THE GOOD NEWS

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WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS?

Everhart Museum. Scranton, PA. 2017
The Good News is an exhibition of spontaneous moments. These photographs document instances of love, beauty, envy, horror, boredom and joy. Each image is made without forethought, impulsively capturing occasions that are often encountered and quickly overlooked. While the images can be enjoyed for their simple pleasures, each photograph also contains an interesting story that begs to be examined further with unanswered questions hiding just beneath the surface. The subject of each photo can only be interpreted through each observers’ personal lens. The Good News acts as a mirror and offers a path for the viewer's mind to travel deeper. The artist challenges the viewer to look differently at their own surroundings. What will be found in investigating the images is a view of one’s self and the opportunity to see the fluidity of the ordinary and the sublime.

The Good News is that everything is not the way it appears to be.

The following inquiries were written by the artist as prompts to wonder at the world around us. Do other questions arise?
Storm Door. South Scranton, PA. 2009

Do you live in a hostile universe?
Fawn. White Haven, PA. 2018

Is this world a caring place?
Tall-Bike Boys. Nashville, TN. 2009

Do unexamined biases affect your first impressions?
Local News. Scranton, PA. 2009

Do you pay attention to the world around you?
Crab. New York, NY. 2011

Are constraints necessary?
Bananas. Dickson City, PA. 2017

Is humor an expansion or contraction?
Bankers, Occupy Wall Street. New York, NY. 2011

Do you care for your brother or just your bottom line?
Boys. Scranton, PA. 2016

Does true friendship require heartache?
House. Scranton, PA. 2018

What makes the ordinary mysterious?
Dope. Greenfield Township, PA. 2016

Is your advertising effective?
35th Birthday Cake. Vandling, PA. 2018

Can you enjoy things as they are while knowing all things change?
Shoppers. Scranton, PA. 2016

Does the world relate to you like you relate to it?
Virgin Mary. Hazleton, PA. 2017

What is purity?
Does changeless beauty exist?
Mystery Hike. Scranton, PA. 2018

Do companions help us find our way?

Do the opinions of others truly matter?
Sleep Late. New York, NY. 2010

Is free will a choice?
Wrestlers. Dunmore, PA. 2009

What does normal look like?
What do you assume about your elders?
Spring’s Arrival. Scranton, PA. 2017

What do you presume about young men?
Smiling Dog. Scranton, PA. 2018

Is happiness contagious?
Royal Purple. Berkeley, CA. 2017

What does it mean to be a consumer?
What does addiction look like?

Pop. Scranton, PA. 2017
Boating. Lake Tahoe, CA. 2017

What is decadence? What is simplicity?
What does infinite choice bring you?
What does capitalism cost?
For Sale. Mexican Hat, UT. 2010

Is escape possible?
Freezer Lady. Scranton, PA. 2018

Can you show your real face to the world?
Mannequin. Olyphant, PA. 2009

What are you hiding?
Low Tide. Muir Beach, CA. 2017

Where do you end and nature begin?
Interior Jungle. Scranton, PA. 2017

Is nature a commodity?
Peeping. Greenfield Township, PA. 2017

What do your opinions mean to others?
Cake. Clarks Summit, PA. 2018

What is indulgence?
International Race of Champions. Dunmore, PA. 2010

Can the ordinary be beautiful?
Gerrity’s Gang. Scranton, PA. 2018

What does it mean to be part of a community?
Ecce Homo. New York, NY. 2010

Are your actions your own?
Universal Turtle. Scranton, PA. 2016

What does your journey look like?
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