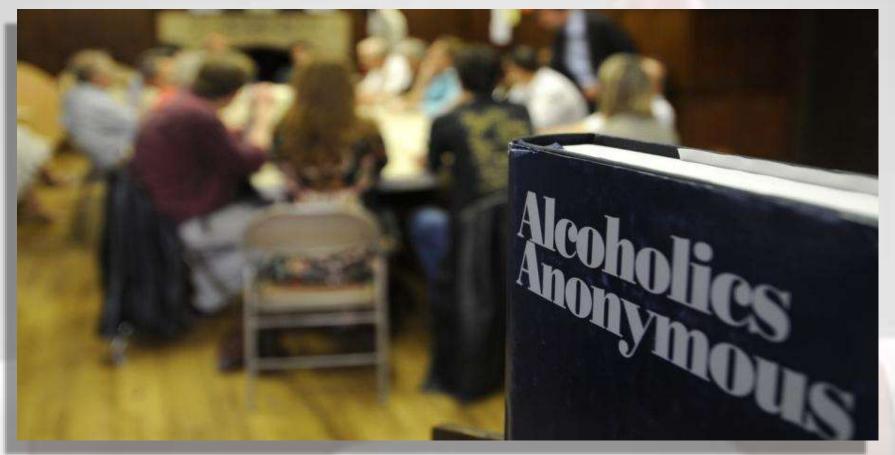
# Alcoholics Anonymous - A Support Group For Alcoholism



TWELVE STEPS Towards life

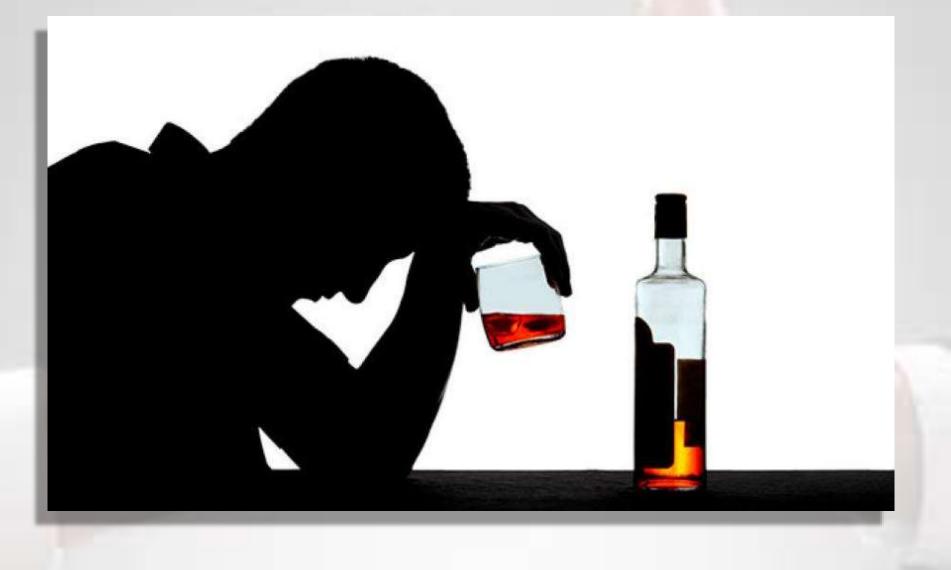


# Alcoholism

- Alcoholism is the most severe form of alcohol abuse and involves the inability to manage drinking habits.
- It is also commonly referred to as alcohol use disorder.



### Alcoholism



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- Individuals struggling with alcoholism often feel as though they cannot function normally without alcohol.
- This can lead to a wide range of issues and impact professional goals, personal matters, relationships and overall health.

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### Warning Signs of Alcoholism

- When alcohol addiction is discovered in its early stages, the chance for a successful recovery increases significantly.
- **Common signs of alcoholism include:**
- Being unable to control alcohol consumption
- Craving alcohol when you're not drinking
- Putting alcohol above personal responsibilities
- Feeling the need to keep drinking more
- Spending a substantial amount of money on alcohol
- Behaving differently after drinking

### Warning Signs of Alcoholism

- Drinking in the morning
- Drinking at work/school
- Missing work or school
- Loss of friends/family
- Drinking alone
- Hiding alcohol
- Lying
- Problems at school /work
- Frequent blackouts
- Neglecting responsibilities
- Malnutrition
- Moodiness
- Legal trouble
- Developing a stronger tolerance
- Lack of interest in hobbies



Intoxication: Drunk Sober: Not drunk

Video: When you live in an alcoholic family

### Warning Signs of Alcoholism



### **Reasons Why People Drink**

- Many factors can increase the risk of alcohol abuse.
- While there are various reasons as to why people start drinking, some of the most common are to:



## **Reasons Why People Drink**

- Relieve stress
- Since alcohol is a depressant and a sedative, drinking produces feelings of pleasure. However, frequent drinking builds tolerance, requiring you to consume more alcohol in order to achieve the same effects.

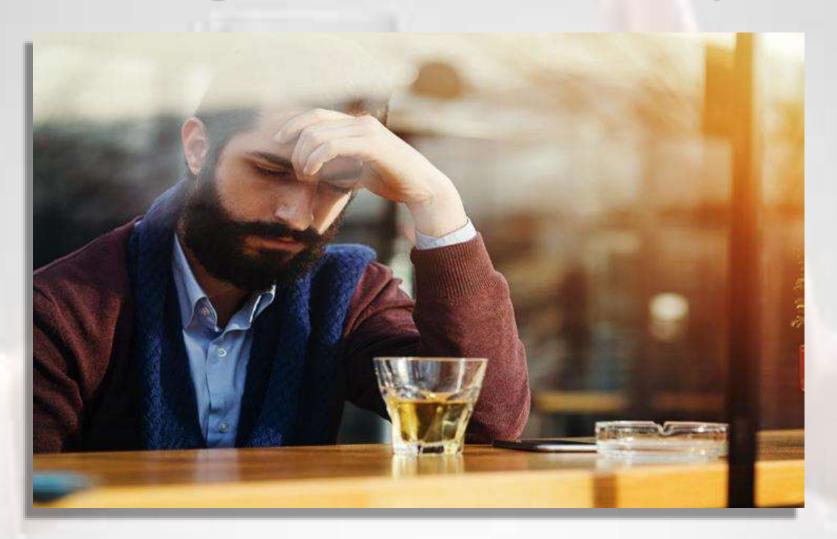
### **Relieve Stress**



### **Reasons Why People Drink**

- Feel Good
- Consuming alcohol can provide some people a break from reality. It offers a sense of relief from underlying issues your mind may be trying to escape from.

