

## Pathway to Heaven



I loved the phrase, actual lyrics and music, in the song '*Stairway to Heaven*' by Led Zeppelin, the very phrase and words... *stairway to heaven*. I'm not sure about the rest of the lyrics but the phrase always haunts me in the way of something that stirs deep inside you a wanting, an auditory of what is to come, and the deep mystery and greatest awesomeness represented. The accompanying music only adds to this.

I've taken many photos like the ones in this post, probably beyond count. I am sure it is because they stir in me an ancient longing that runs through all the threads, the great tapestry of those created in His Image and Likeness, of which I am just one, transcending all generations before me and our concept of time and space itself. They remind me of the final steps Home.

The picture on top was the first one I took. When taking the second picture, my phone camera automatically took it as it is represented here. The picture on top is another incredible display of the Creator's art. The picture on the bottom stirred up again that deep mystery, that ancient longing, what I felt and feel when I hear those words in that song. Though in this case the stairway becomes a pathway.

I reflected on this for several weeks, running different scenarios in my head about what to say, what to describe. Yes, the picture on top is yet another snapshot of the art of the Creator that cannot be duplicated by any woman or man made painting. The picture on the bottom showed me again that the pathway Home is straight, filled with Divine light, ending with the ultimate Light at the end of the tunnel of life. Yet on either side of that path is a darkness so very deep like the water pictured. It reminded me of where we fall when we stray off the straight and only true path.

It is a darkness so deep, only the hand of the Master can pull us out, restoring our belief, countering the many times of our unbelief, those moments called sin. It also presented me with a deeper understanding of when Peter's faith failed him, as he first successfully walks on water to our Master, standing on water, on top of and impervious to the deep well of our failures, then stumbling in the failing of his faith in Him, sinking into the deep dark world of lack of belief and sin before once again, he is rescued by the One Who represents the Center of Time.

Oh, we are so lucky to always know that His hand is always there to pull us out of any fiascos of ours, no matter how bad, no matter how intense, no matter how deep. He is after all, in all His Triune-ness; Creator, Son, and Spirit, our only true and straight pathway to heaven, navigating us through not just our own failures but that of the whole world that will get us finally to our true Home.

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*Stairway to Heaven* was voted number three in 2000 by [VH1](#) on its list of the 100 Greatest Rock Songs,<sup>[6]</sup> and was placed at number 31 on [Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Songs of All Time](#). It was the most requested song on [FM radio](#) stations in the United States in the 1970s, despite never having been commercially released as a single there.<sup>[7]</sup> In November 2007, through download sales promoting Led Zeppelin's *Mother'ship* release, "Stairway to Heaven" reached number 37 on the UK Singles Chart.<sup>[8]</sup>

(6) "[VH1 100 Greatest Rock Songs 1-50](#)". [rockonnet.com](#). Retrieved 1 June 2008. (8) "[Yahoo Celebrity UK](#)". [Yahoo](#)