

September 13, 1979

Mr. Kevin Fahey  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing this letter to you in regards to a couple of your Area's NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meetings which use the Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book and the 12 & 12 Book of Alcoholics Anonymous as text for group discussions. As a member of Narcotics Anonymous myself, I feel this doesn't go along with the general policies of Narcotics Anonymous. I also feel this would cause confusion and perhaps even dissention to the newcomer who sees these meetings listed in the Southern California Meeting Directory for Narcotics Anonymous, and decides to attend them.

I used to go to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings myself, and I can't ever remember seeing any N.A. literature or even a directory for addicts where they could go. If you have never read "PROBLEMS OTHER THAN ALCOHOL" by Bill Wilson (an I.P.), I suggest you read it. You might find it very informative.

The 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous were written for the addict (N.A. recognizes alcohol as one of the oldest known drugs) and they slightly differ from those of Alcoholics Anonymous. And for the steps to be read or stated any other way in a NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meeting, makes that meeting quite different from other N.A. meetings. Am I correct?

Anyway Kevin, I hope you will check this out for your own personal satisfaction and possibly have something to say about it at the next SoCal Regional Meeting.

Yours in the Fellowship,

a concerned member

cc: Oscar C. - SoCal Regional Service Committee Chairman  
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