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Travelling the Known and the Unknown: how literature and photography change the world we see

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How literature and photography change
the world we see

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Who am I?

Medical Doctor

Swapped a career as a hospital doctor for a life with words and pixels.





Photo Credit: Timothy Allen – Travel Photographer of the Year Awards

A weathered, grey stone cross stands against a dramatic, cloudy sky. The cross is made of thick, rectangular blocks of stone, showing signs of age and weathering. The letters 'R.I.P.' are carved into the center of the cross's horizontal bar. The sky is filled with soft, grey clouds, creating a somber and reflective atmosphere.

R.I.P.

Traditional Ways to See the World

- Sales brochures - perfection
- Art – provocative & emotional
- The news - destruction

Social Media

A New Way to See the World

- People now spend more time online than watching television¹
- 100 million people log on to Facebook at least once a day²
- Social networks and blogs are the most popular online category, followed by online games and instant messaging³

The difference?

- Realism
- Immediacy
- Recovery
- Context

Examples

- The tsunami in Japan
- The earthquakes in New Zealand
- Sanctions in Iran
- Violence across the Middle East
- Peace across the Middle East

The Discussion

- How literature and photography change the world we see
- How literature and photography change the world

Thank you

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Sources: 1 - Ipsos Reid

2 – Facebook

3 - Nielsen Report