

Ash Cloud

What appears at first glance as a cloud floating in the sky, is in truth the cremated ashes of a person who has passed away. These earthly remains are released into the air, transforming into an ethereal cloud, ascending and fading into the abyss of the sky.

In these photographs of a fleeting moment, we are reminded of our own ephemeral nature, and that our life itself is fleeting. Just as the clouds in the sky drift in their transiency, so too do we. How then do we relate and live with this plain truth, that our lives and the lives of everyone we meet, are of the nature to arise and pass away?

Ash Cloud offers an approach to holding life and death with tenderness and care, while also being an opportunity for release and transcendence. We see in the gestures of the hands as the ashes are set free, that it is simultaneously an offering and a receiving, a letting go and an embracing.



*Releasing cremated ashes
into the open sky.
Transforming earthly remains
into drifting clouds.*

archival pigment print photographs • 26 x 39 in (66 x 99 cm)

to view a video of 'Ash Cloud', visit:

www.vimeo.com/andrewbinkley/surrender (can skip to 6:41)