

AMERICAN SOUTHWEST



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Introduction

There's something magical about the American Southwest. It's a crossroads of sorts. Over its many centuries, numerous cultures have brought their ideas to this geographical place and in turn, these ideas have been assimilated into other cultures.

An excellent example is: Chaco Canyon, New Mexico. Chaco Canyon served as major ceremony center from 900-1150 AD. Multi-level buildings provided a place to stay for its visitors and where significant commerce occurred between neighboring communities far and wide (macaw feathers and cocoa beans were traded here with South American cultures). Native Americans came to this canyon to participate in solar and lunar cycle celebrations. The Chaco culture was central to the origins of ancestral Navajo, Hopi and Pueblo peoples.

The photographs in this text were taken over a ten-year period. They are a result of many business and road trips. My intent is to show a cross-pollination of ideas through the photographed image.

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Plate One: Pecos National Historic Park, NM

Plate Two: San Xavier del Bac Mission, AZ

Plate Three: San Francisco de Asis Church, Taos, NM

Plate Four: Mission San Jose de Tumacacori, AZ

Plate Five: Morado, Abiquiu, NM

Plate Six: San Lorenzo de Picuris Church, NM

Plate Seven: Chaco Canyon, NM

Plate Eight: Three Crosses, Abiquiu NM

Plate Nine: Roadrunner, Route 66, CA

Plate Ten: Rio Pecos Ranch Truck Terminal, NM

Plate Eleven: Abandoned Gas Station, Route 66, CA

Plate Twelve: Cadillac Ranch, Amarillo, TX



























A photographer for over twenty years, Dennis R. Ford images has been published in CameraArts Magazine and several Black & White Magazine Issues. His work can be seen on several digital platforms, such as *ndmagazine* and the *Photo Review* website. Dennis's photographic style repeatedly involves geometric forms, light and shadow & straight lines. He attributes this to a photography movement called minimalism. You can see more of his work at: www.dennisrford.com.

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