

A.A. Preamble

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses or opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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WHERE WE ARE

We Agnostics

- Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Open Discussion
617 Clifford Drive
Austin, TX 78745
Contact: Suzanne Q. (512) 419-9004
msqrsq@grandecom.net

Children of Chaos

- Monday Noon Big Book Study
- Wednesday Noon AA Literature:
(*Living Sober, AA Comes of Age, 12 Steps 12 Traditions, etc.*)
- Friday Noon Open Discussion
215 W. North Loop Blvd
Highland Plaza Center
Austin, TX
Contact: Nick H. (512) 577-2509
Child-of-chaos@excite.com

Agnostics Living Sober

- Friday 8:00 p.m. Open Discussion
617 Clifford Drive
Austin, TX 78745
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Dharma of Recovery

- Saturday 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
1701 Toomey Road
Austin, TX 78704
Meets @ Casa de Luz (Serena Room)
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**Alcoholics
Anonymous
Meetings for
Atheists,
Agnostics and
Freethinkers in
Austin, Texas**

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WHO WE ARE:

We Agnostics of AA attempt to maintain a tradition of free expression, and conduct meetings where alcoholics may feel free to express any doubts or disbeliefs they may have, and to share their own personal form of spiritual experience, their search for it, or their rejection of it. We do not endorse or oppose atheism or any form of religion. Our only wish is to assure suffering alcoholics that they can find sobriety in AA without having to accept anyone else's beliefs or having to deny their own.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is an agnostic?

A. "Agnosticism" is a Greek word meaning "without knowledge" as regards the existence or nature of God. It's a word encompassing a variety of beliefs and non-beliefs held by our members. Recovering alcoholics who attend the agnostic A.A. groups come together knowing that sobriety can be attained by anyone with the help of the A.A. fellowship and principles, without necessarily relying on a supernatural Higher Power.

Q. How are these different from other A.A. meetings?

A. Our meetings feature readings from A.A. and non-A.A. literature and topic discussions. At the end of the meeting the group holds hands and recites the A.A. pledge of responsibility: *"When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that I am responsible."*

Q. Do you use the *Big Book* of A.A.

A. Though most of our members find Chapter 4 ("We Agnostics") to be condescending and not helpful to their sobriety, we use and acknowledge the *Big Book* as the basic text of A.A. and use all A.A. approved literature. Some of our meetings emphasize the A.A. publication *Living Sober*, a work written from a more-secular point of view and offering practical advice.

Q. Are These Legitimate A.A. Groups?

A. Of course. All the groups comply with all Traditions of A.A. and are listed in the meeting schedule of the Hill Country Intergroup. We are not associated with any of the non-A.A. secular recovery groups.

Q. Do I have to be an agnostic or atheist to be welcome?

A. Absolutely not! In fact many of our members are believers. We simply appreciate an atmosphere where belief in a supernatural higher power is not made a prerequisite for sobriety.