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In His Love, Mercy & Grace,
Daryl

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

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Daryl Fawcett
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 03/22/07 04:35
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Established Facts & Timeline of Those Established Facts (Information Topic)

The following are facts and established timelines of those established facts:

1. On December 27, 2003 Elder Johann Thorvaldsson and his son picked up Dr. Arild Abrahamsen at the St. Louis Airport.
2. On December 28 or 29, 2003 Elder Johann Thorvaldsson and his wife took Dr. Arild Abrahamsen to the cafeteria in Thompsonville where they met Danny and Linda Shelton. (Note: Linda Shelton came frequently to see Elder Johann Thorvaldsson and his wife before this, and she continued her visits after Dr. Arild Abrahamsen came. Like any other good mother, Linda was always thinking of what could be done to help her son, Nathan, and Nathan liked Arild and wanted to get some treatments from him in Norway. Those meetings took place in Elder Thorvaldsson's apartment).
3. Around January 20, 2004 Nathan came to Norway along with his friend, Dava Vice.
4. The first week of February, 2004 Linda came for a 3-½ day visit to support her son, together with Brenda Walsh.
5. On March 7, 2004 Linda Shelton was accused of spiritual adultery with a doctor, (Dr. Arild Abrahamsen), in Norway, because she spoke with this near stranger on the phone. This was taken from Linda Shelton's website.
6. During the months of April 2004 and May 2004, Linda Shelton was suspended from her job at 3ABN, as stated in Linda Shelton's website.
7. About May 1, 2004 instructions were given to the production staff to wipe Linda Shelton's face off of the network by June 1, 2004, again with no Board action.
8. A few days later in reference to about May 1, 2004, Linda Shelton was sent a document specifying that she was advised to get 30 days of counseling by counselors of their" choice. If she did not agree to this in writing within 24 hours, her employment could be gone. She requested time for an attorney to look at the document. This was refused.
9. Either on May 23, 2004 or May 30, 2004 Linda Shelton was voted out as Vice-President, Secretary and as a Board member, as stated on Linda Shelton's own website.
10. On May 28, 2004 when Elder Johann Thorvaldsson was at West Frankfort, he was told by the 3ABN attorney, Nick Miller, that the labour laws did not apply in Linda Shelton's case according to the laws in Illinois. There the President had the full right to dismiss his Vice-President whenever he so desired.
11. On May 30, 2004 the 3ABN Board of Directors removed Linda Shelton from her role as Vice-President and as a board member, as stated in Dr. Walt Thompson's first

open letter of July 2004, which began with "Dear 3ABN Family."

12. Also on June 1, 2004 Danny Shelton and Linda Shelton separated, as stated on Linda Shelton's website.

13. Soon after June 1, 2004 Linda Shelton was discontinued as an employee of 3ABN.

14. On June 4, 2004 a separation agreement between 3ABN and Linda Shelton was signed.

15. The divorce of Danny Shelton and Linda Shelton was effective on June 21, 2004. (Note: Aletheia states in her post that the uncontested divorce was finalized on June 21, 2004).

16. In July, 2004 Brandy Elsworth arrived at 3ABN.

17. On February 8, 2005 Linda Shelton files to contest the divorce in Franklin County, Illinois seeking a larger marital settlement, as Illinois is not a community property state as Guam was.

18. On March 7, 2005 Walt Thompson (3ABN's Chairman wrote to Elder Johann Thorvaldson) "So far as accusing Linda of adultery, I will say here again in writing that I have never accused Linda of adultery."

19. On March 6, 2006 the court in West Frankfurt, Illinois declared the Guam divorce valid in Illinois.

20. On March 7, 2006 a marriage license was issued to Mr. Danny Shelton and Ms. Brandy Elswick, one day before the wedding.

21. On March 8, 2006 Danny Shelton and Brandy Elswick were married at 3ABN.

There is a question in regards to the date in #19, which I have bolded for such a reason.

If anybody has anything further to offer in relation to any of the above, please email me at Administrator@maritime-sda-online.org

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 03/18/07 04:25
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Is Dr. Walt Thompson Under the Control of Danny Shelton? (Information Topic)

Dr. Walt Thompson's whole involvement leads us to ask and wonder if Dr. Walt Thompson is completely under Danny Shelton's control.

Why did he allow Danny to do with Linda Shelton what he obviously ignores in the case of both Tommy Shelton and Melody Firestone?

The following two emails are a good example of this:

-----beginning of first email-----

----- Original Message -----

From: Johann Thorvaldsson

To: Walt Thompson

Subject: Rumors

Date: Sunday, March 06, 2005 11:32 PM

Walt,

It was very interesting to hear you talk about rumors - or against rumors. I have read a number of your private letters to people who feel that you are merely telling rumors, so they write to us to find out what is the truth. I know from personal experience and research that a number of things you tell people are mere rumors or things that took place at a time that has no significance to this case. I sensed that your chronology of events is quite confused. In my way of thinking it is significant if you bury a person before or after he is dead. Would you give your patients anesthetic after the surgery? But in some of your statements of event it appears as if chronology is of no importance. Is that telling the truth? When I pressed this in our talk you indicated that it had no significance. Does your conscience permit you to make such mistakes when it comes to the reputation of a person who has meant so much to 3ABN? Read through your own statements and discover what I mean. If you don't see it I'll point it out to you.

About rumors: I do quite a bit of research. When I hear a rumor of something that seems substantial and has to do with this case, I do not pass this on before I have proof, such as first-person accounts. This applies to such things as Melody's smoking. I first heard of it second hand. I could hardly believe it, so I wanted to be sure it was not true. I personally questioned a witness, to be sure that it was not a mistaken identity, and I was not satisfied until I had it from two different sources, who had not merely heard it, but knew it from first-hand observation. It was then I wrote about it to you, because it seemed that you were the right person to handle it, especially since it concerns 3ABN's credibility.

You seem so quick to call things rumors when they apply to Danny Shelton or those close to him, while any story about Linda you accept as verified. That seemed the gist of our conversation. So what chance does Linda have in a group of so-called

believers when they do not act as Christians at all in the way things are handled - through what I have been able to observe personally.

You did state in our conversation that you are not accusing Linda of adultery. It would be nice to have this in writing, because that is what most people understand from the statements you have issued. Now you state that you are merely accusing Linda of having had a relationship with a man. How about all of those accusations of adultery that Danny has made and broadcast around to the world? There is something strange in your whole handling of this case. Something that does not make sense. You mean that a whole board of Christian people have been discussing that since this might lead to adultery you might as well let the world know she has committed a great sin, so she had to be dismissed from 3ABN, nobody could talk to her, and you approved that Danny should remain as president of 3ABN even though he demanded a divorce from his wife. This is not mere rumors - I have all the emails from Danny from that period to prove it. He was not the least interested in saving his marriage, but did everything in his power to get her out of the way, even while publicly asking Mark Finley and others to pray for her return. I have scores of email from Danny to prove this, so - again - this is not rumors. And because both Danny and Linda provided me with daily insights in what was going on, I was not 6,000 miles away, but no further than the screen of my computer. Besides that I talked to both of them on the phone through this period. But you were so afraid that Danny would be accused of lying about the whole case, that you made it impossible for us to testify before the board on June 1, 2004.

Do you think this case will soon be outdated? Not as long as the Lord has called me to give my testimony, because it is no honor for the Church of God to have such falsehood linger. So you might as well do something about it before it is too late. Before it breaks 3ABN.

With great concern,

Johann

-----end of first email-----

-----beginning of 2nd email with comments from Elder Johann Thorvaldsson-----

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----- Original Message -----

From: Walt Thompson

To: Johann Thorvaldsson

Subject: Re: Rumors

Date: Monday, March 07, 2005 3:36 PM

Good morning Johann,

Thank you for your phone call and e mail. Please know that you and your dear wife

are in my daily prayers - as is Linda. It is not for anger or retribution that I have taken the actions that I have taken.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Thanks for writing, Walt. For heaven's sake, why does a Christian gentleman act the way you have if it is not for anger or retribution?

Everything I have done has been done honestly,

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Perhaps you did, but why not have your honesty adjusted with the religion we were taught at old EMC? I must search deep and wide for the smallest grain of honesty in your actions in this case, Walt. Your integrity is not impressing denomination leaders in this part of the world. One of the Union presidents told me today that they have decided to reject any cooperation with 3ABN, in spite of Claus's claims and Danny Shelton's offer of financial aid to the European 3ABN. Honesty does not seem to be a 3ABN trademark.

prayerfully, and with the only wisdom that I have.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] I can see that! May the Lord have mercy! Danny has now sent me all those arguments you refused to give me on the phone - those "proofs" with which he thinks he is going to crush Linda. If those are all the arguments with which you have made your decisions, they are a very thin dish of soup. I guess you were never aware of this. A surgeon, a pastor, and a lawyer should have more sense than a fifth grader with a calendar and a list of events, but that is all it takes to see how ridiculous your arguments are. Since you lack the wisdom to see this, I hope the Lord will eventually forgive you, after you have come to your senses, and made restitution for the evil you have done.

If I have failed anywhere along the way I am truly sorry, because it has not been my intent to hurt any.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Why do you then? My phone conversation with you gave me a picture of how you treated Linda, if you talked to her in the same condescending drone as you talked to me, I can well understand where your honesty failed and you need more prayer. Why do I say "condescending drone?" Because in your whole way of talking you clearly assumed Linda's guilt - based on those ridiculous assumptions. It was the same drone I heard from John Lomacang and Nick Miller at that meeting we had.

In all of your actions you made the most ridiculous demands of Linda, regardless of how you interpret it. Since you managed medical school you should have sense enough to see this, Walt. With a man of your education there is no excuse, neither is there for the pastor nor the lawyer. Can't you fathom it?

Linda was cut off from access to any of her friends. Brenda had lied on her. Danny cut off every avenue she had to friends. You kept droning on her that she had better admit the sins she had never committed. Be honest, Walt, even though you claim you never accused her of adultery, that was what Danny was continually accusing her of, as attested by the email I received from him. How could she at this stage perceive that your accusations did not include what Danny said?

Again, you kept droning on her that she must seek counsel. Counsel for what? Danny made it clear in his email that the only counsel she needed was to be told and admit that she was a great whore. This can all be verified, so this is not based on rumors.

In this situation Linda saw there was only one person who could verify her innocence. But you kept condescending the drone that she must not talk to the only person in this world who knew exactly what had happened.

Is it possible for a person to show more disdain for another human being than what you displayed through this whole process? Is it strange that Linda now seeks restitution through a court for the lack of understanding that was never displayed by her fellow believers?

Feeling sorry for your action is good, but is it sufficient? What have you done to Linda through these actions?

