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This are the articles which have been written by Paul Hazelden as a contribution to the *Strong Foundations* exploration and have been distributed in some way.

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### ***More Details***

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