

Concept 1

- 1) Have the Trustees, Delegates, and DCM's decided to assume a hold on the ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services?
- 2) Why and by what authority has this been done?
- 3) Do the Trustees, Delegates, and DCM's no longer believe that our Fellowship is a spiritualized society characterized by enough enlightenment, responsibility, love of man, and of God to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions?

Concept 2

- 1) Have the Trustees, Delegates, and DCM's now assumed the supreme power to alter the world service structure, and criticize its operation?
- 2) Have the Trustees, Delegates, and DCM's decided they will delegate operational authority to the AA members and groups?
- 3) Have the Trustees, Delegates, and DCM's decided to ignore the principle of "final say"? ("the ultimate sanction in matters of large importance—has not been given to the Trustees alone.")

Concept 3

- 1) Have the Trustees, Delegates, and DCM's used the principle of "Right of Decision" as justification to avoid bringing world service changes, such as literature, to the AA groups at the top of the inverted pyramid, which have ultimate responsibility and final authority?
- 2) Have the Trustees, Delegates, and DCM's violated the principle of "mutual trust" upon God, A.A., and each other, which our entire A.A. program squarely rests?
- 3) Have the Trustees, Delegates, and DCM's demonstrated an over-reaching of responsibility and authority, specifically literature that cracks the foundation of our AA Recovery Program, that we need a nationwide replacement of delegates and total censure of our Trustees?

Concept 4

- 1) Have the Trustees, Delegates, and DCM's rejected the ideal of "spiritual corporation", treating the AA members and groups as "second class A.A.'s", by denying their "Right of Participation," especially on issues that will likely erode and dilute the integrity and continuity of our A.A. Message on pages 1-164 of the 'Big Book'?

Concept 5

- 1) In the spirit of the principles of "Right of Appeal" & "Right of Petition," have the Trustees filed a minority report regarding atheist/agnostics that demonstrates the majority of A.A. to be in error, and making a grave decision that could seriously affect A.A. as a whole, by denying literature that focuses on atheist/agnostic alcoholic recoveries that are the result of No Higher Power, No God, or any other reference to a Non-Spiritual basis of life?
 - a) If so, where is it?
 - b) If so, why has it been kept quiet and not distributed to DCM's and GSR's?
 - c) If so, do the delegates/DCM's have this report?
 - d) What was the criteria for the minority to form such a committee, and dispense such a report?
 - e) If so, does the report detail how the majority is uninformed, misinformed, hasty, or angry with regard to the publication of literature that would be completely opposite of our A.A. recovery program in our basic text, Alcoholics Anonymous, pages 1-164?
- 2) Have the Trustees, Delegates, and DCM's decided that the A.A. recovery program, as described in the first portion of our volume Alcoholics Anonymous, would be more effective with subsequent literature, either as a pamphlet or appendix, that is completely contradictory to this basic text?
- 3) Have the Trustees, Delegates, and DCM's become so disillusioned with our basic text that they believe it somehow creates membership barriers and forces AA members to believe/do anything?

Concept 6

- 1) Have the Trustees assumed too much authority from the delegates, or have the Delegates given too much authority to the Trustees, especially in the area of written and published conference-approved literature, hence all subsequent literature, (i.e. booklets and pamphlets)?

Concept 7

- 1) Has there been an unhealthy co-mingling of the primary, superior "practical power" of the Delegates, and the secondary, subservient "legal power" of the Trustees?
- 2) With regard to subsequent literature, specifically an atheist/agnostic pamphlet or appendix, how are the Delegates recklessly and seriously injuring A.A.'s public relations or A.A. as a whole by voting to not write, print, and/or publish this piece of literature, that the Trustees have used a legal right of veto, as well as not directly appeal to the A.A. group themselves?

Concept 8

- 1) Have the Trustees and/or Delegates been placed, or placed themselves with too much authority, that would allow the request/proposal for new or revised literature in any format, that may affect our AA recovery program, and AA as a whole?

