

Each path is only one of a million paths.
Therefore, you must always keep in mind that
a path is only a path. If you feel that you must
now follow it, you need not stay with it under
any circumstances. Any path is only a path.
There is no affront to yourself or others in
dropping it if that is what your heart tells you
to do. But your decision to keep on the path
or to leave it must be free of fear and
ambition. I warn you: Look at every path
closely and deliberately. Try it as many times
as you think necessary. Then ask yourself and
yourself alone one question. It is this:

Does this path have a heart?

All paths are the same. They lead nowhere.
They are paths going through the brush or
under the brush. Does this path have a heart
is the only question. If it does, then the path
is good. If it doesn't, it is of no use.

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