



NAATW STREAM PRESENTATION

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# ST004 – Technology and the Traditions

# Tradition 1

1. ***Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.***

1. As technology advances, the Service Manual guides us to preserve the unity of tradition one by making changes in AA through healthy discussion, an informed group conscience, and whenever possible, a vote of substantial unanimity, thus ensuring that AA does not become divided.

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.***

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2. Thought should be given on how to gather a group conscience, perhaps by forming a committee, being sure to inform local AA groups, intergroups, districts, and areas about the committee's progress

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# Tradition 2

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# Tradition 3, 4

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.***
  - a. As each AA entity is autonomous and has its own group conscience, providing links to other web pages that may contain data that is objectionable to your group conscience – linking to pdf's controls the data.
  - b. In regards to autonomy, the General Service office and website does not act as an authority to local AA websites, as each local website's decisions are based on a local group conscience. GSO is available to share collected group experiences on any topic, if needed. GSO offers guidelines, the purpose of which are to assist in reaching an informed group conscious (such as in the AA guidelines for the internet).
  - c. In regards to social media and tradition 4, David Noel posed the question, "Can something we post affect other AA members or AA as a whole?".

5. 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.
  1. When using free services online for AA purposes, be mindful that the word free often attaches advertising from outside enterprises, and we should steer clear of any of this sort of affiliation.
  2. Linking an AA website to a non-AA website may be viewed as endorsement or affiliation, and may lead to controversy.