

The Messenger



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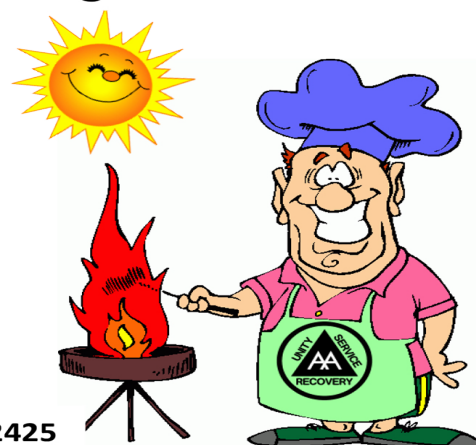
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Neglect, The Elephant in the Room Continuous Credibility Leads to Integrity

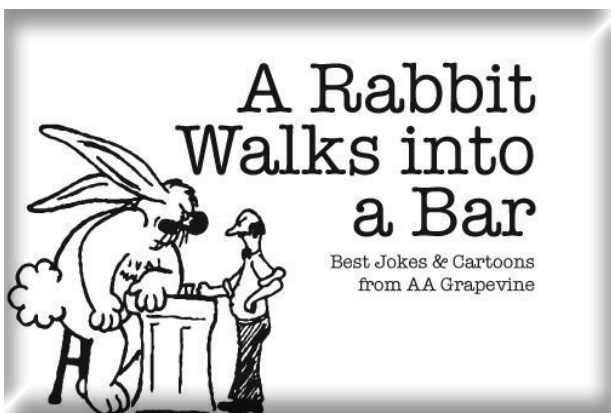
When we are satisfied that we have given steps one through five our best effort and have identified the most glaring defects of character and shortcomings, it is now time to affect the changes in the most obvious of our faulty thoughts and the behaviors that stem from those thoughts by addressing them 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 will want to set in place, principles to live by that cut off our own escape when we stumble and want to revert to that old way of thinking.

Most of us do this with the help of a sponsor or a mentor, if you like, and go by the book as best we can. I did what I thought was a thorough job of it, then one day, about thirty 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, 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 meetings over the years, I hear people telling how it is uncomfortable for them to leave the cart adrift in the parking lot, and we all get a big laugh out of it. Neglect, 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 is no one watching? If credibility is always doing what I say I am 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 to ignore the elephant in the room.

By Rick R.



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Those Other People I Am No Better or Worse

My life before alcoholic drinking was nothing to write home about. With very little supervision I did just about anything I wanted to do, and the things I wanted to do were nothing to be proud of. I was always looking over my shoulder, hoping not to get caught, and lying and cheating became a way of life for me. I violated the trust of anybody that seemed to care about me. I laid awake nights with my head spinning trying to come up with answers to questions that I expected people to ask me, and I wanted to have alibis to cover up my arrant behavior, and I knew that they weren't buying it. From the time I was eight years old, I can never remember a single night that I slept as a normal person sleeps. My brain was always spinning. Somewhere around the age of thirteen was the first time that I set out to get drunk and for the first time in years I experienced sound sleep. The effect that the alcohol had on me, aside from the throwing up, was incredible and from that day on I drank every chance I could, and the sleep issue was temporarily resolved except for those nights when I couldn't get anything to drink. That went on for the next fifteen years until the progression of alcoholism went through its course and I had lost more than I was willing to lose. I could no longer lie to myself that things were going to get better. I ran out of options, and I came to Alcoholics Anonymous, at the young age of twenty-eight, (Oct. 15, 1969) desperate and defeated, and believe it or not, have not wanted a drink since that very first day.

Initially, that didn't stop my brain from spinning, but I immediately saw the possibilities of working through the steps of the program on most of the damage I had caused. I was debating every issue, and I swear I could take either side of an argument and give you indisputable information on the subject. My Ego had me in competition with everyone. I needed to be right.

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WORDS FROM THE BIG BOOK

Returning home we find a place where we can be quiet for an hour, carefully reviewing what we have done. We thank God from the bottom of our heart that we know Him better.

Taking this book down from our shelf we turn to the page which contains the twelve steps. Carefully reading the first five proposals we ask if we have omitted anything, for we are building an arch through which we shall walk a free man at last. Is our work solid so far?

Are the stones properly in place? Have we skimmed on the cement put into the foundation? Have we tried to make mortar without sand? If we can answer to our satisfaction, we then look at Step Six.

