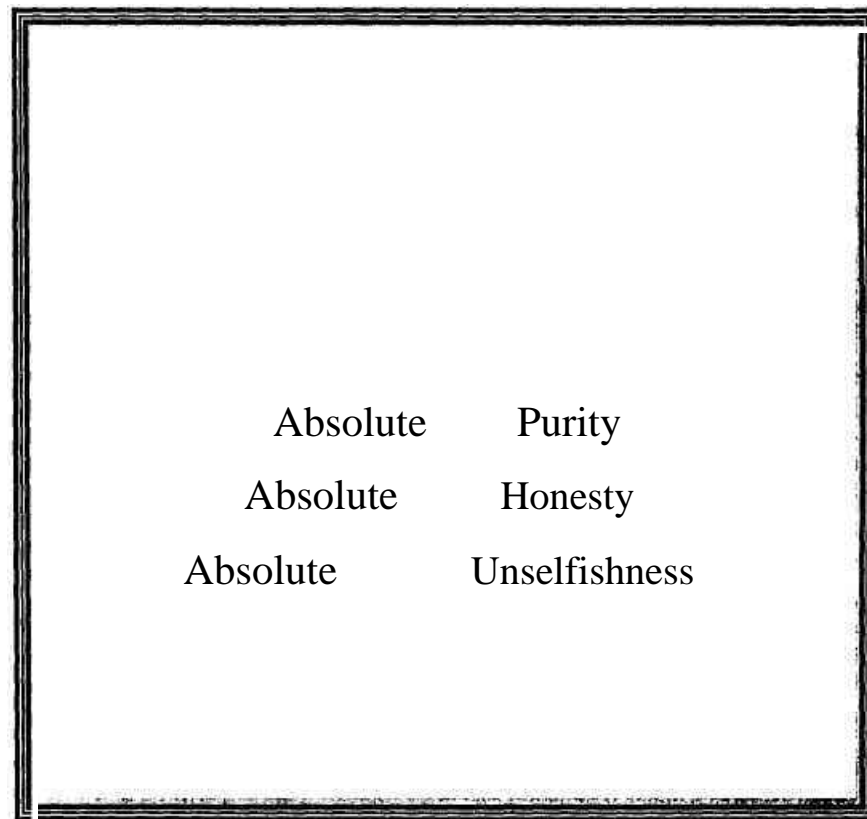


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**Q:** What was the role of the Oxford Group in AA's early history?

**A:** The Oxford Group is described in Dr. Bob *and the Good Oldtimers* as "a spiritual movement that sought to recapture the power of first-century Christianity in the modern world." Both Dr. Bob and Bill W. were active in the Oxford Group movement in the early 1930s, and it was through an Oxford Group member that they first met in 1935. Some of the Oxford Group principles influenced the formation of AA's Twelve Steps, but AAs split off from the Oxford Group because of its insistence on "absolutes," because it used celebrity names to promote its cause, and because AA's primary purpose was to get alcoholics sober. Today, the Oxford Group is known as Moral Rearmament.



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