Concept 9

- 1) With regard to our Trustees, Delegates, DCMs, and GSRs, are we seeing a situation of "good leadership within a poor structure", or "weak leadership within the best of structures"?
- 2) Have the Trustees, Delegates, DCMs, and GSRs, been selected without considering what the definitions are for a good service leader?
- 3) Have the Trustees, Delegates, DCMs, and GSRs been selected without carefully indicating what special skills will be required?
- 4) Have the Trustees forgotten that the Delegates, DCMs, and GSRs are the direct agents of the AA groups?
- 5) Have the Trustees forgotten that the Delegates, DCMs, and GSRs are the indispensable linkage between our Fellowship and its world service?
- 6) Have the Trustees forgotten that the Delegates, DCMs, and GSRs are the primary representatives of our AA's group conscience?
- 7) Have the Trustees forgotten that without the Delegates, DCMs, and GSRs we could not operate permanently at all?
- 8) Have the Trustees ignored this indispensable link to the Fellowship by percolating or disseminating from the bottom to the top, requests and proposals for new and revised literature which may affect our AA recovery program and AA as a whole?
- 9) Have the AA groups ignored their responsibility to select GSRs, and demonstrated careless, hit-and-miss methods, which forces Trustees and Delegates to default to an over-extension of the "Right of Decision" in Concept 3?
- 10) How has the leadership of Trustees and Delegates, formerly DCM's and GSR's, disintegrated into generationally less-informed GSR's of the care, responsibilities, and education necessary to be an effective GSR?
- 11) Have the Trustees and Delegates encouraged GSR Schools that do not start with, and actually ignore comprehensive education for the practical application of both the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts, followed by the same type of education on the Service Manual?
- 12) Have the AA groups ignored the most important primary question when selecting a GSR, hence "Who are the best people we can name?"
- 13) Have the Trustees ignored that they are firmly linked to AA and directly accountable to the Fellowship of AA?
- 14) Have the Trustees, Delegates, and DCMs been acting as power-drivers with regard to their request and proposal for new and revised AA literature that may affect our AA recovery program and AA as a whole?

- 15) Have the Trustees and Delegates demonstrated poor leadership by not consulting widely before making the decision and taking the action of requesting and proposing new and revised literature that may affect our AA recovery program and AA as a whole?
- 16) Have the Trustees and Delegates provided information, from the Bottom to the Top of the pyramid, that demonstrates how the implementation of new and revised literature, (i.e. atheist/agnostic pamphlet, sponsorship appendix, etc.), and the plan, policy, and ideas for it will improve our fellowship?
 - a. If so, where is it?
 - b. If so, why do the majority of Delegates and DCM's no nothing about it?
- 17) How did the Trustees and Delegates come to the belief that they had obtained enough backing for their ideas of new and revised AA literature, that they freely made the decision and took the action to request the Fellowship of AA to submit personal stories from atheist/agnostic AA members who have recovered on a non-spiritual or non-God basis, in order to create an AA pamphlet for recovery on such a basis?
- 18) Where is the information from the Trustees and Delegates that demonstrates the majority of AA is dead wrong in their rejection of AA atheist/agnostic literature that supports recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual or non-God basis?
- 19) Where is the information from the Trustees and Delegates that demonstrates that it is vital to the Fellowship of AA to produce AA atheist/agnostic literature that supports/encourages recovery on a non-spiritual, non-God basis?
- 20) Have the Trustees and Delegates decided to discreetly disseminate sensitive information and requests for new or revised literature which may affect the AA recovery program and AA as a whole, so as to avoid opposition which would call upon them to give good reasons for such changes?
- 21) Have the Trustees and Delegates been diligent in giving the AA members and groups ample opportunity to both understand and respond, with or without compromises, to these requests for new or revised literature which may affect our AA recovery program and AA as a whole?
- 22) Have the Trustees and Delegates given back the AA members and groups a response to such requests for compromise or no compromise to the printing, copyrighting, and publishing any new or revised AA literature which may affect the AA recovery program or AA as a whole?
- 23) Have the Trustees, Delegates, DCMs, and GSRs considered, that the stance of no compromise must be taken with regard to new literature which encourages, supports, or vindicates recovery from alcoholism through the AA recovery program on a non-spiritual, no-God, no-Higher Power basis?
 - a. That the AA recovery program suggests the only basis upon which alcoholics recover from alcoholism is on a spiritual basis and doesn't suggest any other basis for recovery from alcoholism?
 - b. That we already have a principle of compromise built into the ultra-liberty that we are granted under Tradition Four?
- 24) Have the Trustees and Delegates shared their Vision for both the immediate and distant future of AA as a whole, with or without new or revised AA literature, to AA members and groups?
- 25) Have the Trustees and Delegates used the "principles of estimate", illustrated in the essay for Concept Nine, before making requests for new or revised changes to AA literature may greatly affect the AA recovery program and AA as a whole?
 - a. With regard to effective, permanent recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, non-God basis, have the Trustees and Delegates looked at both past and present experience, and reported to the AA members and groups what that means to them holding these leadership positions?
 - b. With regard to effective, permanent recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, non-God basis, have the Trustees and Delegates been all-inclusive in the sharing their tentative ideas and policies with AA members and groups?
 - i. With regard to effective, permanent recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, non-God basis, have the Trustees and Delegates reported how these ideas/policies might work in the nearby future?

