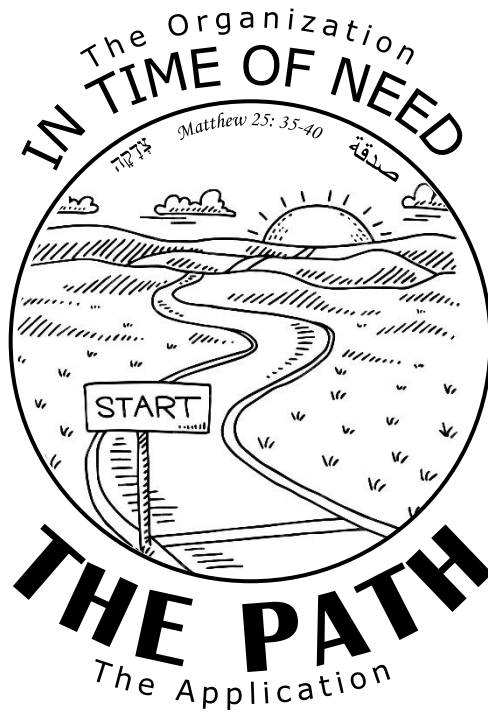
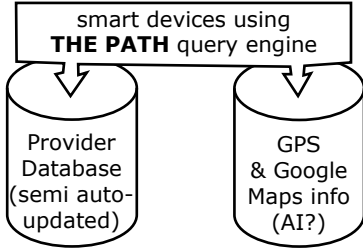


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The Reasoning Behind *The Path*

Origins: This project is the result of my personal engagement over the past five decades with individuals in various modes and degrees of need.

Combat has a way of disclosing whom one can depend on for true support (hint: look to those with the greatest challenges in life); I'm in debt to so many for my safety and comfort. In appreciation of their selflessness, I've volunteered as a mentor to at-risk teens, as an ombudsman for mistreated elders, as an advocate in court cases involving abused and neglected children, and delivering food to shut-ins and impoverished families.

Recently, I've been disturbed at how difficult life is for prison convicts post-incarceration. It's obvious to me that, given the "correctional system" here in Oregon, punishment isn't intended to end at the prison gate, but to simply morph into a more perverse and obscure form of life-long retribution.

Communicating my ideas about rehabilitation to those in authority and receiving no supportive response, it's become obvious to me that privilege and distance are great social insulators. Truth is, though, our many serious social problems will continue to fester unless we engage them earnestly.

I intend for *The Path* to be an instrument, available universally, to aid fellow humanitarians doing good in the world to satisfy real, pressing needs.

About the Religious References: I cite the three great Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) for inspiration and direction in doing this work. At the top of the sketch's circle there are three citations. One is Matthew's account of "The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats":

"When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in prison, you visited me."

Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in prison?"

The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

To the left of Matthew is the Hebrew word, Tzedakah, and to the right is the Arabic word, Sadaqah. These concepts are similar in both the Torah and the Quran, calling for *voluntary* (as opposed to mandated) *charity*—the kind that Matthew was calling out in Jesus' allegory.

The intention driving *The Path* is to ease the way of anyone struggling, and to make it easier for others to assist them in their time of need.