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**Happy Birthday
Alcoholics Anonymous
LXXXIII**

A.A. ANNUAL PICNIC

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Celebrating our **30th Year**, One Day At A Time*

Saturday, June 30, 2018

Sudden Regional Park

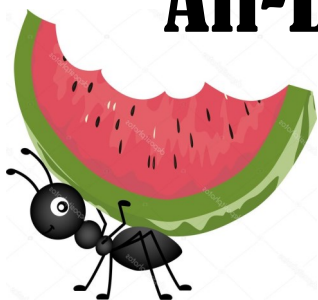
4284 Avalon Drive, 34112

Pavilion 1

All-Day Event for Entire Family

\$5 per person

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STEP SIX: *Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.*

TRADITION SIX: *An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.*

TRADITION SIX: (Long Form) *Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.- and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.*

CONCEPT SIX: *The conference recognizes that the chief initiative an active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.*

6th Step Prayer: God help me become willing to let go of all the things to which I still cling. Help me to be ready to let you remove all of these defects, that your will and purpose may take their place. AMEN (p. 76 BB)

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

This is a Checklist for Tradition SIX.

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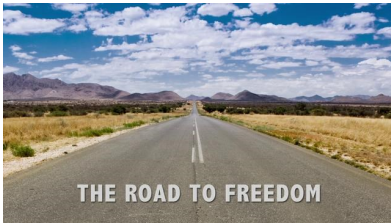
1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

Step Six:

The Road to Mental Freedom

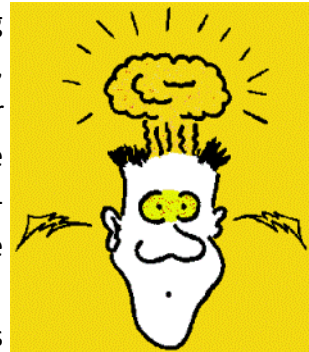
Understanding Steps Six and Seven

By Rick R., Naples FL.



Since the day I entered the program, I have had an insatiable appetite for learning all I could about the disease of alcoholism and having completed a very thorough fourth and fifth steps, and examining my motives for everything I did, in steps six and seven, it occurred to me that most of my problems in life involved my interfacing with, *"Those Other People."* As I got further into the steps and started to process each and every one of these interactions, it became apparent to me that the basic cause of my discontent was, *low self esteem* and that, until I resolved that, there would be very little *peace of mind*. I had to get right with everyone. They say that *understanding is the key to right living*, and I read just about anything I can get my hands on, about these issues, that reinforce the principles we learn in the A.A. program such as; Emmet Fox's Sermon on The Mount, and others including, Scott Peck's, *The Road Less Traveled*, *The Spirituality of Imperfection*, *Desiderata*, (the poem) and the like. This kind of reference material helps me to get a better perspective on how to reduce the obstacles that stand in the way of my ability to solve these problems. I have to be willing to get right with "every human being I know" as suggested in step eight. (12X12) Scott Peck describes the word *Love* as: *Caring for and nurturing another person's soul.*

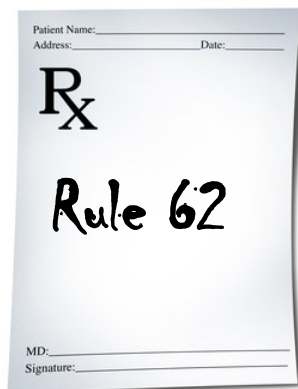
I now look at Love as a verb and not a noun. You can love someone that doesn't love you back when you use this definition and as the result, I truly wish the best for every human being I know and offer help and guidance when I can. I become their best advocate. If I want to heal, I must look deeper and try to *understand that other person* and be strong enough to, first, *reign in my ego*, then to realize that the other person may be reacting to *my adversarial position*. Finding ways of removing my own judgmental attitudes opens the door to love and compassion. Today, I can love everyone by simply giving them the respect and acceptance that I would want for myself. After doing my best to adopt this plan of action over the years, I can only say that nothing ever done, to *Those Other* been more than this approach, to the understanding-judging others side behavior that I have with respect *People*, has rewarding proach. I best of my ing, stopped by their outside and *have the*



