

Divine Therapy And Addiction Centering Prayer And The Twelve Steps

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Explore the profound synergy between divine therapy, centering prayer, and the proven framework of the Twelve Steps for effective addiction recovery. This guide delves into spiritual healing practices that offer a transformative path for individuals seeking freedom from addiction.

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Divine Therapy and Addiction

"All spiritual traditions have a wisdom literature. Alcoholics Anonymous is a spiritual tradition. Its influence and spread in the present century is going to depend on how well each generation of those in recovery assimilate and interiorize the basic wisdom that is enshrined in the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions." --Thomas Keating In this major new work, Father Thomas Keating reflects on the wisdom and legacy of the Alcoholics Anonymous Twelve-Step Method and its connections to, and similarities with, the Christian mystical traditions of centering prayer and Lectio Divina. In conversation with a long-time member of AA meetings, Father Thomas talks insightfully about surrendering to one's Higher Power and the journey that must be undertaken for the healing of the soul to begin.

On Divine Therapy

Father Thomas Keating is the founder of the Centering Prayer movement, based on the retreat into the "inner room" mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 6:6, where the individual is able to meet God. From the book Manifesting God, Father Keating explains the process of divine therapy and the process of purification in contemplative prayer.

Manifesting God

Manifesting God is about the principles of contemplative prayer--the retreat into the inner room mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 6:6, where the individual is able to meet God. In the inner room, the silent space in which God unloads the burdens and false selves that govern our individuality and our daily lives, God acts as a divine therapist, healing us and forcing us to recognize how many barriers we put up between ourselves and an authentic relationship with God. The process whereby this happens is the foundation of centering prayer--a technique of prayer that Keating and other contemporary mystics have revived out of the ancient mystical traditions of the Desert Fathers and the medieval mystics. Abbot Keating explores in this book what it means to enter the inner room and the transformation that takes place there. It explains the guidelines of centering prayer and offers advice on how to develop the relationship more deeply.

Diversity of Centering Prayer

This book relates Centering Prayer to different religious practices and the various conceptual backgrounds out of which Centering Prayer has arisen. Contributors include Eugene Sutton, Mercedes Scopetta, Ferdinand Mafood, and Mark Lodico.

Intimacy with God

Filled with insight and practical advice, this resource offers sound wisdom on the way that centering prayer can deepen one's intimacy with God.

The Daily Reader for Contemplative Living

Thomas Keating was a Cistercian monk who founded the worldwide 'Contemplative Outreach', teaching people the art of meditation. This work brings together three prayer practices for each day of the year to enhance contemplative living. First, a brief "active prayer"; second, spiritual reading; and, third, Lectio Divina. The brief introductory prayer sentences are from various sources - the Bible and traditional prayers of the church or of well-known spiritual writers. The spiritual readings come from 11 of Father Keatings' books and one audiotope, with a month's worth of readings derived from each work. Each day's entry concludes with a brief selection from the Bible, or Lectio Divina.

Invitation to Love 20th Anniversary Edition

20th anniversary edition of a best-selling spiritual classic by one of the founders of the Centering Prayer movement.

Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit

Thomas Keating has spent more than fifty years in sustained practice and devotion to the spiritual life. The results of this creative, humble activity are now summarized in this remarkable book, Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit. As Father Keating says, the spiritual journey is a gradual process of enlarging our emotional, mental, and physical relationship with the divine reality that is present in us, but one not ordinarily accessible to our emotions or concepts. The spiritual journey teaches us, first, to believe in the Divine Indwelling within us, fully present and energizing every level of our being; second, to recognize that this energy is benign, healing, and transforming; and third, to enjoy its gradual unfolding step-by-step both in prayer and action.

Breathing Under Water

We are all addicted in some way. When we learn to identify our addiction, embrace our brokenness, and surrender to God, we begin to bring healing to ourselves and our world. In Breathing Under Water, Richard Rohr shows how the gospel principles in the Twelve Steps can free anyone from addiction – from an obvious dependence on alcohol or drugs to the more common but less visible addiction that we all have to sin. 'A must-read for any person who recognizes the need to go "inward" on their soul's journey to question what their relationship is with God, themselves, and others.' The Cord 'Rohr is a perfect writer on the subject of the 12 Steps. His easy-to-read book is essentially a commentary on each of the steps, with twelve chapters and a postscript that concisely tackles the big religious questions of human suffering, suffering with which addicts and their families are intimately acquainted. Jesus, Rohr answers, is no stranger to suffering . . . This is a good book for those in recovery from addiction and

those who love them. Publishers Weekly 'Richard Rohr continues to guide us to greater wholeness . . . his books have helped countless souls, especially those who struggle with issues of brokenness and seek transformation.' National Catholic Reporter

