

The Twelve Traditions of Drug Addicts Anonymous

- 1** Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon DAA unity.
- 2** For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
- 3** The only requirement for DAA membership is a desire to stop using narcotics and all other mind-altering substances.
- 4** Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or DAA as a whole.
- 5** Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the drug addict who still suffers.
- 6** A DAA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the DAA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- 7** Every DAA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- 8** Drug Addicts Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- 9** DAA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- 10** Drug Addicts Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the DAA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
- 11** Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
- 12** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