strength to look deeper. When I do that, I usually find a person, not too different from myself, trying to protect himself from his fears, and I just can't bring myself to pile on and compound his pain. My heart goes out to him and I don't have to deal with regrets later on. My ego is neutralized as I come to understand his troubles. The greatest gift I receive from all of this is that, as I apply this to all of *Those Other People*, I seem to allow myself the same latitude without even expecting it since at one time, I was *That Other Person*. *Self forgiveness and peace of mind* seems to be the natural result of my efforts. I can accept everyone just as they are and not mess

Important information pertaining to the use of AA:

- AA is an allergy relief program composed of alcohol and the common de-
- AA is designed to reduce the symptoms of alcoholism. When taken as directed it reduces the negative side effects of misery, depression, despair, mental, and spiritual maladjustment. A physical allergy commonly associated with alcoholism.
- We do not recommend that you use AA unless you are honest and completely willing to stop drinking.



monly used to treat and inhibit the use of alcohol. AA is known to substantially reduce the negative side effects associated with alcoholism such as: misery, depression, despair, mental, and spiritual maladjustment, a physical allergy commonly associated with alcoholism. AA unless you are capable of being honest and completely willing to stop drinking.

- CAUTION: AA will impair your ability to consume alcohol. If you are on any other medications such as alcohol or any other mind altering substance we suggest that you discontinue use immediately as this will cause a substantial reduction in the effect caused by AA.
- Some of the most common side effects associated with AA are: Honesty, Hope, Faith, Courage, Integrity, Willingness, Humility, Brotherly love, Justice, Perseverance, Spirituality, and Service. A spiritual awakening and a psychic change have been reported in most cases.
- If you are experiencing a resurrection lasting more than four hours, you needn't seek medical attention, as you may be experiencing the initial effects of AA.
- AA has no negative side effects on pregnant women or women who are nursing.
- To reduce your risk of chronic relapse, a lifestyle change maybe recommended. In 9 out of 10 cases practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics.
- An increased risk of recovery and long term spiritual affects have been associated with AA. Consult your sponsor immediately when changes do occur.
- AA should be taken with plenty of open-mindedness and willingness. Do not take AA alone. Independent studies have shown that AA is most effective when working with others.
- Always remember it is important that you use AA only as prescribed: 1. Trust in God 2. Clean House 3. Help others
- WARNING: Do not skip doses or discontinue use as severe reoccurrence of fatal allergy symptoms may occur.
- AA is recommended for long term daily use. Prodigious results have been found in those who continue long term use of AA. As with all allergy relief medications some results may vary, sometimes quickly sometimes slowly.
- For more information and to learn more about the AA 12 step program of recovery and alcoholism we suggest you contact your local AA community directly, retain a sponsor, and read the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Happy 83rd Birthday Alcoholics Anonymous !

A.A. had its beginnings in 1935 at Akron, Ohio, as the outcome of a meeting between Bill W., a New York stockbroker, and Dr. Bob S., an Akron surgeon. Both had been hopeless alcoholics.

Prior to that time, Bill and Dr. Bob had each been in contact with the Oxford Group, a mostly nonalcoholic fellowship that emphasized universal spiritual values in daily living. (...) Under this spiritual influence, and with the help of an old-time friend, Ebby T., Bill had gotten sober and had maintained his recovery working with other alcoholics, though none of these had actually recovered. Meanwhile, Dr. Bob's Oxford Group at Akron had not helped him enough to achieve sobriety.

When Dr. Bob and Bill finally met, the effect on the doctor was immediate. This time, he found himself face to face with a fellow sufferer who had made good. Bill emphasized that alcoholism was a malady of mind, emotions and body. This all important fact he had learned from Dr. William D. Silkworth of Towns Hospital in New York, where Bill had often been a patient. Though a physician, Dr. Bob had not known alcoholism to be a disease. Responding to Bill's convincing ideas, he soon got sober, never to drink again. The founding spark of A.A. had been stuck.

