

SHIZEN

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Quote and Image

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SHIZEN (自然) means nature.

SHIZEN also refers to our relationship with nature. As the term expanded throughout Japan and the West, it evolved into an aesthetic concept with various meanings. Not solely about wilderness, these meanings express how we interpret and interact with nature. We can find SHIZEN in urban places too.

Spontaneity is an element of SHIZEN. From the perspective of making a photograph, the final impression of spontaneity emerges not from sudden notions, but results from repeated action and effort. The intent of the spontaneous Black and White work here is to achieve harmony between text and image.

I find surprising relationships between quotes and images. Sometimes direct, sometimes subtle, there is an energy that pairs a quote with an image. At times, pairing a quote with an image flows smoothly in synchrony. Spontaneously finding an appropriate quote adds life to views of people in nature. The bubbles, moments and ripples that follow embody my life experiences. For this twenty-fourth issue, I hope that some of what you see adds a touch of spontaneity to your own view. See what you think.

~ Jim Austin, Editor



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Some of the most thrilling things in life are done on impulse.

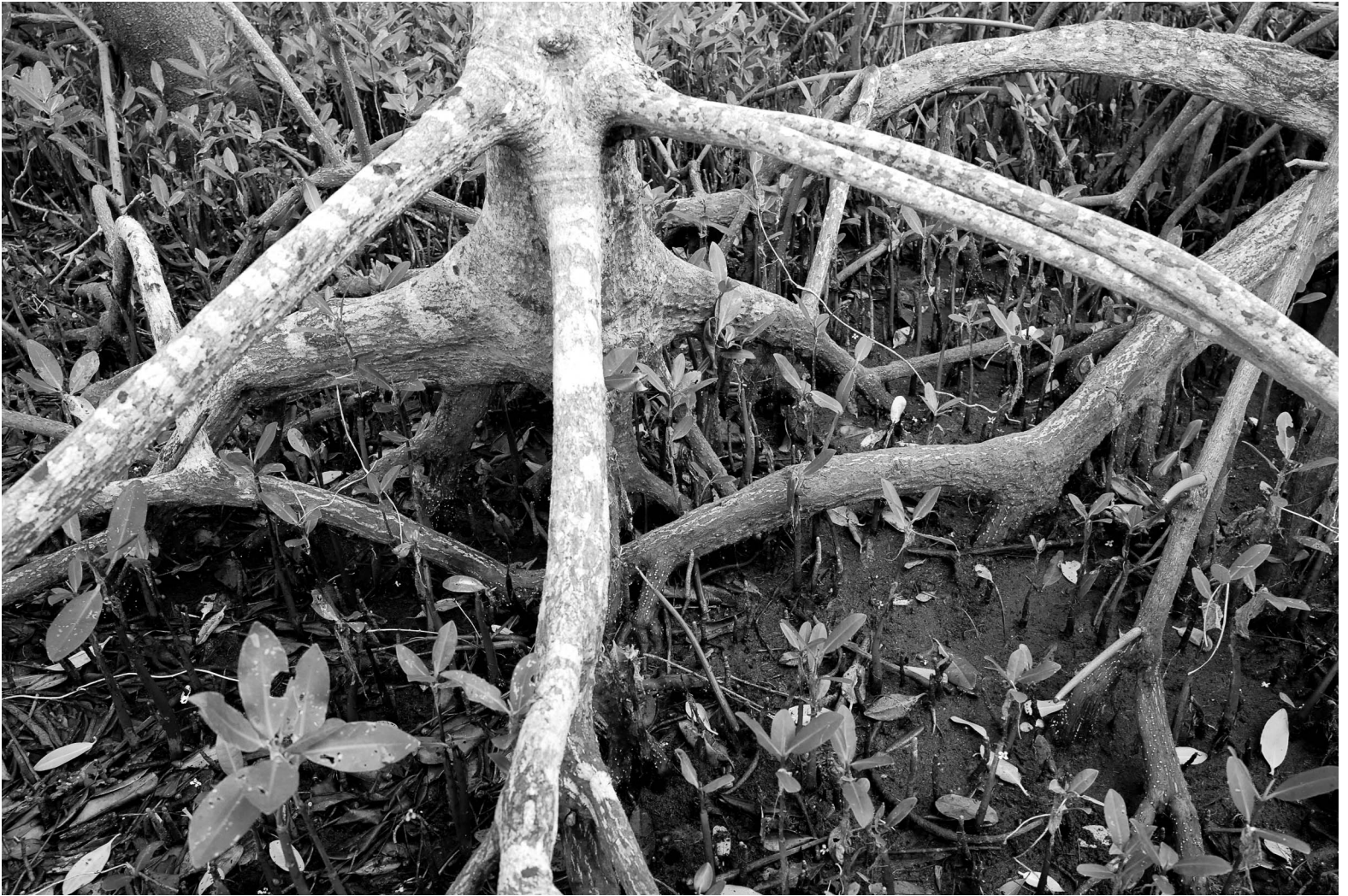
SYRIE JAMES



Good work is done by following pure, unjustified belief  
wherever it may lead. Look more, feel more.

Just wing it sometimes.

ANDREW MOLITOR



Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.  
VINCENT VAN GOGH



Any fool can carry on,  
but a wise man knows how to shorten sail in time.

JOSEPH CONRAD





Expressed by SHIZEN, naturalness in design seeks the equilibrium between being a part of nature and at the same time, different — architecture that adapts to its environment also incarnates simultaneously artistic intention.

