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The Elephant in the Room

Traditions violations? What Traditions violations?



Who ARE we, anyhow?

This is our third informational e-mail to you. (If you wish to unsubscribe, you may do so at the bottom of this e-mail, or by going to our website and contacting us via e-mail.) We received a number of responses to our first two e-mails in September. Aside from the often-asked "who" we are, we were also asked "why" we are. "Who" we are is contained at the bottom of this e-mail, and also on our website homepage www.justnafacts.org.

"Why" we are is simple

We are passionate about the recovery found in Narcotics Anonymous, and we're not shy about sharing that. Nor are we shy about sharing our fear that the N.A. that got us all clean is being replaced by a corporate structure that's taken the heart and soul out of service. At the same time, it's bleeding our Home Groups dry by raising the price of already too-expensive literature (aka the Newcomer Tax). We believe that a great deal of the fault for this rests with inadequate or biased information presented to Home Groups and their members.

About that elephant...

Let's address the elephant in the room: Traditions violations. We believe that the vast majority of information that comes from the "NA Press" is controlled by Narcotics Anonymous World Services, and that NAWS is the World Board rubber-stamping and saying "yes" to the World Service Office, an entity that is not bound by ANY Tradition or spiritual principle.

Are we ourselves biased?

Absolutely. But make no mistake: As individuals, we have no purpose other than ensuring that recovery from addiction is the goal of Narcotics Anonymous and its services.

What can YOU do?

You can determine the future of N.A. by asking questions of your trusted servants and through your own trusted service. All we can do is provide you with information that's not always easy to find. In the end, the choice is yours: Are you willing to risk personal discomfort in exchange for listening to another point of view?

JustNAFacts.org is a website presented to the fellowship of N.A. Its sole purpose is to give the Fellowship researched information and personal experience that is historically correct. Our goal is to educate all members of N.A., empowering them and their Home Groups to make well-informed decisions. We believe in the spirit of anonymity and feel that the message is more important than the messenger; hence we will bear no name other than Addict, and no title other than Member. We have no profit motive nor need for acclaim, and no conflict of interest. Our goal is to accurately inform.

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