

GN/distance from subject to flash = Aperture

### **Collecting Cameras**

- Remove the batteries
  - Remove the film
  - Place it in a plastic zip lock bag with a packet of silica gel desiccant.
- Keep it in a cool dry place.
- Take them out and operate them at least once a year, firing them at very shutter speed.

### **3D Photography**

Microsoft is working on 3D software, called "Photosynth". Visit demo at [Labs.Live.com/Photosynth](http://Labs.Live.com/Photosynth)

## **Bam (A City in Iran)**

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Said a beloved to his lover; O thou the youth  
You have seen many cities in strange lands  
Which of those cities s more pleasant  
Said the city, in which the beloved is there

Bam and its citadel form a unique historical city. An ancient city, which its past is narrated in Persian legends, it is a living city still relevant today. It was one of the best preserved structures from the early centuries of Islam and a memorial to the work of thousands of architects, artisans, artists, craftsmen... and also a manifestation of the might and determination of hundreds of renowned or anonymous rulers, whose sought shelters inside its walls or attacked those seeking asylum inside the citadel.

The fury of nature fell on this accident Iranian monument and a severe earthquake shock the city of Bam causing destruction that is mourned not only by the people of Bam, but also by the culture and civilization of Iran, as it grieves for one its true descendents.

### **The Location of Bam City**

The city lies to the east of Modern Kerman and it is about a kilometer above sea level. It neighbors Zahedan, Iran-shahr, Jiroft and Bard-sir. The city is composed of two sections, old and new. The old section includes the famous citadel. The new consists of the city and a collection of gardens and palm groves. Today's Bam is the result of the gradual evacuation of the citadel's residents that began in Qajar era and paralleled the slow demise of the citadel's political and military significance. In the First Pahlavi era, the old citadel was completely evacuated and its only residents where those who found themselves out of society.

### **The Importance of Bam's Location**

Bam is on the route to India, Khorasan, Fars and the harbors of Hormoz. In the pre-Islamic era, it connected two major trade routes, the Silk Road and the Spice Route. Bam's wealth also lay in its weaving and bountiful agricultural produce, and it holds an important place in the history of the trade of the Islamic world. Moqadasi and ebn Houqal write the Bam's weaving and woven exports, confirming Bam's historical importance among international trade markets.

### **The Religions and Faiths in Bam**

Bam's position at the intersection of the Eastern world's two major trade routes brought together various religions and belief systems. After the Arab conquest and introduction of Islam to Iran, Bam's population was Sunni, with the majority Shafite. Bam also became a major Khavarej center, when this people migrated toward the south east of Iran and the coast of the Persian Gulf. The presence and reputation of