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Asian cultures influence me throughout my life. I admire Minor White, an early editor of Aperture magazine, for dedicating the last years of his life to eastern philosophies. Part of the success of Minor White is that he, too, observed other photographers. He appreciated Alfred Stieglitz' focus on the sequence of photographs, Edward Weston's use of tones and textures of nature, and Ansel Adams' framing of a scene.





While Minor White looked to Zen Buddhism, I look to Daoism which places emphasis on nature over humanity. The main components of Daoist belief are yin and yang, which are in constant balance with each other to keep at equilibrium. If something in life does not go your way: just remember that everything happens for a reason and, something good can come out of it. Good and bad balance each other just as yin and yang.

My goal in this book is to primarily photograph nature with a few images relating towards humanity. I will be looking at the different positive and negative forms and the interaction between subjects. I will not force a composition, but will photograph anything that comes to mind.



*Going separate ways...*



*Always finding their way back ...together.*

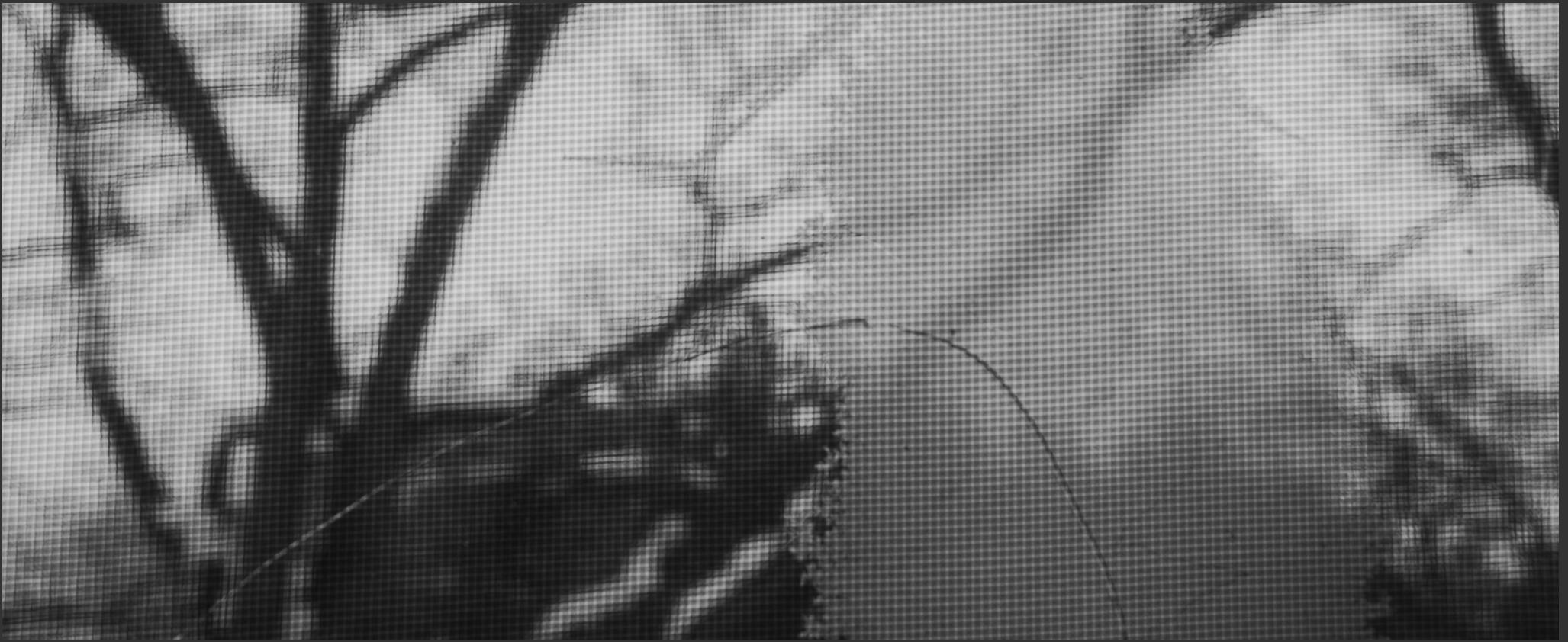


*Simple*



*Complex*

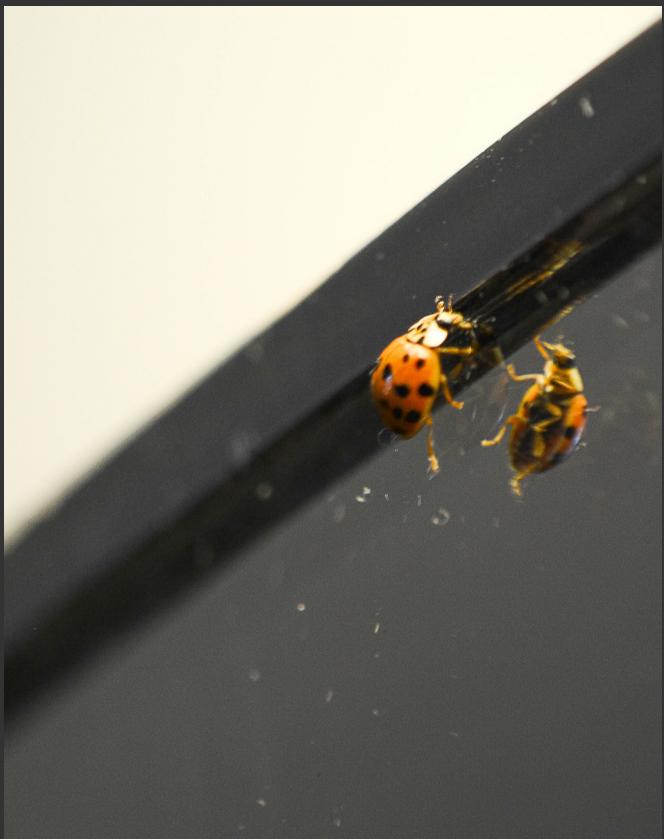




















*Do you focus on yourself or other's perceptions of yourself?*



*Separated*



*Connected*



*Clear Beginning, Clear Ending*



*No Clear Beginning, No Clear Ending*

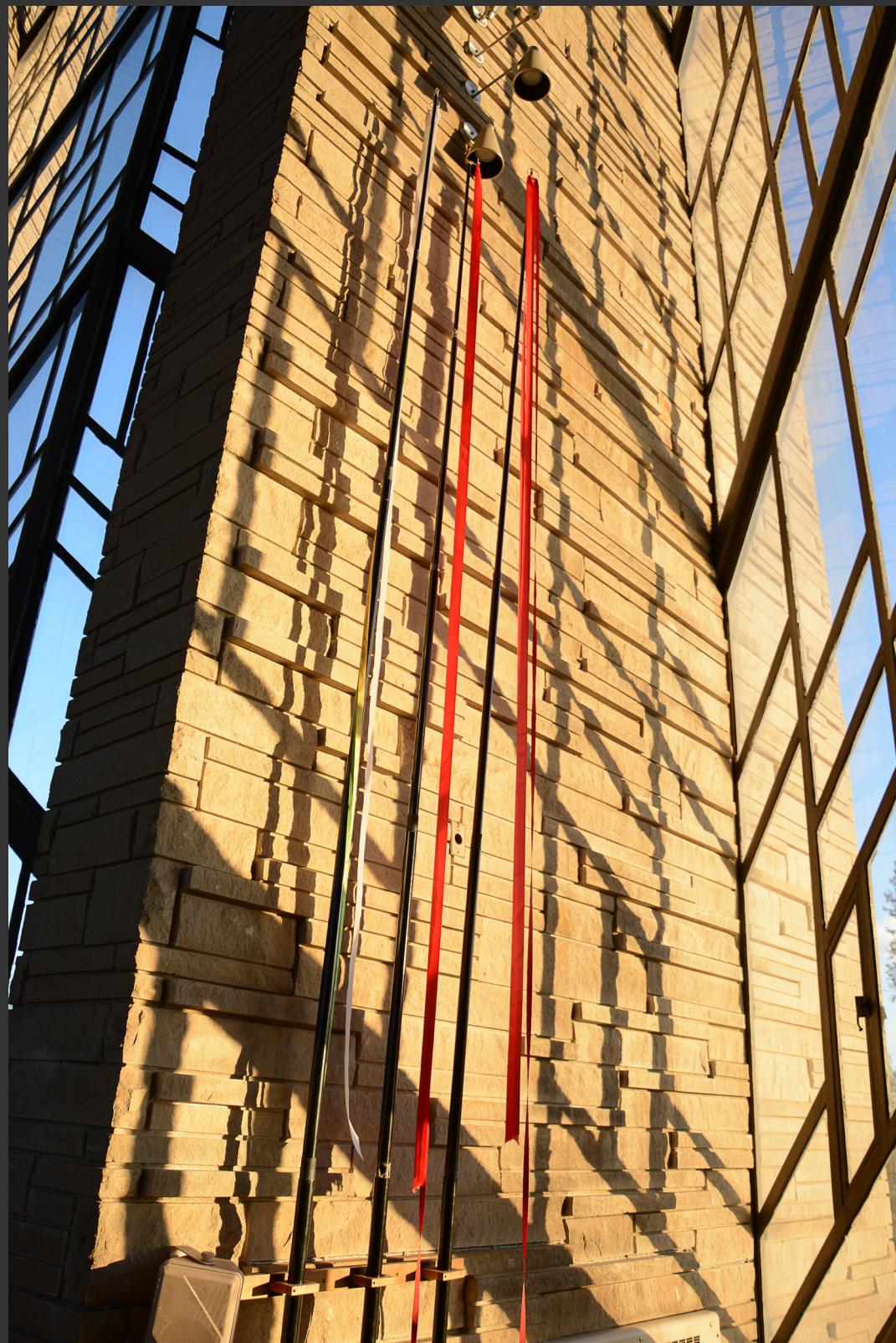












*“Be Still With Yourself Until the Object of Your Attention Affirms Your Presence” -Minor White*