I am all for justice and mercy in this case and that all be done to the glory of God.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Actions are worth more than words in this case. How can you honor God by bringing such disgrace on 3ABN?

I have not acted on theory nor heresay, but only upon the convincing evidence that I have had, much of it personal experience.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Your words alone are not very convincing.

I have been very close to 3ABN through the years and especially so during this past year. I am pretty much aware to what is truth and what is not. And yes, there are many things that I am not aware of, but I have not based any of my decisions on those things.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Could there be too many things you are not aware of for you to make an honest decision? Any decent, honest leader has to see a matter from all sides. This is what you have stubbornly refused to do, as far as I can see. You depended way too much on internal evidence, and on counsel from those who were being inundated with false proofs of Linda's guilt. This can never be tolerated in a Christian society, the way I was brought up, including EMC.

So far as accusing Linda of adultery, I will say here again in writing that I have never accused Linda of adultery. I do not know whether or not that has taken place, and it is has never been a factor in my decisions or recommendations. Linda was given opportunity over and over again to break off a relationship that was destroying the ministry, and to remain with 3abn. She was furthermore told by myself and others where her decisions were leading, yet she refused to listen to our advice.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Inhuman advice in this situation. Why can't you see it, Walt?

Only when it became evident that the ministry was at stake did we take the issue to the board for definitive action.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Yes. All because of Danny Shelton's stubbornness, and not based on common sense wisdom - because you made it impossible to let the board listen to our testimony.

The letter that you refer to that I wrote to the 3ABN family does not accuse Linda of adultery. If any have interpreted it to say that, perhaps you may accept a bit of the credit for reading that element into it. But that idea was not written into the letter, nor was it intended to be implied. In fact, the specific effort was made to avoid making such an insinuation since frankly, I have never had the kind of evidence needed whereby to make such an accusation.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] From the wording it was sorely difficult to discern your intentions, even if you claim you can legally hide yourself behind the jargon used. And how about what you sent to Adventist Today? You will find my response to that on Club Adventist. Thus far I have only received appreciation for the clarification I gave to your thwarted statement, again based on your application of false facts, because there were several aspects you refused to consider. The Lord says, "Come, let us reason together." How can you reason when only applying evidence from one side? How Unchristian!

I hope this will be helpful to you.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Yes, it really has - to show me how inhuman you have treated Linda. It gives me a deeper conviction that my work is barely started yet. It is so difficult to get through your ingrained bias.

Please give Irmgard my best regards.

Sincerely in the blessed name of Jesus,

Walt T
Walter Thompson MD

-----end of second email-----

Here is the link to the above emails with additional comments there:
<http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-demise-of-marriage-walt-admits-no-evidence.htm>



Bob Pickle
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12/13/06
08:15 PM

Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)

Claims and counterclaims, he said, she said, they said. How's anyone to sort it all out?

As we sift through all the stories, we want to isolate as many clear, indisputable, and prov. more on documents than on testimony.

The Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations show the importance of this. Walt Thor Shelton had essentially misled him regarding the serious nature, wide extent, and recent ti also admitted that both he and the 3ABN board had taken Danny's word for it without doi investigation.

Thus, we cannot simply rely on either Danny's or the board's word regarding Danny's divc something more.

This thread will examine just such material, and we invite both sides to provide as much a

(In order to keep this thread as concise as possible, discussion of the various topics consid threads, and only the concrete information will be posted here.)

Bob Pickle
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12/13/06
08:38 PM

Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated

The following consists of excerpts from an email intended for Gailon. We will just include we are examining, as well as portions claiming that Linda is a liar. Pertinent portions we h

The incident being described concerns a watch given by Dr. Arild Abrahamsen and/or Job found while rummaging through Linda's car. But since both sides give different accounts for the gift, and the circumstances of its discovery, we ignore those details and concentrate and indisputable.

----- Original Message -----

From: Danny Shelton

To: Walt Thompson

Sent: 10/8/2006 12:13:14 PM

Subject:

Gailon,

Walt copied me your email to him.

...

Anyway, let me give you just a few things to think about,

You claim that Linda passed your truth test. Are you not aware that any one who is a polis when being questioned about their lies, ESPECIALLY if they are confident that the person already bought their lies hook, line and sinker?

Linda also seemed to pass the lie test verbally about her relationship with Arild to me and

evidence showed up to disprove her smooth talk. I'll give you just a couple small example

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She told me that she was going to go lay out by the swimming pool. I decided to go look i support the PI's claim that had not been mailed to me yet. Our car door was locked. **Yes, I her car but I have proof that it is titled to both she and I even unto this day.** She didn't had keys to this Toyota Sequoia. I opened the car door and opened the glove compartment same watch described to me by the PI.

...

I then pulled the picture of the watch from underneath my shirt and showed it to her at wh **believe you broke into my car and got into my personal belongings!** This is abuse!"

I said to her that rather than talk about abuse, I thought we should talk about the lie of the she left the house.

I'm only giving you the tip of the iceberg. This is not my proof for adultery. I'm only tellir has Zero credibility as she is apparently in a different league than you as you bought her s

...

Danny

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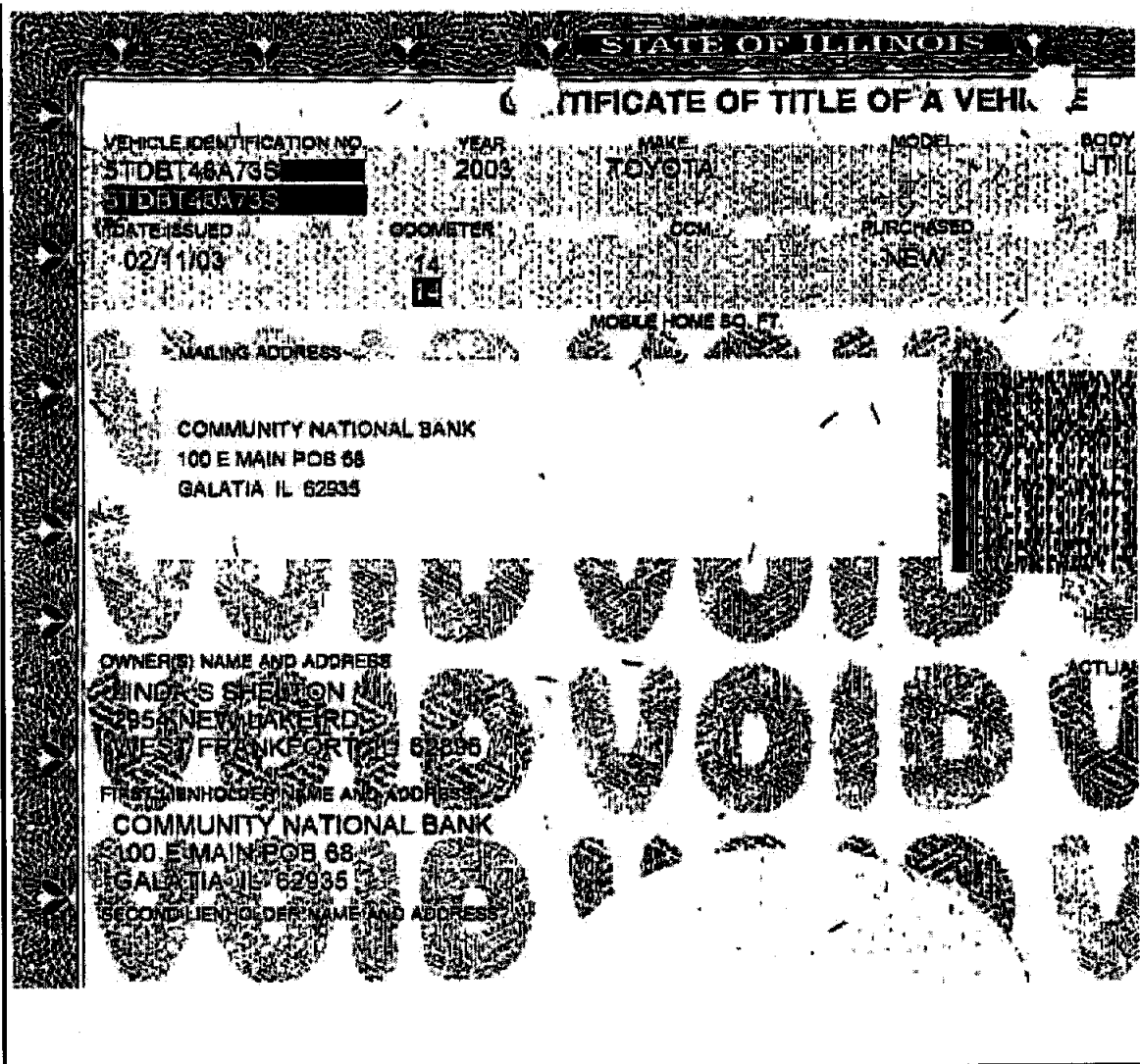
 **Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated**

What we have below is a copy of the title to Linda's car. The VIN does indeed belong to a on December 30, 2002, and the title was issued the following February 11.

It is titled only in Linda's name.

This discrepancy does not disprove the rest of Danny's story, but it does demonstrate that just his word.

Perhaps Danny has an explanation for this discrepancy.



windoor
(Member
(MSDAOL))
12/13/06
10:21 PM

Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated

Bob,

Seems to me that maybe Danny should stop talking until, he gets someone to get his storie

I mean why had PI been brought in instead of going on air saying that he and Linda neede marriage and taking her on trip to some place private so they and God could work out the




I want to believe that their is an innocent way all this can be explained but the more that c

May God in his wisdom bring honor to his name in some way out of this whole deal.

erik w.

Bob Pickle
(1000+

Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated

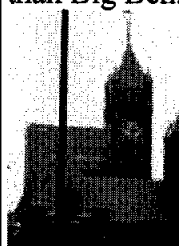
<p>Member (MSDAOL)) 12/13/06 11:13 PM</p>	<p>Erik, I think this incident occurred in late May or early June. The watch was given prior to the 1 Thus we're talking about a point in time in this short saga that is pretty late. Danny also wrote, "The detectives told me that Arild gave Linda a very nice watch as a gi found out about it, rather than by breaking into her car. Gailon claims that the watch was given before the detectives were hired. I don't have acce that at this point, but it wouldn't surprise me given the above. Bob</p>
<p>Chesaunde (Member (MSDAOL)) 12/14/06 12:24 AM</p>	<p> Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated Bob, Help me out. What is the purpose of the word "void" that is written all over this document Thanks. Chesaunde</p>
<p>Sky (Member (MSDAOL)) 12/14/06 01:33 AM</p>	<p> Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated Many legal and financial documents, such as certified checks (cheques) and passports, hav the word "Void" when copied via a photocopy machine. The word "VOID" simply means that the copy we see is a reproduction of the original cer certificate, itself.</p>
<p>Sky (Member (MSDAOL)) 12/14/06 02:39 AM</p>	<p> Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated Originally Posted By: Bob Pickle Erik, Gailon claims that the watch was given before the detectives were hired. Bob And this e-mail says: "What did I see? Yes, I saw the same watch described to me by t Either Gailon's position or this latter quote is wrong. The inference, of course, is that this watch followed the United States Adventist custom o present prior to marriage, since conservative Adventists in the United States do not wear c</p>

However, when we received guests from Europe, we received a very nice Anniversary Clock. The Swiss, are very proud of their clocks and watches, and give them as presents.

