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Step 2 – Part 1

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*Definition of an **ATHIEST**: Denies there is a God.*

*Definition of an **AGNOSTIC**: Does not rely on or know if there is a God that will work in their life.*

1. Am I an atheist or agnostic? Pg. 44 P 2 – L1

a. When others mention God, have they reopened a subject which I thought I had neatly evaded or entirely ignored? Pg. 45 P2 – L11

2. Do I have honest doubt and prejudice? List it. Pg. 45 P3 – L1

a. Have I been anti-religious? Pg. 45 P3 – L2

b. Does the word “God” bring up a particular idea of Him which someone had tried to impress upon me during childhood? Pg. 45 P3 – L3

c. Did I reject this particular conception of God? Pg. 45 P3 – L5

3. With that rejection had I abandoned the God idea entirely? Pg. 45 P3 – L7

4. Am I bothered with the thought that faith and dependence upon a Power greater than myself was somewhat weak, even cowardly? Pg. 46 P(top) –L1

a. Am I able to lay aside prejudice and express a willingness to believe in a Power greater than myself? Pg. 46 P1 –L3

5. Have I discovered I did not need to consider another's conception of God? Pg. 46 P2 – L1

a. Do I believe my own conception, however inadequate, is sufficient to make a start to affect a contact with God--provided I take the rest of these steps? Pg. 46 P2 – L3

6. Do I have my own conception of God? Pg. 47 P1 – L2

a. Do I believe this is all I need to commence spiritual growth and to affect my first conscious relation with God? Pg. 47 P1 –L6

2ND STEP CONSIDERATION

Do I now believe, or am I even willing to believe that there is a Power greater than myself? (...that can take me beyond where I am?) Pg.47 P2 – L2

7. Do I believe that upon this simple cornerstone, "a willingness to believe," a wonderfully, effective spiritual structure can be built? Pg. 47 P2 L6

8. Did I assume I could not make use of spiritual principles unless I accepted many things on faith which seemed difficult to believe? pg. 47 P3 L2

a. Do I believe there is a process here that can take me from a simple willingness, to belief, to faith? Pg. 47 P3

9. Have I found myself handicapped by stubbornness, sensitiveness, and unreasoning prejudice? Pg. 48 P-top L1

a. Faced with addictive destruction (step 1) have I become as open minded on spiritual matters as I have tried to be on other questions? Pg. 48 P-top I7

b. In this respect, was food the great persuader? Pg. 48 P-top L9

c. Did it finally beat me into a state of reasonableness? Pg. 48 P-top L10

10. In the past have I chosen to believe that my human intelligence was the last word? Wasn't that vain of me? Pg. 40 P1 L5

11. Have I ever given the spiritual side of life a fair hearing? Pg. 50 P1 I7

12. Do I believe I need to gain access to, and belief in, a power greater than myself? Pg. 50 P3 L3

a. I may have had belief in, but have I ever had access to, this Power? Pg. 50 P3 L4

b. Do I believe this Power in my case can accomplish the miraculous, and humanly impossible? Pg. 50 P3 L4

13. Do I believe I have to not only come to believe in a Power greater than myself but also to take a certain attitude (that we'll look at on page 55 P4) toward that Power, and to do certain simple things (the rest of the steps)? Pg. 50 P4 L2

a. Do I believe I must wholeheartedly meet a few simple requirements (the 12 steps) to have a revolutionary change in my way of living and thinking? Pg. 50 P4 L10

14. Am I confused and baffled by my seemingly uselessness of existence? Pg. 51 P-top L1

a. Leaving aside the eating problem, do I believe my lack of power was the underlying reasons why life was so difficult? Pg. 51 P-top L2

b. When hundreds of people are able to say that not just a belief in, but that the consciousness of the presence of God, is today the most important fact of their lives, does this present a powerful reason why I should have faith? pg. 51 P-top L5

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15. In the realm of the spirit, has my mind been restrained by superstition, tradition, and all sorts of fixed ideas that I was raised with? Pg. 51 P1 L8

16. When I see others solve their problems by a simple reliance upon God do I have to stop doubting the power of God? Name the people you have seen? Pg. 52 P3 L1

17. In the past have I stuck to the idea that self-sufficiency would solve my problems? Pg. 52 P4 L5

BEDEVILMENTS. Consider each of the following questions on the next page in two ways.

1. First, on each of the following questions, ask yourself “What are my prospects for the future in this area of my life if God is NOTHING, and DOES NOT exist: if all I have is what I’ve had in the past?”
2. Next, go back through these questions and ask yourself “What are my prospects for the future in this area of my life if God is EVERYTHING, and DOES exist.”

a. Are you having trouble in personal relationships?

If God is nothing:

If God is everything:

b. Can you control your emotional nature?

If God is nothing:

If God is everything:

c. Are you prey to misery and depression?

If God is nothing:

If God is everything:

d. Can you make a living?

If God is nothing:

If God is everything:

e. Do you have a feeling of uselessness?

If God is nothing:

If God is everything:

f. Are you full of fear?

If God is nothing:

If God is everything:

g. Are you unhappy?

If God is nothing:

If God is everything:

h. Do you seem unable to be of real help to other people?

If God is nothing:

If God is everything:

18. Do you believe these problems are INSIDE rather than OUTSIDE of ourselves? Pg. 52 P2

19. Arrived at this point, am I squarely confronted with the question of faith? Pg. 53 P3 L1

20. Do I believe in my own reasoning (my mind)? Pg. 54 P-top L1

a. Did I have confidence in my ability to think? Wasn't that but a sort of faith? Pg. 54 P-top L2

b. Have I been faithful to the God of Reason (worshipping my mind)? Pg. 54 P-top L4

c. Have I discovered that faith had been involved all the time? Pg. 54 P-top L5

21. Have I worshipped (give examples): Pg. 54 P1 L1

- a. People? _____
- b. Things? _____
- c. Money? _____
- d. Myself? _____
- e. Have I worshipped the sunset, the sea, or a flower? Pg. 54 P1 L4

f. Have I loved something or somebody? Pg. 54 P1 L6

g. How much did these feelings, these loves, these worships, have to do with pure reason? Pg. 54 P1 L7

h. In one form or another had I been living by faith and little else? Pg. 54 P1 l14

22. Do I believe I have been fooling myself for deep down within every man, woman, and child is the fundamental idea of God? Pg. 55 P2 L1

a. Has this idea been obscured by bad things that happened? By ego? By worship of other things? Example Pg. 55 P2 L1

23. Have I seen that faith in some kind of God was a part of my make-up just as much as the feeling I have for a friend? Pg. 55 P3 L1

a. Do I believe I will find the Great Reality deep down within me? Pg. 55 P3 L5

24. Has the testimony of these people "in the meetings" helped sweep away prejudice? ...enabled me to think honestly...encouraged me to search diligently within myself? Pg. 55 P4 L1

a. Do I believe the consciousness of my belief is sure to come? Pg. 51 Top P

25. Who am I to say there is no God in a world that shows me there is? Pg. 56 P3 L1

26. Do I now believe or am I willing to believe, in a Power greater than myself? (pg. 47) pg. 56 P5 L1

Do I believe when I draw near to Him, He will disclose Himself to me? Pg. 57 P3 L1
