



## Mormon Feelings:

### A Photographic Essay

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For Don Thorpe, photography is a means of expressing perceptions and feelings peculiarly Mormon. Striking treatments of common subjects encourage the viewer to re-consider experiences that may have become mundane through repetition, yet contain great spiritual import. "Because I am a Mormon," he says, "I tend to see and experience life a little differently. And I like to think that the eternal, Mormon perspective carries over into my art. I would never photograph something that is demeaning of the gospel or betrays humanity's divine heritage. I really do believe 'As God is, man may become,' and I try to express that belief in my photography."

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