In fact, London's Big Ben is one of the world's most famous landmarks, and it is a clock tower that has never been copied.



(Below) The City Hall Tower in Minneapolis, Minnesota - Design is based on Big Ben - but it is much taller than Big Ben.



The entire focus on a timepiece given to an American by a European person is meaningless. It does not account for European culture, from which many American communities have borrowed.

Sky

my little friend

(100+ Member)

Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated

Linda would not have to have played hostess in her own home in the U.S. This custom was

(MSDAOL)) or she and Nathan or she and Nathan's girl friend etc. had temporary quarters in Europe ar
 12/14/06 on Nathan or give an update on his condition or even just visit.
 04:31 AM

Fran
 (50+
 Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/14/06
 05:57 AM



Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated

I guess I am slow or something!

Quote:

Linda also seemed to pass the lie test verbally about her relationship with Arild to me and evidence showed up to disprove her smooth talk. I'll give you just a couple small example

Danny said he would give a couple (2)of examples. Examples of what? Is it 2 times Linda

I read what he had to say. How does accepting a watch as a gift give a spouse a Biblical ca
 lie? If I had been in Linda's shoes, I would have told Danny precious LITTLE informatior

I guess I am behind times. If someone has a desire to give me a watch, I am going to take
 givers feelings. That is not kind.

Now about the car. She just said Danny's actions were abusice. Well? In my opinion Danr
 she left.

OK! I need to go sit for a while in my "Thinking Chair" with my "Handy Dandy Noteboool
 figure this out.

Those 2 examples are just too far above my head that I have totally missed them!

Carry on while I really think about this again!

Bob Pickle
 (1000+
 Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/18/06
 10:10 PM

Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated

From <http://www.ilsos.gov/regstatus/>

Quote:

Title Status Inquiry Result

VIN: 5TDBT48A73SXXXXXX

Title Number: XXXXXXXXXXXX

Most recent title issuance: 02/11/2003

Type of title: Original

Lienholder? Yes



Multi-owner Yes/No? No

Is better address needed for mailing? No

Is vehicle tagged as rebuilt? No

Is vehicle tagged as having flood damage? No

There has not been a more recent issuing of that title since Feb. 11, 2003. It is not a multi-

	Illinois.
<p>Daryl Fawcett (16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 02/05/07 05:32 PM</p> 	<p>Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)</p> <hr/> <p>Are there any other concrete facts that can be posted here?</p>
<p>Daryl Fawcett (16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 03/05/07 08:26 PM</p> 	<p>Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)</p> <hr/> <p>There is also new information on save3abn.org website: http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-demise-of-marriage-1.htm</p> <p>The title is Marriage Demise: Was Adultery Involved?</p> <p>You will find there a series of emails between Linda Shelton and Danny Shelton, which I</p> <p>Quote:</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- From: Arild Abrahamsen To: [Danny Shelton] Date: Thursday, February 05, 2004 5:47 AM</p> <p>Hi Hon,</p> <p>Sorry I've been unable to communicate before now...our sleeping schedule and activity sel not working has conflicted with getting through to you. But I'm sure you've been busy too</p> <p>Norway is gorgeous, but what makes it the most special is that I'm seeing a miracle happe Nathan. The transformation is incredible. He looks great. He's gained weight, He's quit sr great. He's developed a real trust and friendship with the doctor, and he'd like to come bac will allow Nathan to stay in the apartments for a couple of weeks when he gets home so h access to him. Please pray about it.</p> <p>We leave tomorrow and I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta. Should I meet you outsid back at this address if you have a chance. Well, gotta go.</p> <p>Love you,</p> <p>LINDA</p>

And here is Danny's reply:

Quote:

----- Original Message -----

From: Danny Shelton

To: Arild Abrahamsen

Subject: Re:

Date: Thu, 5 Feb 2004 07:06:02 -0600

Hi Linda Sue,

Glad everything is going well. I woke up this morning to about 3" of snow! not good. Any baggage claim, after customs. I'm glad Nathan is doing better. I have been praying about it

See you tomorrow night, if the runway is cleared for take off. I hope the snow will stop any then.

Love,

Your Hubby

ps. By the way, my phone number is *** ***-**** or ***-****, in case you've forgotten.

Just below the above email comes this by the author of the save3abn.org site:

Quote:

But by April 27, just eleven weeks and five days later, Danny had found an issue that was in his mind justified ending the marriage.

What happened in those eleven weeks and five days that brought about such a drastic

Read on at the save3abn.org site.

<http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-demise-of-marriage-1.htm>

Daryl

Fawcett

(16000+

Member

(MSDAOL))

03/05/07

08:27 PM



Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)

As I am also reading through this for the first time, I am also quoting this email to Dr. Abi Linda's 3ABN email account:

Quote:

----- Original Message -----

From: Linda Shelton

To: Arild Abrahamsen

Organization: Three Angels Broadcasting Network

Date: Thu, 25 Mar 2004 20:17:39 -0600

...

There is only one name for this sin. Pastor John says it is spiritual adultery, which is the s
adultery. ...

...

This is where the accusation of "spiritual adultery" first came from.

Here is another email:

Quote:

----- Original Message -----

From: Danny Shelton

To: [Arild Abrahamsen]

Subject: Emailing: 8207

Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2004 08:11:19 -0500

At best, this represents, what you have done. Today is the day we start contacting your ch

... "the first and greatest cause of 'sexual' adultery, among well-meaning Christians, is 'spi
when] married persons share with someone else what ought to have been shared first or or

("Spiritual Adultery")

The link to "Spiritual Adultery" was a link attachment in the above email, therefore, I also
quote.

Daryl
Fawcett
(16000+
Member
(MSDAOL))
03/05/07
08:28 PM



Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)

I agree with the following by the author of the save3abn.org site:

Quote:

One would be hard pressed to find a Seventh-day Adventist anywhere in the world who w
biblical grounds for divorce. Any Seventh-day Adventist who divorces their spouse for su
being subjected to church discipline.

Not that spouses are free to confide personal matters with anyone and everyone they choo
the home, and certain things just should not be divulged outside that circle.

Noticeable exceptions might be when an individual's life or health is in danger.

Daryl

Fawcett
 (16000+
 Member
 (MSDAOL))
 03/05/07
 08:29 PM



Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)

I am trying to place all of the emails from the save3abn.org site into chronological order h

Here is another interesting email from Danny Shelton to one of Linda's family members:

Quote:

----- Original Message -----

From: Danny Shelton

To: *****

Subject: Re: *** ** here; personal & confidential

Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2004 6:12 PM

*****,

Please advise Linda that it is time to leave me and start a new life for herself. **Anytime th
 degrade to the point that she would listen to such foolish advice as hiding my gun, th**
 that I have known her I have never even gotten mad at her enough to shoot a paper wad at
 you only had her hide one gun and I have two. I will not try to stop her from leaving and g
 would welcome it.

With the advice that she is getting from family she will never be able to put aside all the "i"
 from them. Her life's a mess now. Thanks to bad advice, she no longer has a chance, nor th
 marriage.

As you know, I've taken care of her for 20 years. She's going to need you more now than e
 advice turns into more than just words. She needs you to be there loving her and caring for
 financially if so necessary in the future.

Danny

It seems here that hiding Danny's gun was the reason given for ending his relation with Li
 for divorce. I find it strange that "spiritual adultery" wasn't even mentioned as a reason he

Daryl
 Fawcett
 (16000+
 Member
 (MSDAOL))
 03/05/07
 08:30 PM



Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)

The following email was from Linda to Danny:

Quote:

----- Original Message -----

From: Linda Shelton

To: Danny Shelton

Subject: Re:

Date: Saturday, July 17, 2004 10:34 AM

Dan,

Your perception is totally wrong. When I was accused on March 7 I was completely innocent by quitting contact with this doctor. It didn't help. You accused, you condemned, you demoted (not in honesty confess.) You were out of control. Your big mouth starting going from one side it was too late. My reputation was already gone by the end of March. In April you sent the message that the marriage was over. The only way at this point that you could have redeemed the situation was that you over-reacted and things were not as they appeared to you. But your ego would not be where we are today. Even the divorce was an over-reaction. A 19 year marriage should last 19 months.

I had a lot of hope for reconciliation for a long time. I prayed, I cried, I begged God to help me have any hope right now. The trust factor is demolished. But I don't hate you. I am praying that you will forgive me because there is still resentment lurking in my system over this. The best thing I can do with life. Perhaps time will help heal the scars more effectively. Right now I NEED the support of the Lord. This has been extremely devastating and I need time to heal. So I hope you will STOP whatever else you are doing and just let me heal. I hope that the Lord will continue to bless me and not be adversely affected by all of this. I will always love this ministry. And I will always care about the people (many times!) But right now I have to care about my broken spirit...and I believe the travel

LS

Daryl
Fawcett
(16000+
Member
(MSDAOL))
03/05/07
08:30 PM



Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)

Here is the next email from Danny Shelton to our very own Elder Johann Thorvaldson:

Quote:

----- Original Message -----

From: Danny Shelton
To: Johann Thorvaldsson
Subject:
Date: Sunday, August 08, 2004 9:20 AM

Johann, it's amazing that you and your daughter and Linda's boyfriend the Dr., all try to seem to talk out of two sides of my mouth when referring to her sinful relationship with the

...

I would love to see how you and your daughter or daughter in law, or whoever this woman is, I'm crazy enough to possibly kill her, and Linda's boyfriend, Dr. Abrahamson, would view these statements in the bible. Would they think He is crazy too?

...

... They all told her that spiritual adultery virtually always turns into physical adultery. These "innocent" conversations with this other man would end up in meeting together very long these long conversations would not be enough to fill her emotional needs. Together which virtually always takes this problem from spiritual adultery to physical

How right they were, as soon plans of secret meetings behind my back began to come I was able to intervene but others I could not stop. As you know she just spent nearly 3 weeks because she cannot keep herself away from him. Only two weeks before this vacation she spent a 4 day vacation together in Springfield IL. Only a month or so before that time...

Our divorce was 3 days old when they went on vacation together

...

