

In the summer of nineteen hundred and ninety, we heard of an article in North Carolina's largest newspaper that we believe was entitled, "The Religion of the Nineties." It was an article about spirituality. We are totally convinced that only God's Spirit has the truth, majesty, strength, and power to change what is wrong in us and in the world around us. We are learning that God *is* changeless, therefore many of us have been earnestly seeking God, so that His Spirit would change us.

Enough of us, in working face to face in and around anonymous fellowships, have agreed that **above all else, we would like to experience God's kingdom**, here on the earth. None of us can take credit for what God is doing in and through us, which is being done through the Spirit of His Son, which has been awakened in us. If you do not believe this, maybe you need to put this book aside and come back to it at some other time, after you have asked God about it.

Let us open this chapter with one of our favorite Scriptures, which is in Matthew 11:25-27; **And Jesus prayed this prayer; "Oh Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding the truth from those who think themselves so wise, and for revealing it to little children. Yes, Father, for it pleased you to do it this way!...."**

"Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. Only the Father knows the Son, and the Father is known only by the Son and by those to whom the Son reveals him."

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We hope that our discipleship training period is over, and we can get back into a regular routine. The time-out period lasted approximately two years, from the time we had to put the writing of this book on the back burner, until the process resumed. What we do understand is that from Alcoholics Anonymous alone, Al-Ateen, Al-Afam, Adult Children of Alcoholics, Al-Anon, and Co-Dependency have all been in the process of being established. There is also Nar-Anon and Nar-Ateen. We have heard of other anonymous fellowships from aids, cocaine, emotions, gamblers, nicotine, overeaters, sex addicts, shoppers, and speeders, just to mention a few, but only God knows the entire list, since they are all anonymous.

Maybe harasser, liar, stalker, and tattoo **acholic** fellowships need to begin, based on what we have heard and seen, in recent years. Let us point out that some of the old fellowships have sister fellowships like Al-Anon is to A.A. or Nar-Anon is to N.A. Allegedly, the largest fellowship has close to one hundred thousand groups meeting around the globe, in over one hundred and forty-five countries.

It sure does sound like God is blessing this effort, considering that it only started about sixty years ago, with *just two men* and God. It makes little or no difference how many there are, or might be. But what does make sense to us is that God's Spirit is busy changing a lot of hearts and minds around this planet, once they have been given the *free gift* of the spiritual awakening. Please keep in mind that a spiritual experience does not make us spiritual, it just gets our attention, in hopes of our learning how to make right decisions. *Let us caution you that just because someone has lost the privilege of, and is addicted to just one thing, does not mean that they lose all privileges, unless they abuse them too.*

We have tried, in earlier chapters, to tell of the various comforters that are available in God's realm, and we believe that almost all of the known religious world has been operating from the first comforter, thinking that it is the Holy Spirit.

What we understand today is that if we are living in the Holy Spirit, by His Spirit, and for the Holy Spirit, we are not of this world! Nor are we living like people in this world live. To prove our point, we now ask for full understanding of Matthew 8:20; **But Jesus said, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but I, the Messiah, have no place to lay my head."**

Luke 9:58 tells us that Jesus had no earthly home also! Ask some of us how we liked being homeless.

God made it clear to us that a few of us had to live like disciples, and be sent out without money or a change of clothing, in order to take on the Spirit of His Son. To be realistic, our experience was that we only had work clothes for years, and not very good ones either, by the time we finished His training, of cheerfully performing humble labor.

All of the people that we have talked and worked face to face with, that want to experience God's Kingdom have been in one of the Twelve Step anonymous fellowships that have a recovery program similar to the Twelve Step program that was given to about one hundred people between the years nineteen hundred and thirty-five to nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, when the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* was published.

We have heard as of the date of this writing, that there are *over* two hundred anonymous fellowships today. Earlier, in the pre-book section, we mentioned that there were between eighty and ninety. Things sure are changing.

Again, a spiritual experience is usually about conviction. It is our task to give an accurate account of Scriptures, in this chapter, to prove that this program is *also* from God. We suspect that there might be a fair amount of opposition, confusion, and even distrust, considering how much we *detested* and *rebelled* at any thought of change ourselves.

