

## **Ernest Kurtz, Ph.D.**

For close to two decades, Ernie Kurtz has mentored my research and writing on the history of addiction treatment and recovery in America. Following completion of his Ph.D. in the history of American Civilization at Harvard in 1978, Ernie published his doctoral dissertation a year later as the book, *Not-God: A history of Alcoholics Anonymous* (Hazelden (2<sup>nd</sup> printing, 1980; 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1981; paperback, 1982; revised and expanded edition, 1991). His subsequent books have included:

- *Shame and guilt: Characteristics of the dependency cycle*. Center City, MN: Hazelden, 1981
- *90 Meetings ninety days: A journal of experience, strength, and hope in Twelve-Step recovery*. Minneapolis, MN: Johnson Institute, 1984
- *A.A.: The story*. New York: Harper & Row, 1988
- *The spirituality of imperfection*. New York: Bantam Books, 1992, with Katherine Ketcham, and
- *The collected Ernie Kurtz*. Wheeling, WV: Bishop of Books, 1999.

Ernie also wrote a series of seminal articles on AA and alcoholism treatment and served as a popular lecturer at many addiction conferences and summer schools. Additional information about the life and contributions of Ernie Kurtz can be found in:

White, W. (in press). Ernest Kurtz: The historian as storyteller and healer. In: Morgan, O. (Ed.) *Recovery through Catholic eyes: Important Catholic figures in the history of the recovery movement (Essays in honor of Ernest Kurtz)*. Fairfield, CT: Sacred Heart University Press.

Posted at this site are four of Ernie's classic papers.

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