Anyway, I'm happy to take a psychiatric exam at the same time you and Aril Abrahamson we'll find out who's really crazy!

Still your friend tho I don't agree with you

Danny

Daryl
Fawcett
(16000+
Member
(MSDAOL))
03/05/07
08:31 PM



Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)

This email from one close relative of Linda's to another close relative of Linda's isn't in charge going to try and change it.

Quote:

----- Original Message -----

From: *****

To: *****

CC: Linda Shelton

Subject: Linda

Date: Sat, 29 May 2004 09:58:13 -0700

Dear *****: Linda is going through an extremely difficult time right now. You may have heard of "spiritual adultery" and has caused an international scandal within the Seventh Day Adventist Church with his ability to talk and it never stops. On the other hand, he wants Linda to sweep everything away with their marriage. He is either having a nervous breakdown or has developed a mental disorder.

The problem started awhile before Nathan's drug problem became an issue. Danny's feeling was that there was no reason to speak with anyone but him about anything -- in other words he did not want to allow her to speak with her family and to him alone. This statement was made several times before Nathan's drug problem became known and Linda asked Danny if Nathan could move in with her. It was Linda's son and it was her problem, that he did not want Nathan or Nathan's friends in the house.

About that same time, a doctor from Norway came to visit the station. Linda spoke with him (Dr. Abrahamsen) said he could help him but Nathan had to go to Norway because the medication was not available in the United States. To make a long story short, Nathan did go to Norway for a 10-day treatment and went over later. Nathan made a drastic improvement and they all returned to the United States.

his use of Meth. Linda continued to be in contact with the doctor about Nathan, and that is started accusing her of spiritual adultery, claiming she should only be talking with him.

Now Danny goes around telling everyone -- 3ABN, the National Conference for SDA, the that Linda has committed "adultery" (not mentioning the "spiritual" aspect of it), and she l 3ABN property, threatened [with] the loss of her job (she is on a 30-day leave which expir engagements have been cancelled. On top of that he wants to continue the marriage On asks for a divorce, stating he does not want to be married to her. This, of course, is contrac constant state of dilema.

Linda told [a close relative] about the situation first. I had sent e-mail messages and teleph response. I finally called [that close relative] and asked her if she had heard from Linda la if I had not heard? I said, heard what? That's when I learned of the situation and have beer basis ever since.

Danny has had Linda under surveillance, her phones tapped, her computer tapped, and she this. Linda does have a new laptop that Danny does not know about and you can contact h number is ***.***.****. She is staying with Linda's-daughter for the past week and will c Monday or Tuesday. Linda has been staying with friends as much as possible.

I'm sure Linda would like to hear from you and will appreciate your love and support duri unexpected period in her life.

Love ..., *****

Daryl
Fawcett
(16000+
Member
(MSDAOL))
03/08/07
03:04 PM



Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)

This is in reference to the ultimatum that was sent to Linda Shelton via Linda's-daugh

-----beginning of email-----

----- Original Message -----

From: Walt Thompson
To: [Linda's-daughter]
Subject: Letter for Linda
Date: Tue, 4 May 2004 21:43:07 -0500

Dear Linda,

This is a copy of the letter that has been sent by FEDEX to you. While you may not under realize that we are truly desirous of returning you to your home and ministry because we c 3ABN tomorrow and will be available to talk with you if you have questions needing clari

Walt

May, 4, 2004

Walter Thompson MD

Chairman of 3ABN Board of Directors
174 Foxborough Place
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Linda Shelton
Three Angel's Broadcasting Network
PO Box 220
West Frankfort, IL 62896

Dear Linda,

A committee representing the 3ABN board of directors has been selected and has met for present problem at 3ABN relating to your relationship to Danny and to the ministry of 3A acceptable to all parties involved. This letter is intended to represent the will of the board.

Let me begin by expressing our gratitude to you for the part you have played at 3ABN for have been an important part of the ministry from the beginning – a fact appreciated by us. written with the intent to destroy your home or your part in the ministry, but rather to reha

In accordance with this intent, we are offering the following proposal to you. We believe i accomplishing the desired objectives, i.e., to save both your home and a place for you in tl without making the details of this matter known to the full board or others.

Nor is this letter expressing an opinion regarding the nature of your relationship with Dr. / relationship has been immoral or not is not the issue of this document. The facts are that tl discontinue it in spite of repeated requests by Danny and our requests, has damaged both y we must deal with in wisdom, love and compassion – but deal with, we must.

We are offering you a 30 day leave of absence with pay and full benefits - to begin at the 1 During this time the following conditions must be met.

You will be relieved of all duties at 3ABN and will not appear at 3ABN other than to obta office upon personal request from me. You will arrange to leave Southern Illinois at 3ABl you and 3ABN need time to cool off.

You will agree in writing to cease all communication with Dr. Abrahamson, whether direc telephone, letter or any other, or through Johann or any other third party. We are designati the intent this must be a life-long decision.

During this time you will not discuss the issues related to your relationship with 3ABN wi immediate family, your professional counselors or representatives or members of the boar

Since this time is recommended as a time for reflection and serious rehabilitation we are r receive professional help relating to the issues at hand. We are recommending Ron and Ne agreed to open their home to you and to give you personal help in dealing with the issues ; problems. It will be private and protected from the public eye such that neither your image Should you choose different professional help, it must be acceptable to this committee.

At the end of 30 days we will reassess the situation and make further recommendations as

The issues in this proposal are not negotiable. Should they be unacceptable to you – we have acceptable – we will proceed promptly with further investigation of the facts regarding the will need a list of witnesses you would like us to hear. We will offer Danny the same opportunity to hear the evidence, we will be in a better position to make recommendations on the evidence. Based on the facts we already know, however, we think pursuing such a course of action on your part at 3ABN unlikely.

That is why, Linda, we are pleading with you to accept this proposal for healing and restoration. We have chosen you to be a part of it. We want you to continue to be a part of it. But in order for things to change.

Sincerely,

Walter Thompson MD
Chairman of the Board of Directors, 3ABN
Committee members include Nicholas P. Miller, Bill Hulsey and Kay Kuzma (by invitation)

Your signature here will confirm your agreement with this proposal. Please sign and return a copy of this letter.

Linda Shelton _____

-----end of email-----

Here is the link from where I copied the above email:

<http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-demise-of-marriage-may-ultimatum.htm>

Daryl
Fawcett
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(MSDAOL))
03/08/07
03:40 PM



Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)

The following was copied from the same link at the save3abn site:

Notice the following points and claims that it makes:

- Dr. Thompson's ultimatum was not negotiable, and had to be accepted within 24 hours.
- It "represents the will of the board" even though the board had not heard the "details of the situation."
- Dr. Thompson claimed to have the authority to tell Linda who she could and couldn't talk to, and that "immoral" things were going on.
- If Linda accepted the ultimatum, she must leave southern Illinois for 30 days, and thus not be present at the story at the May 2004 board meeting.
- She could not discuss the matter with anyone other than a select few, which appears to be depriving her of her rights.
- If Linda did not accept the ultimatum, a committee would investigate the matter further and report to the board. In other words, Linda would not be allowed to present her side of the situation to the board.

agree to the ultimatum.

- If she chose to have the committee investigate the matter further, it would be "unlikely" role "at 3ABN." In other words, she'd be fired anyway.

Daryl
Fawcett
(16000+
Member
(MSDAOL))
03/08/07
08:41 PM



Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)

The following is Pastor Johann's thoughts on the ultimatum in reply to Dr. Walt Thompson's words in blue:

-----beginning of email-----

----- Original Message -----

From: Johann Thorvaldsson
To: Walt Thompson
Subject: RE: 3abn
Date: Thu, 6 May 2004 01:32:10 +0200

If we like, we can continue to nurse this dialog of battle over Linda and involve the whole warfare. Should we do so, God in His great mercy may still find a way to bring good out of ancient Israel to Babylon. I would prefer that He have a more faithful people to give Him

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Since God has charged me to stand for truth, this battle will continue a document, like the present one, where you give Linda 24 hours to sign or reject it.

I would agree with those church leaders who see a resemblance between that document and witch hunting that flourished in Europe in the past. I wonder where you dug up a manuscript intelligent God-fearing person. You are far above such base treatment of a human being? crawling into a cage where she is buried for the rest of her life. You offer her help - but give help her face her destiny.

Some of our denominational leaders that I know will see in this document the tragic developments 3ABN are no longer following the specific assignment given them by the Lord, and these their study if 3ABN is still a mission SDA can work together with. This is a study that was through Jan Paulsen, and Danny Shelton's call to the local church pastor. It was also those that Linda was not getting a fair treatment, and made me contact her again.

I do not agree with your belief that Linda is being victimized.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] What about the present document? It will not be buried in 24 hours come

But though we disagree we still need to work together to find solutions.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Are you still willing - or will it only be on the terms of victimizing

Accordingly, I would be pleased if you would submit to me in writing a comprehensive account about the way 3ABN has treated Linda. I would like this to be comprehensive with whatever provide so that we may assess it accurately.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Too late now. I have handed such documentation over to another party at the due time. Too bad you did not think of this earlier, so I could see there was a willingness to act.

Once this has been done, my request is that you discontinue further correspondence with Linda on this matter. In this way we will have the information we need to act, and you will have the opportunity to spread the Good News to Europe. Our work there has been too long stagnate while we wait.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] With you issuing this devastating document it is unfair of you to then continue correspondence with Linda.

It is my determination to give Linda every opportunity to restore her home and ministry situation.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Keep praying, and the Lord may give you wisdom to do just that.

She has been offered a proposal whereby this may happen. Only she can decide what she wants. 3ABN want her to choose right. All are desirous of helping her - NONE trying to hurt her.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Are you sure? I have a real difficulty seeing your point. I will share this with church leaders and see what they think of what you are doing.

She may disagree with our proposal, in which case she will be given opportunity to tell her board.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Linda is a rather timid person, but the Lord will give her strength and she must have the freedom to choose herself what assistance she needs in meeting such an unfair situation.

In fact, if she were to desire to bring her case to a neutral party of the Church - and accept the consequences - I would welcome it. When all is said and done, it is my intent that no one will be hurt. We will do everything possible to save her and her place of service.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] I'm afraid you have saddled the wrong horse for your venture.

As you can confirm, I have not expressed any judgments about Dr. Abrahamson other than that continuing a relationship, even a doctor-patient relationship, that is destroying the very thing we are trying to do. I said that, a continuation of communication between Europe and Linda will place the board with an insubordinate member of the organization. She has been asked on numerous occasions to end her relationship, first by her husband who is also her superior in ministry, by her pastor, by her committee of the board created to seek resolution. Likewise, both you and Dr. Abrahamson have been asked to end communication with Linda. While I can forgive this action on the mistaken belief that it is the right point when defiance must be dealt with lest it destroy the whole organization. If you are serious, believe you are, you will encourage her to get help here and break off the relationship there. We in America that can do give her the help she needs.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] If you were really treating Linda with the fairness you imagine you would give her any assistance from Europe. A person on the staff at 3ABN told me the other day how tragic that the purpose of 3ABN is mending broken people, and not one person has the faith or the courage to stand up - out of fear that they will get fired. But not many of these people will reveal their situation in an interview by someone collecting "facts".

