Tranquility Base

Prof. Ron Eliashar

Photograph taken in Sidney, Australia
(Canon EOS 7D Mark II, 1/500 sec. f/8 300mm, ISO 200)

Ron Eliashar was born and raised in Jerusalem. He is proud to be an 18th generation resident of the Land of Israel. After serving as a fighter pilot in the Israeli Air Force he returned to his hometown and graduated from Hadassah–Hebrew University Medical School, specializing in otolaryngology / head and neck surgery. He is a professor of otolaryngology at the Hadassah–Hebrew University School of Medicine, chief of the division of head-face-neck and reconstructive surgery, and chairman of the department of otolaryngology / head and neck surgery at Hadassah Medical Center. He is also the vice chairman of the Scientific Council of the Israeli Medical Association and chairman of the Supreme Examination Committee of the Scientific Council.

Eliashar is also involved in non-medical public activities, serving as a voluntary member of the core committee of the Friends’ Association and member of the Board of Directors of the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, and member of the core committee of the Israeli Friends of the Jerusalem Fund.

Photography has been Eliashar’s hobby since childhood. He feels naked when he does not have means to capture a passing moment to save it for eternity. Besides photographing people and scenery, his main photographic interests include light and color reflections and unusual perspectives of objects. His motto is: whatever the lens captures is what you see, with no modifications. Following this philosophy, he does not use Photoshop®, and only when needed does he edit his pictures, barely cropping or changing the lighting and color balance.

The cover photograph was taken in Sidney, Australia, during a leisurely weekend stroll in a park. While photographing light reflections in the calm pond water, this seagull was caught in a perfectly peaceful moment. When the photograph was presented at the 2018 convention of the Israeli Medical Association, Eliashar initially named the photograph Waves of Tranquility. However, acknowledging that exactly 50 years ago humankind set foot on the surface of the moon for the first time, he renamed the photograph Tranquility Base.

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