Let us emphatically and adamantly state that we have absolutely no intention of interfering with the perfect work that is being accomplished in any of the Twelve Step Anonymous Fellowships. We do believe, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that we were given The Twelve of HIS FATHER'S TEMPLE to help bring God's Kingdom to this earth. This will help cancel what Adam and Eve did in the garden of Eden. If you are in need of and want these gifts, we pray that you stay aboard.

All we are saying is The Twelve that we believe we have been given is information that is also from God, and will only enhance the knowledge of God's will for us, in His good time. Our only hope is to work with all spiritually interested and earnest people from, and active in, anonymous fellowships, not against them.

It seems to us that the first Scripture that needs to be understood is in Isaiah 53:10; **...He shall live again and God's program shall prosper in his hands.** We believe that only time will tell if what we believe is true. Nonetheless, this manual is being written to help everyone's understanding of their own personal creative, Higher Power, that has to be awakened on the *inside of themselves*, in order to get the rope unknotted, untwisted, and untangled. After the rope is untangled and unraveled a yoke can be worn. We found it to be much more comfortable than the eGo.

We remember that we have a true soul, created in Christ by God Himself, which we believe was given to Jesus, two days ago, or two thousand years ago. We believe that God asked His Son to save our true soul until we could learn how to receive it. Again, we learned that in the days of the Aramaic language, that was spoken in Biblical times, the word saved meant *complete*, or perfect.

Let us simply say that we read twice as many Scriptures in the Old Testament, each year, as we did in the New. If we read six chapters each day, we would read two chapters in the New, after we had read four chapters in the Old. Once we were truly acclimated to reading Scriptures, we started in Genesis and the book of Job on the same day, with two chapters each, and would then read two chapters in the book of Matthew.

Each time we got to several of the more difficult Books of the Bible to read or understand, we just shrugged our shoulders and kept on reading. We found it helpful to read in different Books of the Bible, rather than four or six chapters in just one book each day.

Some days when we were really in a funky mood, which we did not understand, we might spend several hours in different parts of the Bible. Some nights, we would be up studying, with Him, at all hours of the morning, ungodly hours to us. But not to Him since He never sleeps anyway. At least that is what we have been told and do believe.

Let us thank God for understanding of Matthew 13:52; **Then he added, "Those experts in Jewish law who are now my disciples have double treasures - from the Old Testament as well as from the New."** It is important to understand that the prophets of old knew that to put anything before God was idolatry; and probably still is.

We need full understanding of Isaiah 42:1-4; **SEE MY SERVANT, whom I uphold; my chosen One, in whom I delight. I have put my Spirit upon him; he will reveal justice to the nations of the world. He will be gentle - he will not shout or quarrel in the streets. He will not break the bruised reed nor quench the dimly burning flame. He will encourage the faint hearted, those tempted to despair. He will see full justice given to all who have been wronged. He won't be satisfied until truth and righteousness prevail throughout the earth, nor until even distant lands beyond the seas have put their trust in him.**

Need we say that many times we fell short of the mark of Christ in the new heart? Sometimes we even shouted at each other in parking lots. We have mentioned that we have been involved about five years in this process of letting this first book be written, and have months yet to go. The main reason is that the scribe had to fully understand the whole format, through trial and error, before we could get to the final editing stage. What we have not mentioned is that we spent about nine years in a spiritual quest, before we started the real spiritual journey, not knowing what the purpose was.

We hope that we have done our homework well, because we believe *the beginning of THE TWELVE* that are up coming in this small book are *vital* in order for *us* to experience God's Kingdom. The main purpose of this new effort is not to admit that we are powerless, but to admit that we desire to experience God's Kingdom with the **One** that does have **All Power**. The difference in the purpose of the Twelve Steps and The Twelve, is that the first is about change, as well as letting the past life be cleared away of those things that are objectionable to God and harmful to us. Then and only then can the spiritual

In reference to being born into and of God's Spirit, let us mention the Scriptures in Isaiah 11:1-5; **THE ROYAL LINE of David (Jesse - the strong) will be cut off, chopped down like a tree; but from that stump will grow a Shoot (Christ the Messiah) - yes, a new Branch from the old root. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and might; the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.**

His delight will be obedience to the Lord. He will not judge by appearance, false evidence, or hearsay, but will defend the poor and the exploited. He will rule against the wicked who oppress them. For he will be clothed with fairness and truth.