Taste of Silence

Centering Prayer profoundly many people affected has from all walks of life. Carl Arico, who was introduced to Centering Prayer in 1975 by William Meninger at the Trappist Monastery in Spencer, Massachusetts, is no exception. "It had a profound influence on my life -- on my priesthood and my whole being," he writes. "I attended an intensive retreat with Thomas Keating in 1983 and soon became involved with the beginnings of Contemplative Outreach -- a resource center for those dedicated to the practice of Centering Prayer." This book is the outcome of more than 20 years of experience with Centering Prayer. Father Arico explores the fundamental practice of Centering Prayer, and how it impacts on one's life, providing the practitioner with a historical foundation, balance, insight, a degree of humor, and peace of mind.

Active Meditations for Contemplative Prayer

Selections from the author's previous works guide the reader toward closer communion with God and a richer spiritual life

Reflections on the Unknowable

A distillation of over seventy years as a monastic and more than three decades of writing on centering prayer, *Reflections on the Unknowable* is Fr. Thomas Keating's latest volume on how we might develop our intimacy with God and our experience of the Christian contemplative tradition. The first part of the book consists of a long interview with Fr. Thomas, in which he examines concepts of the divine including the astonishments, playfulness, and transformation available to the individual willing to open the door to God. The second section consists of thirty-one brief homilies, which range over topics as diverse as the Trinity and the message of Epiphany, spiritual evolution and cultivating interior silence, and the treasure of spiritual poverty and the beauty of chaos.

Reawakenings

33 meditations on events in the ministry of Jesus.

Five Spirits

Offering a Taoist map of the human psyche, the "Five Spirits" provide a mythical view of the nervous system and form the basis of Chinese medical psychology. An understanding of these Five Spirits is the key that opens the doorway to the mysteries of Taoist psycho-spiritual alchemy.

Sobering Wisdom

Originally developed by Alcoholics Anonymous, the Twelve Step program now provides life direction for the millions of people worldwide who are recovering from addiction and undergoing profound personal transformation. Yet thus far it has received surprisingly little attention from philosophers, despite the fact that, like philosophy, the program addresses all-important questions regarding how we ought to live. In *Sobering Wisdom*, Jerome A. Miller and Nicholas Plants offer a unique approach to the Twelve Step program by exploring its spirituality from a philosophical point of view. Drawing on a variety of thinkers from Aristotle to William James and from Nietzsche to Foucault, as well as a diverse range of philosophical perspectives including naturalism, Buddhism, existentialism, Confucianism, pragmatism, and phenomenology, the contributors to this volume address such questions as the relation of personal responsibility to an acknowledgment of powerlessness, the existence of a "higher power," and the role of virtue in recovery. Ranging in tone from deeply scholarly to intensely personal, their essays are written in an accessible way for a broad audience that includes not only philosophers, theologians, and psychologists but also spiritual directors, health professionals, and addiction counselors. Perhaps most important, the book is also conceived for those involved in Twelve Step programs whose lives are being transformed by the experience.

Recovery—The Sacred Art

Deepen Your Capacity to Live Free from Addiction—and from Self and Selfishness "Twelve Step recovery is much more than a way to escape the clutches of addictive behaviors. Twelve Step recovery is about freeing yourself from playing God, and since almost everyone is addicted to this game, Twelve Step recovery is something from which everyone can benefit." —from the Introduction In this hope-filled approach to spiritual and personal growth, the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous are uniquely interpreted to speak to everyone seeking a freer and more God-centered life. This special rendering makes them relevant to those suffering from specific addictions—alcohol, drugs, gambling, food, sex, shopping—as well as the general addictions we wrestle with daily, such as anger, greed, and selfishness. Rami Shapiro describes his personal experience working the Twelve Steps as adapted by Overeaters Anonymous and shares anecdotes from many people working the Steps in a variety of settings. Drawing on the insights and practices of Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Taoism, Hinduism, and Islam, he offers supplementary practices from different religious traditions to help you move more deeply into the universal spirituality of the Twelve Step system.

Consenting to God As God Is

This book collects the intimate talks and daily presentations made by Trappist monk Thomas Keating to members of Contemplative Outreach, the organization Keating helped establish to promote the revival of the Christian mystical tradition. Oriented toward people who have been practicing centering prayer for several years, *CONSENTING* is addressed primarily to those with some experience of the spiritual journey and especially to those engaged in some form of contemplative service.

Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening

Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening is a complete guidebook for all who wish to know the practice of Centering Prayer.

Toxic Shame and Contemplative Prayer

Shame is how we feel about who we are because of what we have done. Toxic shame is in a different category. It is not the rightful shame one feels when they know they have done something wrong. It is the unconscious shame that hides in the deep psyche. This shame says: I am wrong. The book explores how contemplative prayer facilitates the healing of toxic shame.

Awakenings

Thomas Keating is well known to thousands of Christians through his pioneering efforts as a founder of the Centering Prayer movement. In *"Awakenings"* he invites the reader to look afresh at the Word of God and see, perhaps for the first time, the relevance of these ancient words to life today.

Practicing the Here and Now

With *Practicing the Here and Now: Being Intentional with Step 11*, you'll learn to use prayer and meditation to work all the steps, so you can make contact with the Higher Power in a way that is yours and yours alone. Step Eleven Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out. How do we unlock and experience the teachings of Step Eleven? Herb K. helps us realize that working—and living—this vital recovery "maintenance Step" doesn't have to be as challenging as commonly thought. With *Practicing the Here and Now*, you'll find guidance on using prayer and meditation to help you be present throughout each day, staying in contact with your Higher Power for ongoing inspiration and sustenance. By opening the connection to your Higher Power with what Herb K. calls "intentional consciousness," prayer and meditation can help you fully experience the cumulative power of the Twelve Steps to deepen and sustain your recovery journey.

Life on the Rocks

An indispensable guide to the deeply philosophical concerns at the heart of every addict's struggle. Addiction and recovery are, at their core, about the meaning of life. *Life on the Rocks* is the first book to address addiction and recovery from a Western philosophical perspective, offering a powerful set of tools sharpened over millennia. It introduces some of the core concepts and vexing questions of philosophy to help addicts and those affected by their addiction examine and perhaps transform the meaning they make of their lives. Without assuming any familiarity with philosophy, Dr. O'Connor

illuminates issues all addicts and their loved ones face: self-identity, moral responsibility, self-knowledge and self-deception, free will and determinism, fatalism, the nature of God, and their relations to others. Life on the Rocks is an indispensable guide to the deeply philosophical concerns at the heart of every addict's struggle. Peg O'Connor, PhD, is professor of philosophy and gender, women, and sexuality studies at Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota. She is the author of the popular Psychology Today blog "Philosophy Stirred, Not Shaken" and contributor to the Pro Talk series at Rehabs.com.

Divine Mercy Prayer Book

- Spiritual practices for beginners and practitioners all in one volume - Spurs people of faith to deeper self-awareness, holistic living, and prayer Just Begin is an indispensable reference tool for the interested spiritual practitioner who wants to add new methods and exercises to their mystical "toolbox." In simple terms, basic steps, and encouraging language, Dr. Wigner introduces readers to more than 40 different practices from Eastern and Western traditions, encompassing everything from mindfulness to music, yoga to the Lord's Prayer. In each short description, the focus is to "just begin" to practice and experiment, grow, and develop spiritually on the way. No one can take a journey without taking the first step, and Dr. Wigner provides the first steps for multiple practices in various religious traditions. These spiritual exercises will help spur people of faith to deeper self-awareness, holistic living, and prayer. The book's sections are organized around types of practices: Meditating, Listening, Being, Sensing, and Embodying, with a final section: Doing. Each chapter forms a short three to five page introduction to a mystical practice, consisting of segments on definition, background, how to practice, resources for further study, journal prompts and discussion questions, and common problems that sometimes "get in the way" of one's practice.

Just Begin

Is there really any hope for a spiritual way of living that actually works? Admiration, comfort, love, power, success, pleasure, escape, control: we're all addicted to something, whether we realize it or not. In this deeply heartfelt book, author John Ortberg offers a guide for transformation when we know something needs to change but we can't do it on our own. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus and using the framework of AAs 12 steps as a guide, Ortberg offers all of us a freeing roadmap for: Giving up our exhausting and fruitless efforts to fix, manage, and control our own lives Distinguishing between when willpower is essential and when it is futile Discovering how God can do for us what we can't do for ourselves, and living authentically, joyfully and in communion with God and other people. Ortberg shows us how to discover: Our spiritual attachment styles Our core doubts The benefits of practices like prayer, meditation, and mindfulness God's sufficiency in our inadequacy In Steps, find what's needed to experience a new freedom, a new fellowship and a new happiness no matter our circumstances.

