

This is a quick note for the beginning of transcribing the materials that were included in the writing of the Basic Text. The idea of reading the materials into the computer began about six years ago. Technology at that time for voice transcription was very poor. Use of the technology was pretty much limited to transcription of autopsy report's. Finally with the fifth edition of DragonDictate NaturallySpeaking we finally have a program that it takes well and has limited errors.

The materials are only stored on microfiche. So this will be the first time that these materials have been seen in printed form for probably 15 years. The old story is then said many times that they were approximately 1100 pieces of" to the initial parts of the Basic Text. As would begin reading we will increase the members working on the project to all those volunteering from the Architects of Adversity Home Group in Central Lake Michigan.

Once these materials are finished we will have the opportunity for the first time in over 20 years, the chance to see where the material in the basic text came from and was selected by a very small group of members. This input is probably only been seen by less than 50 individuals perhaps as small as group as 20 members. I hope you appreciate the amount of work that was done to accomplish this task. This is truly a labor of love, for these beginning materials brought forth a book that changed the face of recovery on this planet. So as you read this material if you find typographical errors please let the person you received it from know and corrections will be made.

It's been decided that anonymity will remain the appropriate choice when releasing these materials to others. Many of these pieces submitted for inclusion in the basic text were written in letter form. So it will include everything but names and all of these materials. Since we're using the modern technology of voice transcription for reading in these materials, it doesn't make sense to go back and create any spelling or typos in the original material. Perhaps, someday, we will be able to reproduce these materials exactly as they were submitted. Current cost for doing the entire microfiche collection is prohibitive at this time.

Enjoy what follows and may it add to your recovery and understanding of the history of the Basic Text.