

Occurrences of the Word “God” and Related Words
on Pages 1-164 in *Alcoholics Anonymous*, 4th Ed.

**Part 1: The 135 Occurrences of the Word “God”
on Pages 1-164 in *Alcoholics Anonymous*, 4th Ed. (further corrected)
(Bolding added for Clarity)**

Chapter 1: Bill’s Story—Twelve (12) occurrences

- p. 10: “a **God** personal to me”
p. 11 (1st): “the power of **God** in human affairs”
p. 11 (2d): “**God** had done for him what he could not do for himself.”
p. 12 (1st): “The word **God** still aroused a certain antipathy” **
p. 12 (2d): “a **God** personal to me” **
p. 12 (3rd): “‘*Why don’t you choose your own conception of **God**?*’” **
p. 12 (4th): “**God** is concerned with us humans when we want Him enough.”
p. 12 (5th): “For a brief moment, I had needed and wanted **God**.”
p. 13 (1st): “There I humbly offered myself to **God**, as I then understood Him,”
p. 13 (2d): “I was to test my thinking by the new **God-consciousness** within.”
p. 13 (3rd): “Belief in the power of **God**,”
p. 14: “**God** comes to most men gradually,”

** **NOTE:** These three occurrences of the word “God” are part of a four-paragraph, handwritten section of text that was inserted into the printer’s copy of *Alcoholics Anonymous* just before the first edition was published on April 10, 1939. The four-paragraph section of text begins with the words “Despite the living example of my friend . . .” and ends with the words “Of course I would!” This four-paragraph section of text was not present in the prepublication copy of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, better known as “the Multilith Edition” or “the Original Manuscript.” Please see *The Book That Started It All* (Hazelden, 2010) for more details.

Chapter 2: There Is a Solution—Six (6) occurrences

- p. 24: “For **God**’s sake,”
p. 25 (1st): “But for the grace of **God**”
p. 25 (2d): “revolutionized our whole attitude toward life, toward our fellows and toward **God**’s universe.”
p. 28 (1st): “the loving and powerful hand of **God**.”
p. 28 (2d): “a multitude of ways in which men have discovered **God**.”
p. 29: “Each individual, in the personal stories, describes in his own language and from his own point of view the way he established his relationship with **God**.” ***

*** **NOTE:** The prepublication copy of *Alcoholics Anonymous* read: “. . . from his own point of view the way he found or rediscovered **God**.”
<http://anonpress.org/manu/02.htm>

Chapter 3: More about Alcoholism—No (0) occurrences

Chapter 4: We Agnostics—Twenty-Eight (28) occurrences

- p. 45 (1st): “we are going to talk about **God**.”
p. 45 (2d): “especially when we mention **God**,”
p. 45 (3rd): “To others the word ‘**God**’ brought up a particular idea of Him”
p. 45 (4th): “we imagined we had abandoned the **God** idea entirely.”
p. 46 (1st): “impossible for any of us to fully define or comprehend that Power, which is **God**.
p. 46 (2d): “we did not need to consider another’s conception of **God**.”
p. 46 (3rd): “**God** does not make too hard terms with those who seek Him.”
p. 47 (1st): “When, therefore, we speak to you of **God**,”
p. 47 (2d): “we mean your own conception of **God**.”
p. 47 (3rd): “to effect our first conscious relation with **God** as we understood Him.”
p. 49 (1st): “thinking we believe this universe needs no **God** to explain it.”
p. 49 (2d): “spearheads of **God**’s ever advancing Creation,”
p. 51 (1st): “the consciousness of the Presence of **God** is today the most important fact of their lives,”
p. 51 (2d): “Had not people said **God** had reserved this privilege”
p. 52 (1st): “we had to stop doubting the power of **God**.”
p. 52 (2d): “But the **God** idea did.”
p. 52 (3rd): “When others showed us that ‘**God-sufficiency**’ worked with them,”
p. 53 (1st): “the proposition that either **God** is everything or else He is nothing”
p. 53 (2d): “**God** either is, or He isn’t.”
p. 54: “the **God** of Reason.”
p. 55 (1st): “They said **God** made these things possible,”
p. 55 (2d): “deep down in every man, woman, and child, is the fundamental idea of **God**.”
p. 55 (3rd): “faith in some kind of **God** was a part of our make-up,”
p. 56 (1st): “Our friend’s gorge rose as he bitterly cried out: “If there is a **God**, He certainly hasn’t done anything for me!””
p. 56 (2d): ““*Who are you to say there is no **God**?*””
p. 56 (3rd): “he was overwhelmed by a conviction of the Presence of **God**.”
p. 57 (1st): “**God** had restored his sanity.”
p. 57 (2d): “Even so has **God** restored us all to our right minds.”