What we have learned is that there have been a lot of servants of God. To mention a few Biblical personalities, we need only to mention Abraham, Moses, King David, King Solomon, St. Paul, and most important, for this manual, **Noah**. Even with all of these people though, there was only one trusted and true servant, God's Son. After Biblical Scriptures, we do not believe that God just quit providing prophets to the various peoples of this earth however.

We need only mention Buddha, Mohammed, and Ghandi of this century, as well as Bill W. and Dr. Bob, the co-founders of Alcoholics Anonymous. And we certainly do not want to leave out the Smith guy of the Mormons out in Utah, or even the guy down in Waco.

Each human being has to decide whom they truly want to be led by, if and when they find them selves lost - maybe Jim Bakker or even Jimmy Swaggert. Do you remember Jim Jones, of the Guyana tragedy? Well, let us get back to the only trusted and true servant, which we believe was and is the Lord Jesus Christ.

awakening be given, and the last, **The Twelve of His Father's Temple**, is about letting individuals receive God's Kingdom.

Since we now have our feet firmly planted on the earth, with our head in the clouds with Him, we believe that we are ready for His instruction, but let us understand more about the Spirit that we are born into. We thank God for the Scriptures in Matthew 12:17-21; **This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah concerning him:**

"Look at my Servant. See my chosen one. He is my beloved, in whom my soul delights. I will put my Spirit upon him. And he will judge the nations. He does not fight nor shout.

"He does not raise his voice! He does not crush the weak, Or quench the smallest hope; He will end all conflict with his final victory, And his name shall be the hope of all the world."

All we need to say is that to be born of spirit in the rebirth, is mighty important business to God. We might be asked if this is the only way to be saved. We do not know, but this is what happened to us. We can certainly comprehend the question of worthiness, to be able to experience such a privilege, and also the doubt of the authenticity of such a claim, but let us reveal the Scripture in Matthew 19:26; **Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking no one (can be saved). But with God every thing is possible."**

Again, being with God has severe implications as to the way we *must* live our new life. As the journey continued, and we could see clearly, we could begin to understand Psalm 23:5 (KJV) that we were taught as little children: **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over.** At first, seldom did the thought occur to us, *I will fear no evil for thou art with me.*

Long after the awakening occurred, we still had no idea of what was really happening, from God's point of view. We were never around any saintly people. We were all real sinners, and generally not welcome at the sophisticated events that were going on with people from our old life.

There were events that we could observe, whether they were at hand or far away, when we could say with honesty, "**Thank God, it is finished for us,**" which is a part of the Scripture in John 19:30. This meant that we no longer had to be afraid of any thing that has to happen in the world. One man, two thousand years ago, or two days ago according to God's calendar, took care of it all.

The journey, at times, was difficult because our troubles arose out of ourselves, due to being selfish and self centered, as the past was being corrected. The enemies that we had to face were in our own eGo, and our perception of things had to keep being changed by God's mighty hand from heaven, for His ultimate plan.

We learned that the eGo of **humanity wants to punish and control people.** Ours was no different. The truth is that as long as we wanted to punish people, we were just punishing ourselves. Obviously, there was something in our sub-conscience mind that caused guilt and needed punishment.

And even though many have been in doubt and were discouraged, at the end, many will be told that the grade for their training was an A. We remember hearing that one was told just that.

This lets us understand the Scriptures in Isaiah 43:7-8; **All who claim me as their God will come, for I have made them for my glory; I created them. Bring them back to me - blind as they are and deaf when I call (although they see and hear!).**

To get to the real purpose of this chapter, let us reveal the next Scripture in Genesis 28:11-12; **That night when he stopped to camp at sundown, he found a rock for a headrest and lay down to sleep, and dreamed that a staircase reached from earth to heaven, and he saw angels of God going up and down upon it.**

To us, this symbolically represents people getting their feet on the ground in one of the anonymous fellowships, and then letting heaven come to us, if you get our drift. If you are not in one of the anonymous fellowships, you might need to ask God to help you seek one out so that you too can get engaged in the process.

Our analogy of this is to state that most of us were really high flyers. We were higher in the heavens, or sky, than God Himself. We first, with the steps in the anonymous deal, came back to earth, and then The Twelve in our program brought God and His Kingdom to us. Thank God, we are finally out of the human animal kingdom.

Based on a Scripture that we will reveal shortly, we are bold enough to believe that the spirit of Moses and Aaron visited Bill W. and Dr. Bob, the co-founders of Alcoholics Anonymous, based on Isaiah 11:11.