#### **Consuming Alcohol Can Provide Some People A Break From Reality**



# **Reasons Why People Drink**

- Cope With Loss
- Losing a family member or friend can take a toll on you emotionally, physically and mentally.
- Alcohol can ease the grief you are feeling and is used to get through difficult times.

#### **Cope With Loss**



### **Reasons Why People Drink**

- Overcome Anxiety
- Some people are naturally anxious, causing them to perpetually worry.
- Drinking lowers an individual's inhibitions and makes them more comfortable in social situations.

### **Overcome Anxiety**





- Drinking too much on a single occasion or long-term – can take a serious toll on your health.
- Some effects of alcohol may have a minor effect on your health, while others can be severe or life-threatening

Alcohol has been identified as a causal factor in more than

# 60 Medical conditions

#### including:

- mouth, throat, stomach, liver and breast cancers
- depression
- stroke
- cirrhosis of the liver
- heart disease

- pancreatitis
- liver disease

- Several short-term effects of alcohol abuse may produce:
- Slow reaction time
- Poor reflexes
- Reduce brain activity
- Lowered inhibitions
- Blurry vision
- Difficulty breathing
- Restlessness









- Additionally, consuming too much alcohol can affect your long-term health.
- Here are some of the long-term health conditions caused by alcohol:
- Brain defects, including Wernicke- Korsakoff syndrome
- Liver disease
- Diabetes complications
- Heart problems
- Increased risk of cancer
- Vision damage
- Bone loss

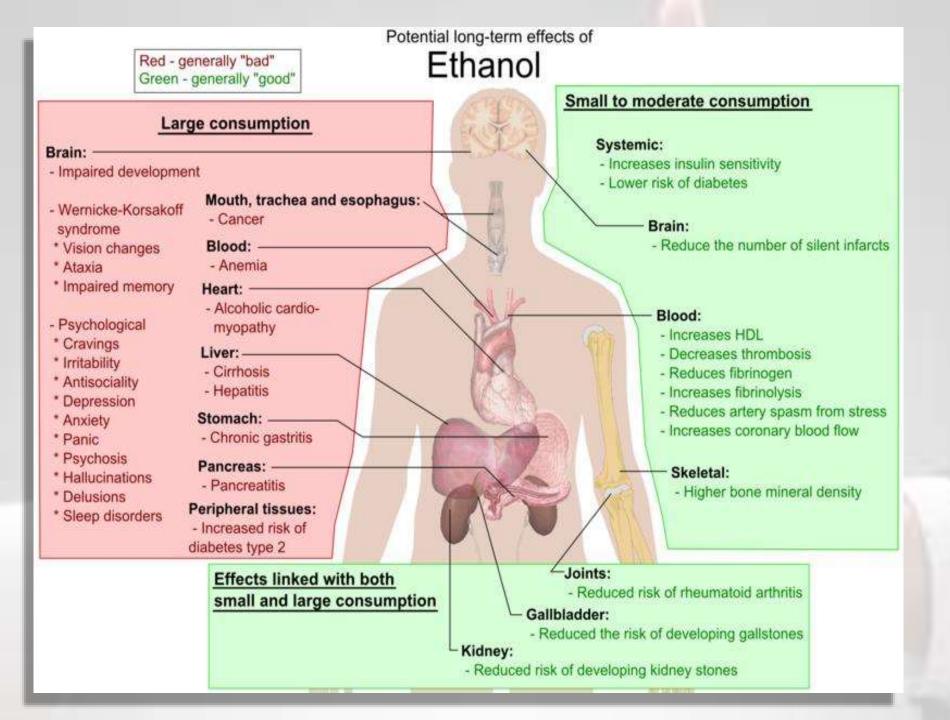
### Wernicke- Korsakoff syndrome

#### Korsakoff's Syndrome

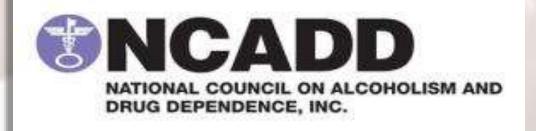
- Characterized by amnesia, creation of new memories, apathy
- Both of these diseases are caused by vitamin B1 (thiamine) deficiencies, simultaneous occurrence makes wernicke-korsakoff disorder







 As the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence discusses, the following are some of the ways in which problem drinking affects family members, employers, colleagues, fellow students, and others:



• *Neglect of important duties*: Alcohol impairs one's cognitive functions and physical capabilities, and this, at some point, will likely result in neglect of responsibilities associated with work, home life, and/or school.



- Needing time to nurse hangovers: Alcohol has various short-term side effects, such as hangovers.
- The physical state of a hangover may be temporary, but it can significantly disrupt a person's ability to meet commitments as well as invite unhealthy behaviours, such as poor eating and a lack of exercise.

### Needing time to nurse hangovers



 Encountering legal problems: Drinking can increase a person's likelihood of getting into fights, displaying disorderly conduct in public, driving under the influence, and becoming involved in domestic disputes or violence.

### Encountering legal problems



• *The inability to stop at will*: Alcohol is an addictive substance and can lead to physical dependence.



#### **Treatment for Alcoholism**

- Choosing to seek help for an alcohol addiction is one of the biggest decisions you will face.
- Alcohol treatment is broken into three sections, consisting of:

#### **Treatment for Alcoholism**



#### **Treatment for Alcoholism**

- Detoxification
- The first stage in alcohol addiction recovery is detoxification.
- This phase should be completed with the help of medical professionals due to the potential for serious, uncomfortable withdrawal symptoms. Many times, individuals are given a medication to help alleviate the painful side effects of a withdrawal.

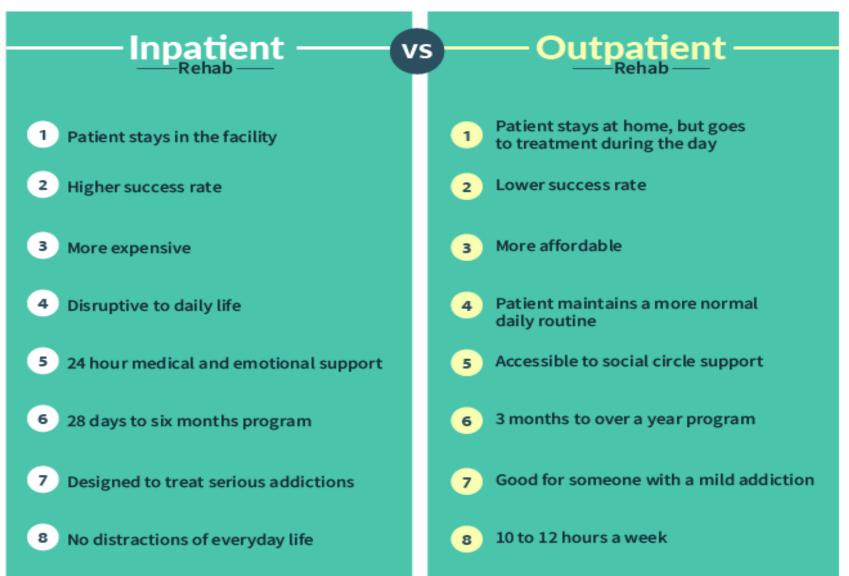
## Detoxification



#### **Treatment for Alcoholism**

- Rehabilitation
- There are two types of rehabilitation that help treat alcoholism: inpatient rehab and outpatient rehab.
- Inpatient rehabs are intensive treatment programs that require you to check into a facility for a certain period of time, usually 30, 60 or 90 days. Outpatient rehab allows individuals to participate in a recovery program while continuing with their daily life.