*The Divine and the Human Realm*

















*Coexistence*









*The Imperfect and the Ideal*





*Since the day my parents gave me my first camera,*

*I have always been capturing scenes around my home.*

*Mostly cats, but, when the seasons change,*

*I am outside photographing anything and everything.*

*In my own backyard, my own environment,*

*there is always something new to capture.*













*Open and Closed*





*Incomplete and Complete*





*Intertwined*









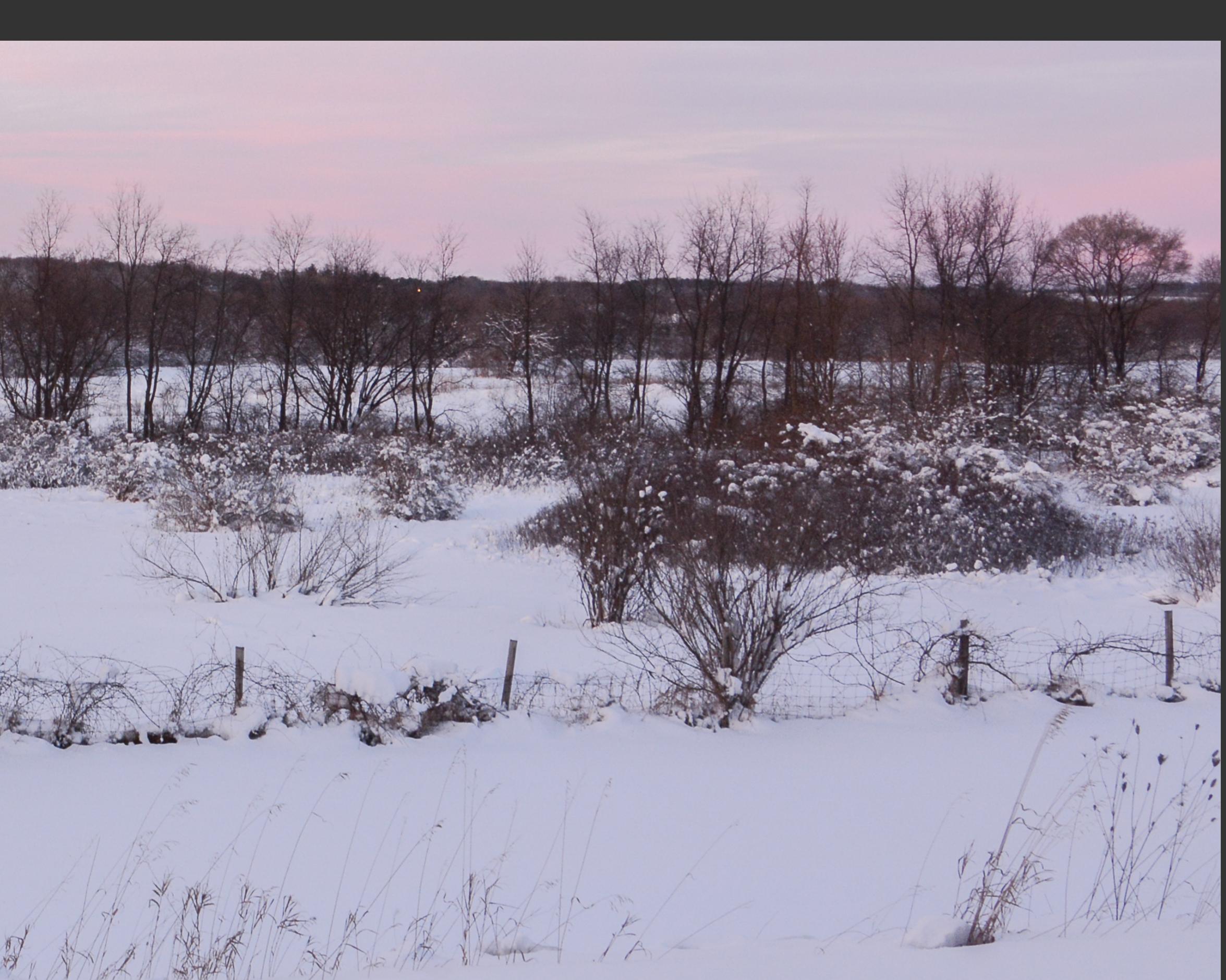














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