

## *Introduction*

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This written rendition of my memories began about 3 years ago. Organization was the biggest challenge. I began with *Part 1 Times and Places* with the first memory and proceeded sequentially chronologically. After writing a few chapters, I realized I needed to interject themes that transcended and combined numerous *Times* .

Therefore, *Part 2 Episodes and Memories* was created. Soon after that, I discovered poetry and began putting my words and thoughts in verse form, i.e. *Part 3 Poetry and Thoughts*.

I originally intended to search for the reason “why I am who I am?” I hoped to conclude that by writing Parts 1 and 2 to determine the answer. Alas, my brain is still trying to distill those conclusions. Trying to wrestle and define anything as complex as the life I have been given is either too difficult or not needed.

I still have more to write if I am able, and someone will care enough to listen.

