

BILLABONG OR RIVER

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EGIL'S SAGA

THE SLAYING OF BERGONUND AND ROGNVALD THE KING'S SON.

Anonymous (1893, chapter 60)

'Forest-foe, fiercely blowing,
Flogs hard and unceasing
With sharp storm the sea-way
That ship's stern doth plow.
The wind, willow-render,
With icy gust ruthless
Our sea-swan doth buffet
O'er bowsprit and beak.'

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Throughout life I have experienced times where my spirituality seemed like a torrent. I have also experienced times where I felt like I was cut off from the the Headwaters and forming a Billabong, or worse, a dry river bed. I am still learning how to seek God and my own spirituality. Above concerns for myself, I am a father now and have children I must help guide in this river of life. This notion makes my search all the more critical.

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1 HEADWATERS

In the beginning of my life I had two parents who valued their relationship with God and put him first. I was able to read at a very early age due to the Bible studies and associated reading. My brother, sister and I would study from the bible at least two times a week if not more. This was not including the attendance of what the Jehovah's Witness call the Kingdom Hall for additional reading and studies. I can honestly say that my parents did everything they could to ensure I understood the importance of God's word. Acknowledging this, I would have to say my parents were a huge factor in my spiritual growth. Up until I was a young adult I did not stray from the faith I was raised in. Specifically, I remained a Jehovah's Witness and could not imagine living any other way. After a series of family tragedies and life changes I felt isolated from my original teachings and lifestyle of the Jehovah's Witnesses. I began to unknowingly remove myself from my faith. The first scripture my father had me memorize was 1

John 5:19. I feel that I am guilty alone for my division from God but in this case I also feel my environment was a helpful contributor. 1
John 5:19 gives a pretty clear warning:

19 We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

2 BILLABONG

3 RIVER MOUTH

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