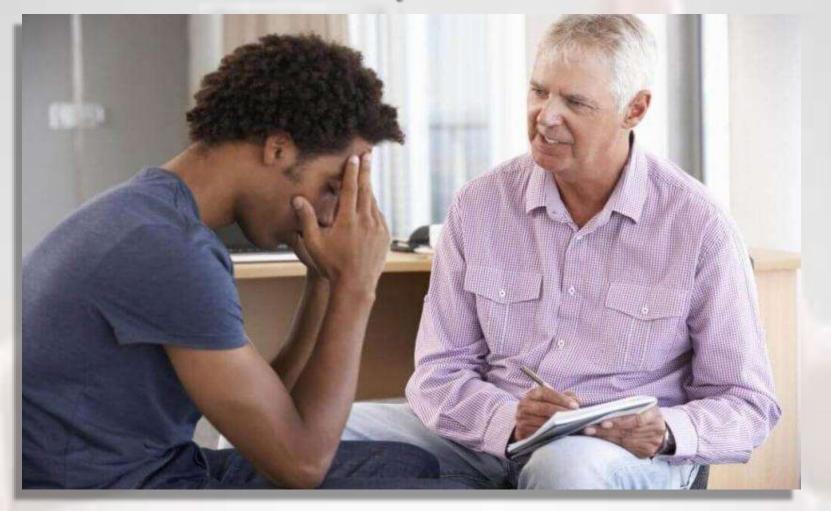
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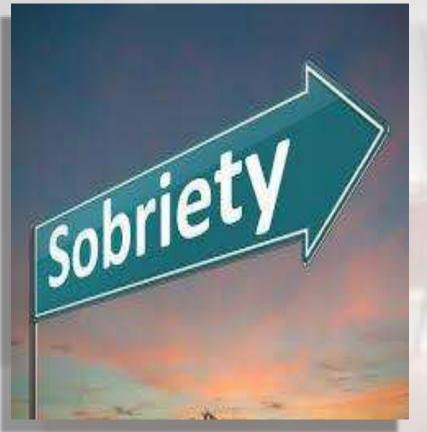
#### **Treatment for Alcoholism**

- Maintenance
- The recovery process doesn't end with the completion of rehab.
- Long-term sobriety requires ongoing therapy and may entail support groups, counselling and other recovery resources. These will make sure you maintain sobriety and continue on a happy, healthy path for months and years to come.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is an international mutual aid fellowship whose stated purpose is to "enable its members to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety"

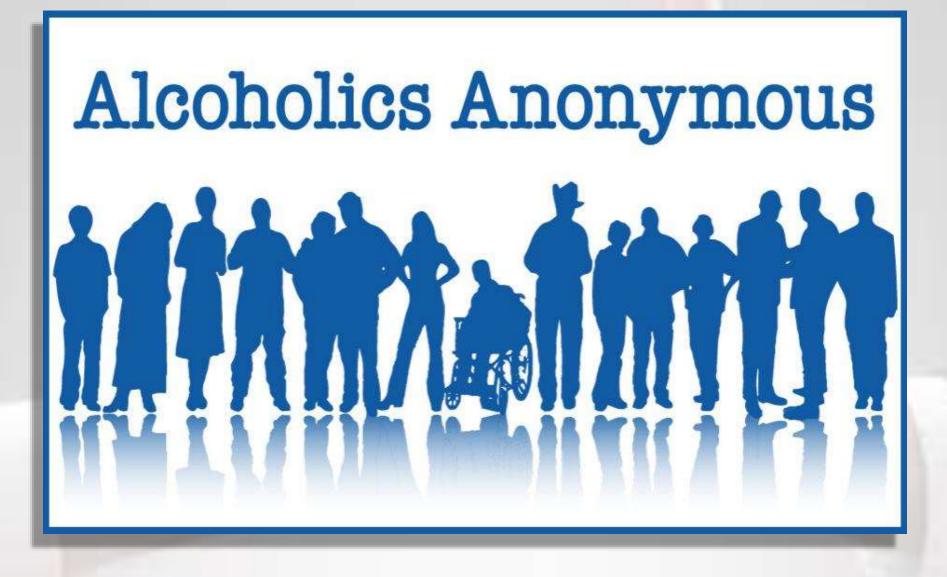




#### The Definition of So·bri·e·ty 🕸

[suh-brahy-i-tee] noun 1. The state or quality of being sober.

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- It was founded in 1935 by Bill Wilson and Bob Smith in Akron, Ohio.
- With other early members, Wilson and Smith developed AA's Twelve Step program of spiritual and character development.
- AA's initial Twelve Traditions were introduced in 1946 to help the fellowship be stable and unified while disengaged from "outside issues" and influences.

#### Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous: Bill Wilson and Bob Smith

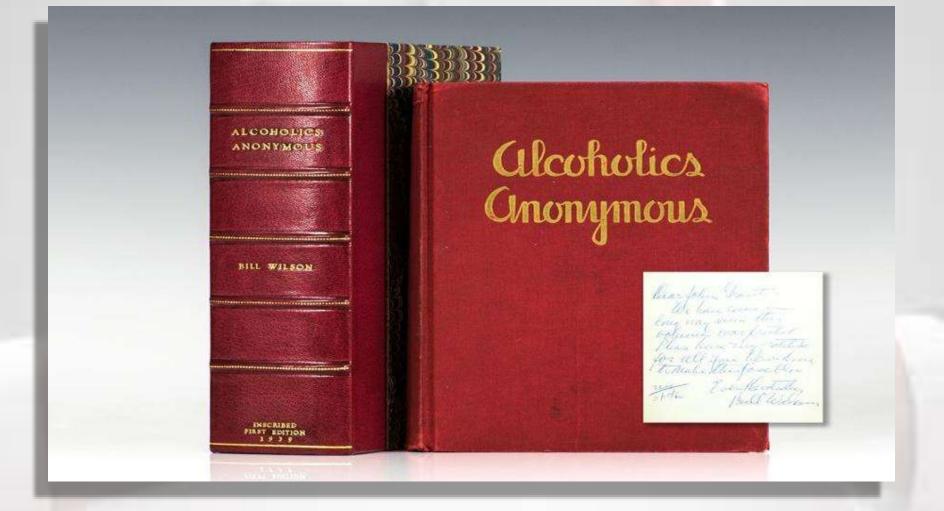


• The Traditions recommend that members remain anonymous in public media, altruistically help other alcoholics, and that AA groups avoid official affiliations with other organizations.



