



# Kabbalah In The Wilderness

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## Abraham: A Righteous Man?

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Why ask such a question? We all, by default, presume he was. But notice he lived before Moshe's giving of the Ten Commandments and associated laws (Commonly called the Mosaic Law). We associate righteousness with Torah Observance. Did Abraham have Torah to observe? No, he did not!

We find in Genesis 15:6 these words, "And he believed in the LORD; and He counted it to him for righteousness." This comes right after the counting of the stars. So it is easy to associate the two together to create the idea of "blind faith" as making him righteous. This can be easily debunked<sup>1</sup> by looking at the following verse. Genesis 15:7 "And He said unto him: 'I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.'" This verse wraps the journey right back to Genesis 12:1 where he was told to leave Ur. To start Abraham's journey.

Abraham was on a journey, he was not at a destination. His faith was an action not a meaningless faith. His faith was a pursuit for the Creator! His righteousness was based upon his action/pursuit of the Creator.

A person becomes righteous for his/her pursuit of the Creator not by following a set of rules. Yes, discovery of rules can be part of the journey though.

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<sup>1</sup> Blind faith is not defined nor expected in the Hebrew Scripture. In fact by inference it is completely opposite of what is expected. This kind of faith is actually quite empty and meaningless. For the physical realm is the realm of action. Thus faith is an action in the physical realm.