

# Authentic Photography

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Chris McNaught's View of the World

# Authentic photography:

My images, my editing, and my processing  
match my personality.

My character and my being  
are revealed in my images.

The images I create represent me.

# Ethos:

the fundamental character or spirit of a culture;  
the underlying sentiment that informs the beliefs,  
customs, or practices of a group or society

# Ethos of Photography:

we photographers believe that the moments of the world are worth capturing and sharing with others

we photographers believe that we each have a special, unique perspective of the world

Who am I?

# Counselor

Big picture leads to details

Discover the important

Find a new perspective on the familiar

# Photographer

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Details  
are  
important



















Cadillac









Details:

Every element  
on purpose











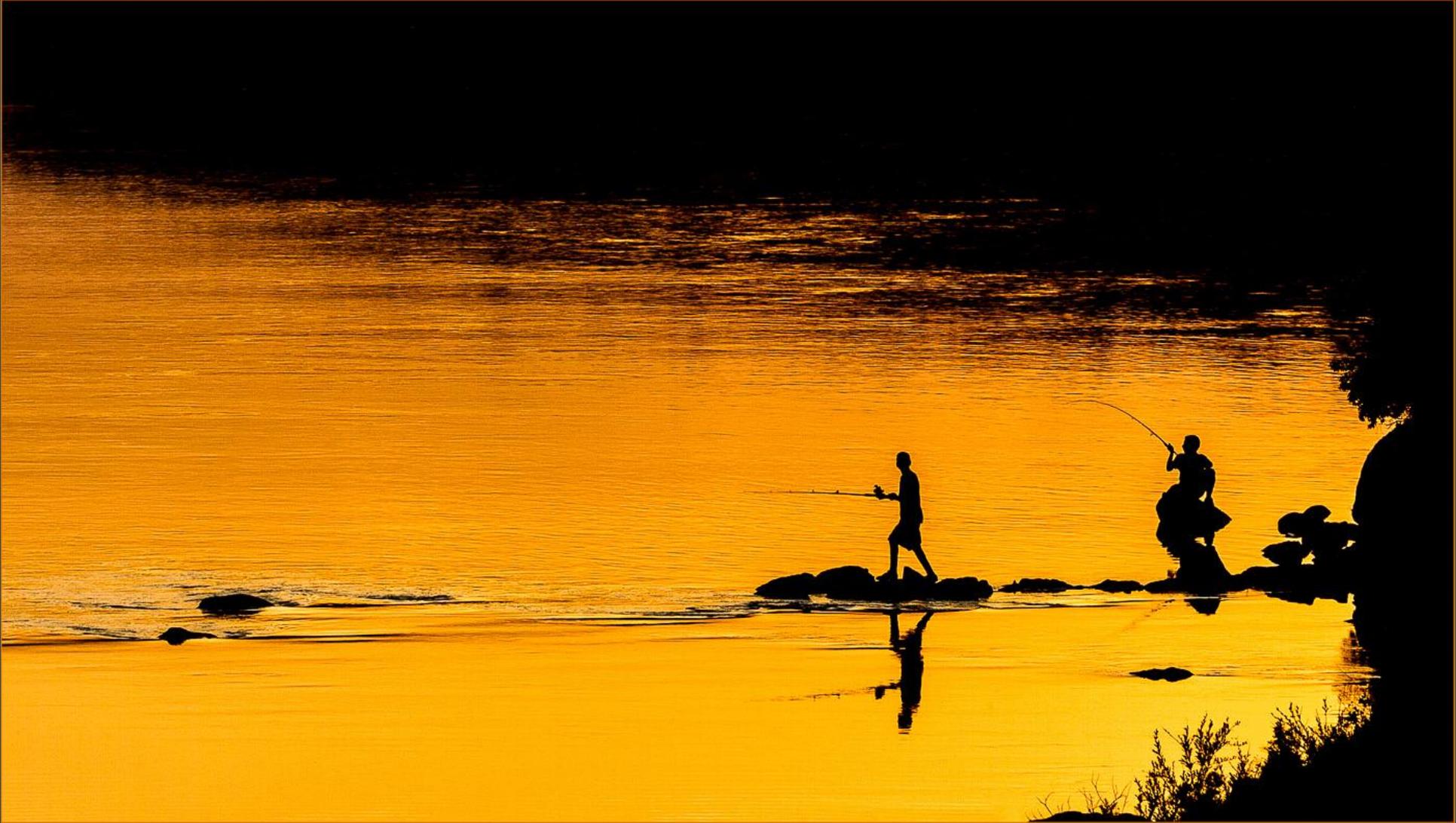
Find  
a new  
perspective













Negative  
space













Minimalism





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# The Myths and Reality of Photography

**Myth:** *“If you want to be a better photographer, stand in front of more interesting stuff.”* - Jim Richardson, National Geographic Photographer

**Reality:** You're always in interesting places

# The Myths and Reality of Photography

Myth: Only take pictures in good light - the golden hours

Reality: The light is always good (for something)

# How to Be an Explorer *[Photographer]* of the World

- Always be looking
- Consider everything alive & animate
- Everything is interesting - look closer
- Alter your course often
- Observe for long durations (and short ones)
- Notice the stories going on around you
- Notice patterns and make connections

From: [How to Be an Explorer of the World: Portable Life Museum](#) by Keri Smith

# Last thoughts

- You are the most important critic of your work.
  - Shoot what you like, how you like, when you like, where you like
  - Don't shoot just so other people will like your work

# Last thoughts

- But ...

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- Ask for critique from photographers you respect
  - If everyone you ask says, “Your photos are great, amazing, etc,” then you’re probably asking the wrong people.

## Last thoughts

Good photography isn't a science.

It's an art, and the horizon  
is infinite.

You can always get better.

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