

## **THE AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE!**

### **AL-ANON LITERATURE SKIT**

Two people are needed to do this skit; one to read and one to hold up each piece of literature as it is mentioned. If you wish to add a third person, you could make a sign that says *AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE* and that person could hold it up each time it is said.

Have all the literature needed arranged in order on a table in front of you. It's a good idea to highlight the book and pamphlet titles on this script to make it easier to see and be ready.

Ladies and gentlemen....Today I am going to talk to you about one of the most amazing products of our time. Maybe one of the most amazing products of any time! Certainly a product we are privileged to have right at our fingertips. No, it doesn't dice, it doesn't slice and you probably won't be the first person on the block to already have it. Am I talking about a new kitchen gadget? No, I'm not! Am I talking about the latest diet aid? No, I'm not! What I have to share with you today is none other than ....the **AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE!!** Something no alcoholic home should be without! **AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE** comes with no guarantees or warranties, but it is loaded with potential. Now just sit back

and with the help of my lovely assistant(s), I will show you many of the wonderful features of the AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE.

We can make a start at **UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES AND ALCOHOLISM** (P-48) because today, **AL-ANON IS SPOKEN HERE** (P-53). As many of you know, alcoholism can put us on a **MERRY-GO-ROUND OF DENIAL** (P-3). We need to begin by identifying the problem...**SO YOU LOVE AN ALCOHOLIC** (P-14)...before we can find the **FREEDOM FROM DESPAIR** (P-6) and be able to go **FROM SURVIVAL TO RECOVERY** (B-21). Let's begin by asking ourselves a few general questions:

**DID YOU GROW UP WITH A PROBLEM DRINKER?** (S-25)

**ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT SOMEONE'S DRINKING?** (M-1).

**WHAT DO YOU DO ABOUT THE ALCOHOLIC'S DRINKING?**

(P-19) You might even be asking **HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILDREN?**

(P-9)

Ladies and gentlemen, I have many answers for you today that you can use as your **GUIDE FOR THE FAMILY OF THE ALCOHOLIC**. (P-7)

AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE has long been used by the wives and girlfriends of alcoholics, but it is also a practical gift for many other people.

AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE has a message **TO THE MOTHER AND FATHER OF AN ALCOHOLIC** (P-16), for **ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS** (P-47), for the man who asks **DOES SHE DRINK TOO MUCH?** (P-62), or the child who wonders **IF MY PARENTS DRINK TOO MUCH** (P-22). We can make lots of **SUGGESTIONS** to lots of folks (P-13) because **AL-ANON IS FOR MEN** (P-1), and all people of color and beliefs; **ABORIGINALS** (S-67), **AFRICAN-CANADIANS** (S-68), **GAYS & LESBIANS** (S-70), any family member or friend of an alcoholic. It even has **THE AL-ANON FOCUS** (P-45) for those recovering from alcoholism themselves.

This AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE gives everyone the **COURAGE TO BE ME** (B-23) by **OPENING OUR HEARTS**, **TRANSFORMING OUR LOSSES** (B-29). It shows us the **PATHS TO**

**RECOVERY** (B-24), ways of **DISCOVERING CHOICES** (B-30), and provides the **HOPE FOR CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS IN ALATEEN** (B-3). Why it even gives us **THREE VIEWS OF AL-ANON** (P-15) from the alcoholic.

AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE can make your life more manageable with the handy-to-have around the house **TWELVE STEPS & TWELVE TRADITIONS** (B-8). It even answers questions you maybe never have thought to ask, like: **WHY ANONYMITY IN AL-ANON?** (P-33), **WHY CONFERENCE APPROVED LITERATURE?** (P-35) and **WHAT'S SPONSORSHIP ALL ABOUT?** (P-31).

Now some of you might know about living in **ALATEEN—A DAY AT A TIME** (B-10), but I'm **MOVING ON FROM ALATEEN TO AL-ANON** (P-59) today to tell you how you can learn about **ALCOHOLISM, THE FAMILY DISEASE** (P-4). AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE also makes it possible to learn about Al-Anon from the beginning as **LOIS REMEMBERS** (B-7) it, and you will hear from **MANY VOICES**, who are on **ONE JOURNEY** (B-31).

Some people think they have it made when sobriety comes, but AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE makes it clear that **LIVING WITH SOBRIETY** (P-49) is just another beginning. We still have to deal with the many **DILEMMAS OF THE ALCOHOLIC MARRIAGE** (B-4).

AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE can show you how changes are possible, if you have **THE COURAGE TO CHANGE** (B-16). It has a **BLUEPRINT FOR PROGRESS** (P-91) for adults and the **ALATEEN 4<sup>th</sup> STEP INVENTORY** (P-64) for the children. We can have **HOPE FOR TODAY** (B-27). **JUST FOR TODAY** (M-12), we can begin living a more balanced and serene life. **THE AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS** (B-5) are here to help. You too, can learn to live **ONE DAY AT A TIME IN AL-ANON** (B-6).

AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE is available wherever meetings are held. Find out **HOW AL-ANON WORKS** (B-22) using **WALLET CARDS** (M-8, M-10, M-11), **BOOKMARKS** (Road sign and Sponsorship), pamphlets (**THE CONCEPTS P-57**) and books (**IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS B-15**).

AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE has something for anyone whose life has been affected by someone else's drinking. And for just pennies more a month, you can also receive the handy companion piece, **THE FORUM**, the monthly magazine of Al-Anon Family Groups, sharing recovery, unity, and service.

So, get a grip on what's happening with **AL-ANON, YOU AND THE ALCOHOLIC** (P-2). Take advantage of the experience, strength and hope with the AMAZING AL-ANON LITERATURE. It is possible that **AS WE UNDERSTOOD** (B-11) our past and our relationship to a Higher Power, things may change, bringing us a better life than we ever imagined. After all, ladies and gentlemen, **THIS IS AL-ANON** (P-32)!!

Accept no Substitutes!