Steps

This is a book of reflections by A.A. members for A.A. members. It was first published in 1990 to fulfill a long-felt need within the Fellowship for a collection of reflections that moves through the calendar year--one day at a time. Each page contains a reflection on a quotation from A.A. Conference-approved literature, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, As Bill Sees It and other books. These reflections were submitted by members of the A.A. Fellowship who were not professional writers, nor did they speak for A.A. but only for themselves, from their own experiences in sobriety. Thus the book offers sharing, day by day, from a broad cross section of members, which focuses on the Three Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous: Recovery, Unity and Service. Daily Reflections has proved to be a popular book that aids individuals in their practice of daily meditation and provides inspiration to group discussions even as it presents an introduction for some to A.A. literature as a whole.

Daily Reflections

By combining the teachings of Zen with the modern science of psychology, the authors have forged a new path to peace and healing. The method is accessible regardless of spiritual background, and requires less than half an hour a day. Experienced practitioners Gerry Shishin Wick and Ilia Shinko Perez have drawn from a wide array of disciplines to create the Great Heart Method. It transcends the erstwhile limitations of Zen, which sometimes can be used to deny feelings and personal problems, but uses meditation as an effective means of identifying and working through mental blockages. The book focuses on restoring a heart-mind connection, compassionately healing one's wounded inner self, and fully experiencing difficult emotions with nonjudgmental awareness in order to fully transform them.

The Great Heart Way

The stories of the first heroic black men and women who joined Alcoholics Anonymous, told wherever possible in their own words, recorded freely and frankly. The story begins with St. Louis (January 24, 1945); followed by Chicago (March 20, 1945), along with the factory and foundry towns which spread eastwards as suburbs. Later that same year (April 1945) came the story of Dr. James C. Scott, Jr., M.D., the black physician who founded the first black A.A. group in the nation's capital, and was the first black A.A. member to get his story in the Big Book. The book concludes with the story of Joe McQuany (March 10, 1962) of the Joe and Charlie tapes, the most famous black figure in A.A. History. The lives of thousands and thousands of alcoholics around the world were saved by listening to recordings of his careful page-by-page explanation of the message of the Big Book. The powerful spiritual messages of all these brave men and women struck the hearts of everyone who heard them speak.

Heroes of Early Black AA

A practical guide to letting go of the character defects that get in the way of true and joyful recovery. Resentment. Fear. Self-Pity. Intolerance. Anger. As Bill P. explains, these are the "rocks" that can sink recovery- or at the least, block further progress. Based on the principles behind Steps Six and Seven, Drop the Rock combines personal stories, practical advice, and powerful insights to help readers move forward in recovery. The second edition features additional stories and a reference section.

Drop the Rock

Taking a new and innovative angle on social work, this book seeks to remedy the lack of holistic perspectives currently used in Western social work practice by exploring Indigenous and other culturally diverse understandings and experiences of healing. This book examines six core areas of healing through a holistic lens that is grounded in a decolonizing perspective. Situating integrative healing within social work education and theory, the book takes an interdisciplinary approach, drawing from social memory and historical trauma, contemplative traditions, storytelling, healing literatures, integrative health, and the traditional environmental knowledge of Indigenous Peoples. In exploring issues of water, creative expression, movement, contemplation, animals, and the natural world in relation to social work practice, the book will appeal to all scholars, practitioners, and community members interested in decolonization and Indigenous studies.

Decolonizing Pathways towards Integrative Healing in Social Work

For 18 years Sandy presented a "lecture" style meeting, Saturday Morning Live, every weekend while he was living and working in the Washington, DC area. After retiring to Tampa in 1996 he was asked to repeat this series on occasion. In 2007, Sandy combined the History, the Traditions, and the Steps in to a talk, which is the basis for this book. He titled the series Steps & Stories and it took place, and was recorded, during twelve consecutive Sunday meetings at the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church in Tampa. Hotchkiss Publishing has transcribed all 12 of the audio files in order to bring this important and helpful series to a wider audience. Sandy's talks and recordings have helped many over the years more fully connect with the AA program and a spiritual way of life. It is our hope that this volume will continue that legacy by bringing, in print, his humble wisdom and humor to people who are new to sobriety and to those who have been around a while but are searching for a new perspective.

Steps And Stories

This book presents the Twelve Steps of recovery groups as a way to grow, to move toward a spiritual awakening, an awareness of our true self in God. Every page bears gentle reassurance that fulfillment of the Twelve Steps inspires a cleansing sense of wholeness -- a renewed spirit that helps readers break free from negative and sinful influences in their lives.