Thank you for helping me to meet with Dr. Abrahamson by phone. We had a good discussion, I heard his side of the story, a thing I appreciate.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] You should have had some more talks with him - and so should Dr. Thompson. It was the worst kind of hospitality when he came to 3ABN - and termed him an impostor before he was even mentioned in the 3ABN files, but the finance department of 3ABN had misspelled his name - just like that. I could not see that he was a regular contributor to 3ABN, both privately and through his ministry.

So with this inhospitable start Danny has continued by calling Arild Abrahamsen a devil. It was a conflict when Linda tried to follow the example of Abigail and make up for Danny's inhospitable deed, honoring a man her husband had rejected.

While we are going through this challenging time, please confine ALL further discussion to the members of the committee (Bill Hulseley or Nick Miller (other members of the committee)). In my mind there should be no spread - for the sake of Linda, 3ABN, and the world church and cause of God.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] With Danny's call to the local pastor and the call through Jan Paul. These calls have created too many questions about this among our leaders.

Your continued earnest prayers are cherished as we accept this responsibility.

Sincerely in Jesus' precious name,

[Johann Thorvaldsson] And let's follow His example - also in how we treat Linda

Walt T

-----end of email-----

Here is the link containing the above quoted email:

<http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-demise-of-marriage-may-ultimatum-commentary>

Daryl
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03/08/07
08:51 PM



Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)

Now for the comments in contained in that same link:

Some of the points and demands that Dr. Thompson had made do appear odd. For example:

- In denouncing "even a doctor-patient relationship," Dr. Thompson in essence claims that choosing as a doctor as a condition of employment.

- Dr. Thompson asserts that he personally has authority over whom Elder Thorvaldsson can converse with, for he complains that these two men have "defied our requests to cease communication."

- Dr. Thompson seeks to force Elder Thorvaldsson to not talk about this to anyone else, even the General Conference president and the local pastor in Norway.

Dr. Thompson appears to contradict his own ultimatum, which suggests that he may not have

email to Elder Thorvaldsson he asserts that if Linda disagrees with the ultimatum, "she will side of the story before the board." And yet the non-negotiable ultimatum gives no such opportunity to be able to hear Linda's side of the story, and if she takes even that opportunity, it will be "a future role ... at 3ABN."

Daryl
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03/14/07
12:46 PM



Re: Danny vs. Linda: Concrete facts investigated (Information Topic)

Here is some other new information from the save3abn.com web site:

-----comments on the website pertaining to the email-----

One thing that is interesting about the email below is that it documents that by May 16, 2004, Linda was moving toward divorce by talking about buying out Linda's half of the house. Linda thought about this already in April, and she claims that in her and Danny's March 9 meeting with I already talking about divorce.

Other aspects of the email below may also be of interest.

-----end of comments-----

-----beginning of email-----

----- Original Message -----

From: [Linda Shelton]

To: Danny Shelton

Subject: Re:

Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2004 10:13 AM

Quoting Danny Shelton ...:

Quote:

Linda,

You keep saying that I trash you to people, but I am shocked at how many people you have

For instance, talking to D***** S*****, (your ex mother in law) is like putting it in the net you had in mind. But you should know this plan is not working.

Correction: I've said nothing to D***** S*****.

Quote:

When people in town call me and tell me what they've heard, all I have to do is tell them the phone relationship with another man with conversations from 1-4 hrs at a time, several times that you believe this is ok to do. I don't talk to them about adultery, I don't bad mouth you, you have promised many times in the last 3 months or more to stop, you now are talking to

Correction: Once again you are giving them a partial story, (as you have done all along)..

what you have done: trashed my name and reputation to 3ABN workers, the SDA Church ruining my ministry, they would have a much different perception of you. No matter how nothing short of vicious and demonic...especially since when this thing started you had no this relationship were completely wrong!!

Quote:

The ones who have called me from learning about this through the D***** S***** ***** cannot believe that you, as a Christian and 3ABN Vice President can think this is ok. I do your planned vacations together, while we're still married. That would be too shocking to

Any married person knows that it is wrong to have this kind of relationship with another p your husbands or wife's objections.

Correction: Again, you fail to mention the professional relationship we have had beginning progressing to this incredibly high stress and destructive circumstance that you have persc and bad ways at looking at a subject. Normally men who love their wives will try to portr appealing light, even if they are experiencing communication problems. You have most d showed me that you DO NOT LOVE ME since you have chosen to portray a picture of yc light...taking 25% truth and mixing it with 75% error.

Quote:

The people who have called me locally, after hearing about this through the D***** S*** Christians, yet they immediately respond, "I can't believe Linda can believe it's alright to t objections. I wouldn't have put up with it this long, I would have booted my spouse out.

B***** E***** is not the only one hearing it through the D***** S***** system. Guess hall? Who would have ever guessed you would be using ... to spread false rumors about n

Correction: None of this has been initiated by me.

Quote:

I think you remember that last time you and me and your ex in laws were all at city hall, I Fortunately, I was your knight in shining armor at that time and was able to help

My how things have changed in our relationship...now you're the one firing the shots inste the guise of "standing for principle." How does your actions fit with the principle of "Husl loves the church?"

Quote:

Your trying to gain support from the world is only backfiring for you as even the world kr marriage relationship. Please get on your knees to God and give up your foolish pride and terrible sin. Once you've given it to God, I'm willing to forgive you as we're still married a

I already have asked God to forgive my known and un-known sin. As far as the marriage i give up your foolish pride and make right the sins you have committed against me. The fa ministry are DESTROYED! The question is "Who started the rumors?" "Who altered the

think "Linda has been unfaithful to her husband and as a result is getting fired from 3ABN my own workers getting interviewed in an attempt to find reason to fire me...since talking enough??"

Quote:

Once we're divorced, or once I know that you've met him again, somewhere to physically

He has you right where he wants you, totally, in your own words, "trusting him". He is no the devil. I'm amazed at how quickly the world recognizes this fact that he has been a snail still see him as your piece of chocolate cake, that you intend to have.

Correction: Once again, as always, you are drawing conclusions without acquiring the fa

Quote:

I also am aware that you have talked to B***** D. That also has failed, as Walt has broug 3ABN board member, up to date, on the truth of this relationship as well as your position . ministry.

Correction: I am not interested in searching out people to tell my story. But if they come tell them the truth. B***** came to me.

Quote:

I think I will always love you, but I won't always be here to take you back in the future. I I worry about all the places that you're planning to meet this doctor for vacations and time a think I'll know about the when's and where's, but I have a ministry to run and need to cons

Correction: Love?? I don't believe, under the circumstances, you even know what it is. H God's will may be done in this situation. Considering you are insisting in buying out my h sends a strong message to me that you want a divorce. This combined with your e-mails to of how you want to divide our property, your insults, condemnation and continued negativ your wife, ETC., ETC., ETC., sends a strong message to me that you want a divorce. Alth action, I will grant you the divorce you are seeking with great determination... and althoug for me under the circumstances, I will go on with my life too.

Quote:

If you want to talk please give me a call, otherwise I'll try not to bother you anymore.

Friday evening and Sabbath morning, May 14 and 15, was just one more time that I had n had to talk to the doctor and let him discourage you from staying in your marriage and mi judgement day.

Correction: This is so laughable it doesn't even deserve a reply. "Your hopes up??"

Even if you decide to divorce me, which you've said your going to do for the last several v friends. Who knows, we might need each other in the future.

I still love you very much

Dan[/quote]

Correction: LAUGHABLE!!

-----end of email-----

Here is the link to the above:

<http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-demise-of-marriage-buy-out-the-house.htm>

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03/06/07 01:06
PM



 **Link to Questions and Answers at Linda Shelton's Website**

Here is the link to the latest questions to Linda Shelton and answers by Linda Shelton at her website:

<http://www.lindashelton.org/questions.html>

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
01/02/07 02:10
PM

☒ Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Quick question on phone card records.
Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2006 14:16:05 -0500
To: Pastor Lomacang

Hello Pastor Lomacang.

Thanks so much for talking to me last week. I appreciate the courtesy you showed me.

Someone has raised a question about the phone records that might be good to clarify. When you spoke of seeing hundreds of hours of phone card phone records that were placed prior to March 9, 2004, was that actual time spent on the phone or the minutes that were billed? Since phone cards being used for making calls to foreign countries are charged multiple minutes for every minute actually spent, this question was raised. For example, one fellow told me that when he made calls to Canada, every minute of time actually cost him three minutes. So on the records that you saw, were the hundreds of hours actual time spent?

I am not sure at this point, but I may be passing by 3ABN on October 23, and could take you up on your offer to stop by and see the phone records. There is a good chance I'll be returning from my brother's wedding on that day.

Have a good Sabbath, and God bless.

Bob

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
01/02/07 02:11
PM

☒ Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Trip to 3ABN to see phone records
Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 06:04:28 -0500
To: Pastor John Lomacang

Hi Pastor Lomacang.

I trust you got the email below that I sent you several weeks ago. At this point it does look like I will be coming right by there sometime on October 23, and so I can take you up on your offer to stop by and see the phone records of calling card calls to Norway you spoke of. It looks like Thompsonville is about 950 miles into our journey home, and so if we leave early Sunday, we should be there sometime on Monday the 23rd.

Does that sound good to you? Who will I need to speak with once I arrive? Where

will I need to go?

Also, has anyone been able to find an answer to the question I asked below? Whether the hundreds of hours were actual time spent on the phone, or were units billed?

God bless.

Bob

[First email deleted.]

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
01/02/07 02:14
PM

Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Trip to 3ABN to see phone records
Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 22:57:19 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
From: Pastor Lomacang

Hello Bob,

I received your email. You will need to contact the general manager of 3ABN to make an appointment. Her name is Mollie Steenson. If she approves then your trip will occur. She will determine the usefulness and necessity of your meeting. You can call her at 618-627-4651.

God Bless,
Pastor Lomacang

[Previous emails deleted.]

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
01/02/07 02:15
PM

Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Trip to 3ABN to see phone records
Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 05:18:41 -0500
To: Pastor Lomacang

Hi John.

Thanks for your reply. I will contact Mollie.

Were you able to confirm that the "hundreds of hours" of phone card calls that you spoke about with me were actual time spent on the phone versus billed units? A quick answer should suffice if you are short on time.