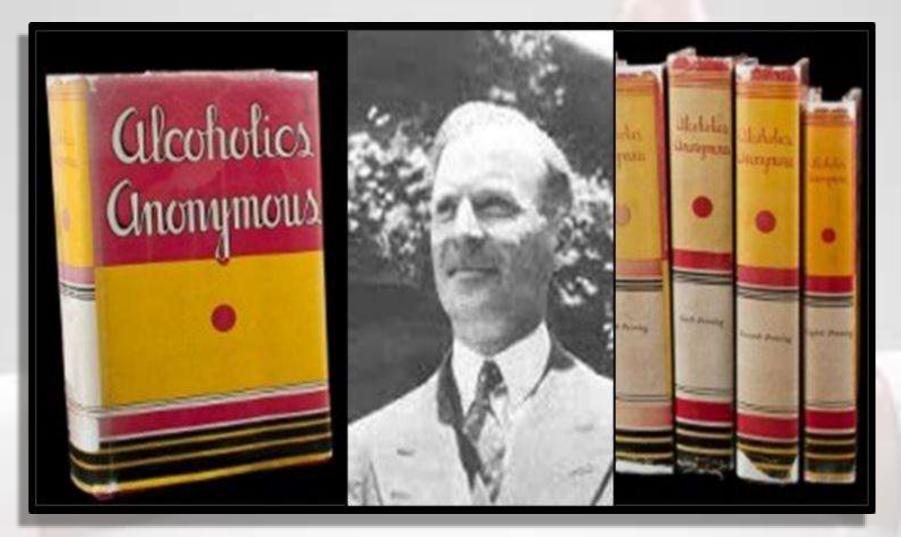
• AA's name is derived from its first book, informally called "The Big Book", originally titled Alcoholics Anonymous: The Story of How More Than One Hundred Men Have Recovered From Alcoholism.

## "The Big Book"



 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS is a worldwide fellow-ship of more than one hundred thousand alcoholic men and women who are banded together to solve their common problems and to help fellow sufferers in recovery from that age-old, baffling malady, alcoholism.

## **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

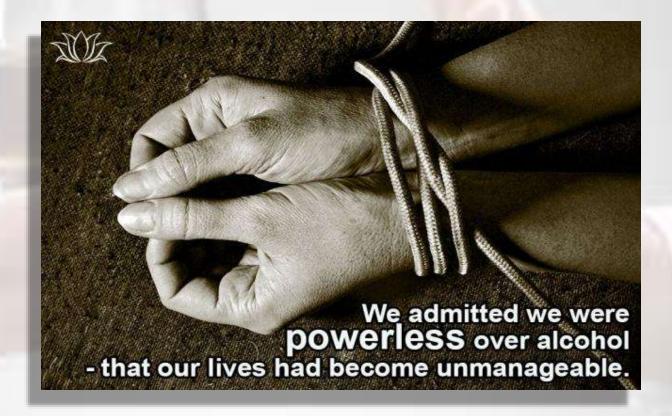


• A.A.'s Twelve Steps are a group of principles, spiritual in their nature, which, if practiced as a way of life, can expel the obsession to drink and enable the sufferer to become happily and usefully whole.

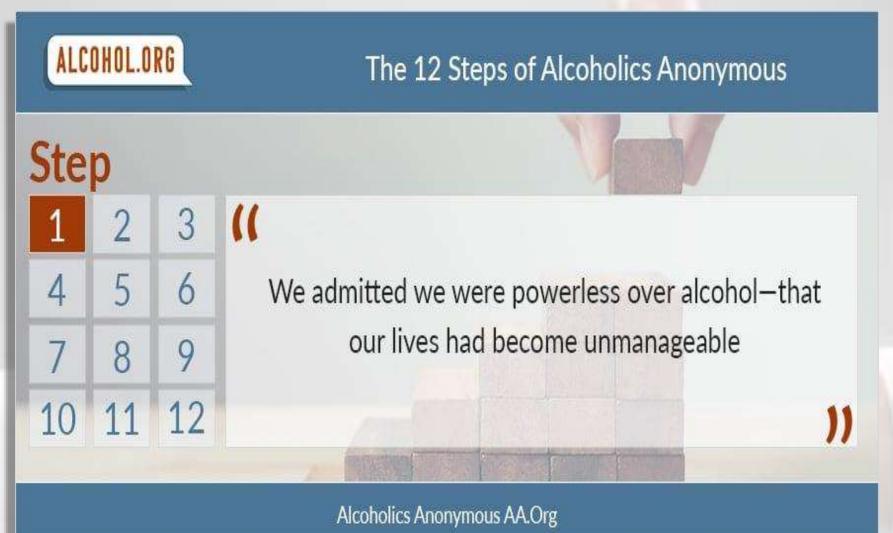


## **Step One**

# *"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol —that our lives had become unmanageable."*



## **Step One**



## **Step One**

- WHO cares to admit complete defeat? Practically no one, of course. Every natural instinct cries out against the idea of personal powerlessness.
- It is truly awful to admit that, glass in hand, we have warped our minds into such an obsession for destructive drinking that only an act of providence can remove it from us.

