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Hill Country Intergroup

God's Will for Us?

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Tradition Two

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

Sooner or later, every AA comes to depend upon a Power grater than himself. He finds that the God of his understanding is not only a source of strength, but also a source of *positive direction*. Realizing that some fraction of that infinite resource is now available, his life takes on an entirely different complexion. He experiences a new inner security together with such a sense of destiny and purpose as he has never known before. As each day passes, our AA reviews his mistakes and vicissitudes. He learns from daily experience what his remaining character defects are and becomes ever more willing that they be removed. In this fashion he improves his conscious contact with God.

Every AA group follows this same cycle of development. We are coming to realize that each group, as well as each individual, is a special entity, not quite like any other. Though AA groups are basically the same, each group does have its own special atmosphere, its own peculiar state of development. We believe that every AA group has a conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership. Daily experience informs and instructs this conscience. The group

begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction for its own affairs. Trial and error produces group experience, and out of

think that Alcoholics Anonymous is, to some extent, a new form of human society. In our discussion of the First Tradition, it was emphasized that we have, in AA, no coercive human authority. Because each AA, of necessity, has a sensitive and responsive con-



corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then that custom forms into AA Tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience.

We humbly hope and believe that our growing AA Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us.

Many people are coming to

science, and because alcohol will discipline him severely if he backslides, we are finding we have little need for man-made rules or regulations. Despite the fact that we do veer off at times on tangents, we are becoming more able to depend absolutely on the long-term stability of the AA group itself. With respect to its own affairs, the collective conscience of the group will, given time, almost surely dem-

Ask Sober Man



**Ask
Sober
Man**

There is no such thing as Ask Sober Man. It is just a reminder that we could have a monthly column published here with questions, answers, comments or scheduled events in the Austin area. We would love to have someone involved in carrying out this important job. It has been a wish of ours for several years now.

Maybe it's time for you to get involved in this way! Maybe you have always wished we did a better job in this area and have some suggestions or comments to add. We would love to hear from you. How about anybody wanting to write an article describing your home group or new group you have started? How about some-

body who's excited about the work being done with drunks on the evening hotline or twelve step calls you've been on recently? Our main purpose here is to facilitate twelve step work and if you have an idea for this space, please write us at austinnaa@austin.rr.com.



Step Two

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

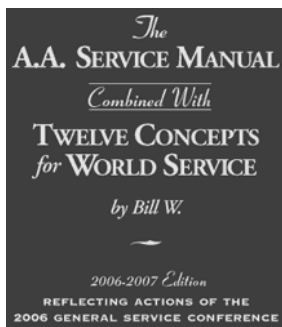


Twelve Concepts for World Service

AA's Twelve Steps are principles for personal recovery. The Twelve Traditions ensure the unity of the Fellowship. Written by co-founder Bill W. in 1962, the *Twelve Concepts for*

World Service provide a group of related principles to help ensure that various elements of AA's service structure remain responsive and responsible to those they serve.

The "short form" of the Twelve Concepts was approved by the 1971 General Service Conference.



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onstrate its perfect dependability. The group conscience will, in the end, prove a far more infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual member, however good or wise he may be. This is a striking and almost unbelievable fact about Alcoholics Anonymous. Hence we can safely dispense with those exhortations and punishments seemingly so necessary to other societies. And we need not depend

overmuch on inspired leaders. Because our active leadership of service can be truly rotating, we enjoy a kind of democracy rarely possible elsewhere. In this respect we may be, to a large degree, unique.

Therefore we of Alcoholics Anonymous are certain that there is but one ultimate authority, “a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience.”

“The Language of the Heart”



Concept Two
The General Service Conference of AA has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

January Volunteers

Office	Pam R.	Hotline	Barb H.	Gene C.	Barb S.	Mike
Marty C.	Gordon D.	Donita T.	Jim H.	Jim H.	Myra H.	Darrius P.
Marla K.	Danny H.	Kathleen M.	Deb P.	Jamie D.	Kevin M.	Bob L.
Karin D.	Stephen N.	Kathy L.	Marty	Bob J.	Janna	Danny
Eileen B	Rob T.	Pam R.	Rob T.	Pete	Ann W.	Tonya
Gordon D.	Leslie Ann	Adrienne	Bosco	Holly H.	Gayle b.	Connie
Pete		Kevin M.	Clint R.	Deb J.	Patrick G.	Mike
Patty G.		Ian M.	Carol M.	Dave E.	Dan Y.	Tom K.
Billy C.		Leslie Ann D.	Chris S.	Tommy B.	Chris W.	
Bill A.		Jennifer E.	Gary B.	Laney B.	Linda	

Thank You!

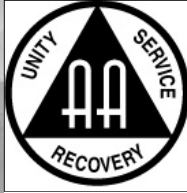
January Donations from Groups

Thank You!

Allandale	60	Kempner	22	North Austin 24	50	Turning Point	4
Bridge to Shore	465	Lake Travis Serenity	400	Northland	594	Western Trails	150
Burnet Noon	240	Liar's Club-Artz	40	Our Gang	150	Westlake	350
Central	60	Liar's Club-Spider House	74	Progress Not Perfection	89		
Courage to Change	58	Llano	75	Power Hour	25		
Desire to Stop	653	Lockhart-Into Action	30	Sat AM Serenity	53		
Dripping Springs	280	New Beginnings	81	Sisters in Sobriety	16		
Gattis School	16	New-Comers Kingsland	200	Suburban	15		
Keep First Things First	97	North 183	125	Things are Looking Up	12	Grand Total	4484

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*If you want to drink,
that's your business.
If you want to stop
And can't
that's our business.*



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Attention AA Members ! Join the Hill Country Intergroup's BIRTHDAY CLUB !

Bring in a suggested donation of
\$1 *or more* per year of sobriety to:

HCI 1339 Lamar Sq. Dr. #204 Austin, TX 78704

HCI will acknowledge you as a member of our
BIRTHDAY CLUB by **sending you an ID Card** and
by listing your name (1st name, last initial)

In this publication.

Intergroup Needs Volunteers-Now!

We have fallen short of our goal to have the office staffed on a regular basis by friendly volunteers. Twenty nine shifts were left uncovered in January. Imagine the times you have come to the office and no one was at the front desk! You are needed.

Come by and sign up to work the phone desk at the Intergroup Office.

Shifts are Monday thru Friday,
10AM-1PM
1PM-4PM
4PM-6PM

Call 444-0071

Or come by and sign up!

Twelve step calls,
Literature sales,
Friendly conversation,
Coffee,
Come by and sign up!

