

# INSPIRATION PRESENTATION JAMES TURRELL

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## ABOUT

BORN IN PASADENA, CA TO QUAKERS  
FATHER - AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER AND EDUCATOR  
MOTHER - MEDICAL DOCTOR

RECEIVED A BA IN PERCEPTUAL PSYCHOLOGY AND ALSO STUDIED  
MATHEMATICS, GEOLOGY, AND ASTRONOMY  
RECEIVED A MA IN ART

“TURRELL IS A WORLD FAMOUS ARTIST, RESEARCHER, AND  
EXACT MATHEMATICIAN IN ONE PERSON” -BERNARD BAUER



## VISION

CENTRAL TO TURRELL'S ARCHITECTURE-RELATED LIGHT  
INSTALLATIONS IS THE INTERPLAY OF THE LIGHT ADDED TO THE  
ARCHITECTURE WITH THE EXISTING DAY AND NIGHT LIGHT OF  
THE SKY

TURRELL INTRODUCED AN ART THAT WAS NOT AN OBJECT BUT AN  
EXPERIENCE IN PERCEPTION

“I WANT TO SEDUCE PEOPLE INTO LOOKING, INTO DISCOVERING  
WHAT IS IN THEM”



## VOICE

“MOST OF MY WORKS ARE VERY EXACT CONSTRUCTIONS WITH  
A WELL-DEFINED CONCEPT. BUT WHEN I LIGHT AN EXISTING  
BUILDING, IT IS MORE OF AN EMPIRICAL ART PROJECT. SINCE YOU  
WORK WITH OUTDOOR LIGHT, NOT EVERYTHING IS UNDER YOUR  
CONTROL, SO YOU CANNOT PLAN AHEAD SO MUCH”



## VOICE

**“I DON’T STRETCH TECHNOLOGY IN MY WORKS, IT IS NOT ABOUT TECHNOLOGY BUT ABOUT EXPERIENCE. I AM HAPPY TO USE THE BEST THINGS ON THE MARKET, BUT I AM ALSO ABLE TO WORK WITH FILTERS AND TAPE. BY THE WAY: I AM NOT AGAINST TECHNOLOGY; IT IS SOMETHING WE ARE, BECAUSE WE HAVE MADE IT”**



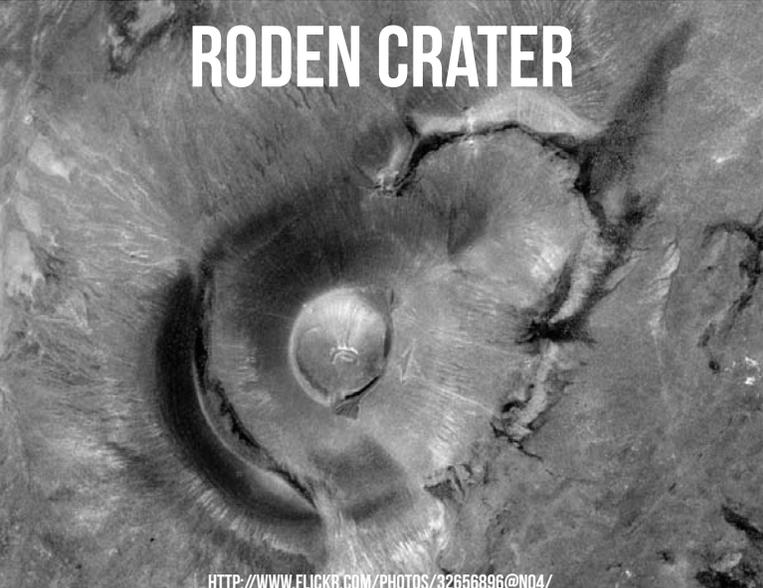
## VOICE

**“IN CONTRAST TO OTHER MATERIALS, LIGHT HAS NO OBJECT, NO IMAGE, NO FOCUS. YOU CANNOT FORM LIGHT LIKE CLAY OR CARVE IT AWAY LIKE WOOD. YET I AM INTERESTED IN THE >THINGNESS< OF LIGHT, THE MATERIALITY WHICH WE NORMALLY DON’T THINK ABOUT. LIGHT IS NOT EPHEMERAL; IT IS SOMETHING”**



