

THE TWELVE TRADITIONS OF A.A.

- 1) **Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.**
- 2) **For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.**
- 3) **The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.**
- 4) **Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.**
- 5) **Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.**
- 6) **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.**
- 7) **Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**
- 8) **Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.**
- 9) **A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.**
- 10) **Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.**
- 11) **Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.**
- 12) **Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.**

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