

THE CONCEPT OF A LOVING GOD

In Alcoholics Anonymous, **the idea of a loving God is intentionally inclusive**, allowing each member to define this Higher Power in their own way. This flexibility ensures that people from diverse spiritual or non-spiritual backgrounds can find common ground. Across many groups, this interpretation fosters unity and acceptance, removing barriers that might alienate members.

Tradition 2 emphasizes that a loving God directs the group's actions through the collective voice of its members. This divine influence brings a Good Spirit into the process, encouraging harmony during group discussions. Instead of focusing on personal beliefs, **AA groups focus on the practical outcomes of serving others and supporting their journey to stop drinking.** By **relying on God's guidance rather than personal control**, members experience the humility and trust essential for effective decision-making.

WHAT IS GROUP CONSCIENCE?

A group conscience is more than a vote—it's **a spiritual process that allows many meetings to operate under the guidance of one ultimate authority.** Rooted in open group discussions and careful reflection, the informed group conscience ensures that **decisions are guided by AA principles rather than individual preferences.**

During a business meeting, members, including both trusted servants and participants, share ideas and perspectives. The process is patient and deliberate, requiring humility and a willingness to listen to others. Even the strongest willed members must step back and consider what is best for the group. This **collective decision-making ensures that AA remains focused on its mission, free from personal agendas.**

The **group conscience** also holds **leaders** and **service boards** accountable, ensuring their actions align with AA's principles. Through this process, members experience unity and spiritual growth, as decisions are seen as guided by **a loving God.**

GROUP PURPOSE AND UNITY

The group purpose in Alcoholics Anonymous is clear: to help members recover from alcoholism by supporting each other and carrying the message of hope. Tradition 2 aligns this purpose with a reliance on group conscience, allowing many groups to function harmoniously while staying focused on AA's core mission.