

A NEW PAIR

OF



GLASSES

by CHUCK "C"

‘The co-called “miracle” of A.A. is in its ability – if it’s principles be rigorously applied – to gradually alter the perception of reality within these distraught personalities. The goal, often achieved, is to eventually experience life with a degree of comfort never before possible for people sharing this affliction of mind and body.’ p. viii.



On being welcomed into AA, at the top of page 153. "God came to me, through you, who had already found your way. I didn't know you, but you knew me, because I was an alcoholic and it didn't make any difference. ... You said, "Take off your hat and coat. You're in the right place. ""

"...there has never been a mass recovering program for alcoholics that did not include a basic spiritual rest, ...the problem behind the problem must be a basic spiritual unrest."

On the disease of "spiritual" dis-ease he writes on page 133, bottom of paragraph 2.

On "sobriety" he wrote in the first paragraph on page 129. "In my opinion the definition of sobriety is the ability to live comfortably, peacefully and joyously with me. That is sobriety."

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"You helped me to do that which I could not do alone, and showered enough love on me that I became, I hope, aware of the fact that God is love. God is love, and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him. I'm so grateful to you that I can't see. I love you. It's my joy to have had this time with you, and I shall never forget it, because some part of everyone of you is going to be with me . . . so I thank you again . . . God bless you! Thank you, very much."

On page 24: "...I sit in the same chair today that I sat in for ten years in Hell. The same chair, and I've sat in it for twenty-nine years in Heaven."

Or alternatively on page 89, bottom of paragraph 2: "The motivation is love, and love is the fulfillment of the law. You do it because you love it, for free and for fun. It's a fantastic thing."

For instance, Chuck writes at the bottom of page 57. "The only reason for doing anything is because you love it--for free and for fun. That's in work, play, AA, home, the works. Love is fulfillment of the law."

If these spurs members to read or re-read *A New Pair of Glasses*, shared here are some memorable quotes.

A more complete discussion on his definition of sobriety is on page 130, end of paragraph 2. "...sobriety is physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. Four parts of the same thing and it adds up to the ability to live comfortably, peacefully, and joyously with me. This is sobriety."

On his utter delusion of what AA was, in the middle of page 119. "Chuck, don't you think you might get a little help if you'd read the book "Alcoholics Anonymous?" I turned on her like a lion and said, "You!" My very own wife, suggesting that I read a book written by a bunch of drunks!"

Chuck's morning version of the 3rd step-prayer at the bottom of page 51. "Look, Dad. I am reporting for duty, now I'm going to move it around, I'm going to do the best with what I've got and all I want out of you is a little guidance and direction and the power to carry it out. Sure thank you."

On ego, he writes on bottom page 37, continued on page 39. "We'll have to surrender forever, and as far as I'm concerned there will never be a time when we don't have to continuously surrender."

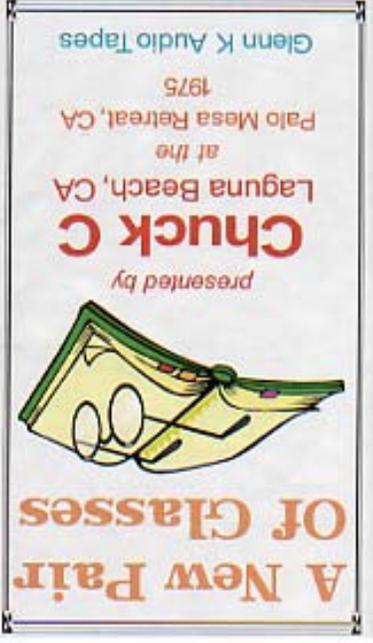
More on ego, page 9, bottom of paragraph 2. "I am totally convinced that the only roadblock between me and you and me and my God is the human ego."