## VOICE

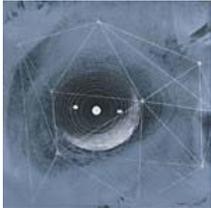
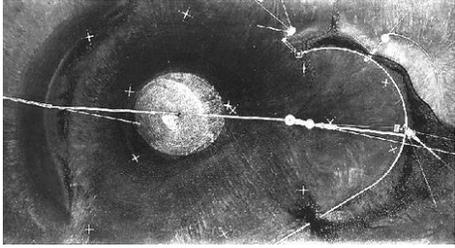
**“MY WORK IS ON THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH LIGHT [...] YOU CAN FEEL THE LIGHT WITH YOUR BODY, AND WHEN YOUR EYES ARE OPEN, YOUR FEELING GOES OUT OF THE EYE LIKE A TOUCH”**



## RODEN CRATER

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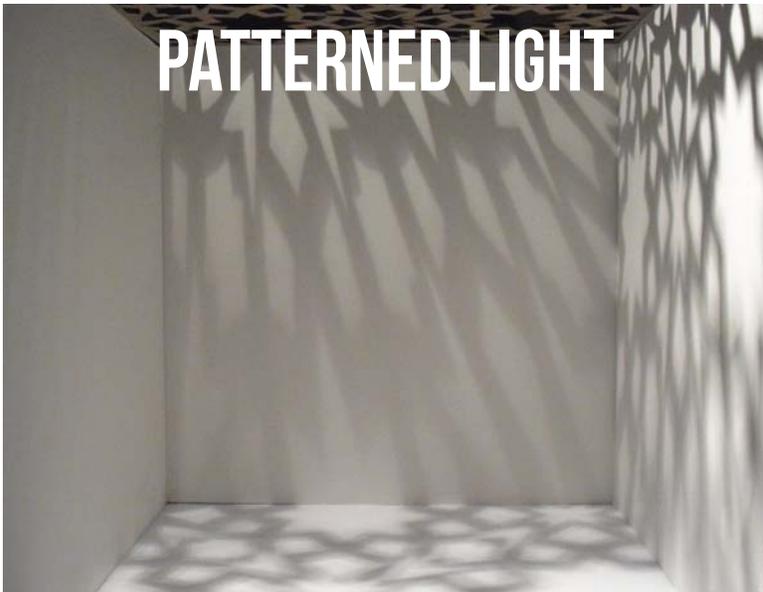
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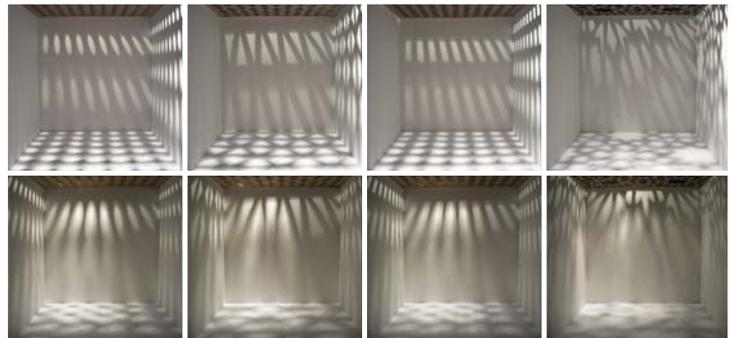
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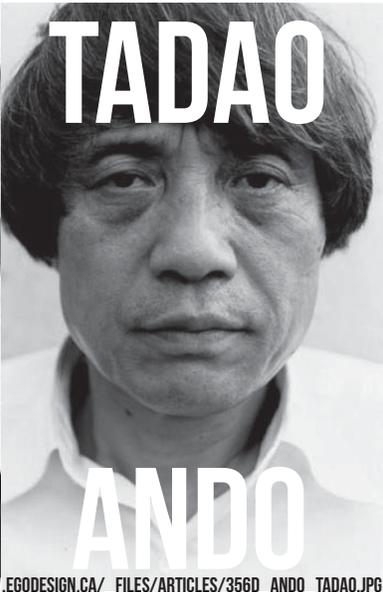
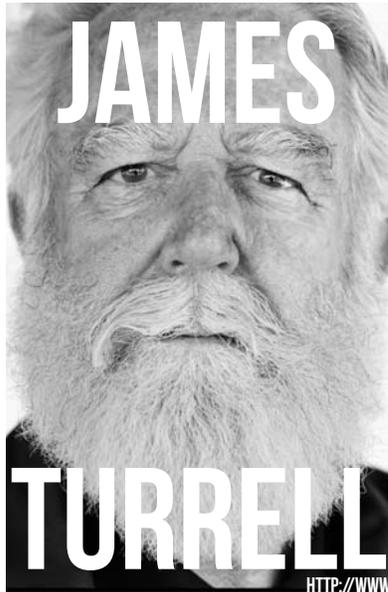
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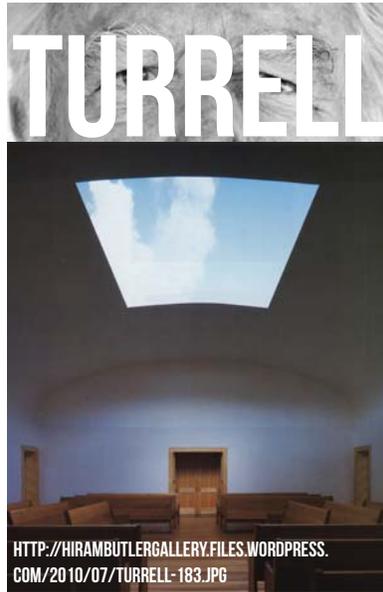
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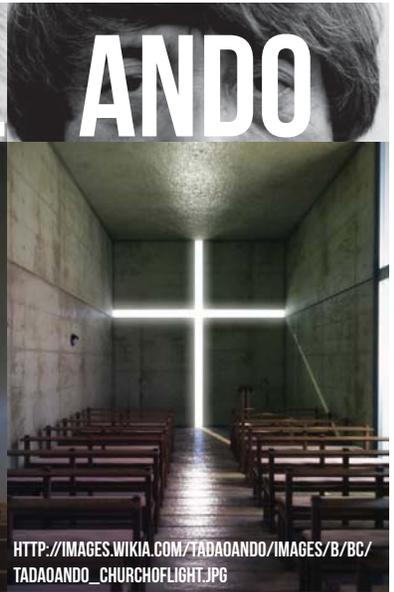