When we talked, you spoke of my being able to come and see the phone records as

being a dead certainty. Were you mistaken, and is it possible that Mollie will not allow this?

Bob

[Previous emails deleted.]

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
01/02/07 02:16
PM

 **Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Trip to 3ABN to see phone records

Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 07:17:04 -0500

To: Pastor Lomacang

Hi Pastor Lomacang.

I just thought of something. When we talked a month ago you made it quite clear that you are an employee of the Illinois Conference rather than of 3ABN. As such I would think that even if Mollie does not approve the meeting, you would be able, as pastor of the Thompsonville Church, to show me the phone records yourself as promised. As pastor you do have them or some other concrete evidence on file, don't you? I would think that in such a high profile situation involving matters that are subject to church discipline, the pastor or the church would have some sort of concrete evidence on file.

Of course, in matters of church discipline, some things must not be divulged. But since you felt the existence of the phone records did not fall into that category, then they presumably do not fall into that category.

And since they are Linda's phone records rather than Danny's, if permission must be obtained, Linda's permission would be all that is required. But since they allegedly reveal Linda's guilt, obtaining her permission may be a bit tricky. Then again, if she refuses to give permission to you for me to see these phone records, then that would suggest that she is trying to hide something.

Your thoughts?

Bob

[Previous emails deleted.]

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
01/02/07 02:17
PM

 **Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Appointment to see phone records

Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 09:57:15 -0500

To: Mollie Steenson

Greetings, Mollie.

Back in August Pastor Lomacang responded to a fellow named Jonathan about his concerns, and Pastor Lomacang invited him and anyone else who had questions to call him. Jonathan shared that reply with me and I therefore decided to call Pastor Lomacang in early September.

In our conversation Pastor Lomacang mentioned two pieces of concrete evidence which he felt definitively proves Linda to be an adulteress, one being phone card phone records consisting of hundreds of hours of phone calls made to Norway prior to March 9, records which he had personally examined, and a recording of a presentation by Linda on the air in which she refers to a special friend.

One thing I have specialized in is apologetics, and I really enjoy defending the Adventist church and its various entities and doctrines against criticism and slander, but doing that requires presenting concrete, indisputable evidence. Obviously, what Pastor Lomacang told me was quite helpful, but it wouldn't be indisputable in the minds of critics out there. Especially is this so since I can't tell anyone that I've seen the evidence for myself, and that I have personally verified that hundreds of hours were spent on the phone talking to the doctor in Norway when Linda's son was not there.

I therefore told Pastor Lomacang in that phone conversation that I would like to see those phone records and that recording, and he replied that I would definitely be able to see them if I came down to 3ABN. I told him I thought that it was unrealistic to require people to drive hundreds of miles on their own nickel just to see phone records, and he indicated that that wasn't his decision. So I assume that it was 3ABN's board or management that determined that those interested in seeing this evidence can indeed see it if they come to 3ABN.

At any rate, I emailed him the following week and again yesterday telling him that I would be able to take him up on his offer after all, since I will be going right by Thompsonville on my way back from my brother's wedding around October 23. My email yesterday asked him where I should go and who I need to contact when I arrive, and he just replied that I need to contact you to arrange everything.

So how do we proceed in order for me to take Pastor Lomacang up on his offer of seeing these phone records and the recording?

God bless.

Bob Pickle

Bob Pickle
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(MSDAOL))
01/02/07 02:18
PM

 **Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Trip to 3ABN to see phone records
 Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 18:38:44 -0500
 To: Pastor Lomacang

Hi Pastor Lomacang.

I tried contacting Mollie Steenson, but haven't heard anything back from her yet. Do you know if she got my message?

Did you have any thoughts on my suggestion below?

Have you been able to verify yet that the hundreds of hours of phone calls were indeed actual time spent on the phone rather than billed phone card units?

Bob

[Previous emails deleted.]

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 01/02/07 02:20
 PM

 **Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Appointment to see phone records
 Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 18:41:20 -0500
 To: Mollie Steenson

Hello Mollie.

Did you get my email below? How do we go about taking Pastor Lomacang up on his promise that I could see these phone records?

God bless.

Bob

[First email deleted.]

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 01/02/07 02:21
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 **Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Trip to 3ABN to see phone records
 Date: Mon, 16 Oct 2006 18:14:18 -0500
 To: Pastor Lomacang

Hi Pastor Lomacang.

I've tried contacting Mollie twice now, and am about to try a third time. Still haven't

heard back from her, even though tomorrow makes two weeks. What should I do? Is there someone else I should contact?

We're now less than a week from when we'll be passing by, and it's been 5 and a half weeks since I wrote you saying that we might be able to take you up on your offer of coming by to see the phone records. Is more of an advanced notice required?

Did you have any thoughts on my suggestion below?

Were you able to verify that the hundreds of hours were actual time spent rather than billed phone card units?

God bless.

Bob

[Previous emails deleted.]

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
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01/02/07 02:23
PM

Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Appointment to see phone records

Date: Mon, 16 Oct 2006 18:25:06 -0500

To: Mollie Steenson

Hi Mollie.

It's now less than a week from when we are scheduled to be driving by 3ABN on October 23, returning from my brother's wedding.

Back on September 1 Pastor John Lomacang promised that if we came by we would be able to see the hundreds of hours of phone card phone records of calls to Norway that prove that Linda was having an affair. He indicated on October 2 that I ought to contact you.

My apologies if three weeks is too short of notice for you. I had originally told Pastor Lomacang on September 8 that we could possibly take him up on his offer next week, but I did not hear back from him until October 2, and so I did not know until then that I was supposed to contact you as well as him.

Do we just plan on stopping by next week whenever we get there? What do you suggest?

God bless.

Bob

[Previous emails deleted.]

<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 01/02/07 02:24 PM</p>	<p>Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: RE: Appointment to see phone records Date: Tue, 17 Oct 2006 09:33:21 -0500 From: Mollie Steenson</p> <p>Hi Bob,</p> <p>Rather than making the evidence available to individuals, which 3ABN has that validate the basis for the actions we have had to take in this matter, we have turned this matter over to a group of respected church leaders who will be looking at all the evidence, not just portions of it, and they will publicly give their findings in the near future.</p> <p>You are still very welcome to visit 3ABN and have a tour of the facilities. We are available to give tours from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday – Thursday and from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM on Friday.</p> <p>Have a great day,</p> <p>Mollie Steenson 3ABN GM</p> <p>[Previous emails deleted.]</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 01/02/07 02:24 PM</p>	<p>Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: RE: Appointment to see phone records Date: Tue, 17 Oct 2006 20:22:06 -0500 To: Mollie Steenson</p> <p>Hi Mollie.</p> <p>Thanks for your reply. Here are three short, follow-up questions.</p> <p>1) Has there been a change of policy since September 1, when Pastor Lomacang promised that we could see the phone card phone records if we came by? He indicated that that wasn't his decision. Or was he somehow totally mistaken?</p> <p>2) Pastor Lomacang indicated that these records showed hundreds of hours of phone calls, but I have thus far been unable to confirm from him that these hundreds of hours are actual time spent on the phone rather than billed phone card units. Can you confirm this?</p>

3) What group of respected church leaders has the matter been turned over to? Who are they?

4) Will they be making public the evidence that supports their findings, or will they only make public their findings?

I ask this last question because from a damage control and apologetic perspective, the only real way to put all the rumors to rest once and for all is to come across as if 3ABN has nothing to hide.

Take for example these phone records, which Pastor Lomacang stated emphatically that he had personally seen. After he promised that we could see them if we stopped by, it has taken more than five weeks to discover that 3ABN will not allow this, and that gives the impression that they either do not exist or that they do not say what he claimed they say.

This is even more so the case since I asked him on September 8 and October 2 and October 3 and October 10 and October 16 whether the hundreds of hours were actual minutes or billed minutes, and though I did get a short reply from him on October 2, he has yet to answer that simple question. The definite impression being given is that there never were hundreds of hours spent on the phone.

I think a lot of these rumors could have been easily avoided or dispelled if 3ABN had handled these PR matters differently. Along these lines, I would suggest that great care be taken in the selection of which respected church leaders examine all the evidence. If it is perceived that the panel is stacked in favor of 3ABN from the very beginning, it will not settle the questions in people's minds, especially if none of the evidence is ever made public. Whether the panel is stacked or not is not as important at this point as how it is all perceived if the goal is to dispel all the rumors, in my opinion.

God bless.

Bob

[Previous emails deleted.]

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
01/02/07 02:25
PM

Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Trip to 3ABN to see phone records

Date: Tue, 17 Oct 2006 21:09:06 -0500

To: Pastor Lomacang

Hi Pastor Lomacang.

I got word from Mollie Steenson today that seeing the phone records is not allowed.

Was there a change in policy, or were you mistaken back on September 1 when you indicated otherwise?


I passed on to her my question about whether the hundreds of hours of phone calls were actual time spent or billed units. We'll see what reply she sends.

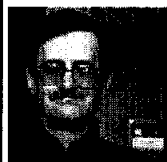
I did suggest to her that from a PR, damage control, and apologetic perspective, it seems to me that going about these matters differently would be a great blessing to 3ABN. It seems to me that it is very important that 3ABN comes across as if they aren't trying to hide anything. That's how God has handled the Great Controversy, and in the end everyone's questions about Him will be answered. But long-delayed replies and not answering a simple question about whether the hundreds of hours were actual time spent or billed units doesn't give the right impression, and 3ABN surely doesn't need any more of that.

God bless.

Bob

[Previous emails deleted.]

Daryl Fawcett 
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03/05/07 08:43
PM




 **Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence**

I am now going to post a series of emails in chronological order regarding the phone card calls issue.

You can find them and more at the following link:

<http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-illegal-phone-card-records-1.htm>

Daryl Fawcett 
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03/05/07 08:44
PM



 **Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence**

Here is the first of two emails by Danny Shelton, this one having obviously been sent from Linda's computer at 3ABN:

Quote:

----- Original Message -----

From: Linda Shelton

Organization: Three Angels Broadcasting Network

To: Arild Abrahamsen

Date: Thu, 25 Mar 2004 20:17:39 -0600

I was thinking about our conversation on the phone when you said you were not emotionally or otherwise involved with my wife, that you had not crossed any professional or Christian lines. Well all of that has been proven a lie. She has

confessed everything all the lies, all the phone calls, some for over FOUR HOURS AND NINE MINUTES at a time. At other times you talked to my wife, March 15, for example for 59 minutes, then another conversation for 75 minutes, then another for 13 minutes, plus that same day you called her from your phone at least once that I know of and talked between 30 minutes and an hour. All in one day! And you maintain that were did not cross a line with her. The eye of flesh got in the way. She's young ,beautiful, and intelligent, and a television personality. You used her son to get to her. The devil decieved you both.

