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Issues of Control

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How Al-Anon Works for Families and Friends of Alcoholics (B-32) This book explores many Al-Anon basics, including a section about the three Cs. Many of the Al-Anon tools included in this book can be employed to help us without issues of control.

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Understanding Ourselves and Alcoholism (P-48) This pamphlet explores the alcoholic's obsession, addiction, compulsion and denial as well as the anxiety, anger, denial and feelings of guilt experienced by loved ones. These are feelings which can lead us to issues with control.

Alcoholism, a Merry-Go-Round Named Denial (P-3) This pamphlet represents the life of an alcoholic as a play. Each "character" has only limited control. In recognizing what can be controlled and what cannot, change is possible.

Detachment (S-19) This leaflet summarizes the basics of detachment. Detaching from situations we cannot control is an effective Al-Anon tool.

Other: Most Al-Anon books feature an index, often including references for "Control" or "Controlling".

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