

# **Let Us Write (or Rewrite or Help You Edit) Your Introductions!**

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## **Where Did Alcoholics Anonymous Come From?**

Please let us help you answer that question accurately, completely, concisely, truthfully, and with 21 years of documented research about the roles played by God, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Bible in the astonishing successes of early Akron and Cleveland A.A. with “seemingly-hopeless,” “medically-incurable,” “last-gasp-case” alcoholics who thoroughly followed the original Akron A.A. “Christian fellowship” program!

## **Where Can You Use, Share, and Apply This Virtually-Ignored History**

Perhaps you are writing a book. Perhaps you are writing an article. Perhaps you are writing a workbook. Perhaps you are writing a guide book. Perhaps you are speaking frequently. Perhaps you are participating in panels. Perhaps you are participating in seminars. Perhaps you are sponsoring. Perhaps you are carrying the message to newcomers. Perhaps you are counseling. Perhaps you are publishing blogs, podcasts, radio presentations, TV presentations, tapes, CD's, DVD's, classes, and/or historical films. Perhaps you are participating in social media, webinars, counselor training, treatment program leadership, church recovery work, pastoral recovery, Christian recovery fellowships, sober living work, outreach to prisons, outreach to veterans, outreach to the homeless, outreach to the military, chaplaincy, social work, probation and parole work, judicial supervision. And/or other kinds of outreach and ministry involving those afflicted with or affected by problems with drugs and alcohol!

You can bring truth, accuracy, success information, inspiring accounts, a complete picture, and a ready and qualified response to objections, questions, and criticisms.

## **What We Have Done, Can Do, and Will Do for and with You**

Dick B. was recently invited to write the introduction to *Alcoholics Anonymous: the Original 1939 Edition* published September 15, 2011, by Dover Publications (<http://goo.gl/bV5in>).

Dick B. was invited to compile and edit *Our A.A. Legacy to the Faith Community: a Twelve-Step Guide for Those Who Want to Believe*, by Three Clarence Snyder Sponsee Old-timers and Their Wives (<http://cametobelieve.org/bookstore.htm>)—which is more and more widely used in Step studies, Came to Believe Retreats, and “taking the Steps.”

Dick B. and Ken B. were invited by Ken R.--who paid nearly \$1 million to acquire at auction the “printer's manuscript” of *Alcoholics Anonymous* (the “Big Book”)--to edit the introductory historical essay and submit an original historical essay for *The Book That Started It All: The Original Working Manuscript of “Alcoholics Anonymous”* recently published by Hazelden

Publishing (<http://goo.gl/uJ8bU>). Please note that some of the work we submitted to Ken R. was later omitted or modified before the book was published.

Dick B. was hired by an anonymous benefactor to write two editions of a biography of Geraldine Owen Delaney, titled *HOPE! The Story of Geraldine D., Alana Lodge & Recovery*.

Dick B. was hired by Hazelden to write the chapter on Henrietta Seiberling in their publication titled *Women Pioneers in 12 Step Recovery*.

Dick B. was engaged by contract with Bill Pittman to write the major portion of *Courage to Change: The Christian Roots of the 12-Step Movement*—first published by Baker Book House, and then (and currently) published by Hazelden.

Dick B. was also asked to edit and/or endorse a number of other works relating to A.A. history. For example, he was asked to edit early drafts of *How It Worked*, by Mitchell K... He was asked by author Howard Cline bell, Ph.D., and by his publisher Abingdon Press, Nashville, to review, revise (if necessary), and endorse the Alcoholics Anonymous portion of *Understanding and Counseling Persons with Alcohol, Drug, and Behavioral Addictions*, rev. & enl. ed. (1998). He was also asked by Dr. J. Howard Ellen's to write a chapter on Alcoholics Anonymous and spiritual recovery in a three-volume symposium now published. In addition, he was asked by Hazelden to review, and then to endorse, the recently-published book titled *The Lois Wilson Story: When Love Is Not Enough*.

Dick B. and Ken B. have, over a period of 21 years, worked together to research, edit, publish, and distribute 42 titles and over 675 articles on the history of Alcoholics Anonymous and of the Christian Recovery Movement.

### **A Call to Writers, Editors, and Publishers**

Many of you have written, have published, and/or are writing books, workbooks, guide books, programs, and other materials in your chosen recovery field. And we would like to work with you in preparing introductions or prefaces or appendices, or introductory revisions which will fully, correctly, and concisely include accurate material on the origins, history, founding, original “Christian fellowship” in Akron, its successes, the sources of the Big Book and Twelve Steps, and how these can be applied in recovery today.

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