### **Step Two**

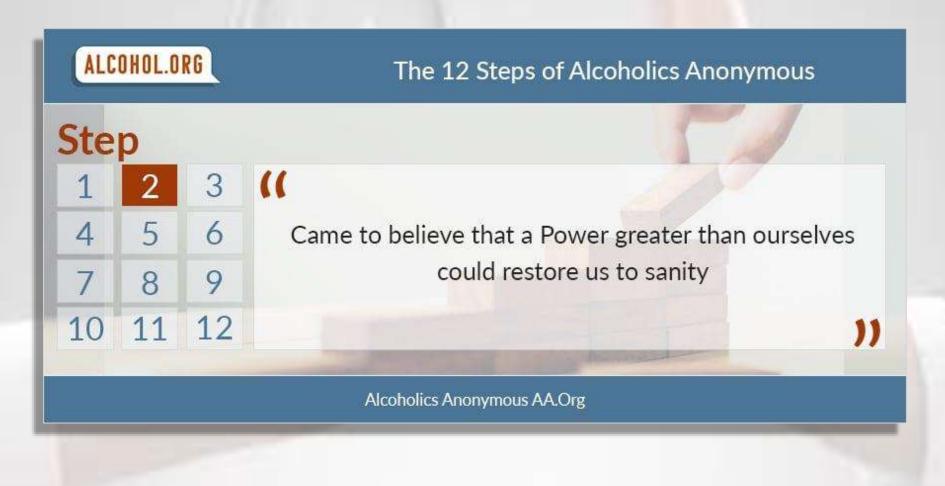
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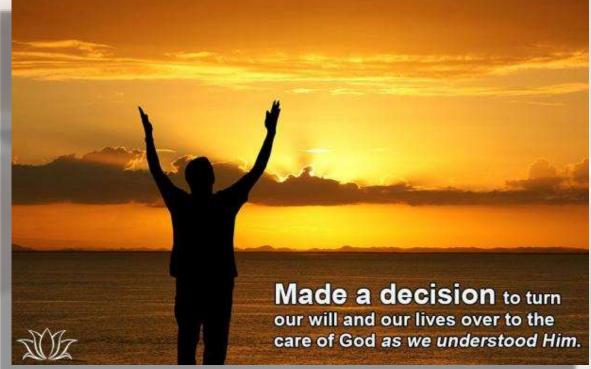


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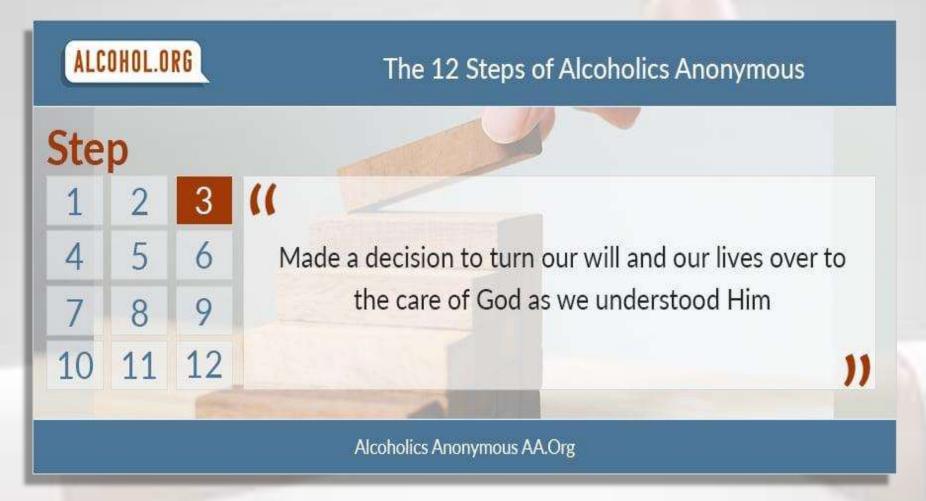
 Relieved of the alcohol obsession, their lives unaccountably transformed, they came to believe in a Higher Power, and most of them began to talk of God.

## **Step Three**

 "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understood Him."



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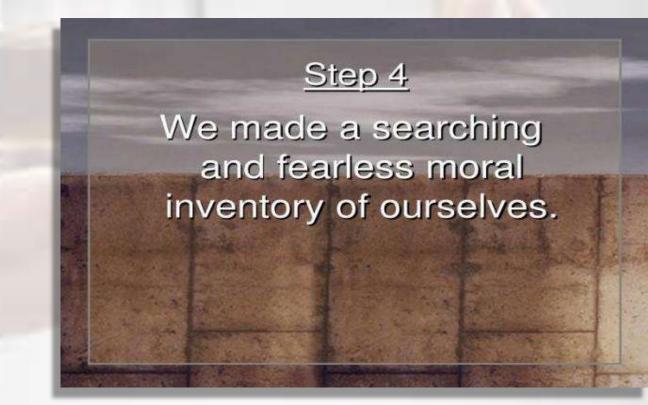


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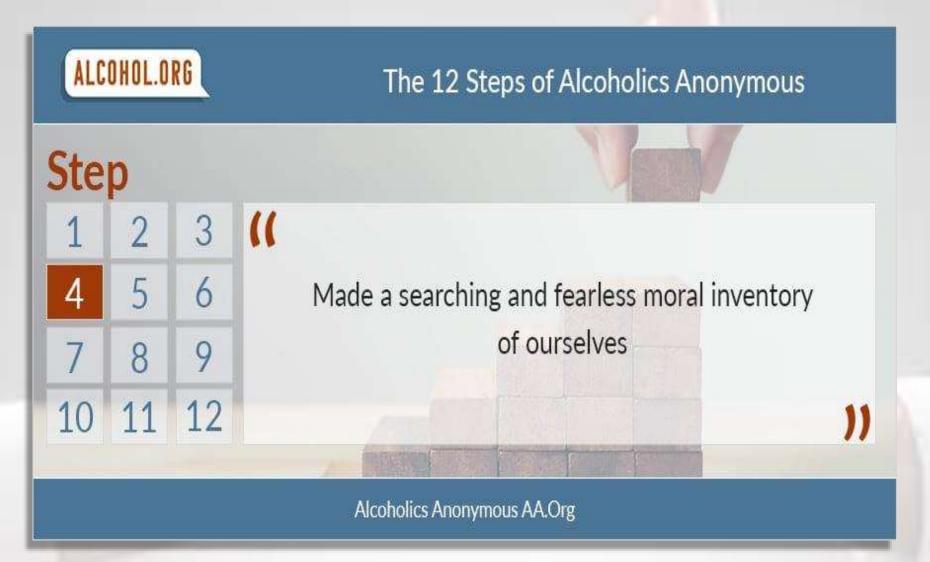
- PRACTICING Step Three is like the opening of a door which to all appearances is still closed and locked. All we need is a key , and the decision to swing the door open.
- There is only one key, and it is called willingness. Once un-locked by willingness, the door opens almost of itself, and looking through it, we shall see a pathway beside which is a n inscription.

#### **Step Four**

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- CREATION gave us instincts for a purpose. Without them we wouldn't be complete human beings. If men and women didn't exert themselves to be secure in their per-sons, made no effort to harvest food or construct shelter, there would be no survival.
- Yet these instincts, so necessary for our existence, often far exceed their proper functions.

