

THE N.A. BASIC TEXT--COMPARISONS, APPROVAL FORM THROUGH FIFTH EDITION

The following pages depict the full series of changes from edition to edition of the Basic Text.

APPROVAL FORM

In November 1981, the approval form of Chapters One through Ten of the Basic Text were released to the fellowship. In February 1982, the approval form of forty-seven personal stories intended for publication in the Basic Text were released to the fellowship. At the May 1982 meeting of N.A.'s World Service Conference, the Basic Text was approved.

FIRST EDITION

The First Edition (Red and Blue Covers) was officially released on April 27, 1983 by the World Service Office, using the name of C.A.R.E.N.A. Publishing Company. The following are two paragraphs that appeared in the Approval Form; the italicized text was removed prior to the publication of the First Edition.

From the essay on Tradition Four: "Are we truly autonomous? What about our service committees, our offices, activities, hot-lines, and all the other things that go on in N.A.? *The answer is that these things are not N.A.* They are services we utilize to help us in our recovery and to further the primary purpose of our groups. Narcotics Anonymous is a Fellowship of men and women, addicts meeting in groups and using a given set of spiritual principles to find freedom from addiction and a new way to live. *All else is not N.A.* Those things we mentioned are the result of members caring enough to reach out and offer their help and experience so that our road might be easier. *Whether we choose to utilize these services is up to the group.*"

From the essay on Tradition Nine: "The Ninth Tradition goes on to define the nature of the things that we can do to help N.A. It says that we may create service boards or committees to serve the needs of the Fellowship. *None of them has the power to rule, censor, decide, or dictate.* They exist solely to serve the Fellowship, *but they are not a part of Narcotics Anonymous.* This is the nature of our service structure as it has evolved and been defined in the N.A. service manual."

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FIRST EDITION CHANGES FROM APPROVAL FORM

Specific page, paragraph, and sentence references are from the First Edition.

"Symbol" moved from V to page 93

Page 93, paragraph 4, line 2--typo "fellowship" after "...the purpose of the"

Page I--added "First Edition", "Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 83-70346", "ISBN-0-912075-00-7", "N.A. First Edition No. _____"

Page II--add "Narcotics Anonymous Approved (logo) Literature", "Copyright 1982 by C.A.R.E.N.A. Publishing Co.", "All rights in this book are reserved. No part may be produced in any form without written permission from the publisher. Printed and bound in the United States of America."

Page III, header--delete "The full fruit of a labor of love lives in the harvest, and that always comes in its right session..."

Page III, paragraph 1, lines 1-5--delete "The material for the 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 the pamphlet (our 'white book'), 'Narcotics Anonymous.' The first eight chapters are based on the topic readings in the 'white book' and carry the same title. We have included a ninth chapter, 'Just for Today,' and a tenth chapter, 'More Will be Revealed.' "

Page III, paragraph 2, line 1--delete "Following is a brief history of the book:"

Page IV, signature paragraph--delete the following;

We remain trusted servants
In gratitude and loving service,
LITERATURE SUB-COMMITTEE
WORLD SERVICE OFFICE
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Page V, paragraph 1--change "Red" to "Read"

Page VI, signature paragraph--delete the following;

Thank you,
Literature Sub-Committee
World Service Conference
Narcotics Anonymous

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Page VII--add the following;

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Pages VIII-IX--add table of contents

Page 3, paragraph 7, line 4--add "we forgot how to play;" after "We forgot how to work;"

Page 7, paragraph 3, line 2--delete "," after "intensive"

Page 10, paragraph 4, line 1--change "IN" to "In"

Page 10, paragraph 4, line 2--add "," after "forty years"

Page 12, paragraph 4, line 5--replace "we" to "We" after "...not a moral dilemma."

Page 16, paragraph 2, line 2--replaced "that" to "tha" after "It is in these meetings"

Page 19, paragraph 4, line 4--deleted "The First Step has left a vacuum on our lives. We need to find something to fill that void. This is the purpose of the Second Step." after "...uselessness, and helplessness."

