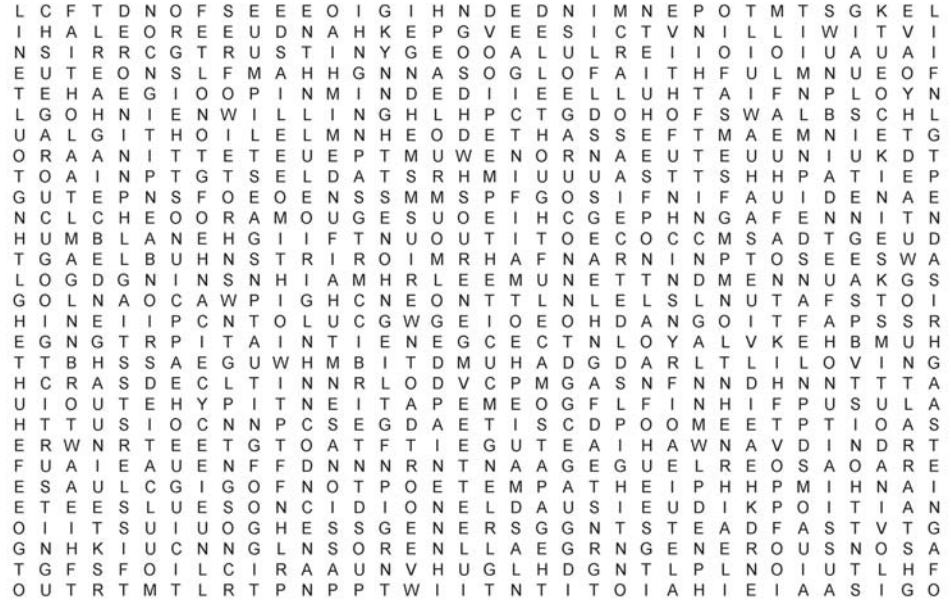


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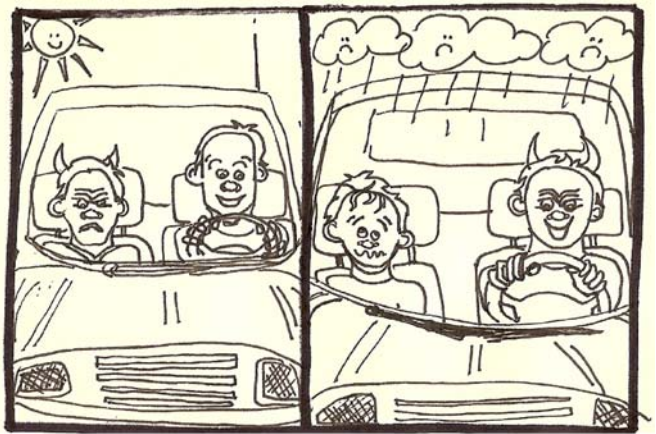
Find the seventeen spiritual principals in the puzzle!



Special Prayer

God, grant me your grace and fill my being with your will to empower myself to become a better me. - Terry L.

Cartoon



Who's Driving? (By Carolyn S.)



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4th Step: I wanna be free:

"We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

"We begin to see and understand the truth about ourselves, our motives and our patterns"

This statement comes from It Works How and Why and it solidifies what the fourth step is all about. The river of denial finally began to recede and I began to see the reality of who I am, and who I am not. I began to realize there is usually a reason I did anything and that reason usually revolved around the spiritual part of the disease, my total self-centeredness. I am so grateful I had a sponsor to help me see the patterns that made the tapestry of my life so confusing to me. If family and friends were confused by my actions, I was in total oblivion as to why I kept doing what I did.

Any member who has not written, worked and lived through the fourth step is denying themselves the process that takes us from confusion to clarity, from resentment to forgiveness, and from spiritual confinement to spiritual freedom. (It Works...p. 47)

Since the only promise NA offers is freedom, I pray that we all make and accept this crucial turning point in our lives. Life changes after the fourth step. If recovery is an active change in our ideas and attitudes, then allow the fourth step to renew the process of recovery again and again.

- Cornelius H.



Mission Statement: With gratitude in our recovery, we dedicate our newsletter in the loving service of our Higher Power. That through the development of a conscious contact with God, no addict need die without a chance to find a better way of life. We remain trusted servants in gratitude and loving service.