## **Step Five**

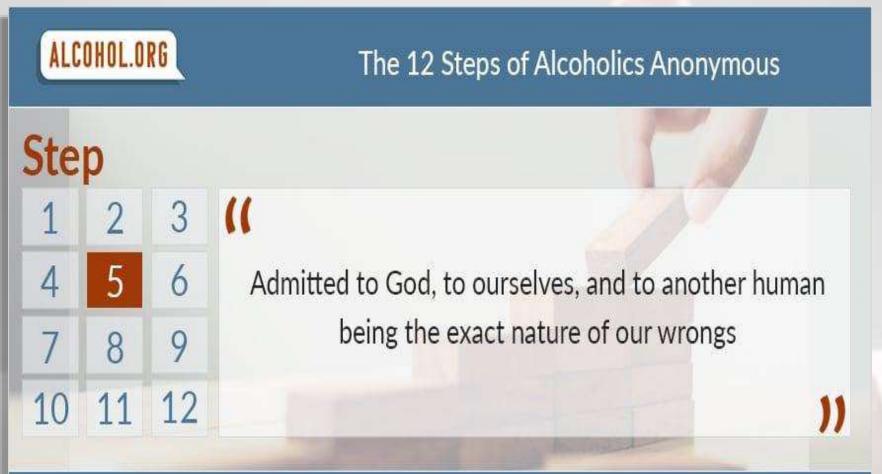
 "Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."

> **Step 5** We admitted to God, to ourselves, and another human being, the exact nature of our wrongs.

## **Step Five**

- ALL OF A.A.'s Twelve Steps ask us to go contrary to our natural desires, they all deflate our egos.
- When it comes to ego deflation, few Steps are harder to take than Five. But scarcely any Step is more necessary to long time sobriety and peace of mind than this one.

## **Step Five**



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## **Step Six**



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# **Step Six**

 "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

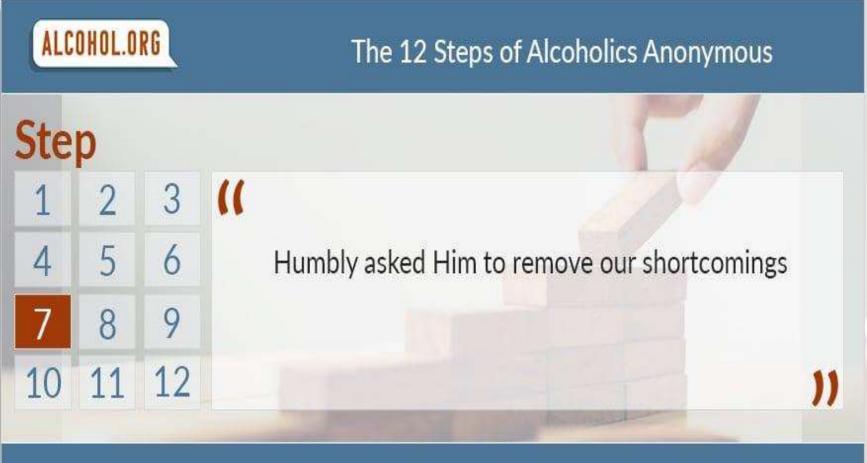
STEP 6

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# **Step Six**

- "THIS is the Step that separates the men from the boys."
- So declares a well-loved clergyman who happens to be one of A.A.'s greatest friends. He goes on to explain that any person capable of enough willingness and honesty to try repeatedly Step Six on all his faults
- Without any reservations whatever—has indeed come a long way spiritually, and is therefore entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his own Creator.

# **Step Seven**



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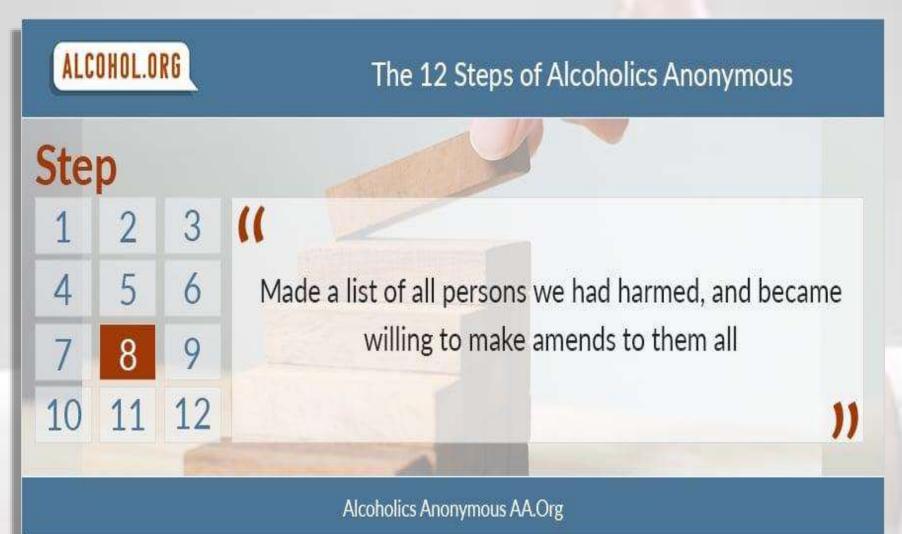
• "Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

"Humbly asked God to remove all these defects of character."

# **Step Seven**

- SINCE this Step so specifically concerns itself with humility, we should pause here to consider what humility is and what the practice of it can mean to us.
- Indeed, the attainment of greater humility is the foundation principle of each of A.A.'s
- Twelve Steps. For without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all.

# **Step Eight**



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• "Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."

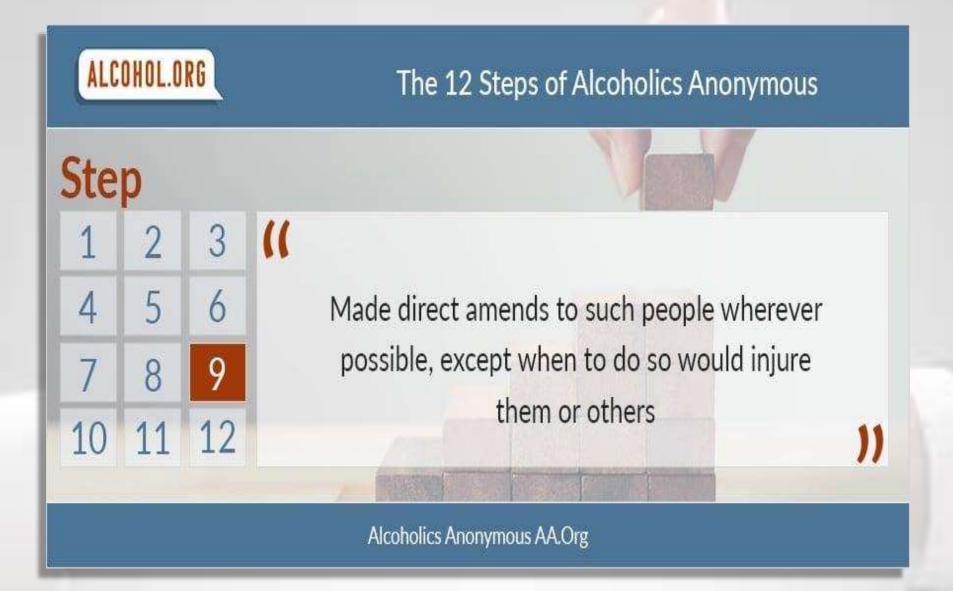
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# **Step Eight**

- STEPS Eight and Nine are concerned with personal relations.
- First, we take a look backward and try to discover where we have been at fault; next we make a vigorous at -tempt to repair the damage we have done; and third, having thus cleaned away the debris of the past, we consider how, with our newfound knowledge of ourselves, we may develop the best possible relations with every human being we know.