Sabbath March 13th, when she was at Brendas house you talked for 4 hrs and nine minutes according to ATT prepaid phone card records! And you still have the nerve to lie about your involvement with my wife? Those dozens of recorded phone conversations were not about her son or the high and lofty spiritual things that you both lied about but now at least is admitted by my wife. During those conversations you tried to get her to say she was afraid of me. Now I know why.

... Brenda told me that you wanted her to promise that if I ever abused her, that she would let you know. ...

You had planted those seeds in her, as she has never even mentioned the word abuse until the last few weeks, when she would contend that she was now being mentally abused. ...

...

I expect a confession and apology on your part or am praying about contacting your Division, Union, and local conferences, to inform them as what you almost accomplished.

...

Please ask God to forgive you and then apologize to me as the bible would have you to do.

I'm using Matt. 18 to resolve this. I first went to you by phone, and then by email. ...

You can't ignore me. I first contacted you, to know avail, next I contacted pastor John, to no resolve and if you don't answer me now then according to the bible I should contact the church.

So if you pretend that you didn't get this email, the next you hear from me could be your local church.

...

You can contact me with a written apology if you choose to resolve it this way at

Here is the second one:

Quote:

----- Original Message -----

From: Danny Shelton

To: [Arild Abrahamsen]

Date: Wed, 21 Apr 2004 08:21:02 -0500

Doctor,

...

2. ... She has told me how you think I'm out to lunch and that I'm physcotic and all of these things.

...


5. I want to hear you justify the dozens of hours you have talked to her on the phone, some conversations of up to 4 hours and 9 minutes, according to the phone records. Please convince us they were about Nathan. The problem is, my wife admitted to the neutral marriage counselors, that she chose, that you and she talked negative about me on a number of occasions, and that you have convinced her I'm out to lunch.

her negative counselors told her to drop all relationship with you because you could bring no good into her life, only destruction.

6. You must think I'm stupid, I have a record of every phone call between you and she up to this day. Even though she started using phone cards, which you probably suggested, I still can monitor every number and for how long the conversation is. I also can monitor every phone call that has come in to you and all those going out. She knows this now I just told her yesterday. I was waiting to give you doctor, as they say in America, "enough rope to hang yourself". and you've done just that.

7. Yes, I not only look forward to meeting you hear in America with our board chairman and our attorney and conference President who is also on our board, but I intend to meet with or without you in Norway, with your conference officials also.

8. You should have stopped all of this a long time ago. Of course you still maintain you have done nothing wrong. My wife says you tell her that your just trying to help her and the ministry! Well, we'll see, what these other folk think about all of your "help".

Daryl Fawcett 
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03/05/07 08:45
PM

 **Re: Phone card phone records: The John Lomacang and Mollie Steenson correspondence**

Here are some interesting comments from the author of the and at the save3abn.org site at the following link:

<http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-illegal-phone-card-records-1.htm>



It says that Pastor John Lomacang saw the phone card records.

Quote:

By August 24, 2006, Pastor Lomacang had invited anyone who had questions to call him and ask them. That invitation resulted in a phone conversation on September 1 in which **he claimed to have personally seen phone card phone records amounting to hundreds of hours of phone calls between Linda Shelton and Dr. Arild Abrahamsen, calls made prior to March 9, 2004, the date he first became involved in the matter.**

But then there is the policy of AT&T.

Quote:

AT&T has informed us of the following policies:

- They do not give out written records of phone cards without a subpoena.
- They do not give out call-from or call-to numbers without a subpoena. (Only area codes or country codes are given without a subpoena.)
- Verbal records can only be given out to those possessing the card and the PIN number.

We are therefore perplexed to know how John could have seen these phone card phone records when AT&T does not give out written records. Was John lying, or were the phone card phone records illegally obtained?

Additionally, we cannot figure out how Danny knew that Linda had called Dr. Abrahamsen instead of Pastor or Mrs. Johann Thorvaldsson, or some other Norwegian friend. Without the called-to number there would not be any way to know for sure who Linda called.

Daryl Fawcett
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 02/15/07 11:08
 AM



Public February 2007 Letter From Linda Shelton - Demands Evidence be Made Public!

I received the following slightly formatted and edited email on February 15, 2007:

In keeping with Linda Shelton requiring an open and transparent ASI sponsored hearing, Linda has now published a letter that includes a clear demand that 3ABN and Danny Shelton produce the evidence they claim to have for inspection and verification to the entire church membership and to the stockholders in the pews. Danny Shelton in various forms and under various alias has repeatedly referenced evidence that he claims to have thereby giving him a basis for divorce and remarriage. The chairman of 3ABN on AToday has made it clear they have no proof of an adulterous affair. Linda Shelton and Arild Abrahamsen have repeatedly asserted that there is no basis for divorce, that no inappropriate relationship occurred and that there is no evidence to support the Danny Shelton claims.

We have repeatedly asserted that if there is no proof, then a remarriage would constitute an adulterous relationship. Danny Shelton was married at 3ABN in March 2006 to a Brandy Murray, a 3ABN employee that reportedly arrived at 3ABN of Thompsonville in July of 2004.

Here is the letter from Linda in its entirety and is also available at <http://www.LindaShelton.org> and on <http://www.save3ABN.com> . I believe it reflects the same Linda, a bit stronger and less naive than in the past, but as deeply committed to her relationship with the Lord as we all remember so well on that porch at 3ABN.

-----beginning of letter-----

February, 2007

My warmest greetings,

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NOTE: I haven't yet located this letter on either the Save3abn.com or the lindashelton.org web sites, however, I expect they will soon be appearing there.

Daryl Fawcett[®]
(16000+
Member
(MSDAOL))

Re: Public February 2007 Letter From Linda Shelton - Demands Evidence be Made Public!

02/15/07 05:32
PM



The above letter by Linda Shelton was actually a draft that was released for posting prematurely, therefore, when the final version is released, it will also be posted here.

Gregory
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
02/16/07 07:25
AM

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Also posted in BSDA:

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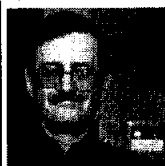
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Daryl Fawcett
(16000+ Member
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03/04/07 10:30
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Daryl Fawcett[👤]
 (16000+
 Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/08/06 11:37
 AM



📌 **Live 3ABN Rallies**

This is where information about **Live 3ABN Rallies** can be posted for the purpose of those living nearby can go to these rallies and ask questions pertaining to the issues at 3ABN.

Daryl Fawcett[👤]
 (16000+
 Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/08/06 11:43
 AM



📌 **Re: Live 3ABN Rallies**

I took the following post from Black SDA OnLine:

Originally Posted By: sister

The next 3ABN Rally:

3ABN LIVE Rally: December 8-9, 2006

Please join **Danny Shelton**, Melody Firestone, Brenda Walsh, **Tommy Shelton**, C.A. Murray, Emily Felts-Jones, and Wintley Phipps for this special event!

Location:

Lauderhill Seventh day Adventist Church
 4100 NW 11th Court
 Lauderhill, FL 33313

Phone: 954-584-1734

December 8 7:00-8:30pm (Eastern) 6:00-7:30pm (Central) Friday Evening Program

December 9 9:30-10:45am (Eastern) 8:30-9:45am (Central)

Kids Time Sabbath School w/Brenda Walsh

11:00am-12:30pm (Eastern) 10:00-11:30pm (Central) Worship Service

2:30-4:00pm (Eastern) 1:30-3:00pm (Central) Afternoon Program

If you live in this area, this would be your opportunity to speak with Danny and Tommy personally and ask them some questions...

It is interesting to note that with all the allegations against Tommy Shelton, Danny has him participating in a program that includes a "Kids Time" Sabbath School program. Is this wise?

Perhaps, for those of you who live nearby, questions should also be asked to some of the others who will also be there.

Johann
 (300+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/08/06 04:38
 PM

Re: Live 3ABN Rallies

Here is a letter I have written to the senior pastor of this church in Florida:

Dear Elder Robinson,

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Why did the Lord call me to that particular place? He must have had a purpose. It seemed strange that so many of the important church leaders refused to have anything to do with 3ABN. When I questioned them why, I was told they had bad experience with 3ABN because their leader was unreliable.

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One of your local elders thinks I will stop telling the truth if I meet Jesus at Calvary. Jesus has never lied to me, and I do not expect to find an untruthful Jesus at Calvary. He died for your sins and mine - and that we might obtain forgiveness. But forgiveness demands confession.

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Join me at Calvary, my brother. Do you prefer the right or the left side of Christ? As for me I prefer to meet Jesus face to face. Then we know we are shepherds and accountable for the flock, and if they get fleeced it is on him!!!

You must be open and study the material that has been sent to you. You need to show yourself accountable before God.

I am afraid someone will contact some Florida newspapers and let them know the danger you are in, if you ignore the warnings.

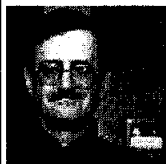
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May God bless you and your church, and let the Holy Spirit empower you to proclaim the truth from Calvary, that many may join your ranks and support you in your work.

Lets meet again by the throne of grace and truth, when the Creator has eliminated all falsehood. Shall we make an appointment, my friend?

Johann Thorvaldsson

Daryl Fawcett
(16000+ Member (MSDAOL))
12/08/06 04:53 PM



Re: Live 3ABN Rallies

As this particular forum is also an open forum, he will also be able to read whatever is in this particular forum without the need to register.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member (MSDAOL))
12/08/06 06:18 PM

Re: Live 3ABN Rallies

Yesterday they told me that Tommy was sick and wouldn't be coming.

Roger Clem said in his letter that he gets sick when things blow up and gets better when things quiet down.





It will be interesting what they decide to do, whether to go forward or not. If they decide not to, I think Danny might threaten them if they don't, which might make them do it anyway when they don't want to.








If he threatens people into silence over an alleged pedophile, he probably would be tempted to do that.








