

## WHY?

If we accept the fact that alcoholism is one of the deadliest maladies known to mankind & chronic alcoholics can not refrain from drinking

And

If the only requirement for membership in Alcoholics Anonymous is a desire to stop drinking,

And

If the only known Solution for recovery from alcoholism is a spiritual experience as the result of having taken the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous,

(These are the steps we took which are suggested as a program of recovery)  
(Having had a spiritual a awakening as the results of these steps)

And

If every Alcoholics Anonymous Group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers,

Or

If sobriety – freedom from alcohol – through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous,

And

A Promise of the Basic Text for Alcoholics Anonymous is to show other alcoholics *precisely how we have recovered*

Then

WHY is the message contained in the Big Book devoid in so many of the meetings which purport to be meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous?

It is just too simple for smart folks!