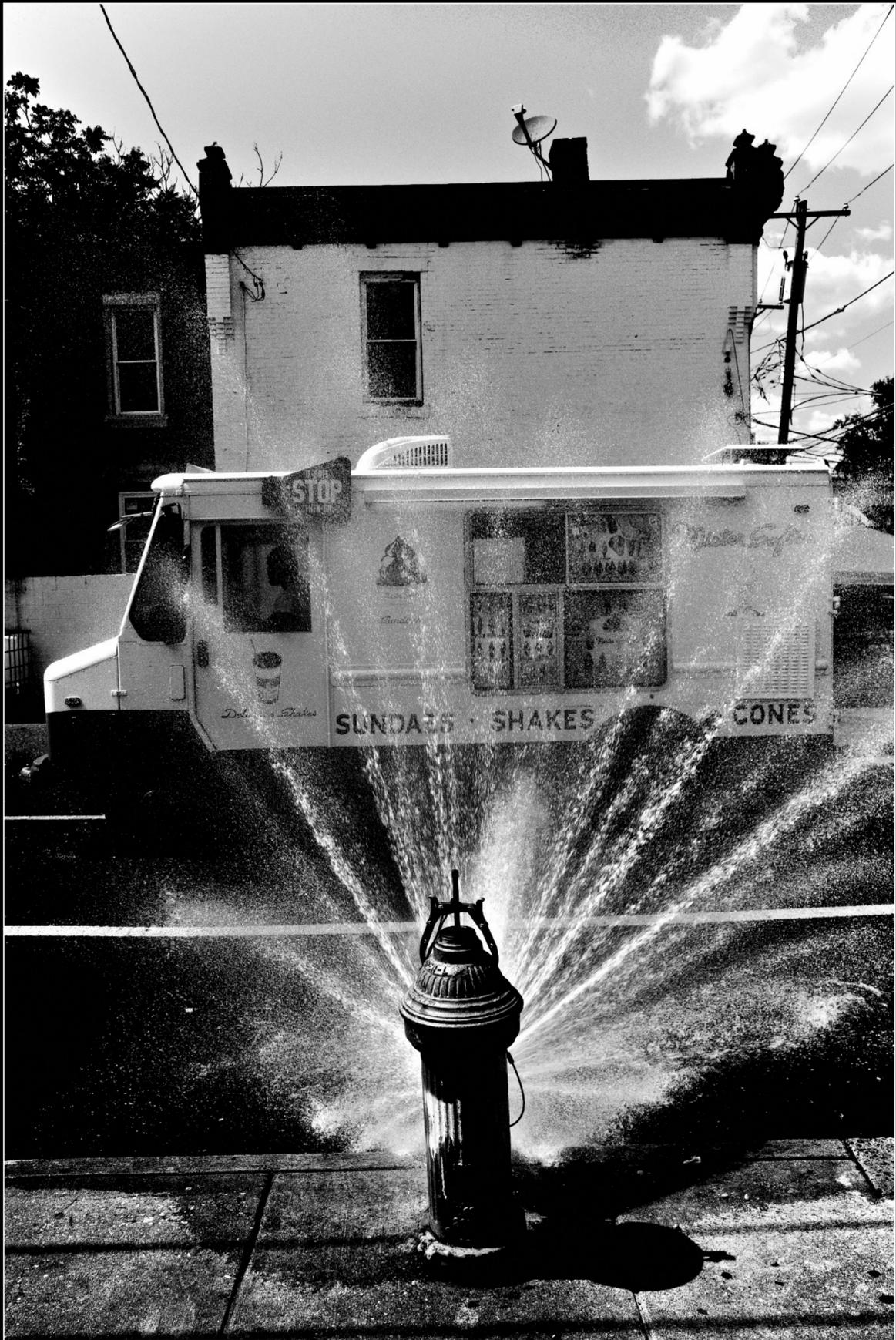
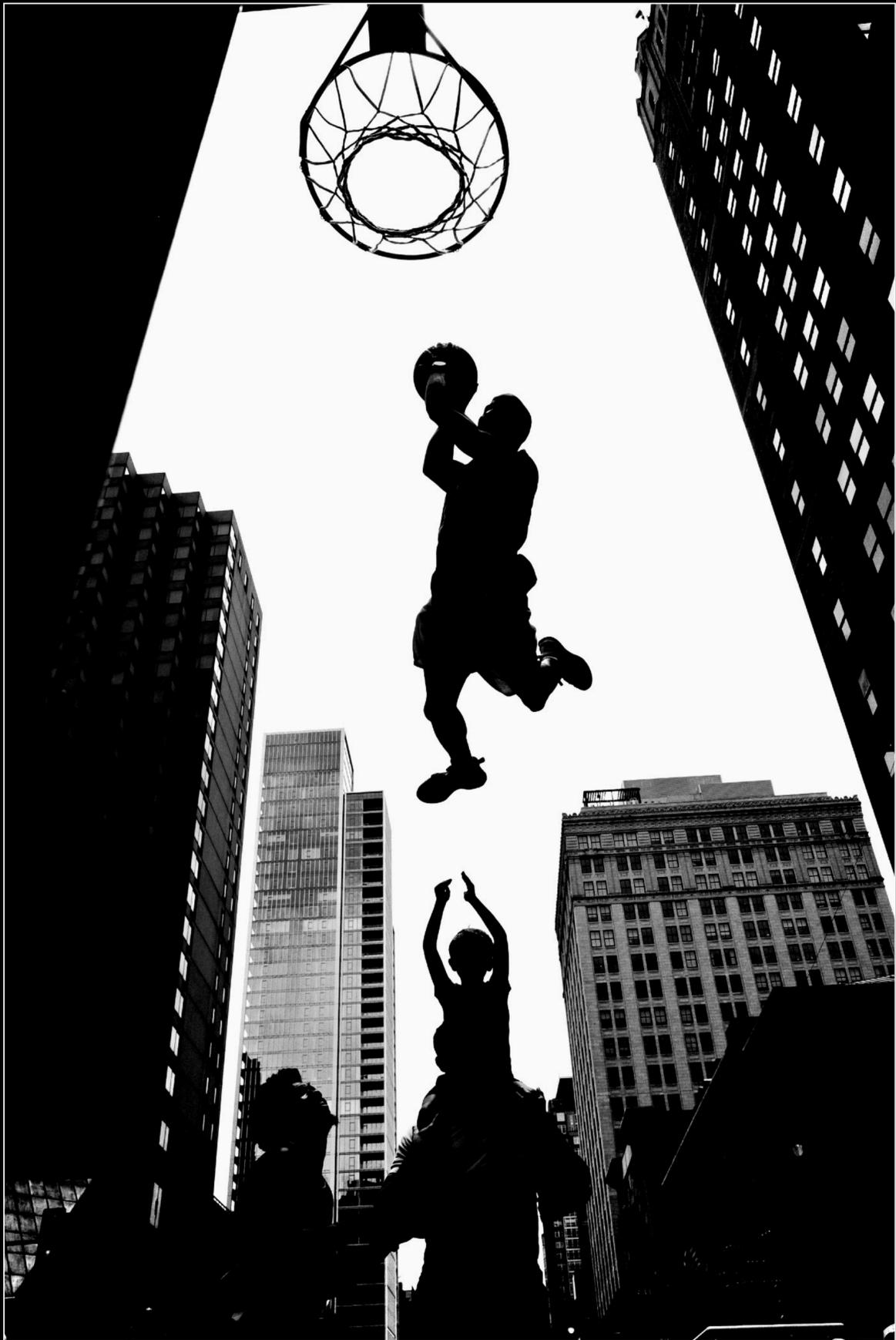


