





**Aware of it or not,** the sea, the surf, and the wind all dance, rush, and pound the shore every moment of every day and every night, not waiting for us to notice, not caring if we do. It is a rhythm of cosmic endurance. Wave after wave, tide after tide. A rush in with enthusiasm, an ebb with reluctance. Hour after hour, century after century.



The same shapes and forms, but no two waves ever the same, never making an aesthetic mistake. They say every seventh wave is larger, but counting is fruitless. Countless waves like the grains of sand they create — beyond counting, beyond measure. Day after day, waves to drops to spray to waves.



A gust of wind, a steady gale, a moment of calm, another gust. Sunrise after sunrise after sunrise. Carving, circling, rising, rushing. Moonrise after moonrise, storm after storm. There is magic in the pattern. Clouds, then rain, then sun, then clouds. The never-ending cycle repeats, never tiring, never changing, never needing to change.



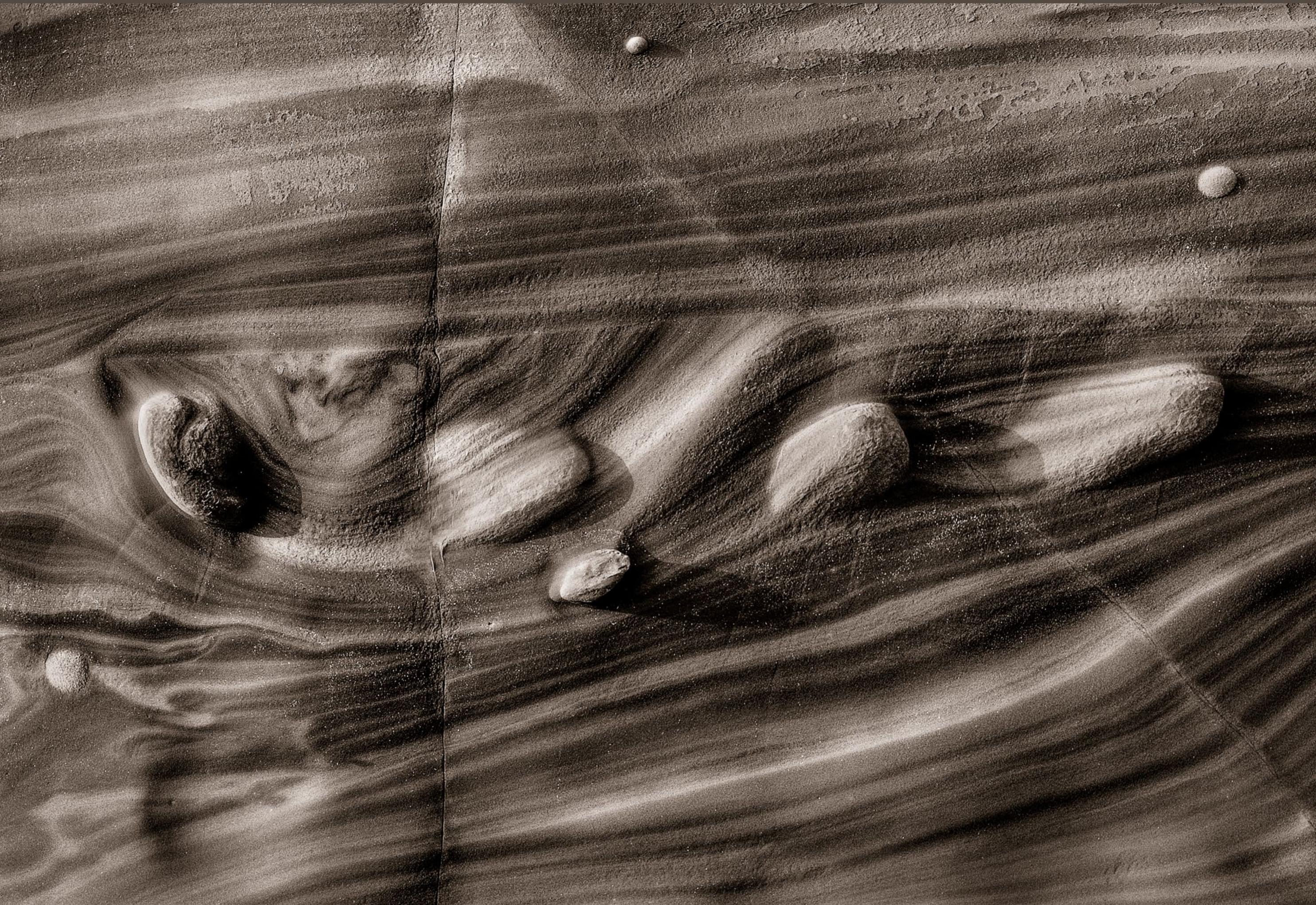


It draws us — it draws me. I can hear the surf far inland beyond the reach of sound. I know the same sun that shines on me here shines on the sea, too. The rain that surrounds me here is the same rain that fell from the cloud back to the ocean — and then the cloud comes to me; the same rain that falls on me runs back to the ocean to do it again. The cycle repeats — sea, wind, surf, cloud, rain, back to the sea. Day after day, life after life.













*Dedicated to the memory of my friend, Chris Anderson, who was supposed to accompany me on this trip, photographing the wonders of the Oregon Coast. We miss you, Chris.*



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