Twelve Steps to Spiritual Wholeness

Advancing to higher levels of ritual magic with purpose and power requires an exaltation of consciousness—a spiritual transformation that can serve as an antidote to the seeming banality of modern life. Based on Kabbalistic techniques, the teachings of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, and an Hermetic tradition spanning nearly two thousand years, this innovative new work introduces the history of the Golden Dawn and its mythology, the Tree of Life, Deities, demons, rules for practicing magic, and components of effective ritual. A comprehensive course of self-initiation using Israel Regardie's seminal Golden Dawn as a key reference point, Kabbalah, Magic and the Great Work of Self-Transformation guides you through the levels of the Golden Dawn system of ritual magic. Each grade in this system corresponds with a sphere in the Kabbalistic Tree of Life and includes daily rituals, required reading, written assignments, projects, and additional exercises. Knowledgeable and true to tradition, author Lyam Thomas Christopher presents a well-grounded and modern step-by-step program toward spiritual attainment, providing a lucid gateway toward a more awakened state. Finalist for the Coalition of Visionary Resources Award for Best Magick/Shamanism Book

Kabbalah, Magic, and the Great Work of Self-transformation

Our Life is Love describes the transformational spiritual journey of the first Quakers, who turned to the Light of Christ within and allowed it to be their guide. Many Friends today use different language, but are still called to make the same journey. In our time people seeking deeper access to the profound teachings of Christianity want more than just beliefs, they want direct experience. Focusing on ten elements of the spiritual journey, this book is a guide to a Spirit-filled life that affects this world. Quakers in the seventeenth century and today provide examples of people and communities living in the midst of the world whose radical understanding of Christ's teachings led them to become powerful agents of social change. The book offers a simple, clear explanation of the spiritual journey that is suitable not only for Quakers, but for all Christians, and for seekers wanting to better understand our spiritual experience and the fullness of God's call to us. The book would make an excellent focus for study groups. Marcelle Martin has led workshops at retreat centers and Quaker meetings across the United States. She served for four years as the resident Quaker Studies teacher at Pendle Hill and was a core teacher in the School of the Spirit program, The Way of Ministry. She is the author of the Pendle Hill pamphlets Invitation to a Deeper Communion and Holding One Another in the Light. In 2013 she was the Mullen Writing Fellow at Earlham School of Religion while working on this book.

Our Life Is Love

Movement Medicine is the kind of instruction manual you'll actually want to read. It is laced with personal stories from the authors' lives that are funny, inspiring and moving, as well as 38 recipes that will change the way you see and feel about yourself and your place in this world. Anybody in a body can take part. So that means you. Take a deep breath. Your drum is calling you. Its rhythm is in your blood. We are being challenged as a species to raise our game. The 9 Gateways are a map and a guide for the critical times we live in. In them, you will see the ancient and the modern, the psychotherapeutic and the shamanic, the devotional and the traditional, the scientific and the mystical, all woven together into material that is strong enough to support you to 'Live Your Dream.'

Movement Medicine

A Deeper Wisdom is for all women whether or not they've ever set foot in a recovery meeting. ADW's life-practice transforms self-criticism into self-compassion and the suffering that fuels habit-energy into joy.

A Deeper Wisdom

Mystical experiences are happening every day, yet—as amazing as the experiences can be—it is often difficult to integrate these experiences into the rest of life. In light of this difficulty, I have created mystical reflection as a simple method for sharing one's own mystical experiences in a group setting and listening

to the experiences of others in a non-judgmental way. The theological principle at work here is that if God speaks, then everyone can benefit from it. Mystical reflection takes this principle seriously and offers a method of application for integrating the spiritual insights into each person's spirituality.

Thinking Spiritually in Small Groups

The Christian heritage contains rich contemplative wisdom, literature, and practice, and this volume is written for those who would like to find enrichment in spiritual practices grounded in non-Christian religions while retaining basic Christian commitments.

The Heart of the World

This book has been replaced by *Treating Addiction, Second Edition*, ISBN 978-1-4625-4044-0.

Treating Addiction

In *Going Inside*, the companion volume to his *Finding God Within*, Ray Leonardini offers a practical manual for all those who are engaged, or are thinking of becoming engaged, with contemplative (or centering) prayer in prison. With advice from his own experience as well as that of prisoners themselves, *Going Inside* is an essential tool to enable your centering prayer groups to be effective and transformative for everyone involved.

Going Inside