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I was born into a "mixed" faith family where my Mom was Mormon and my Dad was not really religious. For the most part I was raised in a small town in Central Utah, where everyone was Mormon.

At the age of 14 my Dad died suddenly and unexpectedly. Searching for a reason for this event led me to go deeply into my Mormon faith, where I found comfort and answers. During my 19th & 20th years I served a two year mission for the Mormon Church.

Eventually I got married in the Mormon Temple and later had a son. Soon after my marriage, I began questioning a few of the tenets of my religion. What consoled me about the Mormon faith as I grew up was that it had answers to many of the questions I had regarding life and our purpose in living it. As a young adult, I found these answers less fulfilling. And when I expressed my sentiments to my fellow church members, the answers I heard failed to bring me the peace and understanding they once had. As a result, I started drifting away from the teaching of my original faith and began leaning toward a more new-age metaphysical perspective, but still did not find a path that rang true for me.

As time moved on, I continued questioning the nature of God as I had been taught. I was raised to believe in a God that was all powerful, all knowing and all seeing, a God that was to be looked upon as my Father in Heaven. And yet this all powerful being allowed his children to commit incredibly heinous and atrocious acts against each other. Having looked into the eyes of my young son, and seeing nothing but love, acceptance and allowance looking back at me, I came to a point where I could no longer believe in a God that would stand by and allow his children to treat each other so beastly.

Eventually my marriage came to an end after ten years, and I found myself viewing God from an agnostic and at times atheistic point of view. After years of trying to figure things out on my own, I felt the tug and yearning for the Spiritual connection that I felt as a teenager. I opened my heart to Spirit again, and started reading and exploring. The Conversations with God series helped me to see that God could be viewed differently than what I had been taught. The writings of Eckhart Tolle and Dr. David R. Hawkins enticed me to consider the path of enlightenment.

While all of these teachers were illuminating and helpful, something was still lacking. I continued looking for a path that would resonate and sing to my soul. As memory serves, it was in the Spring of 2008 that I was introduced to *The Way of Mastery*. As I read and delved deeply into the teachings, I came to understand the meaning of finding water in the midst of the desert. *The Way of Mastery* contained all the answers as to why I became an agnostic/atheist, why God did not really allow or sponsor his children to treat each other cruelly, why my marriage ended and much more. But most important was its goal of opening my heart to the true meaning of God's Love.

Welcome, to the path that calls you Home.

May your path be illuminated with Light & Love.