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THIRD EDITION, REVISED CHANGES FROM THE THIRD EDITION

Specific page, paragraph, and sentence references are from the Third Edition, Revised unless otherwise noted.

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Page 1, 1st paragraph, line 2--delete "is" and add "was"

Page 1, 1st paragraph, line 3--delete "," and add "-"

Page 1, 1st paragraph, line 4--add "," after "very simply"

Page 7, 1st paragraph, line 5--delete "honest"

Page 7, 1st paragraph, line 5--delete "There are not must in N.A. but"

Page 7, 1st paragraph, line 6--delete "," after "principles"

Page 7, 1st paragraph, line 8--delete "quotes" around "they work"

Page 7, 2nd paragraph, line 2--delete "we have no leaders,"

Page 7, 2nd paragraph, line 4--delete "," after "religious"

Page 7, 2nd paragraph, line 5--add "," after "us"

Page 7, 2nd paragraph, line 5--delete "color"

Page 7, 2nd paragraph, line 6--add "sexual identity"

Page 11, 1st paragraph, line 6--add "," after "harm"

Page 11, 2nd paragraph, line 1--add "," after "realized"--delete "s" from "addictions"

Page 11, 2nd paragraph, line 2--add "addiction is" after "but"--add "a" after "such"--delete "enemies" and add "enemy"

Page 11, 2nd paragraph, line 3--delete "jail did not help us at all"

Page 11, 2nd paragraph, line 3--replaced "Medicine religion and psychiatry seemed to have no answers for us that we could use." with "Most of us ended up in jail, or sought help through medicine, religion and psychiatry."

Page 11, 2nd paragraph, line 5--added "None of these methods was sufficient for us."

Page 11, 2nd paragraph, line 5--delete "all these methods having failed for us, in desperation,"

Page 11, 2nd paragraph, line 6--add "Our disease always resurfaced or continued to progress until in desperation,"

Page 12, 1st paragraph, line 1--delete "who suffered from a disease like alcoholism, diabetes, or tuberculosis"

Page 12, 1st paragraph, line 1--added "We suffered from a disease from which there is no known cure."

Page 12, 1st paragraph, line 2--delete "there is no know cure for these--all, however,"

Page 12, 1st paragraph, line 2--added "It can, however,"

Page 15, 1st paragraph, line 2--delete "suggested only, but they are"

Page 16, Step 11, line 2--delete "," after "God"

Page 16, Step 11, line 2--delete "," after "us"

Page 16, Step 12, line 2--delete "Those"

Page 16, Step 12, line 2--added "These"

Page 16, 1st paragraph, line 1--"," deleted after "once"--"." added after "once"

Page 16, 1st paragraph, line 1--begins with "we"--original sentence was divided into two.

Page 16, 2nd paragraph, line 2--delete "," after "recovery"

Page 16, 2nd paragraph, line 2--add ";" after "recovery"

Page 16, 2nd paragraph, line 3--delete "Although there are no musts in N.A. there are three things that seem indispensable."

Page 16, 2nd paragraph, line 3--delete "These are, honesty, openmindedness, and willingness to try."

Page 16, 2nd paragraph, line 3--added "Three of these that are indispensable are honesty, openmindedness and willingness."

Page 16, 3rd paragraph, line 1--delete "problém"--add "disease"

Page 16, 4th paragraph, line 1--delete "getting or continuing a habit"

Page 16, 4th paragraph, line 1--add "returning to active addiction"

Page 16, 4th paragraph, line 2--delete "fix, pill or drink"

Page 16, 4th paragraph, line 2--add "drug"

Page 16, 4th paragraph, line 3--add "," after "this"

Page 16, 4th paragraph, line 5--delete "or create a new one"

Page 16, 5th paragraph, lines 1-5--delete "The substitution of alcohol has caused a great many addicts to form a new addiction pattern, which in its progression brings as many problems as before. We seem to forget that alcohol is one of the oldest known drugs. It would appear that we are people with addictive personalities who are strongly susceptible to alcoholic addiction."

Page 16, 5th paragraph, lines 1-5--add "Thinking of alcohol as different from other drugs has caused a great many addicts to relapse. Before we came to N.A., many of us viewed alcohol separately, but we cannot afford to be confused about this. Alcohol is a drug. We are people with the disease of addiction who must abstain from all drugs in order to recover."

Page 39, Step 11, line 2--delete "," after "God"

Page 44, Step 12, line 1--delete "those"

Page 44, Step 12, line 1--add "these"

Page 44, Step 12, line 2--add "," after "addicts"

Page 49, 1st paragraph, line 8--delete "," after "kind"

Page 49, 1st paragraph, line 8--delete "you have gone through complete withdrawal"

Page 49, 1st paragraph, line 8--delete "." after "present"

Page 49, 1st paragraph, line 8--add "," after "present"

Page 49, 1st paragraph, line 8--delete "now," after "present"

Page 49, 1st paragraph, line 8--add "you can" after "present"

Page 55, Title--delete "Narcotics Anonymous"

Page 55, Title--add "N.A."