4th Tradition: We wanna be free!

"Each group should be autonomous, except in manners affecting other groups or NA as a whole."

HELP MEEEEEE!!!! - your humble typing monkey. See email!

- It Works How and Why p 149

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Sharing:

I'm Eileen and I'm an addict. I'm fifty years old and have not used drugs since May 24, 2002, something I never thought was possible. My drug of choice was whatever I could get. I could not accept my addiction when I first found the rooms of Narcotics Anonymous. I had a good job, a roof over my head, a car and money in the bank, proof to me that I wasn't an addict. But of course my life was completely out of control: I could not function at my job, I was caught up in an abusive relationship, my home was dirty and disorganized and I did more and more things I'd vowed never to do.

In the rooms, my first moments of clarity came when I realized that I was not alone or unique, my life could change and I did not have to be miserable. What a blessed relief to understand that I did not have to try to control my life and that a Higher Power was there to guide me. I've learned to accept that recovery involves work that I don't always want to do. Regular meeting attendance, sponsorship and service work, especially H & I, have been vital to my recovery. My sponsor often reminds me that there are only two rules: 1. using is not an option, period. 2. allowing my disease to disrupt my daily routines is not permissible, whether it's making my bed or going to work. It's that simple. I have been blessed with the chance of following a new path without using drugs and I will be forever grateful to NA for giving this to me.

Inspiration:

All members of a service body have substantial responsibility for that body's decisions; therefore, all of them should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes. NA is a team effort. The full participation of each member of the team is of great value as we seek to express the collective consensus of the whole. In an atmosphere of love, mutual respect, and frank, open discussion, each service body will want to ask for guidance directly from the groups. - *12 Concepts for NA Service*

Milestones

Anniversaries

Jim R, six months clean on 10/8 and on September 20, began serving Inner Serenity as co-chair. Thank You NA- Jim
Paul C. - 10-12-92 - 14 Years
Ray - 9-29-92 - 14 Years
Carolyn S. - 10-25-2004 - 2 Years

Activities

October

Friday 10/13/2006

West Suburbs N.A. Bowling for Unity 10:30 P.M. till 12:30A.M. Brunswick Zone
1555 W 75th St Woodridge, IL

Saturday 10/14/2006

Recovery in Maywood Group 3rd Annual Non-Profanity Speakathon 10 am - 5 pm
Rock of Ages Church Recovery Center 14th and Madison Maywood, IL

Saturday 10/21/2006

COS XI Circle of Sisters Speaker and Dance Fundraiser 8 pm speaker, 9pm Dance
till 2 am Joyful Noise

7508 Saginaw Chicago, IL \$7 admission at the door. See flyer for details

Lake Borderline Area Convention Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast Breakfast at 10
am, Speaker at 10:45 am

Memorial UMC 2935 Sheridan Rd Zion, IL Cost \$5

Saturday 10/28/2006

West Suburbs Halloween Party 7 pm speaker, 8 pm - midnight dance Prince of
Peace Church

1213 Army Trail Rd Addison, IL \$6 suggested donation

South Suburbs Boo Fest 7:00 Speaker 8:00 Dance Worth Park District
115 Beloit Worth \$7 Costume dance with prizes for best costume.

November

Friday 11/3/2006

Joliet Area Bowling 9:30 pm Strike and Spare
811 Northern Dr Lockport, IL

Saturday 11/4/2006

CRSC Region The Mask Has To Go Black Tie Affair 7 pm - 12 am Ramada
Plaza 5615 N Cumberland Chicago, IL

Admission \$35. Dinner, Dancing, Speaker, Skit See flyer for more information

Friday 11/10/2006

West Suburbs N.A. Bowling for Unity 10:30 P.M. till 12:30A.M. Brunswick Zone
1555 W 75th St Woodridge, IL

The Voice of NA in the Chicago North Area needs YOU to share your news, experience, strength and hope. Please see a subcommittee member or contact us at TheVoiceofNA@aol.com, or phone 847-970-2141

Useful Information:

- *CSO Hours have changed as of Sept 1st, check the website for more information.
- *New meeting: "New Way of Life" Friday, 7-8 pm, 5537 N. Broadway

For more information regarding Activities, please refer to
<http://chicagona.org> or phone 708-848-4052