# **Step Nine**



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 "Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."

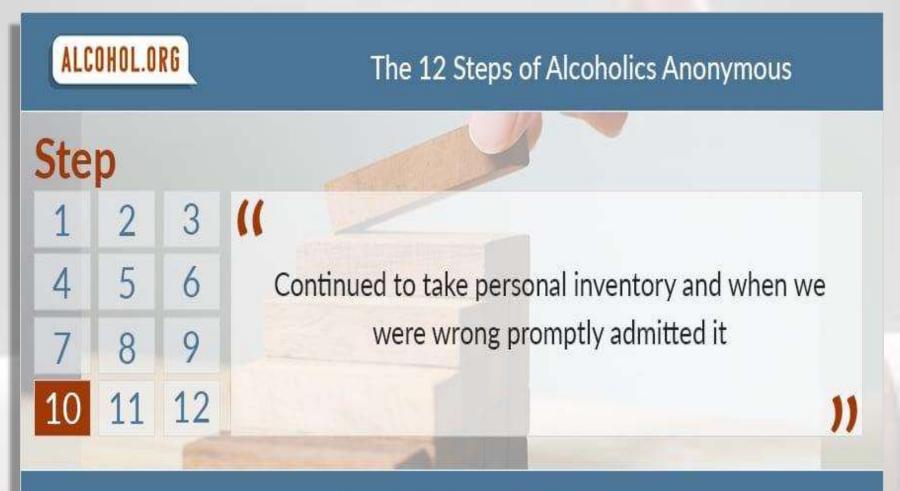
> Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

> > Sorry...

## **Step Nine**

- GOOD judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage, and prudence —these are the qualities we shall need when we take Step Nine.
- After we have made the list of people we have harmed, have reflected carefully upon each instance, and have tried to possess ourselves of the right attitude in which to proceed, we will see that the making of direct amends divides those we should approach into several classes

# **Step Ten**



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# **Step Ten**

 AS we work the first nine Steps, we prepare ourselves for the adventure of a new life. But when we approach Step Ten we commence to put our A.A. way of living to practical use, day by day, in fair weather or foul.

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out

The 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous

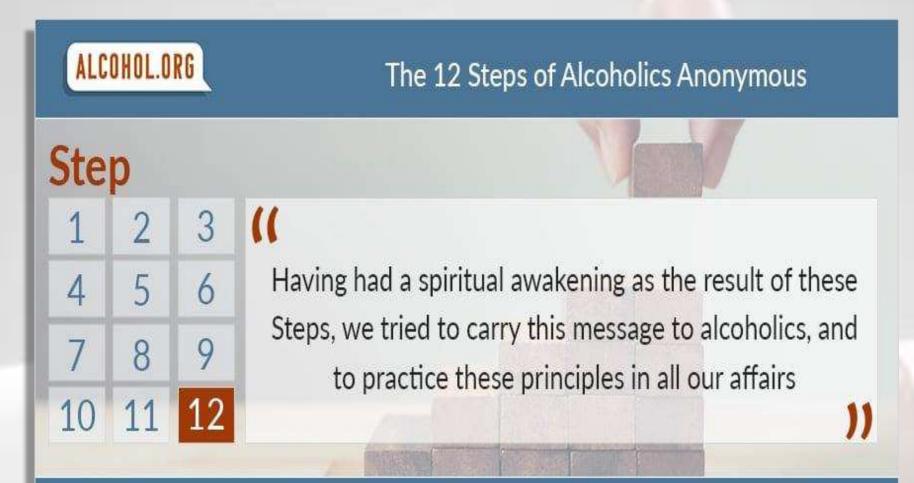
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Step 11

We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and power to carry that out.

- PRAYER and meditation are our principal means of conscious contact with God.
- There is a direct linkage among selfexamination, meditation, and prayer.
- Taken separately, these practices can bring much relief and benefit.



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### Alcoholics Anonymous India - Get help for your Drinking Problem

http://www.aagsoindia.org/

- AA India Helpline
- +91 9022771011
- GSO India Office +91-8097055134
- Email-info@aagsoindia.org

# Help lines for Alcohol Deaddiction India

- The central government launched a national toll-free helpline to provide assistance to people dependent on alcohol and drugs.
- 1800-11-0031
- The helpline will operate from 9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. from Monday to Saturday.

### **Get Help With Your Drinking Problem**

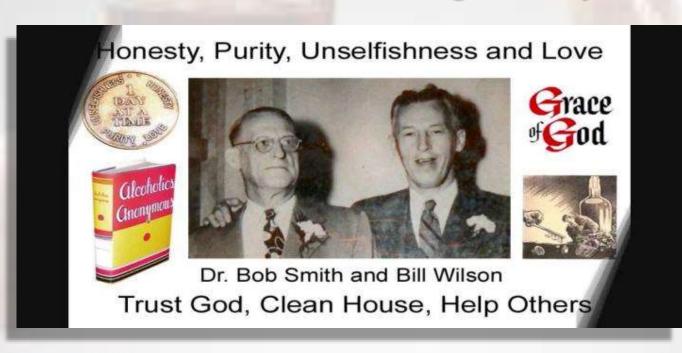
- If you want to speak to someone in your area who has found a solution to the problems they had as a result of their drinking you can call Alcoholics Anonymous national helpline on 9022771011 / 022-65055134, to be put in touch with someone locally.
- If you prefer e-mail as a means of contact then feel free to email us at info@aagsoindia.org.

 Almost eighty years ago two men, Bill Wilson, an alcoholic, and Dr. Bob Smith, "dually" addicted to both alcohol and barbiturates, faced into the lonely hell of addiction, and realized that trying to will yourself through is deadly, and that connection heals.

• All of the elements of Phillip Hoffman's tragic journey are in this very first story of finding a treatment for alcoholism: two men on the edge of death, the sudden realization that it was not a "moral failing" but a disease, finding a treatment together, relapsing, and then finding a solid path to sustaining recovery.



• Sometimes the stories of these successful recoveries of the healing power of connection get buried in our self-valuing society.



