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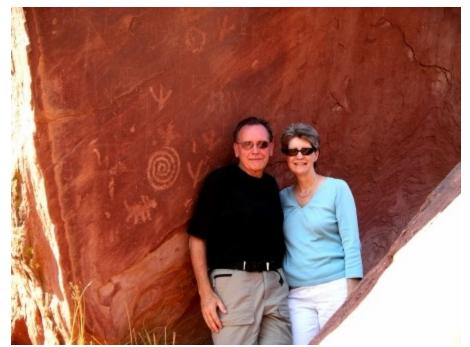
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So, why are we here? [Now go make a sandwich] No, not the philosophical enigma about the meaning of life; rather, the question of why are the two of us on vacation at Zion National Park? I mean, we could have gone anywhere. We could have gone to Vegas! Well, we have been looking for a rug to put under our kitchen dining table. (Did he say rug? Yes, this is about a rug.) It had to be big enough, have the right colors, and have a southwestern theme. So we searched Kansas City. So we searched trading posts across the southwest (did I say we had to be able to afford it?). So we searched the Internet. So we went to a rug auction on the Navajo reservation. So we didn't find a rug. We did this for four years. So we had one made. We designed the "spiral of life" into it, a symbol found throughout the southwest in petroglyphs and other rock art, representing life as a journey. We found the one we wanted to use as our model on the Internet. It was a picture taken at Zion. It is part of our new rug. We came here to find it.

And we already did:



No, we're not leaving.

By the way, on our way here we actually went through Vegas:







And we just kept going. Go figure.

D&S