**Saturday As Bill Sees It Meeting**

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Read aloud what’s in black. What’s in **red type** is only directions to the Chairperson.

9:30 Korea/Japan Time

Hi, welcome to our Saturday As Bill Sees It meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. As Bill Sees It is a collection of excerpts from the writings of one of our co-founders, Bill W. This group holds meetings 7 days a week which are posted on the Online Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous schedule, found at the link posted in the textbox, under the name Friends Around The World.

I’m an alcoholic, and my name’s \_\_\_\_\_. I am the chairperson for this meeting, and \_\_\_\_\_ is the tech host. Say hello to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If you get disconnected and wish to rejoin, call the red and yellow icon, from your contacts list, that you called to get in and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tech host) will rejoin you to the conference call.

**Serenity Prayer:** God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Is there anyone new to Skype or to AA that would like to introduce themselves? This is to welcome you to our meeting. Wait . . .

Is there anyone in attendance who needs meeting attendance verification at meeting’s end? (If so, ask them to put their name and email in the text box. Use the template at the end of this format to send the verification to that email after the meeting)

**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, organisation or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous where all are welcome. If you are not an alcoholic, we ask that you just listen at the meeting, but please join us at the aftermeeting, to ask any questions you may have and for some friendly, casual conversation. In keeping with our traditions, we ask that all members treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect at all times. Please mute your microphone when you are not sharing and please refrain from commenting on anyone’s share or conversing extensively in the text box - these things can disrupt the meeting.

**\*\*Only on the last Saturday of the month:** Today is the last Saturday of this month and we need to fill the service positions of chair and host for the next month; if you’re new to it, someone will help you to learn the ropes; it isn’t hard to do, everyone will benefit from your willingness to help out, and, we all find that doing service helps us in our own sobriety as well.

May we have a volunteer to chair this meeting for the Saturdays in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
Hosting requires some preparation, but is not complicated and our current hosts are very happy to help out anyone who is new to it. May we have a volunteer to host this meeting during the month of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

**\*Thank the volunteers and make sure they’re connected to someone for help, if they are new.**

**\*Copy and paste** **How It Works** and ask for a volunteer to read:

**How it works Chapter 5 pgs. 58-60 from the book Alcoholics Anonymous**

Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path. Those who do not recover are people who cannot or will not completely give themselves to this simple program, usually men and women who are constitutionally incapable of being honest with themselves. There are such unfortunates. They are not at fault; they seem to have been born that way. They are naturally incapable of grasping and developing a manner of living which demands rigorous honesty. Their chances are less than average. There are those, too, who suffer from grave emotional and mental disorders, but many of them do recover if they have the capacity to be honest. Our stories disclose in a general way what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now. If you have decided you want what we have and are willing to go to any length to get it--then you are ready to take certain steps. At some of these we balked. We thought we could find an easier, softer way. But we could not. With all the earnestness at our command, we beg of you to be fearless and thorough from the very start. Some of us have tried to hold on to our old ideas and the result was nil until we let go absolutely. Remember that we deal with alcohol--cunning, baffling, powerful! Without help it is too much for us. But there is One who has all power--that One is God. May you find Him now! Half measures availed us nothing. We stood at the turning point. we asked His protection and care with complete abandon. Here are the steps we took, which are suggested as a program of recovery:

1. **1.** We admitted we were powerless over alcohol-- that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. 2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. 3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM.
4. 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. 5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. 6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. 11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Many of us exclaimed, "What an order! I can't go through with it." Do not be discouraged. No one among us has been able to maintain anything like perfect adherence to these principles. We are not saints. The point is, that we are willing to grow along spiritual lines. The principles we have set down are guides to progress. We claim spiritual progress rather than spiritual perfection. Our description of the alcoholic, the chapter to the agnostic, and our personal adventures before and after make clear three pertinent ideas:
a. That we were alcoholic and could not manage our own lives.
b. That probably no human power could have relieved our alcoholism.
c. That God could and would if He were sought.

 **[(Chair- please pick up the reading here)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xi65bUiBDCTtwTHG3SqEJyiE_ktiXORz26bBuqq7YHw/edit?usp=sharing)**

**\*Copy and paste** the reading from As Bill Sees It.

I’ve posted the reading for today in the chat box. Who would like to read today’s reading for us?

Thanks for reading. Now we will open the meeting for discussion related to the reading or anything related to alcoholism and recovery.

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That’s all the time we have for sharing today, thank you to all who contributed.

Are there any AA related announcements?

**\*\* Omit on the last Saturday:** This meeting has two service positions - Chair and Tech Host. On the last Saturday of the month we will take 5 minutes to ask for volunteers for the upcoming month. Please consider volunteering for one of these service positions, as the meeting cannot be held if they are not filled.

Are there any AA related announcements?

This group encourages sponsorship. If you are available to sponsor, type yes in the text box. Call these people if you need a sponsor.

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For more information about the other meetings during the week, please go to [aaonlinemeeting.net](http://aaonlinemeeting.net), posted in the textbox.

 We invite especially newcomers to join us in friendly, casual conversation immediately after the meeting. This brief After Meeting is a moment to give priority to our newer attendees, and discussion about any controversial topics is kindly requested to be taken to a private venue; thank you.

**\*Copy and paste** PayPal link - <https://paypal.me/AlanJoycetreauser?country.x=GB&locale.x=en_GB>

Our 7th Tradition states that every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting declining outside contributions. The expenses for this group, shared with the other aaonlinemeeting groups, consist of two yearly payments to maintain the website. Any funds which exceed these expenses are forwarded within AA by the Intergroup. To contribute, please click on the PayPal link in the chat box.

**\*Copy and paste** and ask for a volunteer to read:

**“Keep It Simple” pg 227 of Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers**

Dr. Bob did elaborate on his keep-it-simple theme as far as the A.A. program is concerned, incidentally. In a September 1948 article for the Grapevine, he wrote:  **“**As finally expressed and offered, [the Twelve Steps] are simple in language, plain in meaning. They are also workable by any person having a sincere desire to obtain and keep sobriety. The results are the proof. Their simplicity and workability are such that no special interpretations, and certainly no reservations, have ever been necessary. And it has become increasingly clear that the degree of harmonious living which we achieve is in direct ratio to our earnest attempt to follow them literally under divine guidance to the best of our ability.”

Let’s say the serenity prayer.

Meeting is done.

Please remember to update the reading that was done today in the google document found at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xi65bUiBDCTtwTHG3SqEJyiE_ktiXORz26bBuqq7YHw/edit?usp=sharing>.

**Meeting verification template:**

To whom it may concern:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attended the AA meeting on Skype aaonlinemeeting today from 2:30pm-3:30pm, Central European Time.  The meeting topic was readings from the book As Bill Sees It, and today’s reading was from pages \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_(your first name and last initial)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Chairperson