CONCLUSIONS

—Compulsive behavior related to substance abuse, *e.g.* alcoholism, is irreversible without effective and efficient intervention and leads to losses in family, friends, and employment; as well as to a loss of self-respect, freedom, and finally life itself.

—Efficient intervention is to arrest the behavior immediately by a change of environment in terms of working and/or living conditions.

—Effective intervention is based on non-productive behavior, distinguished from what may appear to be character or personality deficiencies.

—Responsibility and self-respect are most effectively and efficiently restored within the context and with the support of the therapeutic community; whether a professional community, such as an encounter group or A.A., or a nonprofessional group, such as the family or colleagues.

—It is not initially necessary for the subject to "want help" in order for the intervention and subsequent therapy to be beneficial.

As an afterthought:

—God so loved the world that He made an effective and efficient (?) intervention and established a therapeutic community—the Church.