We understood that we had to learn how to love people unselfishly so that we could be truly happy, with no expectations from anybody. When expectations were out of sorts, so was serenity or internal peace, which is mandatory for calmness.

Then we understood that we had to have the help of the Holy Spirit in order to love people unselfishly. Most of the time we thought we might have been failing the training path that we were on, because we kept making a lot of the same errors, which were always caused by anger and fear in us. This particular human emotion, anger, was generally caused by fear, which usually was attached to our pride, which always canceled God's humility, peace, love, and harmony.

The Holy Spirit finally let us understand that we were correctly loving of people when we truly wanted to help meet their needs, which might have taken a very patient conversation with them, while they did most of the talking. If we could let them find a path that they needed and that they could commit to, without any coercion on our part, just support with the resources that we did have at our disposal at that time, then we were being helpful. In other words, we could not give away something that we did not possess.

The trick here is to let emotions be healed, so that we are not emotionally locked into a situation with steel and concrete reinforcing. What a wonderful day it will be when the Governments of all Nations understand the simple truth that we cannot give away something that we do not have. All along this path, mistakes were made. Additional cleansing of the blood was experienced, new eyes without the scales of pride let us see better, and spiritual ears could hear the things of God through the Holy Spirit.

If you recall, earlier in this book, Moses's one single act of disobedience angered the Lord. Subsequently, Joshua took the people of Israel in to the Promised Land, after the death of Moses. Well, we believe that this book is being written in the spirit of Joshua.

What we do not want to do is anger the Lord if we are to be helpful on a global scale. And it seems that if we cannot learn how to be obedient, then not only will He not use us, He cannot. Eve's original rebellion has cost humans all the pain that God is going to allow for those that will turn to Him.

We now ask for perfect understanding of Joshua 1:1-2; **AFTER THE DEATH of Moses, the Lord's disciple, God spoke to Moses' assistant, whose name was Joshua, and said to him, "Now that my disciple is dead, [you are the new leader of Israel]. Lead my people across the Jordan River into the Promised Land.**

The Twelve that God has revealed to us lets God's Spirit be born in us so that we may be completely reborn, in order to learn how to receive the true free soul. No more wandering around in the wilderness for forty years wondering about this or that. But we were engaged in spiritual warfare.

We now have a true hope of what the future holds for us, because of the true faith that God creates in the new heart that is awakened, which we believe is worth waiting for, no matter what the journey might entail, in order to share in His Glory. Luke 17:20-21 is also *perfect* reading. It is about the Kingdom of God being in you!

Another point, before we reveal The Beginning Staircase for **HIS Temple.** We do not believe that God is going to cancel this Scripture in Isaiah 40:31 either; **But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.**

They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Fourteen years after we turned to His Son, repentantly, it has been revealed to us that we are to reveal only the first two steps of The Twelve of **HIS FATHER'S TEMPLE** in this book. *More will be revealed to those that earnestly seek.*

It has been our intent, from the beginning of this exercise and process, to include The Twelve that we believe we were given in the fifth chapter, but things keep changing on us don't they? We are sure that God's plan is perfect in every way, so we are just obeying what we believe. The Twelve, to be revealed in **VISION QUEST**, will have much more meaning and impact after a minimum of three and a half years of learning how to practice twelve spiritual principles in any of the anonymous programs of recovery.

As a matter of fact, **The Twelve** will be revealed in the chapter on prayer, after the chapter on our emotions being healed in **VISION QUEST**. As St. Paul taught us, we did not even know how to pray because we were such emotional tornadoes and hurricanes. Patience really is required isn't it?

Beginning of

The Twelve

2. **Came to believe that the *spiritual awakening*, freely given, as the result of the *appropriate* Anonymous Twelve Step effort, could let all noahhites receive Heaven, no matter how narrow the gate.**

1. **We noahhites admitted that we were finally desirous of experiencing God's Kingdom, in the here and now, in lieu of *all other yearnings*.**

Wow, the order has changed on us.

We do not know if you are familiar with what we call our traditions, but they are in the appendices of this book. We call them Agreements and Rules. Even though we have been given **The Twelve**, we need to understand, if you would like to proceed with us, that the Noahhite Organization has twenty-four Biblical principles that are mandatory. Our rules and regs are mandatory if we are to experience all of the benefits of God's Kingdom, which we include as the purpose of our organization.

