



photography

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Reflections abound, give dimension to your photos

Reflect for a moment on the many reflections you encounter daily. Reflect on the reflections you can create yourself.

If you do, you'll be rewarded with many exciting photographs. When light hits smooth, shiny surfaces — glass, metal and water — many light waves bounce off without becoming scattered and diffused. From the proper angle, we see these as reflected images.

REFLECTIONS surround us constantly in our everyday lives.

Have you ever noticed the reflected images in a pair of sunglasses, the shiny exterior glass in a modern office building, the polished oil tanker you passed on the way to work?

How about colorful, abstract reflections in an oil spill, puddles after a rain, a breath-taking reflection across a still lake in early morning?

Reflections abound. If you tune your photographic vision their way, you'll have many marvelous opportunities to give an added dimension to your photos.

WITH GLASS and metal surfaces, the reflected image will nearly always be distorted into a surreal, dreamlike quality.

Mirrors, on the other hand, provide the truest reflections. In fact, mirror reflections can be so lifelike, it may be hard to distinguish between the actual scene and the reflected one. A photographer can often use this effect to his advantage to produce some surprising images.

When photographing mirror reflections, study your composition carefully and get in the viewfinder only what you desire. You may or may not want yourself in the picture.

You probably don't want to include the light source or other objectionable glare. Use a small aperture to get as much depth-of-field as possible. This is necessary to keep both the reflected image and the scene surrounding the mirror in focus.

Another effect can be obtained by holding a purse size mirror next to your lens. For example, if the mirror is held at a right angle to the lower half of the lens, it will split the scene and you'll obtain a double image.

WATER, as artists and photographers have long known, is the greatest source of reflection, offering far more possibilities than other reflective surfaces.

On a calm, clear day, a body of water

can become an enormous mirror, reflecting almost perfect images of clouds, mountains, boats and trees. Just after dawn is the best time to find glass-smooth water, before the warming air stirs up breezes.

Water can also fragment reflections. Slight surface undulations can result in an image with soft overtones while pronounced ripples can produce an abstract scene or a collage of reflected colors.

Don't limit yourself to reflections that you happen upon. You can create your own, too.

Mix up a batch of soap bubbles and you'll be surprised at the reflected pictures you'll be able to capture on film. Or take a piece of aluminum foil, crinkle it to various degrees, and tape to a sheet of stiff cardboard. Place brightly colored subjects in front of it and photograph the reflections in the aluminum to obtain dazzling photographic effects.

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Early morning on a calm day is the best time to capture reflections on water. Monte Nagler took this shot at Lake Tenaya in Yosemite National Park, California.

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On Sunday, June 6th Israel launched its long planned invasion into the tiny Mediterranean country of Lebanon. Three weeks of massive and indiscriminate Israeli air, ground, and naval bombing have left several of Lebanon's most densely populated cities, and scores of towns and villages, in complete ruins. The Lebanese cities of Sidon, Tyre, Nabatieh and Damur have been destroyed by massive Israeli bombing. Lebanon's capital, Beirut, has been under continuous bombardment for over three weeks and is threatened with destruction as well.

According to the International Red Cross and Lebanese government sources, the awesome Israeli war machine has left a shocking toll in human carnage in just 9 days of fighting:

- 10,000 Palestinian and Lebanese dead!
- 20,000 civilians maimed and wounded!
- 600,000 homeless civilians without food and shelter!

The toll in human lives and suffering is increasing hourly as relief workers and medical personnel, already devastated by the Israeli bombings, have been prevented from digging out the hundreds and perhaps thousands of men, women, and children still buried under the rubble of their homes, schools, and shops. United Nations relief teams have been stopped by the Israeli army from distributing desperately needed food, water and medical

supplies to the thousands of homeless and suffering.

- Israel's war against the PLO is in reality a war of genocide against the Palestinian people and their Lebanese neighbors!
- This genocidal war is the Israeli government's response to Palestinian demands for a national homeland in part of their ancestral homeland in the Israeli occupied West Bank and Gaza!
- The United States bears responsibility for this latest Israeli invasion given its refusal to press for a comprehensive Middle East peace which would include an independent state for the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza.

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