

GSB–LTL e-News Announcement

Subject: Important Guidance on Copyrights & the Translation Process for the New D.A. book - *A Year of Serenity and Prosperity: A Daily Reader*.

Dear Fellowship,

We are grateful for the tremendous enthusiasm and interest in the newly released D.A. Daily Reader. In recent weeks, the Literature, Translations & Licensing (LTL) Committee has become aware of spontaneous translation efforts arising in several regions. We deeply appreciate our worldwide members' desire to carry the message in their local languages..

Although this message concerns the new Daily Reader, the translation policy and procedures described here apply to *all* D.A. literature and pamphlets. To support the Fellowship and protect the integrity of our intellectual property, the GSB and LTL Committee would like to clarify the official process for obtaining translation and copyright permissions for all D.A. Conference-approved literature.

Why This Matters

- The Daily Reader is copyrighted Conference-approved literature.
- Unauthorized translations, even when well-intentioned, may create inconsistencies, legal difficulties, and versions that do not reflect Conference-approved content.
- Following the established process encourages unity, protects our rights, and maintains the quality and clarity of the D.A. message worldwide (Traditions One and Five).

Approved Translation Process

To translate D.A. literature, groups or service bodies are asked to:

1. **Contact the LTL Committee** at: translations@debtorsanonymous.org
 - LTL will provide guidance, required forms, and next steps.
2. **Submit a Translation Request Form**
 - This form documents the request and begins the official process.
3. **Form a Local Translation Team**
 - LTL will help ensure the team respects the guidelines for accuracy and consistency.
4. **Follow the Review & Approval Steps**
 - Drafts are reviewed for accuracy. First by the local translation team and second by the LTL committee.
 - Final approval is required before publication or distribution.

Copyright & Distribution

- D.A. Conference-approved literature—including translated versions—is protected under copyright to ensure unity of message.
- No translation should be distributed, printed, posted, or shared electronically until it has been formally approved.
- This formal approval is also necessary for partial translations, excerpts, or summaries of the Daily Reader.
 - Fair use is a U.S. legal doctrine that allows limited portions of copyrighted material (excerpts) to be quoted verbatim, under certain circumstances, without obtaining permission from or paying the copyright holder. Determinations of fair use are made on a case-by-case basis.

How You Can Help

If your local group is interested in translating the Daily Reader:

- Please reach out to LTL before starting any translation work.
- Share this information with any members who may already be involved in informal or early-stage translation efforts.
- Encourage coordination with your local Intergroup if one exists.

Thank You

We sincerely appreciate the worldwide enthusiasm for this new piece of D.A. literature and the desire to make it accessible to the global Fellowship. By following the established translation and copyright process, we work together to ensure that the D.A. message remains consistent, clear, and unified across all languages so it can be best carried to the debtor who still suffers..

In service,

The GSB Literature, Translations & Licensing (LTL) Committee