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I think of the first three Steps in AA as: I can't. (Step One). God can! (Step Two). I have decided to ask Him to help me. (Step Three).

I no longer consider that saying the <u>Third Step Prayer</u> was when I decided to turn my will and my life over to the care of God. It is obvious that my decision to do so had to come before.

My decision to ask for God's help was made, according to the Big Book, at the bottom paragraph on page 62: "Next, we decided that hereafter in this drama of life, God was to be our Director." The asking took place when I prayed the Third Step Prayer on page 63. But my decision was well thought out before asking God for help through that prayer.

I believe this distinction is important because we are told: "We thought well before taking this step making sure we were ready; that we could at last abandon ourselves utterly to Him." Time to think well between the decision and the prayer is important.

It would be tempting to haphazardly repeat this watershed prayer, denying the process of its needed substance and weight. Personally, having several months of sobriety before this sequence, I had already made a sincere decision before praying this prayer with a sponsor.

We are told: "The wording was, of course, quite optional so long as we expressed the idea, voicing it without reservation." (p. 63) My <u>sponsor</u> had me read each sentence of the prayer separately and use my own words to explain what it meant to me.

When finished, we both prayed the Third Step Prayer verbatim. I was immediately launched into the following Steps and have not had to drink since.

By Bob S., Cleveland District AA Office

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS PREAMBLE:

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or Institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.



MARCH: The Third (3rd) Month Of Alcoholics Anonymous

STEP THREE: "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him"

TRADITION THREE: "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking"

TRADITION THREE (Long Form): "Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation"

CONCEPT THREE: "The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs"

3rd Step Prayer: God, I offer myself to Thee - to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

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- 1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
- 2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
- 3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
- 4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
- 5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
- 6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?



I Did Not Fit In

When I look back on my experience, after going through my pre drinking years, my drinking years, and my sober years in the AA program, it is not hard to see what a troubled individual I was.

In my days from birth to the day I entered grammar school, I was unaware of the dysfunction in my immediate environment and with the absence of supervision, discipline, and role models, I did anything I wanted to do, and my behavior became dishonest, selfish, and shameful, as I later learned.

On my first day of parochial school, the world came apart for me when I looked around the classroom and realized that I did not fit in. All the other kids were having fun and enjoying that experience and I was terrified and knew that I could never live up to what was expected of me at that time.

As a result, I developed <u>fears</u> and inhibitions that those other kids did not seem to have. I learned right from wrong in church, but was much too insecure to do what was right. I learned to cut corners, lie, and cheat, since I had no confidence that I could ever keep up with my peers.

I began to overcompensate and to act out to make up for my short falls, but it never worked for me. Fist fighting became a regular event. This all went on till I turned thirteen and found the answer to all my problems.

I had access to alcohol, and I did not recognize it at first, but it immediately removed all those fears and inhibitions. And, for the first time in my life, I felt normal and that I was as good as anyone and better than most, so I thought.

I continued to drink to feel good but when I awoke in the morning, I was more terrified than before and all I had to do was to take that <u>first drink</u> and everything was right with the world again.

I continued this pattern until I was twenty-eight years old when I woke up one morning to face The Hideous Four Horsemen, Terror, Bewilderment, Frustration Despair (Big Book p. 151) and I had a moment of clarity. I knew that I had to do something about my drinking, or I would die a horrible death at the hands of others or by my own hand.

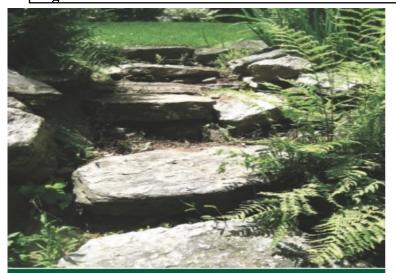
I called AA, struggled to find the location of the meeting place, arrived there two hours later, and was greeted by three members who were compassionate and understanding and as they listened, my sense of isolation slowly went away, as did the desire to drink. I have never wanted a drink from that moment (October 5, 1969) to the present.

I have never had to struggle with the <u>AA program</u> and have embraced it to the best of my understanding. I came to understand that the things that I did as a child and as a practicing alcoholic were the ingredients of the disease of Alcoholism and that, the die was cast at the age of six, all the ingredients were there long before I ever took a drink and all I had to do was add the alcohol.

Once I removed the alcohol, all the ingredients were still there and that is what the program helped me to set right.

I was not responsible for becoming an Alcoholic. I am, however, accountable for my behavior while I was drinking. And, if I am willing to make restitution and clean up the wreckage of the past, I can free myself from all the guilt and shame and walk away with my dignity and self respect.

Today my life is better than it ever could have been, had I never become an Alcoholic in the first place, and, of that, I am convinced.