June 10, 1935

The Shape of Things to Come (Bill Reflects on AA's 5th Birthday, June 1944)

In the book Alcoholics Anonymous there is a chapter called "A Vision for You". Wandering through it recently, my eye was caught by this startling paragraph written a short five years ago. "Someday we hope that every alcoholic who journeys will find a Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous at his destination. To some extent this is already true. Some of us are salesmen and go about. Little clusters of twos and threes and fives of us have sprung up in other communities through contact with our two large centers-----" Rubbing my eyes I looked again. A lump came into my throat. "Only five years," I thought. "Then but two large centers--little clusters of twos and threes--travelers who hoped one day to find us at every destination."

Could it be that only yesterday this was just a hope--those little clusters of twos and threes, those little beacons so anxiously watched as they flickered, but never went out.

And today--hundreds of centers shedding their warm illumination upon the lives of thousands, lighting the

Our Big Book

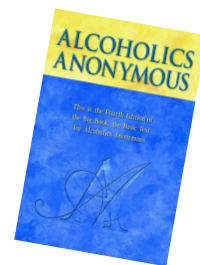


Thus we grow. And so can you,
though you be but one man with this book in your hand.
We believe and hope it contains all you need to begin.
We know what you are thinking. You are saying to yourself:
"I'm jittery and alone. I couldn't do that." But you can.
You forget that you have just now tapped a source of power
greater than yourself.

To duplicate, with such backing, what we have accomplished

is only a matter of willingness, patience, and labor.

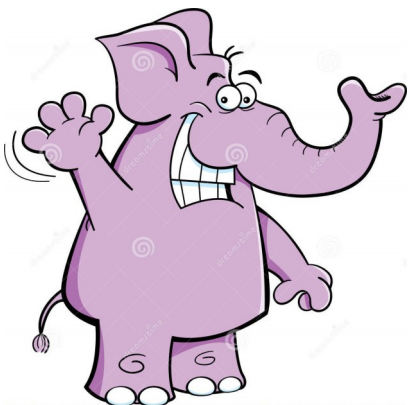
- *Alcoholics Anonymous*, pp. 162 - 163



Sins of Omission if You Like

When we are satisfied that we have given steps one through five our best effort and have identified the most glaring defects of character and shortcomings, it's now time to affect the changes in the most obvious of our faulty thinking and the behaviors that stem from those thoughts by addressing them in steps six and seven. To be successful in this endeavor, we must first get honest with ourselves and begin to establish some credibility and by that I mean always doing the things we say we are going to do. We bring most of the basic flaws out in the open as we become

aware of them. Then, if we are sure that we are committed to the program, we set, in place, principles



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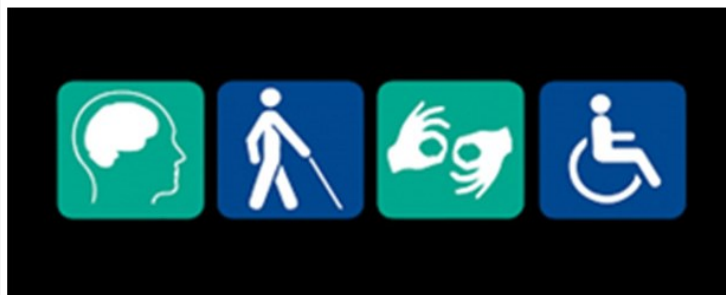
cut off our cape when ble and revert back way of Most of us the help of or a men-like, and go book as can. I did,

