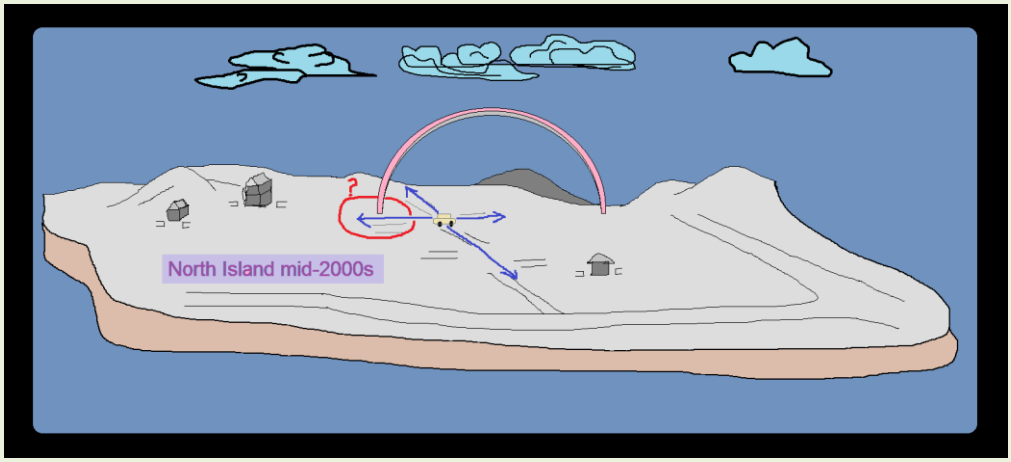
END OF THE RAINBOW.

Calendar wise it was sometime in August 2005, if I remember correctly, mid 2000's. Winter passed its southern hemisphere.

I was leaving work in the country side of North Island, about an hour's drive from Auckland, closer to Hamilton, that's in New Zealand. I lived at a farm not far from work where there was a construction project. I was a migrant worker.

While driving home in the country I noticed a rainbow. Nothing unusual, may have been the first I seen in New Zealand.



Moments later I realised the rainbow was close. I have not been this close to one before. I could see that one end of the rainbow was within driving distance. It took me a short while to decide if I should pursue this, to get to one end of the rainbow. I parked the car, took a good look at where one end was then drove in that direction.

It's in the country where there were houses some distance apart, while some houses were closer, where it's mostly grazing land for cows or sheep. I had to do some navigation in the way of sorting out which way to drive to get there among the limited roads to that direction.

I was successful in driving in the direction where my target on the rainbow's end was. Got there by some short turning here there, no luck here, **NOTHING!**

I made a mistake, pulled back out to see where I went wrong, so I can navigate back again. It looked like the right direction the first time, so I did the same thing with a minor adjustment, of course it can't be the same wrong place, so some deviation had to be accounted. Got there **WRONG** again. But it wasn't the case of giving up. Its late afternoon not sundown but it's not sunny either, and rainbows do disappear.

Again, pulled back out this time more serious and frustrated. Went back in again and realised I was headed toward the same vicinity, nothing there. Did what would be opposite not the target site. **NO LUCK!**

Each time I had to drive out far enough to see where it was too, it wasn't like I could see it in my rear view mirror or look back out of my driver window.

You may ask how close I was, and was there no trace of a rainbow where I stood or sat in the car so I may get closer? All taken into account. Each time nothing there, and with the sense of me making a mistake in my navigatio

No luck. Decision time came. Frustrated I gave up and had to pull out.

I drove out, saw it, frustrated. I drove home. It was getting to evening hour, lower visibility and the rainbow thinner or lighter, not the intensity you first see it early in its formation. I did not investigate into it further, nor did it linger in my mind.

Years later in a conversation I mentioned this, and heard a phrase about a 'the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow'. Later I started to look at it in an investigative way; I could not give an accurate explanation.

Let's deviate to the light and prism experiment on a paper. We can trace the colour pattern on the paper, and can have the pencil touch the colours on the paper. But in the real rainbow case I could not drive close to it, maybe I was in it, maybe very close to it. A visible difference here compared to the school days experiment. I expected to see the rainbow colours at the end of the rainbow touching the earth.

Why would proximity to the rainbow cause the rainbow to disappear? Further away it's visible, when close to it is not visible. *Further away we see it when in we can't see it.*

Question can arise as to why no one ever caught one or both ends of a rainbow before?

About 5 years later, in North Island New Zealand, my second trip, a migrant worker again. I saw 2 concentric rainbows one morning to work.

TWO RAINBOWS ONE BOW ABOVE THE OTHER BOW, CONCENTRIC. SAME PLACE 2 RAINBOWS ONE ABOVE THE OTHER SAME CENTRE.

My first sighting of a concentric rainbow. It wasn't fake I verified it with others that same morning, not a delusion.

Conclusion: There is no visible end of a rainbow as you get close to it. The colours of the rainbow may have dissolved, got dispersed further apart, or lost its colour intensity lowering visibility. When we get inside the rainbow's space we are unable to see it from the inside.

End of a rainbow is not visible.

In the future maybe some rainbow chasers may spray a gas and make it visible. I am not making a permanent conclusion on this but will they find a pot of gold?

Thanks for taking the time to read, hope you have better luck.
Share your gold with me!

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