We realize that the Holy Spirit has all truth, so we are not too concerned if there is some misunderstanding at first, but they are our laws. To support this theory, we introduce the following Scriptures for our justification, which are in The Revelation 7:13-16; **Then one of the twenty-four Elders asked me, "Do you know who these are, who are clothed in white, and where they come from?"**

"No, sir," I replied. "Please tell me."

"**These are the ones coming out of the Great Tribulation,**" he said; **"they washed their robes and whitened them by the blood of the Lamb. That is why they are here before the throne of God, serving him day and night in his temple. The one sitting on the throne will shelter them; they will never be hungry again, nor thirsty, and they will be fully protected from the scorching noontime heat."** Sounds like, in God's good time, that we might have some noontime *noahhite gatherings* too, doesn't it?

Yes, there were several occasions that we were penniless, where we learned that we too were nothing less than scavengers. And we thought that we were so civilized, cultured, and sophisticated. Thanks be to God that this type of test occurred later in the journey, after we had much more understanding than in the beginning.

Does it seem that the first commandment of **love God with all of our mind, strength, might, and heart** is still important to Him? His second commandment of **love your neighbor as yourself** does not look like it is going to change either, does it?

Well, at least we can give you a clue that there is not a lot of mandatory writing in this one. Thanks God. We truly appreciate the reprieve.

Before we go any further, we need to admit that we were not very good at obeying the laws of our government. According to real old timers, obeying the laws of the government was the main principle of hope, which accompanied step two in the anonymous deal.

The good news for us, in the end times, might be that there are going to be many miracles in the remaking of the government, since Christ will be in control. Earlier, we mentioned that we would not vote for anyone unless God informs us for whom we are to vote. It is now imperative that we learn how to obey this spiritual truth if the following Scripture is to be fulfilled.

We thank God for fulfilling these Scriptures in Isaiah 9:6-7; **For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. These will be his royal titles: "Wonderful," "Counselor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," "The Prince of Peace." His ever expanding peaceful government will never end. He will rule with perfect fairness and justice from the throne of his father David. He will bring true justice and peace to all the nations of the world. This is going to happen because the Lord of heaven's armies has dedicated himself to do it!**

We need to truly thank God for his care and concern for us, in advance of our needs, don't we?

We can tell you this, though. When one has only to think about how he is going to eat to stay alive, he really does not have any other problems! It was not as bad as it sounds, because by the time that this type of test entered the path, we had learned how to fast, for various reasons, for as much as two weeks at a time.

An item of importance is the word *appropriate*, in the second step of The Twelve. *Maybe you thought that you fooled the whole fellowship of people by your attending the wrong anonymous fellowship, and getting away with it, but God knows the one that you are suppose to attend, and He will not give you the needed awakening until you carry the message to your own kind. That is where you can share your experience and be most useful.*

We, who are writing this book, are just one. All of these many years of preparation and work are based on believing. Quite a few years ago, one, having read the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, as well as having studied appropriate conference approved recovery literature, was led to start thinking, "If you have decided that you want what we have, and are willing to go to any length to get it," then, and only then, are people ready to start true recovery, in our opinion.

For some reason, God started to let us look at what one hundred people were given back at the end of the Great Depression in this nation - *sobriety*. What they were given was something that had plagued humankind since Noah got off of the Ark, planted a vineyard, and became drunk, according to Genesis 9:21, which was about forty-five hundred years ago. God really is patient, isn't He? In addition to this fact, do we remember that all the nations of the earth came from the three sons of Noah?

Considering that what they were given, the first hundred - sobriety, could not be bought with money, and this gift of the spiritual awakening was a byproduct of their being willing to stay sober, *and help others to get sober*, kept sticking to the new mind that was being created, by this one, because he could now see that God was, is, and will be using those Twelve Steps, to help all desperate and hopeless people, with a dilemma, in so far as giving them a path to Him.

Please keep in mind that the dilemma means that the individual has found himself in a position in which he has lost control. All over this globe, when people are desperate enough, a way will be provided to start reaching out toward God, in time. So the global importance of, and power in God's will, began to get the attention of this one. Considering how many anonymous fellowships there are today, we believe that God truly has a global EgO!

