

Christianists still trying to pollute and destroy AA

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A fascinating story in WaPo today about [the original manuscript of AA's 12 Steps](#) [1]. The edits show references to the Christian doctrine and ritual being systematically replaced with more inclusive phrasing: "higher power," rather than "God" or "Jesus Christ"; "Humbly asked Him,"* rather Humbly, on our knees, asked Him." But I loved the quote at the end:

Jack Cowley, a former prison warden who worked with AA for decades and now helps run faith-based [i.e., funded] prison programs, said the manuscript reflects "a cop-out" on Wilson's part, to make an inherently religious process "the least confrontational."

"The power is in the understanding of how Christ can apply these [steps]," Cowley said. "It's the scripture where the power is, it's not AA. . . . This is the same thing we're doing today. We're downplaying the faith issue to get more people. [funding]"

A classic example of the total untrustworthiness of Christianist proselytizers; they'll just say anything.

NOTE * OK, "Him." It was the 1930s, eh?



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