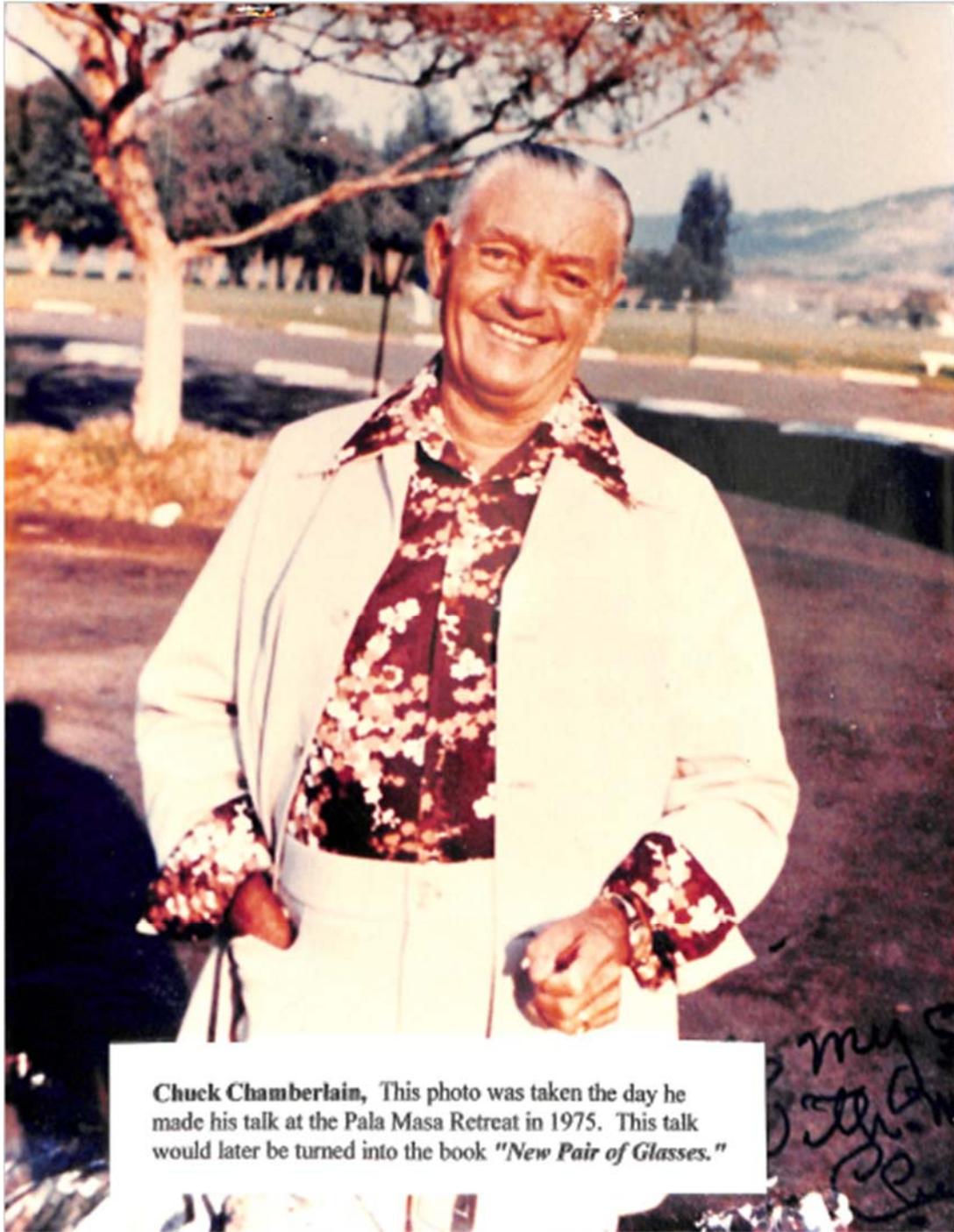
On page 39, end of paragraph 2. "...there's one thing that's worse for an alky than bad fortune, and that's good fortune."

On page 36, end of paragraph 2, he writes about a person's relationship with God. "Conscious separation is the problem, conscious unity is the answer."

On page 35, end of paragraph 1, he writes about unity. "...all of us are God's kids. If one of us is God's kid, all of us are, and if one of us isn't, none of us are. Now this is whether we believe it or not, whether we like it or not. Even if we deny it, we cannot change the reality of our own being. We're God's kids. All of us."

On page 7-8. "...the Alcoholics Anonymous program, is a program of uncovering, discovering, and discarding."





Chuck Chamberlain, This photo was taken the day he made his talk at the Pala Masa Retreat in 1975. This talk would later be turned into the book *"New Pair of Glasses."*

“In short, friend, give yourself a break, take what you can now, and file the rest for future refence.” p. xi.



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