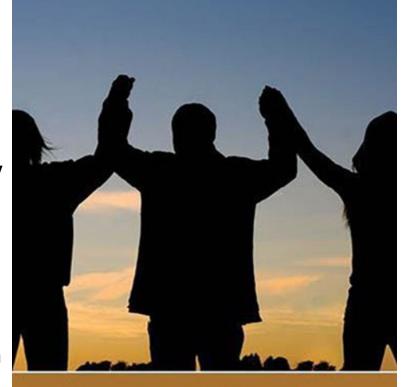
STEP BY STEP
Real AAs, Real Recovery

"Recovery is something like the restoration of a very old painting, covered over by layers and layers of darkening, distorted varnish ... Not all of the underlying pattern can be revealed at one time. What is uncovered, bit by bit and layer by slow, careful layer, are the things which are necessary and appropriate for me to know about myself right now."

"An Indescribable Benevolence," Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, August 1992, Step By Step

"In the meetings I attend, newcomers sometimes ask me how I've been able to stay sober so long. My answer is always the same: every morning, the first thing I do is say three magic words -- God, help me."

"Small but Mighty," Kissimmee, Florida, March 2006, Beginner's Book: Getting and Staying Sober in AA



BEGINNERS' BOOK

Getting and Staying Sober in AA

MASQUERADE II

Awhile back someone asked me if I was ready to write another installment of "Masquerade." I really don't know why; perhaps it was just a slow news day. But, it got me to thinking that it's been ten years since I wrote the original article and five years since the update. Perhaps it is a good time to revisit the Singleness of Purpose idea. I am now twenty two years sober, and although I think that my recovery has led me into the discovery of ever-deepening levels of compassion, my opinions on this subject have changed very little. What has changed is the environment in which these scenarios are now playing themselves out in our local community.

Most of the folks alluded to in the original articles are gone now. One has died (drug overdose), one has moved away (but is active in his addiction), and one is in recovery. My friend with the pill problem has periodically stumbled but seems to be doing well now in Narcotics Anonymous after having gotten busy not only with the Twelve Steps and sponsorship but also in general service. One other thing has changed since the original publications. I have now seen friends die from untreated alcoholism.



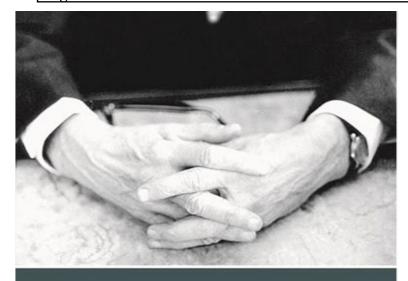
Something that has not changed is that I still see treatment centers referring their clients primarily to AA even though the NA fellowship has grown the past couple of years. There also seems to be some renewed efforts by a misguided minority of folks to continue pushing for a "one size fits all" type of fellowship ("Addictions Anonymous?"). However, the reluctance of many of our AA members to refer the drug addicts to NA seems to be waning; definitely a positive sign. Still, too often, I see well-meaning members of our fellowship urging new members with a primary addiction to a substance other than alcohol to attend AA meetings and simply substitute the word "alcohol" for their drug of choice. This is what needs to stop.

With the strengthening and expansion of Narcotics Anonymous in our community, particularly through the efforts of the good folks over at "The Last Connection" (an NA clubhouse), the time for making excuses is over. There is definitely hope for the addict in the NA fellowship locally. I fully recognize that there are many among us who suffer from multiple disorders, and many will benefit from associations with members of more than one fellowship. But, I still encourage people to identify their primary addiction or disorder and then to make their first line of defense in the fellowship which most specifically deals with that addiction or disorder. If it happens that alcohol is the primary problem then, by all means, that individual should be encouraged to go to AA. If the primary problem is drugs, then we should refer the person to NA, and so on.

I truly believe that we do people with multiple addictions or disorders a great disservice when we suggest to them that any one fellow-ship might be the single solution to all of their problems. Unfortunately, treatment centers, and some courts, have been referring just about everyone to AA for years with the misguided adage that "a drug is a drug is a drug." As I stated previously, that whole notion likely emerged from a treatment center with only one van. We can do better. Our AA General Service Conference-approved literature speaks very specifically on these point

All of us can do something. Courts and treatment centers need to do a better job of identifying primary addictions and referring clients to the fellowships that most specifically deal with their most urgent problems. The first line of defense against relapse should be against the primary addiction and involve recovery in the fellowship developed for that problem. In each fellowship we can encourage members to "wear the hat where you're at" and stop identifying as addicts (or alcoholic/addicts) in AA meetings or as alcoholics (or alcoholic/addicts) in NA meetings. We can stop supporting groups that have watered down their Singleness of Purpose to the point that the distinction between fellowships has blurred beyond recognition. If we stop supporting these aberrations, then eventually they will become marginalized into insignificance and disappear.