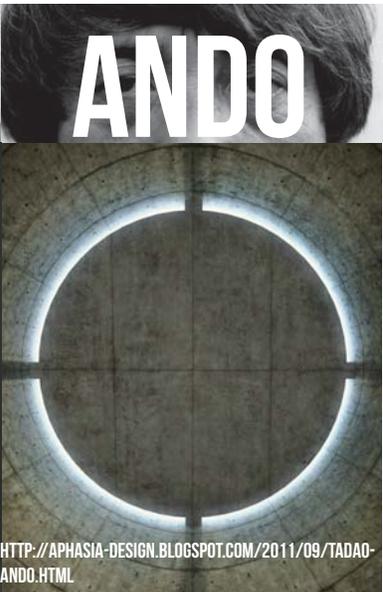
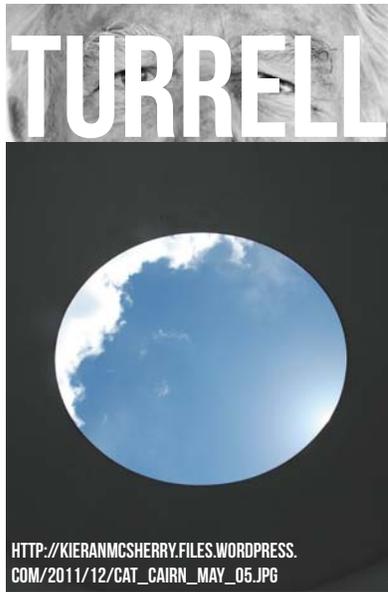
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