We have emphasized willingness as being indispensable. Are we now ready to let God remove from us all the things which we have admitted are objectionable?

Can He now take them all—every one? If we still cling to something we will not let go, we ask God to help us be willing.

PG 75 and 76

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.

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Esta antología contiene 56 historias retiradas de las primeras tres ediciones en inglés del Libro Grande, Alcohólicos Anónimos, traducidas al español.

La membresía de Alcohólicos Anónimos continúa creciendo y cambiando, pero estas historias del pasado nunca perderán su vigencia. La historia esencial en A.A. —“cómo éramos, lo que pasó y cómo somos ahora”— es una constante.

Esa fórmula imperecedera para las charlas de AA sigue siendo tan válida en estas historias antiguas como lo es ahora en la reunión de la otra cuadra.

Aprobado por la Conferencia de Servicios Generales

*Actualmente, el PDF está disponible en español.

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Para obtener más información, envía un correo electrónico a: corrections@aa.org.

O puedes escribir a:

Correccionales,

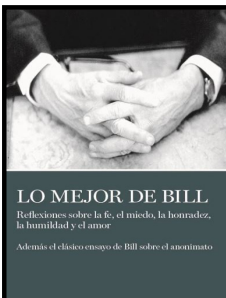
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GRUPO NUEVO PORVENIR

REUNION DE MUJERES
SABADOS 3 Y 17 DE JUNIO
DE 6:00PM A 7:30PM

LO MEJOR DE BILL

Esta nueva edición en español incluye los cinco ensayos clásicos escritos por AA co-fundador Bill W.

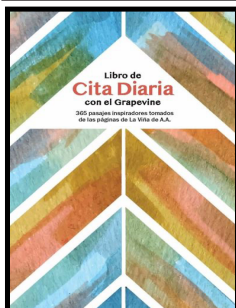


Y CADA DÍA VENIA A BUSCAR LA FELICIDAD EN EL FONDO DE UNA BOTELLA, FELICIDAD QUE JAMÁS LLEGÓ...



Libro De Cita Diaria con el Grapevine!

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Sean Bienvenidos a nuestra celebracion de Aniversario 2023 que se realizará el día 10 de Junio a las 8:00 pm en el local del GRUPO TRADICION 32 SW 21 Ct. Miami, FL 33125
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"Each day that your Group participates in the work of our local A.A. services, whether through those who "Contribute their Time" or Group Contributions, or Sobriety Contributions, something wonderful happens in A.A. When a newcomer calls us and finds your meeting, it is indeed a miracle. Your contributions show that you care about the services we as a fellowship provide and continued hope for the newcomer that reaches out for help. Words cannot fully express the deep gratitude about the energy that your A.A. Group devotes into carrying the message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic."



FAITHFUL FIVER FRIENDS are fellow A.A. members who contribute \$5.00 a month to the Intergroup Office as an act of gratitude. Their generosity help us to carry the message of A.A. to the still sick and suffering alcoholics throughout the year! THANK YOU TO OUR FAITHFUL FIVER'S....Your contributions are very much appreciated.
3 Anonymous.

THOSE OTHER PEOPLE.... (Cont. from pg. 3)

I found that I was no better or worse than anyone else, and that started me on my way. On page 268 in As Bill Sees It, is the topic "Those Other People" and I realized that I was causing my own problems, even when I was pointing out the faults of others. I had to lay down my arms and give everyone amnesty without exception. We all have problems, and I cannot be selective about who I do or do not accept or forgive. I am nobody's victim nor anybody's perpetrator. I had to quit keeping score; it's not a competition anymore. In cases where a person crosses my boundaries and I see no way of rectifying the problem, I can quietly withdraw from that situation without being critical of that other person. I also concluded that I am not a mind reader (imagine that) and that nothing good can come from a mixture of my faulty thinking and their faulty thinking. I need only to be understanding and caring. It is not necessary that they reciprocate. I am no longer threatened by what other people think or say about me. That's in the hands of something much greater than me. The People that "know me well", know me well, and that's more than enough for me.

I could go on and on with these examples of how I've addressed each one of my past problems with my thinking when it involves others who have problems as well as I have. I will accept any idea that is consistent with acceptance and forgiveness, and as a result, my head no longer spins. I can truly say that I experience peace of mind and a quiet heart almost without limits and, as always, I wish the same for Those Other People.

By Rick R.

"SUNSET GROUP" OLD TIMER'S POTLUCK!



