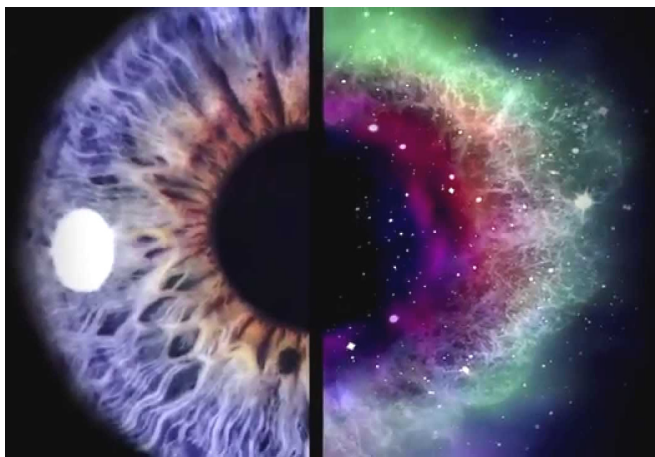




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Awake yet?

I entered into my inward self and beheld with the eye of my soul...the Light Unchangeable - Saint Augustine

...who looks inside, awakes - Carl Jung

I worked a 12-Step program with an AA sponsor but I didn't have a spiritual awakening. I asked my sponsor about it and she suggested more 12th Step work and more AA service. Years passed with no spiritual awakening. Eventually I found someone in AA who had had a spiritual awakening and I asked her to show me how to have one. I was shown a way of doing moral inventory that was more thorough than I was used to and this time I experienced enough humility to bring about a spiritual awakening.

My spiritual awakening was the breathtaking realisation that God is all there is, that there is only God. I also felt God's presence for the first time. Toward the end of my Fifth Step, I was home alone sitting at my dining table when suddenly I felt God in the room.

These days, if a sponsee doesn't feel God's presence by the time she has completed her Fifth Step (Into Action, p 75), I tell her that she has missed something, that she has more work to do on Step Four and that she may need to backtrack to Step One.



Next meeting

Did you miss the District's quarterly meeting in June? Dry your eyes because there's another quarterly meeting at **7:00pm on Wednesday 4 September 2019** at the Darwin District Office.

Did you know that it's the Groups who run AA? That the Groups tell the District what to do, not the other way around? That the District is the humble servant of the Groups? That it is up to the Groups whether they join the District, attend meetings of the District or make financial contributions to the District? That the District reports to the Groups, not the other way around?

AA Groups are invited to send a General Service Representative to the next District meeting to receive the District's report to the Groups and to tell the District how it can best serve your Group.

All AA members are welcome to attend. Why not bring a newcomer to show them how AA works?

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DARWIN UNITY WEEKEND

2-4 August 2019

Friday 8:00pm: Casuarina Group, cnr Frances and Waters Streets, Rapid Creek

Saturday 10:00am: Women's Recovery Group (closed meeting), Nightcliff Primary School, Pandanus Street, Nightcliff

Saturday 12:00pm: Big Book Recovery Group, Nightcliff Community Centre verandah, 18 Bauhinia Street, Nightcliff

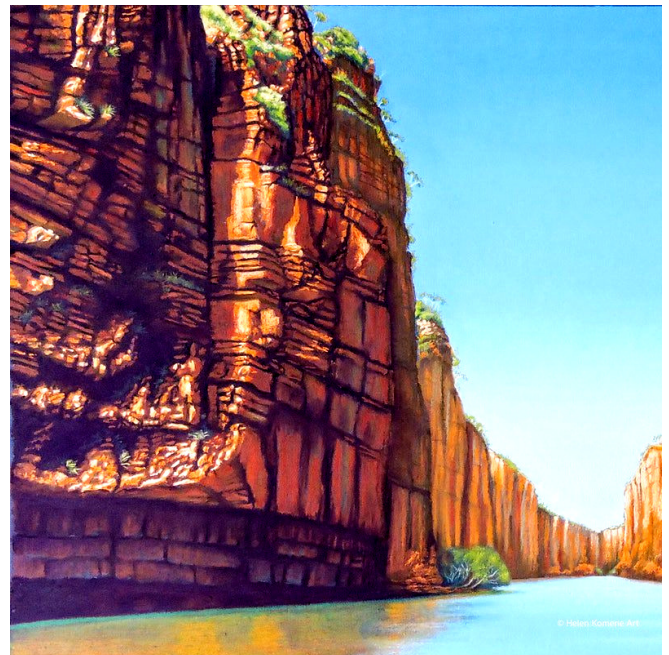
Saturday 6:00pm: BBQ followed by 8:00pm meeting, auction and dancing. Venue: Terry B's place, 19 Mary Street, Stuart Park. Please bring a chair

Saturday 7:30pm: Nightcliff Group, Nightcliff Community Centre verandah, 18 Bauhinia Street, Nightcliff

Sunday 7:30am: BBQ breakfast at East Point near Lake Alexander followed by a 9:00am spiritual concepts meeting

Sunday 2:00pm: As Bill Sees It Group, Living Water Uniting Church, 15 Challoner Circuit, Humpty Doo

Sunday 7:00pm: Living Sober Group, Cathedral room, Christ Church Cathedral, 2 Smith Street, Darwin



KATHERINE ROUNDUP

8-11 August 2019

Thursday 6:00pm: Dinner and 8:00pm meeting under the stars, Katherine Gorge Camp Ground, by the pool

Friday 7:00pm: "I'm not different" meeting, Daily Reflections page 58, followed by supper, Rotary Park

Saturday 2:00pm: meeting on the topic of vigilance, Daily Reflections page 276, followed by afternoon tea, Rotary Park

Saturday 6:00pm: fellowship BBQ dinner followed by 8:00pm meeting "Having fun yet?" Daily Reflections, page 31, followed by supper, Rotary Park

Sunday 10:00am: spiritual concept meeting, Rotary Park

Sunday 12:00pm: fellowship and farewell lunch, Rotary Park

Weekend pass \$40 per person; single meeting \$10. Al-Anon participation. Contacts: Kyra 0428 393 647 and Laurie 0428 559 536