Page 55, 2nd paragraph, line 6--replace the "," after "conscience" with a "."

Page 55, 2nd paragraph, line 7--replace "our" with "Our"

- Page 55, 2nd paragraph, line 7--replace the "," after "servants" with a ";"
- Page 55, ALL TRADITIONS--replace "Group" with "group"
- Page 55, 2nd paragraph, line 9--delete "," after "autonomous"
- Page 55, 2nd paragraph, line 10--delete "," after "groups"
- Page 55, 2nd paragraph, line 10--delete "," after "N.A."
- Page 56, 0 paragraph, line 4--replace "Service Centers" with "service centers"
- Page 56, 0 paragraph, line 5--delete ";" and add "," after "organized"
- Page 56, 0 paragraph, line 7--replace "N.A." with "Narcotics Anonymous"
- Page 58, 4th paragraph, line 1--replace the "," with a "-" after the word "authority"
- Page 61, 1st paragraph, line 1--delete "," after "autonomous"
- Page 61, 1st paragraph, line 2--delete "," after "groups"
- Page 62, 3rd paragraph, line 1--delete ";" and add "--" after "purpose"
- Page 67, 5th paragraph, line 1--delete ";" after "organized"
- Page 67, 5th paragraph, line 1--add "," after "organized"
- Page 67, 5th paragraph, line 1--add "," after "N.A."
- Page 67, 5th paragraph, line 1--add "," after "such"
- Page 68, 2nd paragraph, line,--replace "NA" with "Narcotics Anonymous"
- Page 69, 3rd paragraph, line 3--add "," after "radio"
- Page 71, 1st paragraph, lines 1-3--deleted "Many consider continuous abstinence and recovery as noteworthy and therefore synonymous, while relapsers are sort of pushed aside, or worse yet, used as statistics that in no way give a true picture of the entire addiction pattern."
- Page 71, 1st paragraph, lines 1-3--added "Many people think that recovery is simply a matter of not using drugs. They consider a relapse a sign of complete failure, and long periods of abstinence a sign of complete success."
- Page 71, 1st paragraph, lines 4-9--deleted "noted with some satisfaction that many of the relapsers when again active in the prime or substitute addiction have dropped many of the parallel behaviors that characterized them in the past. This change alone is significant to us. Honesty of a kind has penetrated their character. Yet there are others, completely abstinent" after "have"

Page 71, 1st paragraph, lines 4-9--added "Found that this perception is too simplistic. After a member has had some involvement in our Fellowship, a relapse may be the jarring experience that brings about a more rigorous application of the program. By the same token we have observed some members who remain abstinent for long periods of time" before "whose dishonesty..."

Page 71, 1st paragraph, lines 11-12--replace "Complete and continuous abstinence, however, is still the best ground for growth. In close association and identification with others in N.A. groups, our chances for recovery and complete freedom in a changing and creative form are enhanced a hundred fold." with "Complete and continuous abstinence, however, in close association and identification with others in N.A. groups, is still the best ground for growth."

Page 71, 2nd paragraph, line 4--deleted "only" after the word "times" and added "that freedom can only be achieved"

Page 72, 0 paragraph, line 1--deleted "can that freedom be achieved." after the word "passes."

Page 72, 0 paragraph, line 7--add "from the"

Page 72, 1st paragraph, lines 1-2--delete "Quality and not quantity is the most important aspect of abstinence. Emotional sobriety in reality is our goal, not mere physical abstinence."

Page 72, 1st paragraph, lines 1-2--add "Recovery as experienced through our Twelve Steps is our goal, not mere physical abstinence."

Page 72, 1st paragraph, line 8--add ", if we survive it," after "relapse"

Page 81, 2nd paragraph, line 1--delete "that" after dash mark

Page 81, 3rd paragraph, line 7--delete "man's entire"

Page 81, 3rd paragraph, line 5--delete ";" after "death"

Page 81, 3rd paragraph, line 5--add "--" after "death"

Page 82, 1st paragraph, line 2--replaced "twenty-six years ago,*" with "fifteen years ago,*"

Page 82, 2nd paragraph, line 1--delete "," after "needed"

Page 82, 3rd paragraph, line 2--delete ";" after "meetings"

Page 82, 3rd paragraph, line 2--add "--" after "meetings"

Page 82, footnote--replaced "Written in July, 1979" with "Written in 1965"