Our old selves and new selves all have sweet parts and sour parts plus tons of mundane day to day expereince. Each lifetime usually has some parents, friends, lovers, joys and adversities. If we accept the idea of prior lives, then over the eons we have had many families, friends, lovers, joys and adversities. Either way, the scope of the combined and inter-related effects in our expereince is too great to grasp rationally, so we just deal with what we see. I've been many places, but to paraphrase Yahweh I am where I am.