FAENA ALEPH



The point of living a creative life ... is not merely to produce aesthetically pleasing artifacts, but to bind one's creative work and living experience as two dimensions of the same life.

GUY TAL



Essentials to happiness in this  
life are something to do,  
something to love,  
and something to hope for.

HÉCTOR GARCÍA PUIGCERVER





How can we hope, after all, to see a tree or rock or clear north sky  
if we do not adopt a little of their mode of life, a little of their time?

ROBERT ADAMS

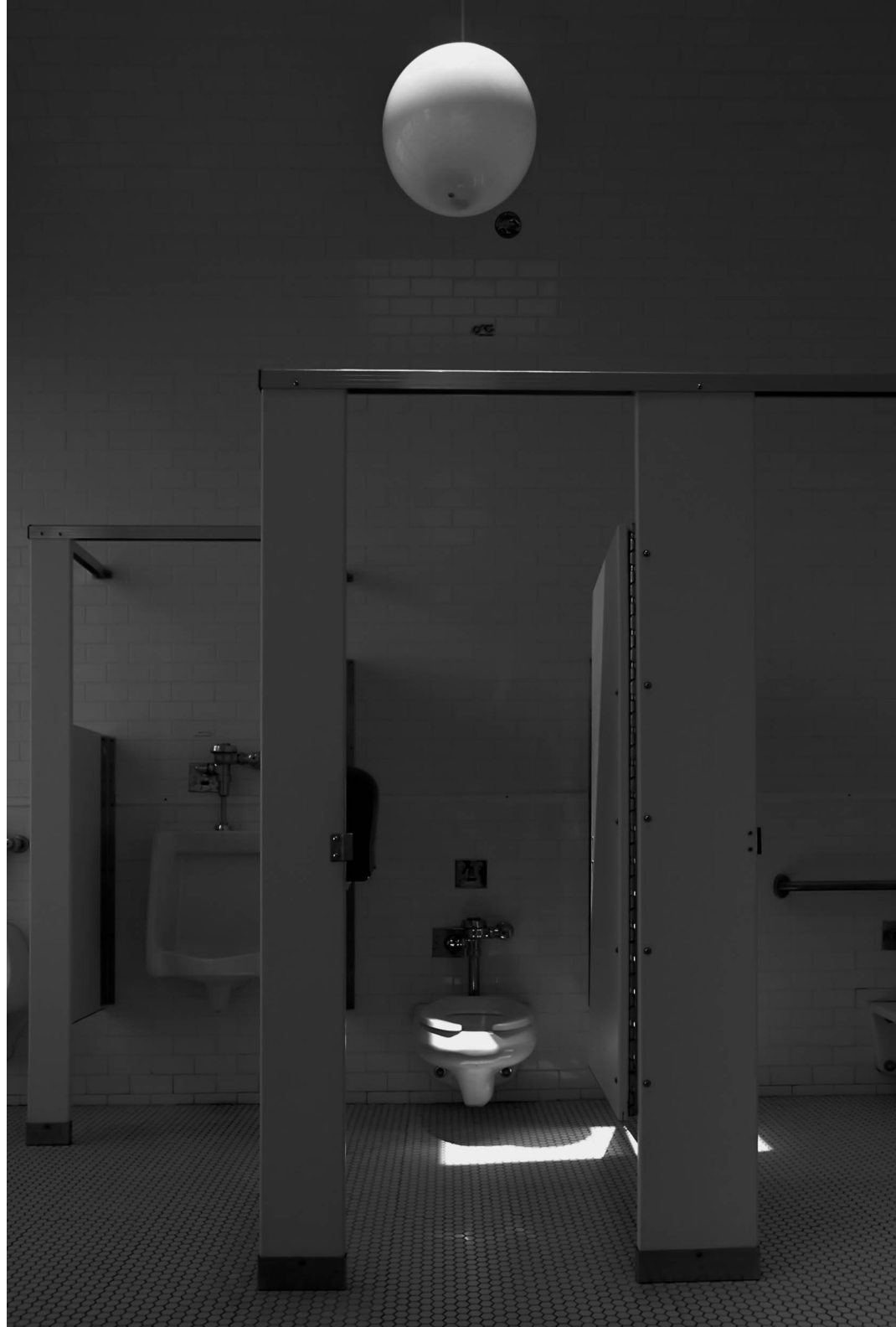


A myth is far truer than a history, for a history only gives a story  
of the shadows, whereas a myth gives a story  
of the substances that cast the shadows.

ANNIE BESANT

To see  
is to stop

and pay one's respect  
to light.  
GRETEL ERLICH





Light thinks it travels faster than anything  
but it is wrong. No matter how fast light travels, it finds the darkness  
has always got there first, and is waiting for it.

TERRY PRATCHETT





Glory is in the team, not the individual.  
SEAN SULLIVAN



Each and every entity that has being is like a dream, an illusory bubble.  
BUDDHA



Be the most interesting  
person your dog  
has ever met.  
RALF WEBER



“It’s impossible,” said pride. “It’s risky,” said experience. “It’s pointless,” said reason. “Give it a try,” whispered the heart.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN





A simple act of kindness can create endless ripples.  
PUSHKAR SARAF





If you want to make more interesting photographs,  
become a more interesting person.

CHRIS ORWIG



It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do.  
JANE AUSTEN



When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time.  
MAYA ANGELOU





To get the full value of joy, you must have someone to divide it with.  
MARK TWAIN

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