- ii. With regard to effective, permanent recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, non-God basis, have the Trustees and Delegates reported how these ideas/policies might apply under several different conditions that could arise over a longer future?
 - iii. With regard to effective, permanent recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, non-God basis, have the Trustees and Delegates reported their estimate of any potential for the nearby future advantages boomeranging into large liabilities for tomorrow?
 - iv. With regard to effective, permanent recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, non-God basis, have the Trustees and Delegates reported their estimated reaction of both the AA groups and general public, in both the short-term and the long-term?
- 26) With regard to effective, permanent recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, non-God basis, have the Trustees and Delegates considered that what is at stake here is a human life an alcoholic and the lives of their family?
- 27) With regard to effective, permanent recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, non-God basis, have the Trustees and Delegates considered that even with the basic textbook Alcoholics Anonymous, our “copyrighted” AA recovery program, on a spiritual basis, that nearly 95% of problem drinkers that come to the Fellowship of AA are not finding permanent recovery?
- a. With regard to effective, permanent recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, non-God basis, have the Trustees and Delegates considered that from the on-set many of these in the 95% category are being encouraged to not worry about recovering on an non-spiritual basis, for at least the first year, to rely on their home group, sponsor, being in service, and so forth, despite the presence of the our ‘Big Book?’
 - b. With regard to effective, permanent recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, non-God basis, have the Trustees and Delegates considered that many of these recovery processes on a non-spiritual basis within the Fellowship of AA, that 95% of problem drinkers are encouraged to embrace, are also found in subsequent AA literature in the form of pamphlets and booklets, serving as a major distraction from our AA recovery program found in our ‘Big Book’?

Concept 10

- 1) With regard to new and revised AA literature which may greatly affect our AA recovery program and AA as a whole, have the Trustees and Delegates defined what the emergency is that justified what appears to be the application of “*Ultimate Authority*” with a very discreet, percolated request to support the creation, production, and publication of such new and revised AA literature such as pamphlets/appendices for atheists/agnostics and sponsorship?
- 2) With regard to new and revised AA literature which may greatly affect our AA recovery program and AA as a whole, how did the Trustees and Delegates come to the decision of choosing this as an item, with potentially enormous affect on AA as a whole, that they would decide on their own, rather than referring it back to the AA groups?

Concept 11

- 1) With respect to our Trustees, Standing Committees, especially our Nominating Committee, have they fallen into the insidious, generational trend of suggesting nominees of lesser and lesser and caliber? Particularly those with less and less “A.A. Sense”?
- 2) With respect to our Trustees, Standing Committees, especially our Public Information Committee, is there a report projecting the affect on our place in the eye of various public institutions such as religion, medicine, employers, law enforcement, prisons, government, courts, mental health facilities and professionals, as well as media outlets of television, radio, print, and internet?
 - a. If so, where is the report?
 - b. If so, shouldn’t information on the impact of new and revised literature be passed up the pyramid to the AA groups?

