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Leonard Freed 1929-2006

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[Leonard Freed](#) passed away on November 29th, 2006. Here are a few photographs and quotes from this great photographer:



Vatican City—Pope John XXIII enjoys the snow, 1958. ©Leonard Freed

"Photography is like life... What does it all mean? I don't know - but you get an impression, a feeling.... An impression of walking through the street, walking through the park, walking through life. I'm very suspicious of people who say they know what it means."



Denmark, 1971 ©Leonard Freed

"...a good photograph must have the element of good design: Everything within the photograph has to be essential. It's never like a painting where you can have it perfect. It shouldn't be absolutely perfect. That would kill it."



Wall Street, New York, 1956©Leonard Freed

“Ultimately photography is about who you are. It’s the seeking of truth in relation to yourself. And seeking truth becomes a habit.”