## Dear ALRC,

As I've monitored online community discussion re the <u>Willy St Coop liquor</u> <u>license</u> (and attended a Marquette neighborhood committee meeting where Willy St staff presented)... I've become increasingly concerned about both the process and application of the coop... plus the division among neighbors and coop owners on this issue (and the coop's non-response to neighbor/owner concerns).

I'm even **more** concerned about the excessive increase of alcohol into every aspect of our city... and the decreasing number of soul-serving sanctuaries of sanity, serenity, serendipity and synergy (i.e. what the coop is/was for many). Some argue that Madison shows symptoms of a dying civilization... with excessive alcohol and indulgence being key symptoms.

Is this true? Can it be changed? What is needed (to serve soul needs vs. ego whims)?

I see little hope in ego intellectual arguments (that can rationalize **ANYTHING**). Only surrender to a higher power, purpose and perspective (step three of Over Thinkers Anonymous) gives me hope.

Do we have the courage? More importantly... **do we have the humility?** 

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## Some of my favorite resources

- The Work: seeing the hidden gift or mirror in those who trigger us
- · Spiritual Aikido: win/win ways to engage adversaries
- Spontaneous Evolution: the power of belief and attitude to create miracles
- Service of the soul vs. fixing of the ego: antidote to co-dependence and victimhood
- Ho'oponopono: healing the world by healing the self
- Soul Perspective: way beyond mortal ego intellect
- Honoring Human Dignity: from UW grad Donna Hicks
- Love Without End: the highest form of love I've seen
- New Declaration of Independence: from our inner enemies
- Compassionate Communication: win/win language of the heart
- <u>Community Building</u>: by internationally renowned author Scott Peck