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WiseTome Debuts at Book Expo America

It took compiler Larry Chang almost six years to put together an anthology of quotations, *Wisdom for the Soul: Five Millennia of Prescriptions for Spiritual Healing* which offers up psychospiritual pills to pop, nutritious soul food and mind candy to nibble on. After a limited pre-release April 28 to the Body/Mind/Spirit crowd at the New Living Expo in San Francisco, the four- pounder was presented to the book trade May 19-21 at Book Expo America under the banner of the Publishers Marketing Association.

The concept for *Wisdom* had its genesis in Kingston, Jamaica where Larry Chang prepared for the Religious Science Ministry under the tutelage of the Rev. Dr. Elma Lumsden. He came to use quotations extensively in his pastoral counseling and sermonizing, relying on their concise elegance to get his points across. In 2000, he applied for political asylum in the US, as an out LGBT activist fleeing state-complicit homophobic violence. Unable to work in the US until Work Authorization, and eventually his asylum petition, were granted, he filled his time compiling, organizing and collating the hundreds of quotes he had accumulated into one Word file. The resulting double-spaced 3500-page manuscript attracted interest from publishers, who insisted that he reduce it to a third of its volume. Though anxious to have it published, Chang politely declined. "There's no way I can fairly represent the wisdom of five millennia in 270 pages." He went the route of self-publishing.

Already picked up by national wholesalers Baker & Taylor, Ingram and Quality Books, the intrepid author hopes to widen his distribution and negotiate international rights at BEA.

Wisdom for the Soul: Five Millennia of Prescriptions for Spiritual Healing, First edition, hard cover, 7 x 10, 824 pages, ISBN 0-9773391-0-6, \$49.95. Publication Fall 2006. Available online at <http://www.wisdomforthesoul.org> along with quotation card sets, from AbeBooks.com and Amazon.com, and to the trade from Baker & Taylor, Ingram and Quality Books.

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