Greetings from Fargo. Perfect summer day. And Perfect day to reconnect with ASA friends!

Hi everyone. I am having audio issues. cannot hear Raandy.?

Can one be a social alcoholic?

Welcome everyone to this month’s Diving Deeper Discussion!

Both of these papers are fantastic. Thank you Judy and Janet!

So, everyone could be subject to alcoholism as an addiction?

Why some take one taste of alcohol and become alcoholic whereas another drinks socially and has no problems?

Kenneth Carter: A wise friend of mine says there is a big difference between a friend and a drinking buddy. She knows addicts who seem to have few to no real friends, and therefore little to no constructive social support.

“Whoa, you like to think that you're immune to the stuff, oh yeah It's closer to the truth to say you can't get enough You know you're gonna have to face it, you're addicted to love”

Is there a scientific basis of 'cold turkey' quitting for some addicts?

Terry is a Robert Palmer fan, clearly. :-) Thanks for that. When I hear addiction as "chemical imbalance", I wonder about the fundamental misunderstanding that all behavior (good, bad, other) is subject to and arises from chemical (im)balances.

Thanks for that. Thanks for that response Janet & Judy.

Paul instructs us to be “drunk with the Holy Spirit”...

Coffee?

https://www.merriam-webster.com/words-at-play/why-do-we-quit-cold-turkey

Perhaps there is not always, in concrete cases, a humanly knowable connection between sin and personal culpability for sin. So, the destructiveness of sin may not always correlate with moral fault.

Which perhaps gives no hope.

It would seem that hope is often a key to coming out of destructive addictions.

Can Judy and Janet conclude with a word of hope in this area?

It would seem, given the link between childhood abuse and trauma, that fostering a world with less abuse and less systematic racism would foster a world with less of a pull towards addiction.

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