

COVER LETTER;MAILING

RE:CHANGE;FOURTH EDITION,"NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS"

FELLOW MEMBERS;

THIS IS PART OF AN ONGOING EFFORT TO INFORM THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHANGES IN THE FOURTH EDITION OF OUR BASIC TEXT.AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE AMOUNT OF WORK INVOLVED,MANY MORE HAVE JOINED US.THIS IS NOW, IN EFFECT,A MULTI-REGION PROJECT.

ALONG WITH THIS WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU OF OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPOKEN CONCERN FOR OUR DESIRE TO SEE A SOLUTION TO THIS SITUATION.THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOT HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE AND NEED FOR FELLOWSHIP INPUT FROM REGIONS,AREAS,AND GROUPS.HE EMPHASIZED REGIONS AS THEY SPEAK WITH MORE AUTHORITY.

THE ALTERNATIVES SEEM TO BE:

- 1.TOTAL RECALL OF ALL FOURTH EDITION TEXTS.
- 2.IMMEDIATLY CEASE DISTRIBUTION OF FOURTH EDITION TEXTS UNTIL A FELLOWSHIP WIDE DECISION CAN BE REACHED AT THE 1988 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE.
- 3.ACCEPT THE FOURTH EDITION AS APPROVED N.A.LITERATURE.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DECISIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND MAIL THEM TO:

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THIS ENTIRE EFFORT IS DEDICATED TO A LOVING GOD AS HE MAY EXPRESS HIMSELF IN OUR GROUP CONSCIENCE.

Comparative Changes in Our Basic Text

Our Symbol

3rd Ed. ¶1 Line 1 "Simplicity is the keynote of our symbol; it follows the simplicity of our Fellowship."

4th Ed. ¶1 Line 1 "Simplicity is the key to our symbol; it imitates the simplicity of our Fellowship.":

3rd Ed. ¶1 Line 2 "We could find all sorts of occult and esoteric connotations in the simple outlines, but foremost in our minds were easily understood meanings and relationships."

4th Ed. ¶1 Line 2 "All sorts of occult and esoteric connotations can be found in its simple outlines, but foremost in the minds of the fellowship are easily understood meanings and relationships."

3rd Ed. ¶2 Line1 The outer circle denotes a universal and total program that has room within for all manifestations of the recovering and wholly recovered person.

4th Ed. ¶2 Line1 "The outer circle denotes a universal and total program that has room within it for all manifestations of the recovering person."

3rd Ed. ¶3 Line 2 "The square base denotes Goodwill, the ground of both the fellowship and the member of our society."

4th Ed. ¶3 Line 2 " The square base denotes Good will, the ground of both the fellowship and the members of our society."

3rd Ed. ¶3 Line4 "Actually, it is the four pyramid sides which rise from the base in a three dimensional figure that are the Self, Society, Service, and God."

4th Ed. ¶4 Line1 "It is the four sides that rise from the base in a three-dimensional figure that represent the Self, Society, Service, and God."

3rd Ed. ¶4 Line 1 All parts thus far are closely related to the needs and aims of the addict seeking recovery and the purpose of the fellowship seeking to make recovery available to all."

4th Ed. ¶4 Line3 " All parts are closely related to the needs and aims of the addict who is seeking recovery, and to the purpose of the fellowship which is to make recovery available to all."

3rd Ed. ¶4 Line3 " Probably the last to be lost will be the stigma of being an addict."

4th Ed. COMPLETELY DELETED

3RD Ed. ¶4 Last line When this supports and motivates both the individual and the fellowship, we are fully whole and wholly free.

4th Ed. ¶3 Line 6 When Good will supports and motivates both the individual.....

(3rd Ed.) FORWARD

(4th Ed.) PREFACE

Page xi 4th Ed. " The full fruit of a labor of love in the harvest, and that always comes in its right season..."

Added not in 3rd edition

4th Ed. 1st ¶ The material for this book was drawn from the personal experiences of addicts within the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. This Basic Text is Based on an outline derived from our "white book", Narcotics Anonymous. The first eight chapters are base on topic headings in the white book and carry the same title. A ninth chapter has been included, "Just for Today," as well as a tenth chapter, More Will Be Reveled. Following is a brief history of the book.

DOES NOT EXIST IN 3RD EDITION

3rd Ed. ¶1 Line5 The pamphlet, Narcotics Anonymous,.....

4th Ed. ¶2 Line5 The white book, Narcotics Anonomous.....

3rd Ed. ¶3 Line2 Today there are many thousand recovering addicts in hundreds of meetings all across the United States.....

