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#### REGARDING THE SERIES

ver the years I have been attracted to the figure in the landscape, especially in a solitary state, and when I have come across it I have tried to photograph it as discreetly as possible. Sometimes, perhaps because of my shyness, some are of people taken from behind and I have separated them for later viewing. The result is this series of images, evocative of strong human sensations, not devoid of humour, presented here with a fortuitous pairing of quotes, sometimes apocryphal, others of multiple authorship.

A note about the series title: In English the word "regarding" means both to see and à propos of, and it is this ambiguity what highlights the mystery of our existence and offers us the key to its understanding.

"The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance."

Aristotle



"There were no lions any more.
There had been lions once.
Sometimes in the shimmer of the heat on the plains the motion of their running still flickered on the dry wind..."

Russell Hoban, The Lion of Boaz-Jachin and Jachin-Boaz



"Time, the devourer of all things."

Ovid



"Beware that you do not lose the substance by grasping at the shadow."

Aesop



"I do not fear death. I had been dead for billions and billions of years before I was born, and had not suffered the slightest inconvenience from it."

Mark Twain



"Information is not knowledge."

Albert Einstein



"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see."

Henry David Thoreau



"Big results require big ambitions."

Heraclitus



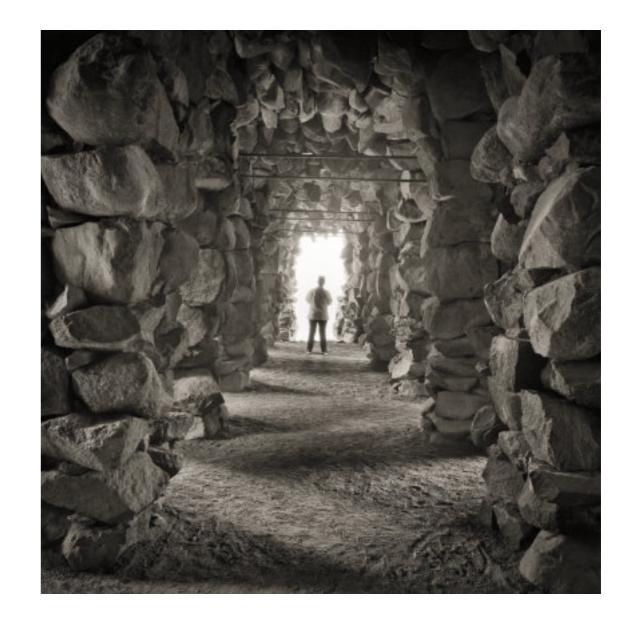
"Never was anything great achieved without danger."

Niccolo Machiavelli



"The only real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes."

> Marcel Proust, À la recherche du temps perdu



"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light."

Aristotle



"Art is a lie that makes us realise the truth."

Pablo Picasso



"We do not stop playing because we grow old; We grow old because we stop playing."

George Bernard Shaw



"A bird in hand is worth two in the bush."

Popular refrain



"Zen does not confuse spirituality with thinking about God while one is peeling potatoes. Zen spirituality is just to peel the potatoes."

Alan Watts, The Way of Zen



"This town is filled with echoes. It's like they were trapped behind the walls, or beneath the cobblestones."

Juan Rulfo*, Pedro Páramo* 



"Eternity is long, especially towards the end."

Franz Kafka



"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu



"Believe those who are seeking the truth; doubt those who find it."

André Gide







It's only when the well's dry that we know the worth of water."

Benjamin Franklin



"If the doors of perception were cleansed everything would appear to man as it is, infinite."

William Blake



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