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Secular Mysticism: Aesthetic Experience and the Epiphanies of the Everyday

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What spaces and occasions for enchantment exist in a secular, capitalist, techno-scientific age? My talk answers the question by exploring the possibility of a secular mysticism in the intersection of art and religion. It will highlight strategies of creative misreading and specific modes of contemplation that foster epiphanic moments. It will focus particularly on the ways the protean medium of photography opens up, within the bounds of perception, the doors for “otherworldly” visions in the context of the everyday.

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