

World Changers

In the years between WWI and WWII, an evangelical Christian organization called the Oxford Group brought healing and revival to whole nations. All of Sweden and Denmark were converted to Christ. A revival though Canada saw whole cities revived, and a side trip to Akron Ohio led to the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous.

These Groups at times also referred to themselves as a First-Century Christian Fellowship, World Changers, and Moral Rearmament.

Their message was an account of the change they had found in an encounter with the Cross of Calvary. They embraced the idea of their death with Christ on the Cross as the secret of receiving the power to live authentic New Testament, holy lives and live as contagious centers of change for others. These principles became the basis for the formation of Alcoholics Anonymous.

This movement was disbanded as members were mobilized at the beginning of WWII, with the result that the methods they taught, though preserved in A.A., have disappeared from the general knowledge of the body of Christ today.

Creating a Sober World is reviving the principles and the practice of this work and restoring the knowledge of the Bible truths on which they are based.

A Great Time to Be a Hero of the Faith

A few decades ago, Malcolm Muggeridge described the times in which we live:

“It is difficult to resist the conclusion that (modern) man has decided to abolish himself. Tired of the struggle to be himself, He has created boredom out of his own affluence, impotence out of his own erotomania, vulnerability out of his own strength. He himself blows the trumpet that brings the wall of his cities crashing down until at last, having educated himself into imbecility, having drugged and polluted himself into stupefaction, he keels over, a weary battered old brontosaurus and becomes extinct.”

The same conditions which existed 2,000 years ago when the Greco-Roman world collapsed from its own wickedness are operative today. The Church of the First Century turned that world upside down. It will do so once again.

On a foundation of complete willingness, you can be the change that makes a difference in the world.

Are you willing?

Let's talk.

I Am Creating a Sober World How About You?

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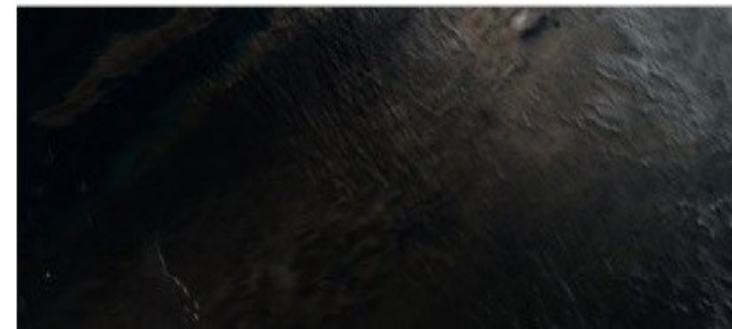
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CREATING A SOBER WORLD

A FIRST CENTURY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



Victory Over All Known Sin

In 1870, Hannah Whitall Smith published *A Christian's Secret of a Happy Life*, detailing how she had gained victory over all known sin and power for service by a simple method of total surrender to God, a daily confession of sin, and a willingness to listen for and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit for power to do God's will. The central pivot of her victory was acceptance of her crucifixion with Christ as described in Romans Chapter 6.

Practical Holiness : A visit by her to London led to the first Keswick Convention in 1875. These 'conventions for the attainment of practical holiness' later led to the Pentecostal movement, undergirded the fundamentalist movement and resulted in the formation of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. AA maintained the principles but did not preserve the religious covering in which they were passed down as it sought to avoid conflict with competing denominational distinctives.

Simple But Not Easy: The AA program is known by the 12 steps and 12 traditions., but what is usually not understood is that it is at heart, all about the destruction of self-centeredness, "Simple but not easy, a price had to be paid,. It meant the destruction of self-centeredness."

Humility - Being Nothing: In 1933, the founder of AA encountered the Oxford Group's message and had a spiritual awakening in which he admitted he was "nothing."

For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

Gal 6:3-4 NKJV

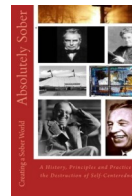
A Vision for a Sober World

The founder of the Oxford Group was convinced that these principles , along with the message of the Cross would one day bring about the final end-times revival. He saw that his methods were..."a philosophy that is adequate for a world crisis...that will bring the nations to the long looked-for Golden Age ushered in by the greatest revolution of all time whereby the Cross of Christ shall transform the world."

Many Christian members of the recovery community have been trying to put together such a program that would address the global problem of selfishness and self-centeredness. What you are reading here is the result of one such group of individuals attempting to bring this vision into reality.

Our Fellowship meets in various places, homes, businesses, churches, recovery halls, and restaurants on a weekly basis. We are guided in our self-examination and progress of spiritual growth by the 12 steps. We are governed by the 12 traditions. Our Text book: *Creating a Sober World*, is forthcoming. For now we are using the text of:

Absolutely Sober: A History Principles and Practice Of the Destruction of Self-Centeredness.



Summary

- Creating a Sober World is the Church.
- We each see ourselves as chosen (ecclesia) members, whole in ourselves and a part of the larger whole..
- We are each fully responsible for the whole work.
- The work is centered on the 6th Chapter of Romans. Each person has taken the position of being Crucified with Christ
- We are committed to holiness and use the Four Absolutes as our guide to daily self examination. Absolute:
 1. Honesty
 2. Purity
 3. Unselfishness
 3. Love
- We keep a daily journal of our practice of 'listening to God.'" and share this guidance with our group on a weekly basis.
- The only requirement of membership is a willingness to reckon ourselves to be dead: to be "nothing."
- Our primary purpose is to grow in spiritual sobriety and to create a sober world.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
Titus 2: 11-12