what I thought was a pretty thorough job of it, then one day, about twenty years ago, I was trying to park my car in a somewhat crowded parking lot and as I found the spot I wanted there was a shopping cart blocking my way. I got out of my car and moved the cart aside, then parked my car. I then got that shopping cart and pushed it back to the store entrance- trance, then went about my business. From that day on, when parking at any market, I search for a stray shopping cart and take it back to the store just to make up for all the times I shoved one into the flower bed and drove away. After telling that story at how it is very uncomfortable for them to leave the cart adrift all get a big laugh out of it. As best I can tell, the word neglect is only mentioned two times in the Big Book (pg. 97 and pg. 129) and two times in the 12&12. (pg. 81 and pg. 151) And seldom, if ever, has it been the topic of a meeting that I can recall. It is like the proverbial, elephant in the room. As I started to catch myself shirking my responsibilities it became obvious to me that if I wanted to regain some form of self respect and dignity, I was going to have to put the word Neglect on my list of shortcomings, and question my integrity. Do I do what is right even when there's no one watching? If credibility is, always doing what I say I'm going to do, then Integrity, to me, is a whole bunch of credibility.

To cut off my own escape I do routine things every day, that cost me nothing and the result of that is a clear conscience. If I am doing the little things that I should, I find it much easier to give the big things that same sort of attention. I never throw trash out of the car window, I pick up after myself, I never walk away from my bed in the morning without making it, and I liken that to being an unspoken prayer saying, I will be responsible, I will be orderly, I will be neat, and I will not be neglectful, I will be respectful, I will stay on the unselfish side of the ledger in all of my decisions, I sometimes revisit those pages in the Big Book and the 12&12 and I try my best not ignore the elephant in the room.

Rick R., No Booze News, Mesa, Arizona

Treatment/Accessibilities



Alcoholics with additional barriers needing additional ways of receiving our A.A. message:

Low Vision — GSO has created materials in large print for easier to read and most materials are also in audio form. The Big Book, 12 & 12 and Daily Reflections are also available in Brail at the Naples AA Office

Hard of Hearing—Our Accessibilities Workbook suggests, that groups allow hard of hearing people sit in areas close to the speaker when possible, many groups are using microphones to allow the speakers to be heard more clearly.

Illness/Mobility Challenges—Life on life's terms may mean being eligible for new hips, back surgery, knee replacements, being in accidents, etc. Home meeting are preferable, yet what if the alcoholic isn't open to this? Taking turns calling the person would be helpful in letting them know that they are not forgotten! A familiar voice can be a soothing form of healing for any alcoholic that becomes ill.

If you, or anyone you know needs help, contact District 20 Treatment/Accessibilities Committee: treatment@district20aa.org

**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY**

Continued from page 1

"If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, pp. 83 - 84

"When we retire at night, we constructively review our day. Were we resentful, selfish, dishonest or afraid? Do we owe an apology? ...After making our review we ask God's forgiveness and inquire what corrective measures should be taken."

...On awakening let us think about the twenty-four hours ahead. We consider our plans for the day. We ask God to direct our thinking, especially asking that it be divorced from self-pity, dishonest or self-seeking motives."

...As we go through the day we pause, when agitated or doubtful, and ask for the right thought or action. We constantly remind ourselves we are no longer running the show, humbly saying to ourselves many times each day "Thy will be done." ... In thinking about our day we may face indecision. We may not be able to determine which course to take. Here we ask God for inspiration, an intuitive thought or a decision. We relax and take it easy. We don't struggle. ...It works-it really does."

-Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 86-88

"Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail. ...Carry this message to other alcoholics! You can help when no one else can. You can secure their confidence when others fail."

-Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 89

"Tell him exactly what happened to you.* Stress the spiritual feature freely. If the man be agnostic or atheist, make it emphatic that ***he does not have to agree with your conception of God. He can choose any conception he likes, provided it makes sense to him. ***The main thing is that he be willing to believe in a Power greater than himself and that he live by spiritual principles.*****

-Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 93

"After all, our problems were of our own making. Bottles were only a symbol. Besides, we have stopped fighting anybody or anything. We have to!"

-Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 103

"We have three little mottoes which are apropos. Here they are:

***First Things First
Live and Let Live
Easy Does It."***

-Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 135

"Inwardly he would give anything to take half a dozen drinks and get away with them. He will presently try the old game again, for he isn't happy about his sobriety. He cannot picture life without alcohol. Some day he will be unable to imagine life either with alcohol or without it. Then he will know loneliness such as few do. He will be at the jumping-off place. He will wish for the end.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 152

"See to it that your relationship with Him is right, and great events will come to pass for you and countless others. This is the Great Fact for us.

Abandon yourself to God as you understand God. Admit your faults to Him and to your fellows. Clear away the wreckage of your past. Give freely of what you find and join us. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

May God bless you and keep you—until then."

- Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 164

FINANCES**May****YTD****Income**

Literature/Merchandise	5275	23043
Group Contributions	2434	10100
AA Birthdays	-	578
Faithful Five	35	95
Anonymous	-	-

Total Income

7932 33816

Expenses

Bank/Credit Card Fees	81	367
Travel/Licenses/Permits		
Office Supplies	104	468
Office Improvement		
Payroll Net	1813	8094
Payroll Tax		2455
Postage	20	32
Printing		2018
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	4962	14944
Insurance		
Rent	500	2500
Sales Tax	615	1224
Telephone/www	162	926
Utilities	100	500

Contributions

Computer Software

Computer Maintenance

Computer Equipment

Total Expenses

8355 33677

Net Ordinary Income

-424 135

Other Income

- -

Other Expenses

249 249

NET OTHER INCOME

-249 -249

TOTAL INCOME

-672 -110

Thank You to all who contributed to Naples Intergroup/Central Office

Spirituality and Money

"While the work of the group treasurer often involves many details, it is important to remember that the money the treasurer oversees serves a spiritual purpose: it enables each group to fulfill its primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is the fundamental work of A.A. and to continue it the group must keep its doors open. The group treasurer is an important part of this Twelfth Step work."

SELF-SUPPORT:

Where Money and Spirituality Mix

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1509 Pine Ridge Rd., Unit B
Naples, FL 34109
(50%)

District 20

District 20 Treasurer
P.O. Box 2896
Naples, FL 34106
(10%)

General Service Office

P. O. Box 459
New York, N. Y. 10163
(30%)

Area 15

Cary White
P.O. Box 56
Sebring FL 33870
(10%)

Disbursement of a Group's Funds

"After the group's basic needs are met, such as providing for rent, literature, refreshments, and insurance, the group can participate in the financial support of the Fellowship as a whole by sending money to various A.A. service entities: 1) their local Intergroup or Central Office, 2) their area and district; and 3) the General Service Office. Many groups provide financial support for their G.S.R.s attending service functions. These entities use contributions in a number of ways, always with the *The A.A. Group Treasurer, F-96,*

*Service material prepared by the
General Service Office*

*This is a tentative P & L for January. Our credit card company held January credit card sales due to a "stop payment" action that we instituted. Unknown to us, whenever there is a "dispute", no funds are transferred to the "disputed" account. When the credit card reinstituted payments, they were all credited to the month of February.

GROUP*/MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS

The six digit number next to the meeting name is their unique AA Registration Number assigned by the General Service Office in New York. This number signifies they are a "Registered Group"...Those meetings listed without a six digit number are **NOT registered with G.S.O.** and therefore not a "Group" (by AA definition), but is a "meeting".

