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This is no rant. I get it. I've posted stuff too - considering all the lighting and angles - the word choices that may make me sound a little smarter or funnier than I am (doin' it right now, actually). It's so easy to get away from being real. And even though being false may be approaching chronic levels in our culture, we all detect it pretty quickly when we see it in others, right? And therefore we know others can see through us too. Being perceived as fake is the last thing we would ever desire.

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