# The Body and the Soul

- Move your physical body — photography begins with motion.
- The body reflects the soul; strength in body is strength in spirit.
- Street photography as walking meditation — be alone, tune into rhythm.
- Photograph loosely — play over perfection.



**How do you photograph your  
soul?**



**Pressing the shutter is me  
saying yes to life.**

# The Metaphysics of Photography

- Light on surface — drawing with light.
- Photography is neither truth nor lie, but interpretation.
- Black and white abstraction: seeing beyond the veil.
- Pressing the shutter = saying yes to life.
- Aristotle's Four Causes: material, formal, efficient, final.





# Aristotle's Four Causes

1. **Material Cause** → The stuff it's made of → The camera, lens, sensor, light — the physical tools and medium.
2. **Formal Cause** → The structure or shape → The composition, framing, and form of the photograph — the order you impose on chaos.
3. **Efficient Cause** → The force that brings it into being → You — the photographer. The will, intuition, and act of pressing the shutter.
4. **Final Cause (Telos)** → The purpose or why → The reason you make the photograph — to affirm life





**You can create a new world in  
a fraction of a second.**



# Photographing the Soul

- Photographing your soul is harder than photographing the world.
- Requires self-awareness, flow state, detachment from outcome.
- Create your own world — art as metaphysical striving.
- Enter a childlike spirit of transformation and curiosity.

