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I recall seeing Ansel Adams's photograph *Moonrise, Hernandez, New Mexico* in the Eiteljorg Museum, in Indianapolis. It's twilight. Rows of small white crosses in a cemetery stand out in bold contrast beneath the dramatic sky. Adams's work compels me to explore my own surroundings more deeply. He once said:

“When I'm ready to make a photograph, I see in my mind's eye something that is not literally there in the true meaning of the word. I'm interested in experiencing something which is built up from within rather than extracted from without.”

The images offered in *From Within* are not merely meant to document, but to invite the viewer beyond the literal into more imaginative ways of seeing. These photos were made while walking around eastern Indiana and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and on visits to the Indianapolis Zoo.