Needless to say, everyone that the scribe works with concurs with the first two steps in The Twelve. We perfectly agree on the beginning point of wanting and needing to experience God's Kingdom, to conquer and solve all human ills. He has worked face to face with people from Green Bay to Key West, and from Hollywood to Duck, and since we are in an international fellowship, he has even worked face to face with a few people from distant lands and islands.

In the eighties, he read a pamphlet that stated, "The average number of meetings for our members is 4.2 meetings per week." Well, this one has been so ill, he has averaged that many meetings per day on numerous occasions, for weeks, months, and years, in addition to the regulars that he tries to help, before and after meetings, with the program, not to mention the other opportunities he receives for service work, in his appropriate fellowship.

On the other hand, if they can learn how to help others get out of their mess, then and only then can we be best of friends. Many times, God will tell us not to work with a person, even though they have asked us to help them, because God has judged their heart as not being ready to humble themselves to the extent that is required, yet.

Another thought that comes to mind is that only God can measure the love that is mentioned in the last Scripture. The people that we work with want what we have, but are still not convinced that God will care for them, as relates to the daily bread, or needs etc.

We certainly do not recommend anyone trying to put God to a foolish test. However, when the way does open for the adventure into His love, care, and protection, *including provisions*, we suggest that it be taken. We are mining for the purest of golds and diamonds, which this world does not and cannot offer.

Certainly, God understands the self-sacrifice that is required for any one to enter this type of journey, and it has never been freely chosen, to our knowledge, except by his Son. The point that we need to make is that had God not had a perfect relationship with His Son, even he could not have made it. But in God's Last Day of creation, the perfect relationship with the Father is finally available, but only through His Son, the Son of Man, for any and all who desire it.

We understand The Twelve that we have had to live in order to write, rewrite, edit, and re-edit this book. Even though it started as a hodge-podge and the name of the title changed many times, we kept on refining and rewriting until the format became clear. *Some say it is not much better now.*

He seldom knows anything about his itinerary, but God does. To sum it up, in just under twenty years, he has attended over twelve thousand meetings. The average number for the same time frame would be a little over four thousand. In other words, God will give us more than we can possibly give Him. This brings us to the Scripture in John 15:12-14; *"I demand that you love each other as much as I love you. And here is how to measure it - the greatest love is shown when a person lays down his life for his friends; and you are my friends if you obey me."*

There are several very important facts that are contained in these verses, and there are several thoughts about these verses that we believe need to be discussed. First, we take no credit for our lives falling apart, so that we would be given the opportunity to learn how to love all of these sick people. To love them does not mean that we like all of them, but we are there to help any who want to recover from their illness. God decides who we work with, not us. Once in a while, we are advised to wait a bit.

But in addition to the ones that are still wrapped up in their own BS, and we do not mean college degree, there are still many more who want to learn how to love God, with all of their mind, strength, might, and heart. That requires that we love our neighbor as ourself. In other words, however we are treating our neighbor, that is on the path of Life, is how we are treating God and ourselves.

Sometimes we might not like the people that God wants us to work face to face with. Thus, we do not have to invite them to lunch, dinner, or even a movie, and certainly not to our homes, if they are not *enthusiastic* about the path that the co-founders and pioneers of the original anonymous fellowship established.

But had we not had a *vision* that let us see a book titled **GOD EXPERIENCE**, years ago, which is now our meditation book, we would have had no idea of where to start.

There are two sets of Scriptures that apply to the path that we were able to learn how to choose, when our careers were stopped much to our chagrin. Our lives fell apart, but we kept practicing the right spiritual principles. The following Scriptures are the directions that all aim, even though there is no true understanding at the time. We hope that the prayer in Appendix B will straighten the path that God wants us on:

Ephesians 2:10; It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.

Romans 4:4-5; But didn't he earn his right to heaven by all the good things he did? No, for being saved is a gift; if a person could earn it by being good, then it wouldn't be free - but it is! It is *given* to those who do *not* work for it. For God declares sinners to be good in his sight if they have faith in Christ to save them from God's wrath.

So anyone can see that we had very little if anything to do about the journey that let us learn how to be saved. Again, saved means the process of being made complete. When we started, we did not have a single clue. We truly thank God for Matthew 6:8; *"Remember, your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!"*

What we finally came to understand was that we could not and did not live by the Ten Commandments. The Spirit that we were awakened into has **only** lived by the Ten Commandments. We therefore concluded that we shall always need additional spiritual growth, maybe until we are six feet under, or whatever your choice might be. There are more options now than there use to be.

