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### The Best Deal In Town

When I first purchased the Big Book, I didn't realize what a great buy I had made. The rehab people at the hospital told me to read from the front through the first 164 pages, then start over. At the time, I thought I'd read it once and put it away, like a novel.

Now, after about four years of AA sobriety, I see what they meant. After reading and studying the Big Book again and again, things I have read several times before are now read in a new light.

When I work with new people, I have two systems. One is to ask them to read the Big Book once a day for thirty days, and at the end of this time, to ask them what they have learned. The reports are mostly negative.

The other system is to ask them to read the 164 pages once a month for thirty months. The outcome is astounding. They now have had time on their side for two and a half sober years, and they have learned far more.

For myself, I find I have a new edition of the Big Book every time I read it. Oh, what a bargain!

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