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***Touch To This Earth: Where Meanders Mankind  
and  
Our Ordinary Extraordinary Earth and It's Extraordinarily Ordinary  
People***  
by Simhananda

**WINE A NECESSITY TO DISCOVER WHAT AWAITS IN TWO  
EXTRAORDINARY PHOTOGRAPHY-COFFEE TABLE BOOKS**

***“The photographs are somewhat like little wake-up calls or ‘soul-ar’ beams rousing us into a greater wakefulness, and coaxing us to see the world in a totally fresh perspective; the universe is in no way ordinary, nor ever boring.” - Simhananda***

Most photography books follow a simple formula: Observe and enjoy special photographs. Well, get ready for something exceedingly different. And, get a nice bottle of wine.

A Montreal publisher, Orange Palm Publications, has released two books which quite literally break the mold when it comes to photography books. The photographer and author of the books is an enigmatic, elusive, and mysterious spiritual leader called Simhananda. The books: ***Touch To This Earth: Where Meanders Mankind*** and ***Our Ordinary Extraordinary Earth and It's Extraordinarily Ordinary People*** appear, at face value, to be simply beautiful books filled with stunning photographs. They are, but, they also aren't.

The adage “there's more than meets the eye” couldn't be more appropriate for these books. There are multiple levels to most of the photos, something akin to the picture posters you must stare at and focus to see the image, but at a much higher level. In Simhananda's photos, the images before your eyes are clear and obvious, at first

glance, but if you relax and let your mind free – even if you need the help of a glass or two of wine – you’ll see things which will amaze you.

In some of the photos, Simhananda gives hints, or actually tells you what is in the picture; in others it is left up to you. The photographs are from locations around the world.

Examples:

- A picture of a blue sky filled with cirrus clouds, with the caption: “2 Salad bowls of Cloudpuffs.”
- A photo looking upward at stunning gothic-architecture buildings ... you find what is there.
- “Trees doing a Tango”
- A photo with a hidden image of a Shrek
- “Sphinx of the Pacific”
- “Stone Bear Club” – what appears to be some basic boulders

Sprinkled throughout the books are photos of people – ordinary yet extraordinary at second glance. Other photos provide the spiritual text, such as “Giving Recognition and Paying Homage to the Fiery Mythical Beast of Jubilant Beingness.” Spiritual sayings from Simhananda also appear throughout the books.

“Be forewarned, this is definitely not a book of erudition but rather one which aims to bring the reader to some sort of subtle, inner transformation,” says Simhananda. “The photos come with subjective, often humorous and witty comments, with much poetic license.”

“I want readers to relax and turn the pages and let the photos speak for themselves.”

**Simhananda is the author – under various pen-names – of numerous books on spiritual wisdom. He loves people, places, and the planet, and is a popular speaker on spirituality. He lives somewhere near Montréal, Canada.**

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