We also quote the Scripture in Matthew 5:17; **"Don't misunderstand why I have come - it isn't to cancel the laws of Moses and the warnings of the prophets. No, I came to fulfill them, and to make them all come true."**

Well, thank God for that, because His Spirit, through grace, came to us to change us while the past was being cleared away, with the direction of the Twelve Step Anonymous deal. The order of the spiritual principles gave us the first comforter, which allowed the right path.

We finally began to understand what a terrible predicament we would have ended up in without God's grace and mercy, and the plan of His Son in the Last Day. What we finally understood was that if anything was done that was good, God did it through us, and of course He gets the credit, not us.

But what is more important, if it was not good, then it had no permanence anyway, even though it did have to be corrected.

As the journey continued, and we began to really see some of the Scriptures, we were really amazed. Take as an example Mark 10:29-31; **And Jesus replied, "Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything - home, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or property - for love of me and to tell others the Good News, who won't be given back, one hundred times over, homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land - with persecutions!"**

Well, that was all right for our friends, *laying down our life as a ransom*, but it was a different story for the ones that we disliked. We finally got over that too. We do hope that you have enjoyed this chapter, but our hope was grounded in truth. God did provide the *beginning* of something that we believe might just encompass this globe. Reversing the order of the beginning of the temple steps, with pure truth, *we hope*, will attract all believers, of all faiths, in all anonymous fellowships. Several last thoughts need to be mentioned about human pride.

It took quite a season of not having anyone to work with until we could finally understand the Scripture in Matthew 25:45; **"...When you refused to help the least of these my brothers, you were refusing help to me."**

When we were finally schooled in the message of the fellowship that we were in, we were pleased and delighted to pass on what we did understand, at that point. People would reach out for help when they were desperate enough and at their wits end. There were all types of social, economic, racial, ethnic, and religious pride that seemed to be present, but that did not prevent a warm hand shake.

Then we understood Matthew 5:44-45; **"But I say: love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you. In that way you will be acting as true sons of your Father in heaven."**

Even though this was a tall order, the Holy Spirit did it through us, as proven in Colossians 1:8. There were three requirements though:

- They had to want what we offered.
- They had to need what we offered.
- They had to be enthusiastic about what God offers.

"All these will be his here on earth, and in the world to come he shall have eternal life. But many people who seem to be important now will be the least important then; and many who are considered least here shall be greatest there."

This sure does beat the Job deal in Job 42:10, where he only got back twice what he had lost when he started praying for other people, doesn't it? And we have yet to be informed as to whether or not the gifts are compounded. What we do not know is whether or not there is the multiplier of the one hundred deal applied to each and every one of the things that we individuals might have had to leave behind, or walk away from. Matthew 19:28-30 and Luke 18:29-30 have similar messages, should you like additional verification.

Another new idea that needs to be mentioned as we approach the end of this chapter on Heaven is that of receiving an *entire psychic change or a new attitude about life*. Now we need full understanding of the Scripture in Matthew 20:28; **"Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many."**

That sure is some heavy duty stuff, isn't it? We have not found a way to squirm out of this challenge yet. As a matter of fact, the more we tried to squirm out of the difficult tests and adversity that spiritual growth offered us, free of charge, the tighter the noose around our neck the rope became. There really isn't much to do but to keep on praying about these sometimes painful ordeals.

The truth for us was that through the aid of the Holy Spirit and the various comforters, we got through the process without a single regret. Better living was always at hand after each painful eGo deflating episode, thank God!

But if we are to receive what God truly has to offer us, we will experience what our twelfth agreement and rule is about, which according to James 1:27, is what pure religion is. Therefore, let us caution all of us with the following:

Matthew 5:20 (KJV);

"For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees (the separate people - spiritually dead people), ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Also, and this is crucial, John 14:12 (KJV);

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

In other words, this is true knowledge of God's will for *His Chosen*. Now let us close this chapter with Matthew 18:2-4; **Jesus called a small child over to him and set the little fellow down among them, and said, "Unless you turn to God from your sins and become as little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore anyone who humbles himself as this little child, is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."** Finally, in time, we came to understand perfectly the Scripture in Matthew 19:17; **"When you call me good you are calling me God," Jesus replied, "for God alone is truly good. But to answer your question, you can get to heaven if you keep the commandments."**