Chapter 5: How It Works—Twenty-Seven (27) occurrences

- p. 59 (1st): “But there is One who has all Power—that One is **God**.”
- p. 59 (2d): “the care of **God** *as we understood Him*.” [Step 3]
- p. 59 (3rd): “Admitted to **God**, to ourselves, and to another human being” [Step 5]
- p. 59 (4th): “to have **God** remove all these defects of character.” [Step 6]
- p. 59 (5th): “our conscious contact with **God** as we understood Him,” [Step 11]
- p. 60 (1st): “(c) That **God** could and would if He were sought.”
- p. 60 (2): “turn our will and our life over to **God** as we understood Him.”
- p. 62 (1st): “**God** makes that possible.”
- p. 62 (2d): “We had to have **God’s** help.”
- p. 62 (3rd): “First of all, we had to quit playing **God**.”
- p. 62 (4th): “hereafter in this drama of life, **God** was going to be our Director.”
- p. 63 (1st): ““**God**, I offer myself to Thee--”
- p. 63 (2d): “it is better to meet **God** alone than with one who might misunderstand.”
- p. 67 (1st): “We asked **God** to help us show them the same tolerance,”
- p. 67 (2d): “**God** save me from being angry.”
- p. 67 (3rd): “at least **God** will show us how to take a kindly and tolerant view”
- p. 68 (1st): “the basis of trusting and relying upon **God**.”
- p. 68 (2d): “We trust infinite **God** rather than our finite selves.”
- p. 68 (3rd): “All men of faith have courage. They trust their **God**.”
- p. 68 (4th): “We never apologize for **God**.”
- p. 69 (1st): “We asked **God** to mold our ideals”
- p. 69 (2d): “our sex powers were **God-given** and therefore good,”
- p. 69 (3rd): “In meditation, we ask **God** what we should do about each specific matter.”
- p. 69 (4th): “**God** alone can judge our sex situation.”
- p. 70 (1st): “we let **God** be the final judge.”
- p. 70 (2d): “have the honest desire to let **God** take us to better things,”
- p. 71: “**God** can remove whatever self-will has blocked you off from Him.”

Chapter 6: Into Action—Twenty (20) occurrences

- p. 72: “we have admitted to **God**, to ourselves, and to another human being.”
- p. 75: “We thank **God** from the bottom of our heart that we know Him better.”
- p. 76 (1st): “Are we now ready to let **God** remove from us all the things”
- p. 76 (2d): “we ask **God** to help us be willing.”
- p. 77 (1st): “Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to **God**”
- p. 77 (2d): “We don’t use this as an excuse for shying away from the subject of **God.**”
- p. 80 (1st): “If we have obtained permission, have consulted with others, asked **God** to help”
- p. 80 (2d): “He saw that he had to place the outcome in **God’s** hands”
- p. 81: “and, **God** willing, it shall not be repeated.”
- p. 83: “As **God’s** people we stand on our feet; we don’t crawl before anyone.”
- p. 84 (1st): “**God** is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.”
- p. 84 (2d): “When these crop up, we ask **God** at once to remove them.”
- p. 85 (1st): “we must carry the vision of **God’s** will into all of our activities.”
- p. 85 (2d): “To some extent we have become **God-conscious.**”
- p. 86 (1st): “After making our review we ask **God’s** forgiveness”
- p. 86 (2d): “we ask **God** to direct our thinking,”
- p. 86 (3rd): “after all **God** gave us brains to use.”
- p. 86 (4th): “Here we ask **God** for inspiration, an intuitive thought or a decision.”
- p. 87: “Being still inexperienced and having just made conscious contact with **God,**”
- p. 88: “So we let **God** discipline us in the simple way we have just outlined.”