Page 22, paragraph 4, line 4--change "simply" to "simple" after "...with the desire to change. We"

Page 28, paragraph 2, line 1--replace "hide" with "hid" after "Some of us attempted to"

Page 36, paragraph 3, line 1--change "If" to "if" after "...the wreckage of our present."

Page 40, paragraph 0, line 3--replaced "Meditation" with "meditation" after "...a God of their own understanding."

Page 48, paragraph 4, line 6--add "can" after "..meeting. In time, we"

Page 51, paragraph 1, line 8--delete "it" after "...we have to share, we lose"

Page 51b, blank page--add "My gratitude speaks...When I care and when I share with others the N.A. way."

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Page 55, paragraph 3, line 1, header after title--replace "purpose" with "purposes"

Page 57, paragraph 3, line 6--delete "that" after "we have found, knowing"

Page 58, paragraph 1, line 3--delete "The answer is that these things are not N.A." after "...and all the other things that go on in N.A.?"

Page 58, paragraph 1, line 7--delete "All else is not N.A." after "...to find freedom from addition and a new way to live."

Page 58, paragraph 1, line 9--delete "Whether we choose to utilize these services is up to the group." after "...enough to reach out and offer their help and experience so that our road might be easier."

Page 60, paragraph 1, header under title Tradition Six--add "to" after "An N.A. Group ought never"

Page 60, paragraph 5, line 1--add "is" after "...never to do is finance. This"

Page 62, paragraph 0, line 2--replace "for" to "of" after "...human beings, now find anything is possible"

Page 63, paragraph 7, line 2--change " 'professional';" to " 'professional;' " after "...we do not single out our members as"

Page 64, paragraph 3, line 3--delete "None of them has the power to rule, censor, decide, or dictate." after "...committees to serve the needs of the Fellowship."

Page 64, paragraph 3, line 4--delete "but they are not a part of Narcotics Anonymous." after "They exist solely to serve the Fellowship."

Page 68, paragraph 2, line 11--add "vigorous" after "...awakening us to the necessity for"

Page 69, paragraph 4, line 4--delete "," after "...we can just get enough food"

Page 70, paragraph 3, line 6--replace "our" with "out" after "...will come back. We find"

Page 72, paragraph 1, line 4--typo "interrup" to "interrupt" after "Just one fix, pill, drink, snort, or token will"

Page 72, paragraph 3, line 1--typo added "." after "In our disease,"

Page 73, paragraph 1, line 2--add "the" after "...recovery house. When re-entering"

Page 73, paragraph 4, line 9--replace "comes" and add "becomes" after "We are working the program. It"

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Page 74, paragraph 1, line 5--replace "these" with "the" after "After coming through one of"

Page 74, paragraph 1, line 6--delete "the" after "...we can readily agree that it is always darkest before"

Page 75, paragraph 3, line 3--replace "seem to be these alternatives" with "seems to be this alternative" after "What is there left to do? There"

Page 76, paragraph 1, line 2--replace "A" with "That" after "...in these passing years."

Page 76, paragraph 2, line 13--change "increase" to "increased" after "...the dynamic force that is bringing"

Page 77, paragraph 0, line 3--change "open-mindedness" to "openmindedness" after "...rather than links in an unbreakable chain. Honesty,"

Page 81, paragraph 3, line 8--delete "," after "...first concept of a Higher Power. Ideas"

Page 82, paragraph 4, line 2--add "," after "...recovery with positive attitudes. If"--add "," after "...after a period of time"

Page 84, paragraph 4, line 3--add "," after "...and destructive chaos. Our faith"

Page 87, paragraph 5, line 2--change "on" with "in" after "The basics are as important to recovery as they were"

Page 89, paragraph 4, line 2--change "came" with "come" after "we are well reminded of where we"

Page 92, paragraph 1, line 3--change "to" with "of" after "free to develop a new understanding"