My experience over the past couple of decades, and what prompted me to write these articles in the first place, is that I've seen people dying, not because they were excluded from our fellowship, but rather because they were not. Think about it.



THE BEST OF BILL

Reflections on Faith, Fear, Honesty, Humility, and Love

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"When we early AAs got our first glimmer of how spiritually prideful we could be, we coined this expression: 'Don't try to get too damned good by Thursday!"

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., June 1961, "Humility for Today", The Best of Bill

"I have come to believe that my drinking insanity is only one form of the craziness to which we AAs are prone. I call it Insanity A. Insanity B is finding out what works for you -- and then not doing it."

"Insanity B," Prague, Czechoslovakia, February 2005, Beginner's Book: Getting and Staying Sober in AA



BEGINNERS' BOOK

Getting and Staying Sober in AA



We Failed Idealists Need Attention

I came from a family riddled with alcoholic drinkers. Many of them had the problem as bad as I did. I recall the first month, or so, after I got sober, still hanging out with them at our favorite watering hole, drinking ginger ale. I would slip out every night to go to the AA meeting at 8:30 and return two hours later without telling anyone where I was going.

I didn't want anybody to know I was checking out the AA program. At the time, I didn't want to face ridicule, and wasn't sure it was going to work for me. If it didn't work, I wouldn't have put up with their mocking. You might say that I was protecting my anonymity at the time and didn't even know it.

After thirty days of that, I didn't care who knew about it because I believed I had found the answer. And I had! Soon after that, I wanted to shout it from the rooftops and try to sober up everyone around me.

You probably know how that turned out. As I dragged each of my five brothers to AA meetings, it seemed that each learned just enough to <u>rationalize</u> exactly why he was not an alcoholic. And they ridiculed me any way.

Later, two died of alcohol-related symptoms. And a third brother committed suicide. That was among the experiences that gave me hard-earned lessons about the respect for the principle of anonymity. Of the rest of my immediate family of ten, only one sister saw something in me that she liked and got sober in the program. She hasn't had a drink in more than 48 years.

In <u>AA meetings</u>, we are exposed to discussions as newer members complain about someone breaking their anonymity, or the ones, like my former self, want to shout it from the rooftops. That will always be the case in AA, as it's one of the symptoms of alcoholism.

We are failed idealists who need attention. But as we get more and more experience, we learn the true value of the spirit of anonymity. We can always come up with some noble reason for tooting our own horn, and we can dress it up in the altruistic motive of sacrificing one's own anonymity to save someone's life. In the long run, that sometimes destroys the chance of being a good example, and often turns out doing just the opposite — which I have personally witnessed.

Tradition Twelve talks of anonymity as, "the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

There is a difference between the spirit of the law and the letter of the law. We, who have been diligent with the program, have been highly influenced by the spirit of what the founders of AA learned and introduced us to in the form of the 12 Steps and the 12 Tradition. They all come in the form of unselfishness of the spirit.

I have yet to find one prayer or principle in the two books we use as reference guides in AA that are of a material nature or a selfish motive. This tells me that the things I do, as the result of practicing the principles of the program, should be done unselfishly and without fanfare. So long as I need the attention that I always sought when looking for a "photo opportunity," I'm following only the letter of the law, so to speak.

When I came to understand the spirit of <u>anonymity</u>, I was able to rein in my ego and my selfish motives. I try to be a good role model and do it quietly. It seems to work better that way.

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No Need to Overthink This Issue

The Alcoholics Anonymous program is open to anyone who has a desire to stop drinking. It makes no difference if you are an <u>atheist</u>, <u>agnostic</u>, <u>Buddhist</u> or a member of one of the vast number of religions in the world. All of us have the same opportunity to get well through the 12 Steps.

That ensures no alcoholic is left out. We embrace everyone who walks through that door. If Step Two had been written to say, "Came to believe that God," rather than, "a Power greater than ourselves" could restore us to sanity, I wonder if AA would have succeeded in the way that it has—especially when we consider the problems that the Oxford group had with this issue.

I have seen people talking of religion, and others who were irritated with any talk of God. Yet, we still hold hands at the end of the meeting and say a prayer. And everyone leaves the meeting feeling a little better. I personally know priests and ministers in the program, and they seem to adjust to the diversity of the landscape. I wish that it could be simpler for each person, but there are no two people who are identical in this matter.

Speaking for myself, if I wanted to be freed from the deadly obsession of alcoholism and come to terms with a concept of a power greater than myself, I had to trust the guidance of the two books that are suggested and the leadership of the more experienced members of the group. I was like those described in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions who "think they have tried faith and found it wanting." (p. 28)

I also read that, "even the militant atheist got through the hoop with room to spare." I did not believe in the God of the religionist in the same way that I thought they did. But I did not think I was an atheist, either. The Power Greater than myself option was a good start for me.

