



A Valentine's Day Love Letter

"On February 14th, 2014, Abby C. read this to attendees of the MAWS Convention in Southern California."

Dear Marijuana Anonymous, on this Valentine's Day 2014, this is my Love Letter to you.

Marijuana Anonymous, baby: I adore you with all my heart. I'll never forget when we first met.

Again, because I actually

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did forget for a really long time, since I was high as fuck for that first meeting. How COULD I remember?

But when I concentrate, I can recall how you looked that magical day: so ghetto. MA, why are you always in a community room

that time forgot, with the world's loudest, most palsied oscillating fan from the island of misfit toys? I'm sorry but you are not attractive at first sight, MA, and I was not happy to make your acquaintance.

I sat in the corner and cried, my usual first date routine – until I managed to speak up and... you accepted me! MA, it really was amazing, and you gave me real hope. I thought maybe, with you, everything would be okay. It was the start of something beautiful.

Or it would have been if I hadn't fucked off for 10 years but hey, I wasn't ready to settle down. I had to discover some things first, like how many hits of acid I could take and still comfortably talk to a cop. Four. It's four.

Then, after ignoring you so long, when I had no one, and nothing but desperation, there you were, ready to take me back. You're kind of easy, MA – and cheap. A dollar a night most times, two dollars when I feel fancy. And I love that I always get to hear how generous my donation was.

I love that, with you, in order to keep this healing, this feeling, I have to give it away. The more I give, the more I keep, AT THE SAME TIME. MA, I love how you're a crazy Schrödinger's cat of a personal growth program!

I love that I get to be myself with you. Like if I tell you that when people say "on a daily basis" instead of using, the far more economical and therefore highly
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As Sick as Our Secrets

I tend to think I can do more than I can. For instance, I thought I could start a new MA meeting in Los Angeles. It would be called Sick As Our Secrets, and it would meet at a different location

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at a regular time each week. If you were interested in attending the meeting, you would send a message to the contact specified in the Meeting Directory, who would send you the location details on the day of the meeting. The meeting would make use of public locations, including libraries, museums, hotels, sports stadiums, etc. The meeting would have a regular format with a 20-minute speaker. And the topics would discuss, in a general way, the things we don't want to talk about... so that we can experience how we're not as bad as we make ourselves out to be. Instead of spending a lot of time and energy trying to organize a new meeting, I should probably just get myself to a meeting that already exists.

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a new leaf

The purpose of **a new leaf** is to carry the message of recovery from marijuana addiction. It is through the written experiences of recovering addicts and their stories that we may find experience, strength and hope.

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preferable "daily, they're killing me a little at a time, killing everything good by NOT doing things how I would do them" – when I share this stuff with you; your response is, "Keep coming back!" The nuttier I am, the more you want to see me? Oh my God. What co-dependent chick wouldn't love THAT?

MA, I love that if I do fuck up and get high and then come back to you, scared all over again, humbled, and mortified. If I can get myself to walk back through your door, you tell me I'm brave.

And you're right.

I love how slogans that used

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to make me roll my eyes, like, "Practice an attitude of gratitude," which let's be honest, was probably not written by someone in Mensa – this corny shit saves my life some days. Saves my LIFE. Or at least saves me from a life of being a large dick to everyone who crosses my path, so thank you, lovely MA, for greatly reducing massive dickishness on all the paths we walk in life.

I love that, with you, I get to be with advanced potheads. I love potheads. And I love that you made me stop saying no to everything if I

wanted to be with you, and I do, so I did. Mostly.

Because in the end, no is boring. And yes is friendship. Yes is going places. Yes is making things. And yes is reading my love letter to you and so many deeply afflicted potheads on Valentine's Day.

Love,
Abby

**Abby C.
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**Help Someone Get
in the Boat!**

ARTICLES WANTED

**a new
leaf**

Share Your
Experience,
Strength & Hope

*"How did you escape the
Lotus Eaters?"*

Your stories are a valuable addition to the diversity, mission and vision of our fellowship. Share yours today.

I'm the One I've Been Waiting For

When my friend told me it was revealed to her that, "I AM the one I have been waiting for", something clicked inside of me. I wanted to embody that thought, then it slipped away...I want that experience. So I found the thought and pondered it.

- I am the one I have been waiting for. I AM. I AM is God, the source of it all.
 - I AM God.
 - God, The Source is the one I have been waiting for.
 - I AM God, made up of the same particles that make up a star.
 - I AM complete and whole and part of everything, and connected to everything.
 - God infused me with all that I need. I am a full and complete expression. Unique, on purpose.
 - The Source is in me and through me.
 - I AM The Source.
 - I AM is the life that wants to be led through me.
 - There is nothing to fear.
 - I hear the direction and yet I deny it.
 - I AM knows what is right for me.
 - Support the I AM as I naturally do the full bold expression of another.
 - I AM connects with its own vibrational matches to receive the desired experience.
 - Live the I AM and experience what is revealed.
 - Be true to I AM, live in awe of I AM's creation, don't judge it because I can't see the full picture from my perspective.
 - Know, that I know what I need and can give it to myself. Be my own best friend.
 - Connection is part of I AM's creation; remain open to the unexpected.
 - Trust I AM has a thirst for what is mine to do, say, consume, be or love.
 - I AM has multiple expressions, all equally as valuable to mine.
 - Look around; flowers, peaches, dolphins, Love. I AM wants to be seen, known, experienced.
 - Live the life that wants to be lead through me.
 - Embrace the encounters along the way.
 - Feel the looseness of fluidity that is being at One with All That Is.
 - Feel the joy of freedom of expression of the majestic I AM.
- > What if I made a schedule and followed it because then I could fit more of the things that I love in it?
- > What if I consciously chose the energy that I wanted with me and brought it with me wherever I went?
- > What if I dressed or expressed myself with a flair that no one else would or wanted to?
- > What if I made feeling loose and free a priority, all of the time?
- > What if the voices I felt inside and the impulses that I have are there to express me and every time I stop them, I miss a chance to get to know me? Imagine the gift of getting to know me.
- > What if I want to trust and experience it all and so do others?
- > What if I AM the one I have been waiting for?

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 Chris McC. 12/25/06 8 yrs.
Clif 12/1/13 1 yr.
Gabriella 1/13/14 1 yr.
 Jeff P. 12/1/10 4 yrs.
 Krista D. 1/17/04 11 yrs.

District 4

Sandy 12/21/11 3 yrs.

District 5

Doug P. 12/25/00 14 yrs.
 John L. 12/15/84 30 yrs.
 Louis B. 1/20/07 8 yrs.
 Louise 12/3/98 16 yrs.
 Marianna 1/28/12 3 yrs.

District 7

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 Liz M. 12/8/02 12 yrs.
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 Sheila J. 11/27/87 27 yrs.

District 8

Adam B. 12/20/13 1 yr.
 Ar 12/13/08 6 yrs.
 Ben J. 12/8/12 2 yrs.
 Dave C. 1/10/05 10 yrs.

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KEEP COMING BACK!

ANL wants to publish your sobriety anniversary. Let your Bureau Chief know or see ANLP contact information on page 2. Bureau Chiefs are encouraged to submit Birthdays that, a) HAVE occurred, b) HAVE NOT been published and, c) are not older than 45 days.

ROVING REPORTER ASKS...

What would you tell a newcomer who is struggling?

(Note: Submit by March 15th, answers will be published in the April 2015 issue.)

STEP TWO

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

TRADITION TWO

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God whose expression may come through our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants that do not govern.