4th Ed. ¶4 Line2 Today there are recovering addicts in thousands of meetings all across the United States.

3rd Ed. pg. ix ¶5 Linel With graditude in our cleanliness.....

4th Ed. Pg xiii ¶3 Linel With graditude in our recovery.....

NO CHANGES IN INTRODUCTION

Chapter One Who is an Addict?

3rd Ed. pg.1 ¶ 3 Line3 "Addiction is a disease which involves more than simple drug use."

4th Ed. pg.3 ¶ 2 Line 3"Addiction is a disease that involves more than the use of drugs."

3rd Ed. pg 2 ¶3 Line3 "Our misconceptions about the nature of addiction conjured up visions of violence, steet crimes, dirty needles, and jail."

4th Ed. pg 4 ¶1 Line4 "Our misconceptions about the nature of addiction included visions of violence....."

3rd Ed. pg2 ¶4 Line 6 "We were forced to survive any way we could."

4th Ed. pg 4 ¶2 Line5 "We were forced to survive any way that we could."

3rd. Ed. pg.2 ¶5 Line1 "One aspect of our addiction was our inability to deal with life on its terms."

4th Ed. pg 4 ¶3 Line 1 "One aspect of our addiction was our inability to deal with life on lifes terms."

3rd Ed. pg2 ¶5 Line2 "We tried drugs in an effort to cope with a seemingly hostile world."

4th Ed. Pg4 ¶3 Line3 "We tried drugs and combinations of drugs to cope with a seemingly hostile world."

3rd Ed. pg2 ¶5 Line 5 "The fact that we could not sucessfully use any mind or mood changing substance including marajuana and alchohol."

4th Ed. pg4 ¶3 Line "The fact was that we could not use any mind altering or mood changing substance, including marajuana and alchohl, sucessfully."

3rd Ed. pg2 ¶6 Line4 "We forgot the times we sat alone consumed by fear and self pity."

4th Ed. pg4 ¶4 Line4 "We forgot about the times when we sat alone and were consumed by fear and self pity."

3rd Ed. pg2 ¶6 Line7 "We justified and rationalized the things we had to do to keep from being sick or going crazy."

4th Ed. pg4 ¶4 Line6 "We justified and rationalized the things that we did to keep from being sick or going crazy."

3rd Ed. pg3 ¶1 Line4 "This seems extreme, but many of us have been in this state."

4thEd. pg4 ¶5 Line3 "This seems extreme, but many of us have been in this state of mind."

3rd Ed. pg5 ¶1 Line4 "As our addiction progressed, many of us have found ourselves in and out of institutions."

4th Ed. pg3 ¶2 Line3 "As our addiction caught up with us, many of us found ourselves in and out of institutions."

3rd Ed. pg4 ¶2 Line2 "We experienced only periodic jolts of reality to self awareness."

4th Ed. pg6 ¶2 Line3 "We experienced only periodic jolts of reality of self awareness."

3rd Ed. pg4 ¶2 Line3 "W ran around trying to get our lives together before the next run."

4th Ed. pg6 ¶2 Line4 "We ran around and tried to get our lives together before the next run."

3rd Ed. pg4 ¶5 Line2 "At first, we were using in a manner which seemed to be social or at least controllable with little indication of the disaster which the future held for us."

4th Ed. pg6 ¶5 Line2 "We had little indication of the disaster that the future held for us."

3rd Ed. pg5 ¶1 Line2 "We became aware, however, that drugs were largely responsible for having gotten us into our very worst predicaments."

4th Ed. pg6 Line3 "We became aware, however, that drug usage was largely responsible for some of our worst predicaments."

3rd Ed. pg5 ¶1 Line5 "some of us may spend the rest of our lives in jail for a drug related crime or a crime committed while using."

4th Ed. pg6 ¶6 Line6 "Some of us may spend the rest of our lives in jail for a drug related crime."

3rd Ed. pg5 ¶2 Line2 "We were much more motivated to seek help in the later stage of our addiction."

4th Ed. pg7 ¶1 Line1 "We were finally motivated to seek help in the later stage of our addiction."

3rd Ed. pg5 ¶3 Line3 "It was easier for us to see the destruction, disaster, and delusion of our using."

3rd Ed. pg5 ¶3 Line1 "Some of us first saw the effects of addiction on the people with whom we were close."

4th Ed. pg7 ¶2 Line1 "Some of us first saw the effects of addiction on the people closest to us."

