

WORLDLY HOLINESS 2015





The Seeing Eye: More than Nice Pictures

“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.” John Muir

The pictures and thoughts in this calendar invite you to play and pray, however you do that in your personal journey, and to give yourself permission to find healing from life’s wounds, nourishment for your soul, and capacity to flourish.

This year’s calendar features the footprints of John Muir and the inspiration of Ansel Adams across these pages. Both were early advocates for wilderness areas in the United States. Muir’s activism helped to preserve the Yosemite Valley, Mt. Rainier National park and other wilderness areas while Ansel Adams is the benchmark in how to photograph them, especially Yosemite.

This year, I’m adding brief stories of the people that cross my path in my peacemaking work, featured in some of the thumbnails at the bottom of each month. Check the stories in “Faces of my world” at: <http://worldlyholiness.com/faces/>

Additionally, you may purchase limited edition prints, greeting cards, and other merchandise featuring my photos from this year’s calendar. See the back inside cover for more information, or here, to purchase a photo product: <http://andrewlarsenphotography.smugmug.com/>

Andy Larsen

Front cover: Arches National Park, Utah
 Upper: Yellowstone Falls
 Below: Cordoba school principal, Hebron

January 2015

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4 ○ Full Moon	5	6 Epiphany	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



“Keep close to Nature’s heart... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.”

John Muir



Top: Pacific Ocean, Los Osos, California
 Below: Covenant Shores group visiting the Mosque

February 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		○ Full Moon				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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“You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.”

Mahatma Gandhi



March 2015

Top: Tatoosh Range, Mt. Rainier Nat'l Park
 Below: Andy with Alex Awad (Palestinian Christian leader)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 ○ Full Moon	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Starts	9 Commonwealth Day (Canada)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
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“The mountains are calling and I must go.”

John Muir



Top: Skagit Tulips
 Below: Andy with Jawad & friends in the Mosque

April 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Passover begins Good Friday	4 ○ Full Moon
5 Easter	6 Easter Monday (Canada)	7	8	9	10	11 Passover ends
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“The thing to do, it seems to me, is to prepare yourself so you can be a rainbow in somebody else’s cloud. Somebody who may not look like you. May not call God the same name you call God - if they call God at all. I may not dance your dances or speak your language. But be a blessing to somebody. That’s what I think.”

Maya Angelou



May 2015

Top: Ansel Adams Wilderness
Below: Palestinian woman

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“When the power of love overcomes the love of power
the world will know peace.”

Jimi Hendrix



Top: Desert in Arches National Park
 Below: In the Mosque

June 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		○ Full Moon				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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“O mankind! We created you from male and a female and made you into nations and tribes that you may know and honor each other (not that you should despise one another). Indeed the most honorable of you in the sight of God is the most righteous.”

Quran 49:13



July 2015

Top: Suzzallo graduate library at the University of Washington
 Below: Peace Catalyst Int'l team

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12	13 Laylat al-Qadr	14	15	16	17	18 Eid Al Fitr
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Full Moon



“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

James 3:17-18



August 2015

Top: Ansel Adams Wilderness
 Below: Andy teaching English in Hebron

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

○ Full Moon



“I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.



September 2015

Top: Pacific Ocean, Oregon coast
 Below: Andy with the Cordoba Mosque Imam

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Labour Day (Canada)	8	9	10	11	12
13 Rosh Hashanah begins	14	15 Rosh Hashanah ends	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Yom Kippur begins	23 Yom Kippur ends	24 Eid al Adha	25	26
27 Full Moon	28	29	30		August 2015 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	October 2015 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



“Either you decide to stay in the shallow end of the pool or you go out in the ocean.”

Christopher Reeve



Top: Colorado Aspens
 Below: Andy speaking at Seattle Pacific
 University on the Arab Spring

October 2015

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11	12 Columbus Day (observed) Thanksgiving Day (Canada)	13	14	15 Islamic New Year	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Ashura	24
25	26	27	28 Full Moon	29	30	31 Halloween



“A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.”

Saint Basil



Top: New England house
 Below: A coalition of Muslims, Christians & Jews
 speak with our congressman about the Gaza crisis

November 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day Remembrance Day (Canada)	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Full Moon Thanksgiving	27	28
29 First Sunday Advent	30	31			October 2015 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	December 2015 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



“The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned.”

Maya Angelou



December 2015

Top: Mt. Rainier from Paradise
 Below: My juice man in Hebron

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <small>Hanukkah begins</small>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <small>Hanukkah ends</small>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <small>Prophet's Birthday Christmas Eve</small>	25 <small>Christmas</small>	26 <small>Full Moon Boxing Day (Canada)</small>
27	28	29	30	31 <small>New Year's Eve</small>	November 2015 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	January 2016 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



“Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of autumn.”

John Muir



“The sun, with all the planets revolving around it, and depending on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as though it had nothing else in the universe to do.”

Galileo





What others have said about my photography:

“I got totally lost (in a good way!) in perusing this visual feast. The thing about Andy’s photographs is that they pull me into their world. Reverence, delight, laughter, anticipation, exultation. Nice to take a vacation without leaving my computer screen.”

“I SO get the connection between the visual and spiritual, they are not separate things. The other one that surprised me with it’s strong sense of anticipation was the snowy forest path with the figure in the distance. Maybe it was also strong nostalgia I was feeling, as being in that kind of setting is one of my favorite and indelible visual memories of many stages of my life. I will definitely peruse the photos when I need a break.”

The Seeing Eye: More Than Nice Pictures



I have enjoyed photography for years as a form of creative expression but also as a way to connect with God, his creation, and to become grounded as well as uplifted in my spiritual journey. Being a photographer has served as my pen for the journal of that journey.

Photography helps me capture and contemplate daily life, both the good and bad. Quietly taking pictures, at dawn or dusk, or when the sun has long left the sky, I gain perspective in difficult times. Much like the constant rising of the sun everyday, I'm re-established and strengthened in the rhythms of God's faithful and abiding presence. Similarly, my camera is my constant companion on the summit experiences. These are times when my spirit soars with gratitude and awe, almost overwhelmed with the beauty and sense of wonder unfolding before my very eyes. Words sometimes fail to capture what taking photos has helped me access.

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