You Might Call It a Miracle

Something happened to me within minutes after arriving at my first introduction to three people, sitting on a bench in the front yard of a little house in Los Angeles, where they held their AA meetings. The obsession to drink was gone, and I have not had, nor wanted, a drink since then.

You might call that a miracle, and you might be right, depending on your definition of a miracle. But it came to me as a profound Change of Perception brought about by the Love, Understanding and Compassion I sensed as they welcomed me. These experiences were a great way for me to start. But now, what about prayer? Who or what do I pray to?

I heard about doorknobs and icons, the ocean, and other such things but that way of thinking did not set well with me. I did not want to be too glib about such an important matter.

Then I noticed that, in <u>Step Two</u>, it did not say that I had to believe in anything, only that I had to believe that a power greater than myself could restore me to sanity. The collective wisdom of the AA program and the people in it have been the framework for my faith in a higher power.

The experience that I had in that front yard, fifty-one years ago, was all I needed to know to get on with the rest of the program. I pray to God every day to show me what to do and give me the strength to do it. I still do not know for sure who or what God is.

I use the word God only to describe the spiritual influence that AA has had on this drunk. I pray to God as I understand God, and he expresses himself in my consciousness. The only thing left for me to do is to separate the wheat from the chaff.

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God as We Understand Him

Alcoholics Anonymous came into existence in 1935 at a time when much of our society was centered around the churches in the communities where we lived. Much of the South and the Midwest are still like that to this day. As a child in my home town, on Sunday morning I could look out the window and see a great majority of my neighbors walking to church. That was the way it was in the early 1940's. The book, <u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u>, was published in 1939 and seems that it was highly influenced by the many early members of the program at that time.

A.A. could have, very easily become a religious program. But, fortunately, the elders of that time realized, by the mistakes of the Oxford Group, and the Washingtonians, that they had to make it clear that, a desire to stop drinking was the only requirement for membership, and that the individual members could choose their own concept of a power greater than themselves, i.e. God as we understand him.

In Tradition Two it says, "As He may express Himself in our group conscience" When the word God is used in the remainder of the book, it is not always followed by the "as we understand him" qualifier, and I believe that many members get the idea that somehow, they are trying to push religion on them. I think that's understandable.

When I was faced with that possibility, I personally found it easy enough to read the black part of the pages in the book and to not let myself become distracted by what I now recognized as a cultural norm at the time. I had no problem setting aside my religious bias and recognizing the parts of the Big Book and the 12×12 that clearly state all of the options available when it comes to finding a "power greater than myself", and I can name several right off top.

Alcohol itself was my higher power for a long time and still would be if hadn't gotten into the program.

My <u>EGO</u> ran my life for quite awhile until I got serious about life issues.

The A.A. program itself. I found myself spiritually lost when I surrendered and entered the program of Alcoholics Anomous and when faced with the need to come to terms with the Higher Power issue, I now realize why it took such a long time to settle this subject.

Years of drinking and an underdeveloped thinking process that was hard to get up to speed right away. As I got more familiar with the Big Book, and the 12×12, I started to uncover all the evidence that debunked the idea that I had to conform to any religious doctrine. In the 12×12 I read on page 26, "Alcoholics Anonymous does not demand that you to believe anything." On belief, "to acquire it, I had only to stop fighting and practice the rest of A.A.'s program as enthusiastically as I could." (p 27)

Also on page 26 where it states, "Take it easy. The hoop you have to jump through is a lot wider than you think..... A one-time vice-president of the American atheist Society ... got through with room to spare" Then on page 33 of the 12×12 it says "Therefore, Step Two is the rallying point for all of us. Whether agnostic, atheist, or former believer, we can stand together on this step."

Today I am very comfortable with my own concept of a Higher Power and I use the word God only to put a name on a concept that has no physical form and I might say that it expresses itself in the collective conscience of the world we live in. I can assure you that if you read these qualifiers and practice the rest of the principals of the program, as enthusiastically as you can, you will come to terms with a personal concept of a higher power as well as any of us.

"Surrender has nothing to do with giving up. It means to stop fighting."

"The Gift of Sobriety," Carrollton, Texas, February 1993, AA Grapevine





THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings "Each AA has been an individual who, because of his alcoholism, could seldom govern himself. Nor could any other human being govern the alcoholic's obsession to drink, his drive to have things his own way ... Yet we alcoholics can be led, we can be inspired."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., January 1947, "Will AA Ever Have a Personal Government?", The Language of the Heart





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Licenses/Permits	200	200
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Payroll	2,331	4,662
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Printing	-	
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	3,095	6,055
Insurance	-	
Rent	500	500
Sales Tax	561	561
Telephone/www	214	431
Utilities	100	100
Computer Equipment	-	
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Accounting Services	-	142
<u>Total Expenses</u>	7,217	14,105
Net Ordinary Income	\$718	(367)
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