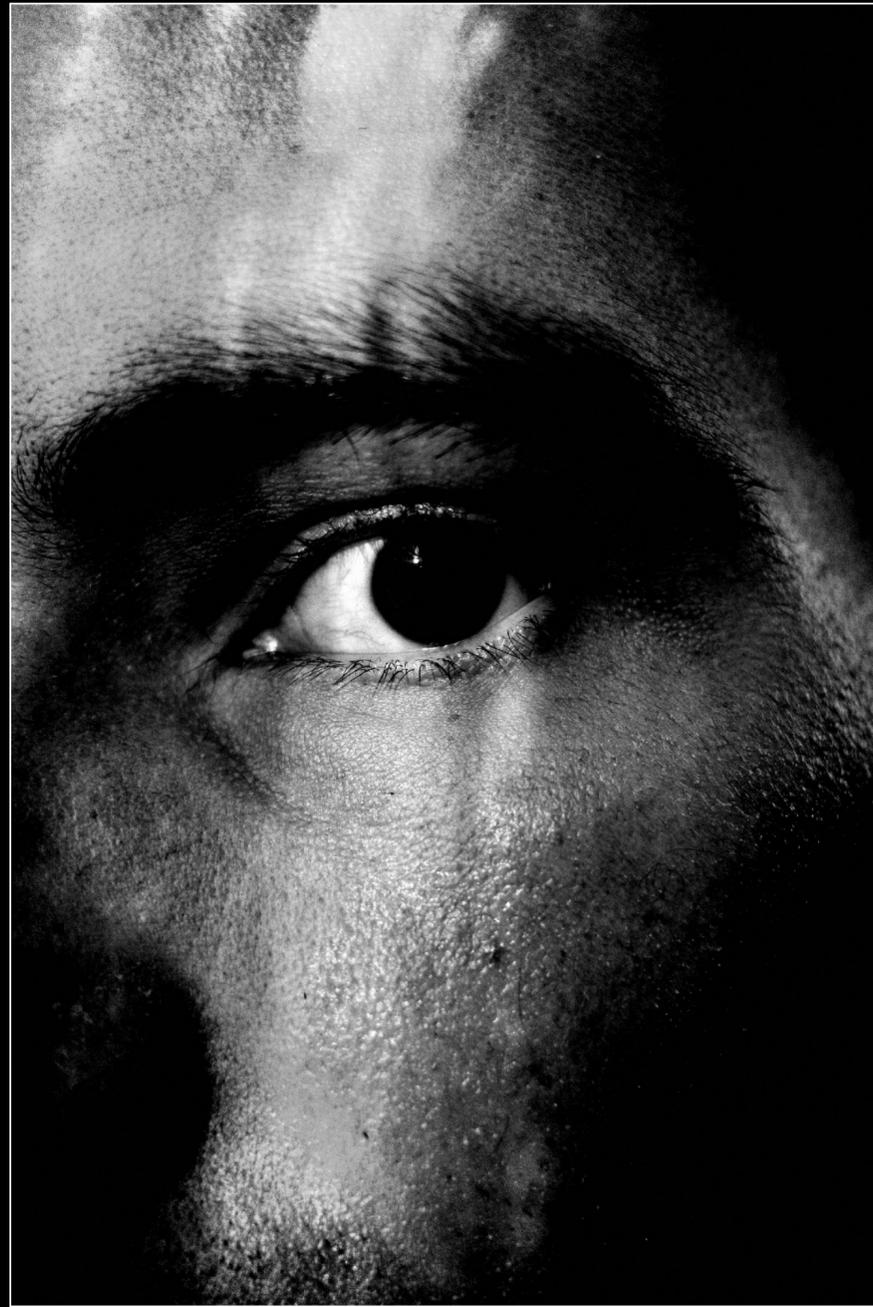




# Light is Thumos

- Thumos: spiritedness, courage, vitality.
- Sunlight charges the soul — physical power becomes spiritual power.
- Courage comes from cor (heart); thumos is that inner fire.
- Light = Energy = Courage.
- Follow the light, photograph with courage, let your soul live on.





**The photograph is just a reflection  
of how the photographer engages  
with life.**



# Final Reflection

- The street is the arena.
- The camera is your sword.
- Light is your guide.
- Photograph your soul by living courageously, seeing deeply, and walking with purpose.



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