

Glad to be here

Posted by serenity - 17 Nov 2014 09:37

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I am glad to be here. I have been hesitant to write an introduction share, because I really didn't know what I wanted to write (and I still don't). I have a hard time writing or saying anything, unless I think it will somehow be impressive or show off my deep insight into matters, LOL. I'm glad that I have at least reached a point where I can laugh at myself. I was at the store a couple weeks ago and after I finished shopping I opened the hatch door on my minivan to load up my stuff and ended up sitting down on my bumper and just laughing at myself. I had met this young man at AA meetings, who in addition to being an addict was dealing with obvious mental issues. His behaviors were often inappropriate to the setting. He was fidgeting, talking out, commenting during shares etc. (He started hitting piano keys in a meeting.) Every time he did or said anything it was extremely funny because it was so ridiculous. It was obvious he couldn't control himself and I wasn't laughing at him to make fun, it was just so ridiculous. I started to realize that I am just as ridiculous as this kid. I was for the first time in my life able to step outside of myself and just look at my condition. Just as this young man's condition was no laughing matter, neither is mine and yet somehow I think I was having a break through at that moment. I felt that if I could make it through that day, I could make it through any day.

An observation I have made about myself, since I have been here, is that a check mark on the 90 chart is a more effective deterrent or incentive to me than the other extremely severe consequences my addiction can lead to. This is often the way of the compulsive addictive mind. Completely ridiculous.

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Re: Glad to be here

Posted by yiraishamaim - 04 Feb 2018 11:41

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[lifebound wrote on 04 Feb 2018 05:16:](#)

[HakolMilimala wrote on 04 Feb 2018 04:46:](#)

If someone sees porn accidentally at a time when they're not desiring it and focused on recovery, or after they are finished, all of a sudden it seems crude, right?

this always fascinated me...its like a universal thing that everyone feels apparently, you'd think society would realize that porn = bad, it aint rocket surgery. But the opposite is happening, porn is becoming more and more accepted and considered normal as society degrades and the animalistic soul takes over.

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Posted by corenjoy - 07 Jun 2018 03:42

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Lots of layers prevent us from seein' the obvious.

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Re: Glad to be here

Posted by stillgoing - 28 Nov 2018 20:53

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I didn't notice the misspell. Perhaps I was under some spell. However my question remains as per the following quote below.

[cordnoy wrote on 28 Nov 2018 05:44:](#)

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No, he's not.

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Re: Glad to be here

Posted by serenity - 29 Nov 2018 22:17

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I was checking back in and I was surprised to see my thread bumped up. I usually don't remember what I wrote, but I remember that fruit fly post.

I'm online listening to Bill S. A man with truly amazing sobriety and humility.

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Re: Glad to be here

Posted by stillgoing - 20 Aug 2019 04:01

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[serenity wrote on 23 Jul 2017 03:53:](#)

If you know anything about cats, you may appreciate this comparison to addiction. Cats are very instinctual (as I'm sure other animals are as well) and when their instincts take over they can be hard if not impossible to redirect.

A friend of mine was saying how his cat would go out at night in the snow and come back all beat up. It had an injured leg and was not in the best of shape. And yet still the next night there was some other cat out there that he was pursuing and he would charge out into the cold and snow in pursuit. Are we much different when our desires take over and we are recklessly driven after something to fulfill them.

Bump

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Re: Glad to be here

Posted by serenity - 28 Jan 2020 04:11

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Good to hear from you old buddy, how goes it?

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Re: Glad to be here

Posted by serenity - 24 Feb 2020 00:31

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Reb Cordnoy. Good to hear from you as well! B"h doing well. Trying to do the best I can one day at a time.

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Re: Glad to be here

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 15 Feb 2021 06:32

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How u been buddy?

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