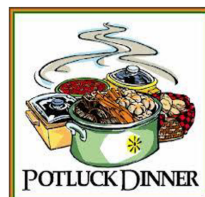
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JUNE 17th, 2023**

5:00pm to 9:00pm

**Bring your best dish & enjoy great
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If your group discontinues a meeting or changes its schedule time, please notify Intergroup as soon as possible at (305) 461-2425

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Further endorsements, opposing views and rebuttals to articles published are also welcomed. Also, please tell us how we can improve.

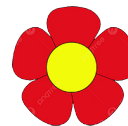
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- Concept Six -

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.



MAY

PALMETTO BAY

Veronica 1
Shelby 2
Jay 2
Javier 3
Chris B. 4
Erica R. 7
Kathy P. 15
Terry R. 15
Jill S. 27

SABAL PALM

Rob H. 1
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Marcos 2
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Jorge S. 7
Richard A. 7
Ron Y. 9
JoJo 9
Christina H. 11
Rachel V. 15
Bryan L. 20
Bill M. 25
Sergio F. 27

SOBER WAY OUT

Fatozi 1
Garret 2
Nichole Mc. 2
Steven R. 2
Jimmie M. 4
Robert J. 7
Robert P. 8
Brian M. 9
Veronica D. 9
Joel B. 12
Keila 13
Allie S. 19
Lisa P. 30
Frederick 40

MIXED NUTS

Tony I. 6
Jason S. 7

HOMESTEAD

Jay 2
Henry S. 14
George C. 15
IC B. 28
Gus B. 29
Douglas P. 41
Herbert P. 43
Ron H. 46

JUNE

MIXED NUTS

Eddie M. 1

MEETINGS IN RUSSIAN

Do you know any Russian-speaking friend, who has drinking problems?

Please invite them to our new 7pm

Sunday Russian-speaking

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.



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205 SW 23rd St.
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russianaa.florida@gmail.com

I was in this anything-but spiritual mood on the night when the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous were written.

I was sore and tired clear through.

I lay in bed at 182 Clinton Street with pencil in hand and with a tablet of scratch paper on my knee. I could not get

my mind on the job, much less put my heart in it.

But here was one of those things that had to be done.

Slowly my mind came into some kind of focus.

- Bill W.

Group Conscience/Business/Service Meetings

Brickell Group/3rd Thursday @ 1:05pm
Coral Gables Group/3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm
Good Morning Group/3rd Friday @ 11:00am
Happy 1060 Group/3rd Sunday @ 11:45am
Happy Hour Group/ 3rd Thursday @ 6:35pm
Homestead Group/3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm
Lincoln Road YP/3rd Sunday @ 7:00pm
Little River Group/2nd Sunday @ 7:00pm
Miami Young People/3rd Saturday @ 7:00pm
Mix Nuts Group/1st Monday @ 7:30pm
Palmetto Bay/3rd Wednesday @ 6:35pm
Primary Purpose/Last Wednesday @ 6:45pm
Quinto Paso/1st Monday @ 7:00pm
Sabal Palm/3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm
Sober Way Out/3rd Sunday @ 7:00pm
Something Happens/1st Saturday @ 10:00am
South Dade Group/3rd Wednesday @ 7:00pm
South Dixie Group/2nd Sunday @ 12:15pm
Sunset Group/2nd Friday @ 7:00pm
West Miami Group/3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm

Group Anniversaries

Almeria Group/Last Tuesday @ 7:30pm
Coral Gables Group/Last Monday @ 8:00pm
Grupo Central/Last Sunday @ 1:00pm
Good Morning Group/Last Friday @ 10:00am
Happy 1060 Group/Last Sunday @ 10:45am
Happy Hour Group/Last Friday @ 5:30pm
Homestead Group/Last Thursday @ 8:30pm
Key Biscayne Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm
Killian Pines Group/Last Friday @ 8:00pm
Lincoln Road YP/Last Sunday @ 7:00pm
Little River Group/Last Wednesday @ 8:30pm
Miami Springs/Last Monday @ 7:30pm
Miami Young People/Last Saturday @ 8:30pm
Mixed Nuts Group/Last Monday @ 8:30pm
Palmetto Bay Group/Last Saturday @ 5:30pm
Plymouth Group/Last Wednesday @ 7:00pm
Primary Purpose/Last Saturday @ 8:30pm
Sabal Palm Group/Last Sunday @ 7:00pm
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