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Twelve Steps To Recovering American Religious History

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ABSTRACT: The study of American religious history is sick. It is stricken with maladies, fears, and resentments. It is so addicted to a set of particular concerns and personalities that it has lost much of its relevance and ability to participate productively in the scope of history and the humanities. If American religious history fails to recover, it may die. Its subjects and students may perish as well. Ed B. will discuss how the study of Alcoholics Anonymous and other Twelve Step fellowships may provide a higher power necessary to save American religious history from its current state of pitiful and incomprehensible demoralization.

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