



The 12 Traditions

- 1.** Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon C.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 C.A. membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances.
- 4.** Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or C.A. as a whole.
- 5.** Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the addict who still suffers.
- 6.** A C.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the C.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- 7.** Every C.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- 8.** Cocaine Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- 9.** C.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- 10.** Cocaine Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the C.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, television and films.
- 12.** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.