**Please see A.A. pamphlet: "The A.A. Group...where it all begins" P-16*

Group/Meeting	MAY	YTD
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482	0	94
Aprendiendo A Vivre, 176467	0	0
Back To Basics	0	0
Beach Bums 641645	0	0
Big Book Comes Alive, 710427	0	20
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101	0	0
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630	0	70
Big Book Study, 662395	0	0
Bonita Awareness, 124788	0	0
Bonita Banyan, 176463	0	0
Bonita Beginners	148	148
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997	0	539
Bonita Men, 654428	0	0
Bonita Saturday Night	0	0
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493	0	759
Bonita Springs Women's Group, 169127	339	583
Bonita Step	0	0
Bonita Unity, 103316	200	200
Brown Bag, 163924	0	280
Burning Desire, 653891	0	200
Cake Meeting	0	0
Came to Believe, 615490	0	0
Candlelight, 606877	0	0
Common Solutions, 179613	0	418
Early Reflections, 653770	608	608
Early Riser, 161795	0	687
East Trail, 150873	0	0
Easy Does It, 156979	0	450
Free 2 Be, 6700930	0	181
Friday Big Book	0	50
Girlfriends, 678117	0	50
Golden Gate, 123819	0	0
Good Orderly Direction, 642330	0	0
Gratitude Hour, 134223	0	250
Happy Hour, 172923	0	0
Jaywalkers, 634271	0	0
Keep It Positive, 650541	0	0
Keep It Simple, 651598	0	383
Ladies Night, Bonita, 672950	0	75
Lil'White House Group	120	120
Living Sober, 605904	20	20
Living Sober Isle of Capri	0	0
Men Of Naples, 634030	0	200
Morning Reflections, 660700	30	630
Naples Group, 103609	0	250
Naples Men's, 694322	0	75
Naples South, 130210	38	234
Naples Young People, 699130	0	0
New Dawn, 632504	0	0
New Women (Thursday noon)	0	0
Newcomers Coming Together, 684199	0	0
No Compromise, 681260	0	0
Not A Glum Lot	0	80
Nueva Vida	0	0
Old Timers, 698956	0	0
One Day At A Time, 120975	120	225

Group/Meeting	MAY	YTD
Our Common Welfare	0	78
Out To Lunch Bunch, 147323	0	0
Pay It Forward, 704772	0	0
Primary Purpose Marco, 146715	675	675
Saturday Morning Girlfriends	0	0
Spiritual Solutions, 720796	0	0
Start Where You Are	0	0
Step By Step	0	83
Still Living Sober, 624730	0	0
Students of the Steps, 635600	0	0
Sunday Night Speakers, 665079	0	0
Sunlight Of the Spirit, 647959	0	320
Sunset Serenity, 654981	0	0
Survivor's, 157268	0	50
SW 239 BID	0	0
Swamp Group, 672733	40	80
Tables of Naples, 147671	0	155
Third Tradition, 143298	0	60
Three Legacies, 679400	0	75
Thursday Women	0	200
Unity Noon Step	63	113
Unity Step	34	34
Walk The Steps With Women, 701923	0	0
Wanderers, Ave Maria	0	0
We Care, Bonita, 617011	0	300
Wednesday Step St. Johns	0	0

AA Groups/Meetings listed here are those which are either registered as a Group at the AA General Service Office in New York, or, have contributed financially to the Naples Area Intergroup.



Progress...

We progress to the Sixth Step by working diligently, to the best of our ability, on the first five Steps. This work readies us for a change of heart, openness to becoming changed by a Power greater than ourselves - God.

The path to this willingness can be long and hard. Many of us have to struggle with a behavior or feeling before we become ready to let it go. We need to see, over and over again, that the coping device that once protected us is no longer useful.

The defects of character referred to in Step Six are old survival behaviors that once helped us cope with people, life, and ourselves. But now they are getting in our way, and it is time to be willing to have them removed.

Trust in this time. Trust that you are being readied to let go of that which is no longer useful. Trust that a change of heart is being worked out in you.



AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

Judaism and the Lord's Prayer January, 1997

As a Jewish member of Alcoholics Anonymous, I've been concerned about the fact that so many meetings end in the Lord's Prayer. While I was willing to go to any lengths to get—and stay—sober, I was worried about reciting a prayer that might in some way compromise my Jewish identity. So I talked with my rabbi, who is knowledgeable not just about Jewish affairs but also about the Twelve Steps. He is Orthodox and the leader of an extremely large Jewish congregation. He does a lot of work visiting treatment centers, and he knows a lot about AA. Probably more than I do. He explained to me that there is nothing in the Lord's Prayer—or in all of

the Twelve Steps, for that matter—that in any way contradicts anything in traditional Judaism. He pointed out that many of the phrases in the Lord's Prayer actually come from Jewish prayers in use two thousand years ago and still current today. While the Lord's Prayer is used primarily by Christians, its origins are firmly rooted in the Jewish prayer book. Now, I'm no scholar (although I've written a few books about Judaism), and I can't locate all of the phrases in Jewish liturgy off the top of my head, but I

and perhaps some sense of Prayer was as-Father who art Avinu sheba-Hebrew phrase, shamiyim, has millennia to The most re-in the Prayer Israel, com-founding of