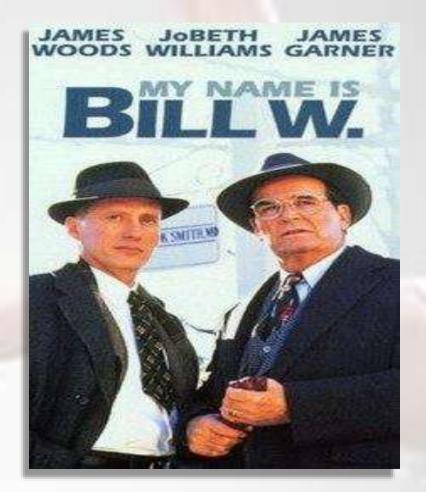
 In the case of Alcoholics Anonymous, the press and media continually cite Bill Wilson as that hero, the founder of the original 12step program that has, arguably, done more than any other treatment to heal alcoholics and other substance abusers.



### Documentaries / Movies on Alcoholics Anonymous

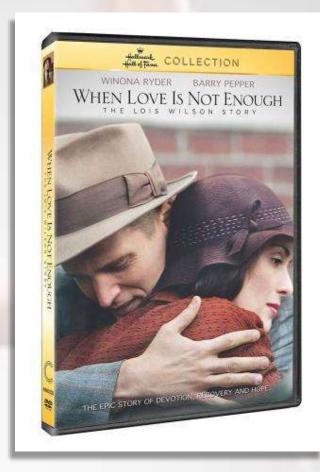
### • My Name Is Bill W.

• The true story of stockbroker William Griffith Wilson, a World War I veteran whose small drinking problem becomes a serious addiction after he loses his fortune in the stock market collapse of 1929.



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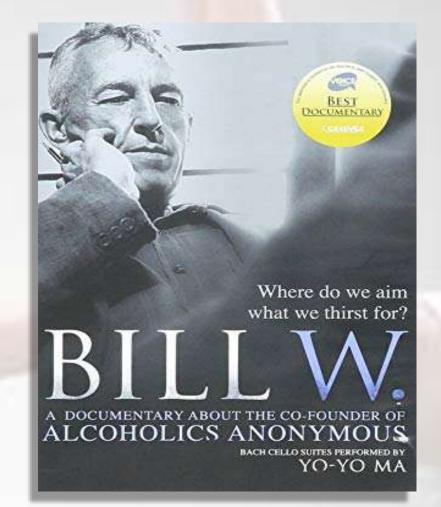
- When Love Is Not Enough:
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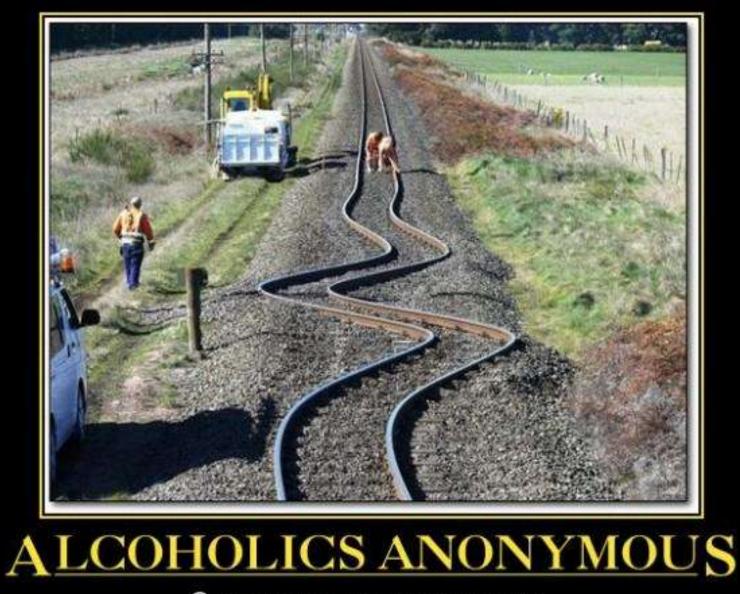
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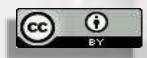
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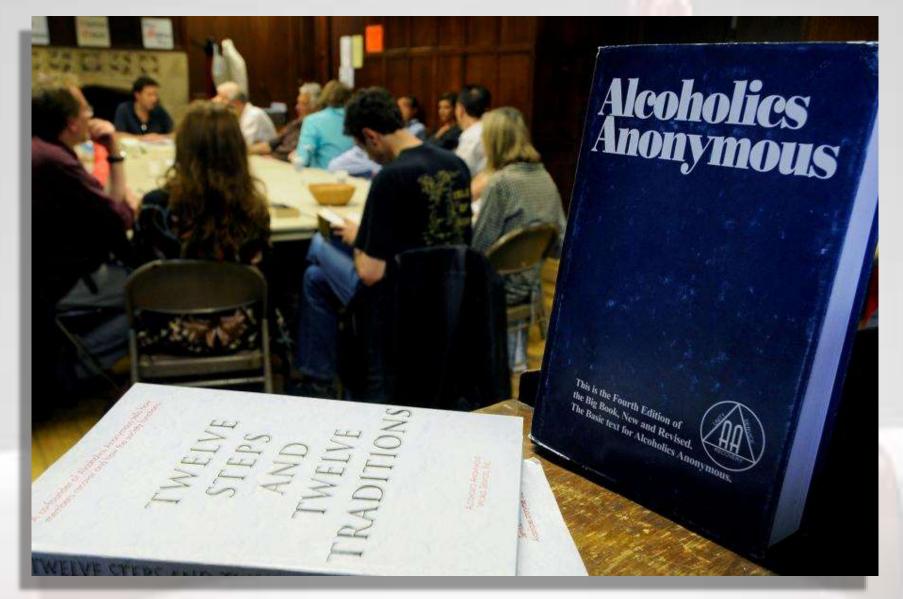
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- Here are the Bollywood stars who don't drink alcohol at all.
- John Abraham
- Akshay Kumar.
- Siddharth Malhotra.
- Amitabh Bachchan.
- Abhishek Bachchan.
- Sonam Kapoor
- Sunil Shetty
- Shilpa Shetty.
- Parineeti Chopra.
- ✤ Bipasha Basu.
- Sonakshi Sinha





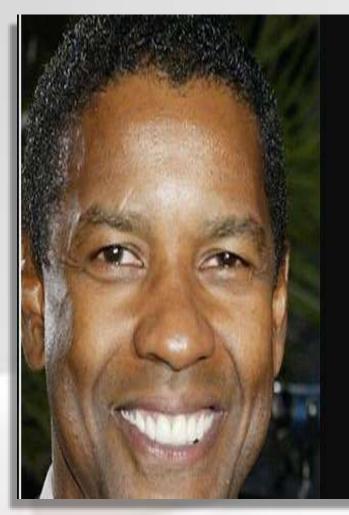








# Thanks...



I think a role model is a mentor someone you see on a daily basis, and you learn from them.

— Denzel Washington —



