

Possible Long term Feedback will be appreciated

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1. Our dependence is on a Power, greater than ourselves, working through Narcotics Anonymous as a whole. By protecting N.A. unity, we protect the source of our individual recovery.
2. The conscious contact of our members with a Higher Power is best reflected in our group consciousness. This Consciousness is the most reliable guide for those who would serve us.
3. It is not our place to judge a fellow addict seeking help. We become members with our desire to stop using which is the basis of all our recovery.
4. Narcotics Anonymous exists in the consciousness of each member and group of members. We need no outside authority to carry forth our group purpose, unless we affect the rights of other groups to do the same.
5. Our groups consist of addicts who have found they can stay clean by helping those who still suffer. Our group purpose reflects this Truth.
6. Narcotics Anonymous should stand apart from any organization not directly based in our group consciousness. Affiliation, however well intended, would weaken us and threaten our primary purpose. A policy of non-affiliation is required to insure the rights of all groups to carry our message of recovery without arousing suspicion of motive in our newcomers. Our motive in helping others is our own recovery.
7. To preserve our autonomy, we need to avoid financial dependency at any level on outside sources. Within our Fellowship, we set reasonable limits on the financial contributions individual members can make both for our sake and theirs. Faith in the Spirit of our Fellowship requires that we be fully self-supporting.
8. We cannot charge for that which has been so freely given. Members are free to employ themselves as they see fit outside the program. Special workers may be employed to carry out functions not directly related to N.A. recovery; i.e. not one-to-one contact - N.A. 12th Step.
9. Narcotics Anonymous is a set of principles, not a system. Our way of life should never be constrained by rules but based on positive principles of living. To serve the needs of groups, a basic service structure composed of group members has evolved ever dependent on those they serve.
10. To maintain our spiritual integrity, we hold no opinion on outside issues. Our groups concern themselves with helping others achieve N.A. recovery. Public controversy would be detrimental to the ability of all groups to carry our message.
11. Although we want addicts everywhere to know of our program, we maintain personal anonymity to insure that no personal excesses or shortcomings reflect on N.A. as a whole. This also protects our members from exaggeration of ego.
12. We give all glory to God according to our understanding. But for the Grace of that Power, greater than ourselves, we would have no recovery. We look to principles for guidance and try to accept others as they are. We seek only to become a meaningful part of the whole.

This spiritual and miraculous process is obviously non-sensical to those who are not addicted to similiar drugs of choice. Long time herion users most often fail to relate to high energy go getters who can express the most confounding thought. Acid users are likely to relate to persons who have been where they have been. This initial identity spreads if the newcomer keeps coming back to the point where they can identity more in terms of their desire for recovery. than only on the basis of where they come from.

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