Hallowed be thy name = Yiskadal v'yiskadash sh'may rabbo This Aramaic formation is extremely familiar to Jews as the first line of the Kaddish (the Mourner's Prayer) and also the prayer that separates sections of the Orthodox prayer service. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven = ba'shamayim me'ma'al u'va' aretz mitachas This line from the "aleinu" prayer, said at the conclusion of each prayer service and in the important Mussaf service on Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, translates as "in the heavens above and on the earth below." Give us this day our daily bread = Hu nosain lechem l'chol basar This comes from the first paragraph of the Jewish Grace After Meals. The meaning is that God gives bread to all beings. And forgive us our trespasses = She'tislach lanu al cal chatosainu "Forgive us for all of our sins" reads this line repeated many times in the Yom Kippur prayers. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory = L'cha, adoshem The Jewish phrase translates as "the greatness and the power and the glory." This is a line recited in a Sabbath morning prayer just prior to the reading of the Torah in the synagogue. Forever and ever = L'dor va'dor Literally, this means "from generation to generation." Amen = Amen Amen is actually a Hebrew word from the verb "to believe." In a prayer or a room—or in a Jewish court of law—to answer "Amen" after a statement is to say, "I believe this." So you see that as a believing Jew, when I'm saying the Lord's Prayer, I'm saying a compilation of excerpts of prayers that are a part of the traditional Jewish prayer book. I hope that this makes things more comfortable for other Jews.

— Mike L. Santa Monica, California

Celebrate Your Sobriety ... Join the Birthday

Birthday Plan Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sobriety Date</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Home Group</u>
Ron P.	03/29/70	45	Beach Bums
Ron L.	07/24/78	38	Gratitude Hour
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Dennis F.	07/15/84	27	Unity Step
Richard K.	11/25/90	27	Miami
Peter F.	03/01/95	23	Easy Does It
Bill S.	01/11/02	16	Brown Bag
Mary B.	07/22/02	15	Brown Bag
Karen B.	02/11/09	7	Brown Bag
Heather W.	03/22/00	17	Naples Group
Judy W.	03/21/86	31	Easy Does It
Laura T. F.	06/16/16	1	Morning reflection
Steve K.	07/29/92	25	Primary Purpose
Sarah B.		14	
Steve L.	08/28/93	25	Early Reflection
Dale P.	05/29/98	20	

History of the Birthday Plan...

The 1955 General Service Conference approved the Birthday Plan, under which members of the Fellowship send a dollar a year for each year of sobriety they have in A.A. Others use a figure of \$3.65, a penny a day, for each year. Some give more, but the amount cannot exceed \$3,000 for any year. Special envelopes are available to send your Birthday Plan contribution.



become a Faithful Fiver

“Every A.A. wants to make sure of his survival from alcoholism, and his spiritual well-being afterward. This is just as it should be. He also wants to do what he can for the survival and well-being of his fellow alcoholics. Therefore he is bound to have a vital interest in the permanence and well-being of A.A. itself.”

Bill W., *Language of the Heart*, p.166

What are Faithful Fivers?

Faithful Fivers are A.A. members who graciously contribute \$5.00 or more each month to support Naples Inter-group/Central Office.*

*contributions are limited to \$3,000 per member per year and are tax deductible under Internal Revenue Code 501 (c)(3).

*Page 9, Self-Support Pamphlet

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Last Wednesday of the
Month 7pm
Faith Lutheran Church
4150 Goodlette Road N.,
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6pm GSR sharing
7pm Meeting

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