3rd Ed. pg 5 ¶3 Line2 "We were dependant on them to carry us emotionally through life."

4th Ed. pg7 ¶2 Line2 "We were very dependant on them to carry us through life."

3rd Ed. pg 5 ¶4 Line2 "We had given up ever stopping."

4th Ed. pg7 ¶3 Line2 "We gave up the hope we would ever stop using."

3rd Ed. pg5 ¶4 Line3 "Our attempts to stay clean had always failed, causing us pain and misery."

4th Ed. pg7 ¶3 "Our attempts to stay clean always failed,....."

3rd Ed. pg5 ¶5 Line1 "As addicts, we have an incurable disease called addiction which is chronic, progressive, and fatal."

4th Ed. pg7 ¶4 Line1 "As addicts we have an incurable disease called addiction. The disease is chronic, progressive, and fatal."

3rd Ed. pg5 ¶5 Line1 "We feel that each individual alone has to answer the question, "Am I an Addict?". "

4th Ed. pg 7 ¶4 Line3 "We feel that each individual has to....."

3rd Ed. pg5 ¶6 Line7 "Denial of our addiction is what had kept us sick, and our honest admission enabled us to stop using."

4th Ed. pg7 ¶5 Line8 "Denial of our addiction kept us sick, but our....."

3rd Ed. pg6 ¶3 Line1 "We realize that we are never cured and carry the disease within us all our lives."

4th Ed. pg8 ¶2 Line1 "We realize that we are never cured, and that we carry...."

Chapter Two What is The N.A. Program?

3rd Ed. pg 8 ¶2 Line4 "We have paid dearly with our pain for the right to recover."

4th Ed. pg10 ¶1 Line1 "We have paid for the right....."

3rd Ed. pg8 ¶3 Line3 "We realize that, at last, there is hope for us."

4th Ed. pg10 ¶ Line3 "We realize that there is hope for us at last."

3rd Ed. pg8 ¶4 Line5 "By meeting, talking with, and helping other addicts....."

4th Ed. pg10 ¶3 Line6 "By meeting, talking, and helping other addicts....."

3rd Ed. pg8 ¶5 Line2 "This mass of intensive first hand experience in all phases....."

4th Ed. pg10 ¶4 Line2 "This first hand experience in all phases.....:

3rdEd. pg8 ¶5 Line4 "We are hare to share freely with any addicts who want it.'

4th Ed. pg 10 ¶4 Line 4 "We are here to share freely with any addict who wants to recover."

3rd Ed. pg 8 ¶5 Line 1 "Our message of recovery is based on our own experience."

4th Ed. pg10 ¶5 Line1 "Our message of recovery is based on ou experience."

3rd Ed. pg 8 ¶5 Line1 "Before coming to the fellowship, we exhausted ourselves by trying to "use" sucessfully, or trying to find out what was wrong with us."

4th Ed. pg10 ¶4 Line1 "Before coming to the fellowship, we exhausted ourselves by trying to use sucessfully and wondering what was wrong with us."

3rd Ed. pg8 ¶5 Line4 "After coming to N.A. we found ourselves among a very special group of people who have suffered like us and found recovery.

4th Ed. pg8 ¶5 Linr5 "After coming to N.A. we found ourselves among a very special group of people who shared their experience."

3rd Ed. pg8 ¶5 Line 5 "In their experiences, freely shared, we found hope for ourselves."

4th Ed. pg10 ¶5 Line5 "We found hope for ourselves."

3rd Ed. pg9 ¶1 Line1 "We don't have to wait for an overdose, or jail sentence, to get help from Narcotics Anonymous, nor is addictio a hopeless conditio from which there is no recoery."

4th Ed. pg10 ¶6 Line1 "We don't have to waitfor..... Addiction is not a hopeless condition from which there"

3rd Ed. pg9 ¶3 Line3 "The steps and abstinence give us a daily reprieve from our self-imposed life sentences."

4th Ed. pg10 ¶1 Line4 "Working the steps and maintaining abstinence....."

3rd Ed. pg9 ¶6 Line4 "A meeting is two or more addicts gathered to help together to help each other stay clean."

4th Ed. pg16 ¶4 Line5 "A meeting happens when two or more....."

3rd Ed. pg9 ¶6 Line1 ",we read N.A. literature which is available to anyone."

4th Ed. pg11 ¶5 Line1 ",we read N.A. literature that is available to anyone."

3rd Ed. pg10 ¶1 Line4 "Our program is, in fact, a way of life."

4th Ed. pg12 ¶1 Line2 "Our program is a way of life."