- 3) With respect to our Trustees, Standing Committees, especially our Literature Committee, what is the changing condition of alcoholism, described as a “spiritual malady” and “spiritual disease,” manifested as a “mental obsession”, and “physical craving”, in our basic text *Alcoholics Anonymous*, that justifies the creation of new or revised literature published as pamphlets, appendices in the ‘Big Book’, or both, that dilutes or completely contradicts our “AA recovery program” in our basic text which produced recovery rates of 75%+?
 - a. If so, where is the report on this changing condition of alcoholism that doesn’t require a spiritual basis in order to recover?
 - b. If so, shouldn’t information on this changing condition of alcoholism be passed up the pyramid to the AA groups, before making request to AA members for stories of recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual basis to be put in a pamphlet or as an appendix?
- 4) With respect to our Trustees, Standing Committees, especially our Literature Committee, how does literature which supports the recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, no-God basis demonstrates an adequate and comprehensive view of A.A.?
- 5) With respect to our Trustees, Standing Committees, especially our Literature Committee, how does literature which supports the recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, no-God basis facilitate the principle means of A.A. recovery, unity, and service?
- 6) With respect to our Trustees, Standing Committees, especially our Literature Committee, how does literature which supports the recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, no-God basis keep our literature fully abreast of our urgent and vital progress?
- 7) With respect to our Trustees, Standing Committees, especially our Literature Committee, how does their wide AA experience lead them to the conclusion that we need literature which supports the recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, no-God basis and totally contradicts the basis of the recovery from alcoholism described in our basic text *Alcoholics Anonymous*?
- 8) Has the Literature Committee consulted with non-alcoholic trustees and people of religion who have supported AA, about their view of the publication of new or revised literature which supports the recovery from alcoholism on a non-spiritual, no-God basis for those that decide to maintain their atheism/agnosticism?
- 9) How can the Literature Committee claim they have surveyed a sufficient number of AA members, who are sensitive to AA feeling and reaction, when the majority of GSRs and DCMs that represent AA groups in California didn’t know anything about the request (see formal request doc) submitted from the Literature Committee?

Concept 12

- 1) Considering an overview of the Warranties of Concept 12, and the methods which have been employed to create new and revised AA literature, have the Trustees and Delegates disregarded the level of importance which has been put upon the Warranties is the same as the 12 Traditions?
 - a. Have the Trustees and Delegates become too much of a governing body?
 - b. Have the Trustees and Delegates acted as the absolute authority?
 - c. Have the Trustees and Delegates come to the conclusion that this won’t incite public controversy?
 - d. Have the Trustees and Delegates put themselves in a position to serve somebody else in order to keep a 501(3c) status?
 - e. Have the Trustees and Delegates disregarded the qualities of prudence and spirituality?
- 2) In terms of Warranty One, and the methods which have been employed to create new and revised AA literature, how have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion that we can now do “*without the spiritual power which flows from the activities and attitudes of truly humble, unselfish, and dedicated A.A. servants?*”
 - a. That this the real power, (i.e. spiritual power), no longer causes our Conference to function?
- 3) In terms of Warranty Three, and the methods which have been employed to create new and revised AA literature, how have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee

- come to the conclusion that they will now tolerate absolute human authority in random forms that they decide is necessary?
- a. In terms of Warranty Three, and the methods which have been employed to create new and revised AA literature, how have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion they are expressing deep and loving respect for the spiritual liberties of their fellows?
 - b. In terms of Warranty Three, and the methods which have been employed to create new and revised AA literature, how have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion that they are now wise enough to accept a basis for AA that is less than the God granted loving respect for spiritual liberties of their fellows?
- 4) In terms of Warranty Four, and the methods which have been employed to create new and revised AA literature, how have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion that this was not an important, critical enough decision to be discussed, extensively debated, and voted on by substantial unanimity?
- a. If this was done, then what did the Conference decide the requirements to be for substantial unanimity?
- 5) In terms of Warranty Five, and the methods which have been employed to create new and revised AA literature, how have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion that alcohol will no longer cut down the vast majority of AA's if they fail to follow sound spiritual principles?
- a. How have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion that these actions will not create a deep rift that runs across all of AA, which may involve the withdrawal of some of our membership into a new society?
 - b. How have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion that when alcoholics show up among us and say they don't like our AA principles, we should no longer say, "Maybe your case is different. Why don't you try something else?"
- 6) In terms of Warranty Six, and the methods which have been employed to create new and revised AA literature, how have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion that they have not performed an act of government?
- a. How have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion that this will not injure AA as a whole?
 - b. How have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion that atheist/agnostics and their specific AA groups are not already safe and protected to do as they please by Tradition Four and Warrant Six, as well as Tradition Three protecting their membership?
 - c. How have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion that alcoholics and their groups, will no longer face dissolution and death for non-conformity to AA's 12 Steps (i.e. "...a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps...), and 12 Traditions?
 - d. How have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion that they can now take authoritative acts which may curtail AA's freedom under God?
 - e. How have the Trustees, Delegates, and Literature Committee come to the conclusion that the Freedom under God to grow in His likeness and image no longer needs to be the quest of every AA?