Chapter 7: Working with Others—Nine (9) occurrences

- p. 93: “*he does not have to agree with your conception of **God.***”
- p. 95 (1st): “If he is to find **God**, the desire must come from within.”
- p. 95 (2d): “We have no monopoly on **God**; . . .”
- p. 98 (1st): “the alcoholic commences to rely upon our assistance rather than upon **God.**”
- p. 98 (2d): “we simply do not stop drinking so long as we place dependence upon other people ahead of dependence on **God.**”
- p. 98 (3rd): “The only condition is that he trust in **God** and clean house.”
- p. 100 (1st): “It is dependent upon his relationship with **God.**”
- p. 100 (2d): “the things which came to us when we put ourselves in **God’s** hands”
- p. 102: “Keep on the firing line of life with these motives and **God** will keep you unharmed.”

Chapter 8: To Wives—Eight (8) occurrences

- p. 114: “The power of **God** goes deep!”
p. 116 (1st): “it opened up a path which led to the discovery of **God**.”
p. 116 (2d): “If **God** can solve the age-old riddle of alcoholism, He can solve your problems too.”
p. 116 (3rd): “But it was a silly idea that we were too good to need **God**.”
p. 117: “the radically changed attitude toward him which **God** will show you how to have.”
p. 120 (1st): “**God** has either removed your husband’s liquor problem or He has not.”
p. 120 (2d): “place the problem, along with everything else, in **God’s** hands.”
p. 121: “we say ‘Good luck and **God** bless you!’”

Chapter 9: The Family Afterward—Twelve (12) occurrences

- p. 123: “**God**, they believe, almost owes this recompense on a long overdue account.”
p. 124: “in **God’s** hands, the dark past is the greatest possession you have”
p. 128 (1st): “He may demand that the family find **God** in a hurry,”
p. 128 (2d): “They may be jealous of a **God** who has stolen dad’s affections.”
p. 128 (3rd): “**God** has accomplished the miracle where they failed.”
p. 128 (4th): “What about his talk that **God** will take care of them?”
p. 129: “now he has become a superior person with **God** on his side.”
p. 130: “a great sense of purpose, accompanied by a growing consciousness of the power of **God** in our lives.”
p. 133 (1st): “We are sure that **God** wants us to be happy, joyous, and free.”
p. 133 (2d): “it is clear that we made our own misery. **God** didn’t do it.”
p. 133 (3rd): “**God** has abundantly supplied this world with fine doctors,”
p. 133 (4th): “though **God** has wrought miracles among us,”

Chapter 10: To Employers—No (0) occurrences

Chapter 11: A Vision for You—Thirteen (13) occurrences

- p. (154-)155: “His sanity returned and he thanked **God**.”
p. (155-)156: “face his problems squarely that **God** might give him mastery.”
p. 158 (1st): “I’ve prayed to **God** on hangover mornings”
p. 158 (2d): “**God** ought to be able to do anything.”
p. 158 (3rd): “But he had found **God**”
p. 158 (4th): “and in finding **God** had found himself.”
p. 161: “being restored and united under one **God**,”
p. 162: “Many of us have felt, for the first time, the Presence and Power of **God**”
p. 164 (1st): “**God** will determine that,”
p. 164 (2d): “**God** will constantly disclose more to you and to us.”
p. 164 (3&4): “Abandon yourself to **God** as you understand **God**.”
p. 164 (5th): “May **God** bless you and keep you—until then.”