

THE SEARCH

The challenges of the girl (or boy) and the money have been part of the human condition since Cain and Abel. It's never going away. I suspect it is merely our Creator's way of keeping us on our toes so that we keep going back to Him for direction.

Be cautious of going to anything other than God (The Power of Love). Sponsor dependence, Big Book dependence, guided meditation dependence, etc...are all human powers that will never satisfy the deep yearning. They will, however, satisfy (temporarily) the desire to be right (ego).

The problem is that it is not possible to be "right" and "happy" at the same time. Being right closes the mind and stops the growth. Since nothing stays stagnant, the only other way to go is backward.

Placing expectations on human powers, including significant relationships (girlfriend, parent, sponsor, etc.), is not only unfair to the person, but is a guarantee of you being disappointed, sooner or later.

The only way I have found to get God dependant is to show others how to get God dependent. But it must come from my heart, not my ego. Stay away from trying to be right. Try to be humble. I can see principle in you a lot easier than I can see it in myself. My perception of myself will always be clouded by my plans, designs and desires. However, in the act of showing you, I remind me.

Except for the brand new person, we don't need human sponsors. We need a constant awareness (reminders) that God is the only real sponsor. If I have a human sponsor to remind me that he/she is not the real sponsor...that is ideal. But we can also get reminded, consistently, by the people that we sponsor (or share principles with), provided we realize that they are our brothers/sisters...not our trophies.

I am not like other people. Most people, in or out of AA, seemingly search because they're truly lost. They definitely need temporary sponsor dependence. The key word, however, is "temporary". Some of us are searching because we came to discover that the "search" is what we needed all along. Eventually it becomes what we truly desire.

Never stop searching. But in the search, be very careful who you get perspective from. Not all are aware of the spiritual malady, so what they're doing may not work for you. And some have stopped searching because they found "relief" in things like the sponsor, the Big Book, the guided meditations, etc., and their fears are keeping them from considering the possibility that there is still more to search for.

Don't let fear keep you from searching.

Few can grasp why we cannot stop searching. They don't comprehend that we will die if we stop. So very often what they'll do is criticize what we do (which is the easiest way to rationalize what they're not doing). They don't mean to hurt us. "They know not what they do". This is the symbolic message behind the story of the crucifixion...as I see it. Do not let them stop you. The gift is in the journey, not the destination. Enjoy the search. It was meant to be enjoyed, not endured.

Question (The Moody Blues)

Why do we never get an answer, when we're knocking at the door, with a thousand million questions, about hate and death and war?

It's where we stop and look around us...there is nothing that we need. In a world of persecution, that is burning in its greed.

Why do we never get an answer, when we're knocking at the door? Because the truth is hard to swallow, that's what the wall of love is for.

It's not the way that you say it...when you do those things to me. It's more the way that you mean it...when you tell me what will be. And when you stop and think about it, you won't believe it's true. That all the love you've been giving, has all been meant for you.

I'm looking for someone to change my life. I'm looking for a miracle in my life. And if you could see what it's done to me, to lose the love I knew could safely lead me through.

Between the silence of the mountains, and the crashing of the sea...there lies a land I once lived in, and she's waiting there for me. But in the grey of the morning, my mind becomes confused, between the dead and the sleeping, and the road that I must choose.

I'm looking for someone to change my life. I'm looking for a miracle in my life. And if you could see what it's done to me, to lose the love I knew could safely lead me to the land that I once knew.

To learn, as we grow old, the secrets of our souls.