Bob

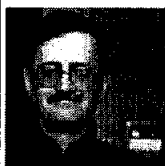
Chesaunde

Re: Live 3ABN Rallies

<p>(Member (MSDAOL)) 12/08/06 07:55 PM</p>	<p>Who is Tommy's wife? Where is she in all of this mess?</p>
<p>Chesaunde (Member (MSDAOL)) 12/08/06 08:05 PM</p>	<p> Re: Live 3ABN Rallies</p> <p>Danny and Tommy Shelton are not at the 3ABN Rally in Lauderhill. They supposedly contracted a bug yesterday or last night. This is according to C.A. Murray. Interesting. Well, the children are safe. Thank God.</p>
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<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/08/06 10:22 PM</p>	<p> Re: Live 3ABN Rallies</p> <p>Chesaunde,</p> <p>Roger Clem said that Tommy's wife is named Carol. See Qestion 22 in <u>my second letter</u> of Dec. 6 to Danny.</p> <p>Regarding illness, here is the quote I referred to earlier:</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Roger Clem "I don't know how you could look yourself in the mirror, let alone get up and preach to people about how they ought to live. When someone would confront you about what you did, you would try to take the attention off of what you did by having some sort of health problem (loss of memory, heart problems, nervous breakdown). It seemed odd to me that you recovered quick when you realized that you were in the clear. You really disgust me." (<u>2004 letter to Tommy Shelton</u>, bold added)</p>
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<p><u>Johann</u> (300+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/11/06 05:32 AM</p>	<p> Re: Live 3ABN Rallies</p> <p>While this Sabbath service was going on without Danny Shelton Dr. Arild Abrahamsen visited another Black SDA church where he had never been before. When he was introduced as a visitor it became apparent he was the physician accused by Danny Shelton and he was warmly welcomed as the audience clapped and shouted.</p> <p>Arild tells me he never received a welcome as warm as this. They worshipped together in divine love in that church.</p>
<p><u>Daryl Fawcett</u> (16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/12/06 05:16 PM</p> 	<p> Re: Live 3ABN Rallies</p> <p>When and where is the next Live 3ABN Rally?</p>
<p><u>Johann</u> (300+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/12/06 05:24 PM</p>	<p> Re: Live 3ABN Rallies</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Daryl Fawcett When and where is the next Live 3ABN Rally?</p> <p>Top secret?</p>
<p><u>Daryl Fawcett</u> (16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/12/06 06:53 PM</p> 	<p> Re: Live 3ABN Rallies</p> <p>It seems to be Top Secret so far, as nothing yet is showing up at their website.</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/12/06 07:52 PM</p>	<p> Re: Live 3ABN Rallies</p> <p>The next event according to 3ABN World is GYC.</p>
<p><u>Johann</u></p>	

<p>(300+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/13/06 12:38 AM</p>	<p> Re: Live 3ABN Rallies</p> <hr/> <p>Is that New York City?</p>
<p>Sky (Member (MSDAOL)) 12/13/06 01:28 AM</p>	<p> Re: Live 3ABN Rallies</p> <hr/> <p>http://www.generalyouthconference.org/</p>
<p>Daryl Fawcett  (16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 01/19/07 09:59 PM</p> 	<p> Re: Live 3ABN Rallies</p> <hr/> <p>This is where the next live event is:</p> <p>Quote:</p> <p>Annual Convention at the Tobago Chapter of ASI Please join Danny Shelton as he has been invited to attend the Annual Convention at the Tobago Chapter of ASI</p> <p>Friday, January 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. At: Sandy River SDA Church Mason Hall Tobago</p> <p>Sabbath, January 27, 2007 9:00 a.m. Sabbath School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 2:30 p.m. Afternoon Service</p> <p>At: Rovenells Beach Hotel Crown Point Tobago</p> <p>Contact person: Mr. Diamond Andrews 868-639-3809 or 868-639-1227</p> <p>Anybody here live in that area?</p>
<p>Daryl Fawcett  (16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 02/02/07 05:34 PM</p>	<p> Re: Live 3ABN Rallies</p> <hr/> <p>I don't know how things went at their last rally, however, here are some more upcoming ones as shown on their web site:</p> <p>Quote:</p> <p>3ABN LIVE Rally in Huntsville, AL</p>



Location:
Huntsville Christian Academy
175 West Park Loop,
Huntsville, AL 35806

Contact Person:
Pastor Reggie Widden
Cell: 256-348-9550
School/Church: 256-895-9550 (for publicity use this number)

Program: - Central Time Zone
February 9
7:00-8:30pm - Evening Program

February 10
9:30-10:45am - Sabbath School
11:00am-12:30pm - Worship Service
2:30-4:00pm - Afternoon Program

Sabbath, February 17, 2007
Please join Danny as he worships the Lord with you at:
Milpitas Seventh-day Adventist Church

1991 Landess Avenue
Milpitas, CA 95035

Senior Pastor Rob Benardo
Contact person:
Arlene Follen, church secretary 408-263-8137

Sabbath School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Afternoon Worship 2:00 pm

Daryl Fawcett
(16000+
Member
(MSDAOL))
02/13/07 11:33
AM

Re: Live 3ABN Rallies

Here is the next appearance by Danny Shelton:

Sabbath, February 17, 2007

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Milpitas Seventh-day Adventist Church**

1991 Landess Avenue
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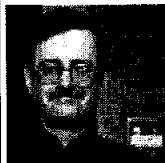
Morning Worship 10:50 am

Afternoon Worship 2:00 pm

I don't know whether this will be an on-the-air one or not, but he is scheduled to be there on that day.

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Daryl Fawcett
(16000+
Member
(MSDAOL))
02/09/07 02:08
PM



● Duane Clem Fired By 3ABN For Having A Bad Attitude

You can read about why Duane Clem was really fired at the following link:

<http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-ethical-allegations-duane-clem.htm>

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Daryl Fawcett
 (16000+
 Member
 (MSDAOL))
 02/06/07 07:45
 PM



JW Shares From Her Own Experience at 3ABN

The following is from this link:

<http://www.save3abn.com/letters-of-support-jw-1.htm>

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We received the following fax on February 6, 2007, from JW, a Seventh-day Adventist lay person who serves on a local conference executive committee.

We appreciate your sharing these insights, JW, insights drawn from your own painful experiences. Thank you so much.

From: on behalf of jw
 To: AUReporter at Save3ABN.com
 Subject: If you really want to save 3ABN . . .

An open letter to supporters of 3ABN:

I am a lay person who was interviewed on 3ABN in 2006. At the time, I knew nothing of the troubles plaguing the station, or I would have seriously reconsidered any involvement or affiliation with the institution. I also serve on a local Adventist conference committee and am concerned about our lax or apathetic attitude when it comes to redeeming erring Christians while holding them accountable for their actions. Without a miracle from God, I have serious doubts that Danny, Shelton will ever resign or admit any wrong doing. Here is why.

I must let you know, I am not a psychologist or mental health professional. I am, however, recently divorced (1 year) from a man counselors diagnosed as a narcissist. A true narcissist will lie as easily as look at you. They are very charismatic, powerful, men of influence, and are very believable, because they truly believe their own lies. Masters of manipulation. Counselors explained to me that narcissists can never be wrong about even the smallest thing. The most severe cases will die rather than admit wrong. After reading a letter from the "Doctor" I received last fall, the similarities between my ex-husband and Danny Shelton made my skin crawl.

I watched our counselor push my husband on a particular point to try to make him face a problem. He danced around the issue for a while, and became more and more agitated until he finally began shaking and he held his head in his hands and said "Stop, stop, you're killing me, you're killing me." The counselor told me later, he backed off because had he continued, it's very possible he could have had a heart attack or stroke. My husband's mother actually had a heart attack following an argument with him once, and she always blamed it on him. It's amazing what runs in families. (That's also a possible explanation for Tommy Shelton's illnesses when faced with his wrong doing.)

It is my "unprofessional" opinion that Danny Shelton will never admit any wrong-

doing. Taking him to, court or facing him with in-your-face, indisputable facts will never yield an admission, or an apology, or save 3ABN. He cannot be at fault or he will die. He needs help he will never get, because he doesn't need help. Everyone else does. The rules do not apply to him. This is a serious illness, and while I have compassion on him (as I did my ex-husband for 37 years), we must not sacrifice a worldwide ministry, trying to save him.

God still performs awesome miracles, but He also has specific instruction we must follow about discipline among the body of Christ.

If we really want to save 3-ABN (and we can't afford to wait much longer), the board will have to fire he & his brother from their positions. And when they do, it is very possible the lives of the board will be in danger. After my husband left, my counselors told me I could never have left him. He would not have allowed it. He had to call the shots, and of course I wasn't a good wife so he was forced into the arms of another woman. I was in danger and didn't know it.

Please . . . Please. Call in mental health professionals and ask them to evaluate the situation, and then act accordingly. if they concur, this is no small matter and must not be taken lightly. If the board removes him, and I believe it is the only answer, steps should be taken to assure the safety of employees, board members, and especially Linda.

Thank you for listening, and my prayers are with you.

jw

2/6/2007

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<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/04/06 11:30 PM</p>	<p>Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents</p> <p>Pastor Glenn Dryden is a Church of God minister who has pastored/pastored in two different churches where Tommy Shelton, Danny Shelton's brother, used to pastor.</p> <p>Pastor Dryden brought allegations against Tommy of child molestation to the attention of Dr. Walt Thompson, 3ABN board chairman, in May 2003. He was consequently threatened by a 3ABN attorney, I assume a reply that was authorized by someone other than Dr. Thompson.</p> <p>What follows are a number of the documents that pertain to this question. The correspondence with Dr. Thompson in which he essentially admits that Danny misled him regarding the nature of these allegations appears elsewhere.</p> <p>I will quickly add that Pastor Dryden and I share the same concerns and regrets, namely, that such things have happened in the name of religion, and in situations connected with our faiths. These type of allegations bring reproach upon the cause of God, and upon the beliefs we hold dear.</p> <p>I assure you that neither the Churches of God nor the Seventh-day Adventist Church approve of child molestation, nor do they approve of efforts to cover up such sins and avoid proper justice being served.</p> <p>At the same time that we hate the sin, we love the sinner, and we would encourage all regardless of what they have done to turn to the Lord Jesus in honest and full confession and repentance, seeking to make restitution wherever possible.</p> <p>To those who follow this course, the Word of God promises pardon, cleansing, victory, and eternal life in the earth made new, a place where every tear will be wiped away, where there will be no more sorrow or crying or pain.</p> <p>As John said in the closing verses of Scripture, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/04/06 11:32 PM</p>	<p>Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: 3ABN special request Date: Mon, 14 Aug 2006 14:00:00 -0400 From: Glenn Dryden</p> <p>Following is the text of my letter on Ezra Church of God letterhead to Dr. Thompson as well as "Action Items" suggested for Tommy Shelton by the congregation I formerly served. These were sent to Dr. Thompson by certified mail and I suppose it was his wife who signed for the letter on May 16, 2003.</p> <p>Pastor Glenn Dryden</p> <hr/>

May 14, 2003

Dr. Walter Thompson

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*** **, **

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Greetings in the holy name of our Lord Jesus!

It is my understanding that you serve as chairman of the board of directors of Three Angels Broadcasting Network. From 3ABN's web site it appears an invitation to minister has been extended to this congregation's former pastor, Tommy Ray Shelton.

Constrained by an ethical, if not legal, obligation, I am compelled to advise you that Tommy Ray Shelton is not in good standing with either of the two associations by which he was first presented with ministerial credentials. At least six boys in our community were sexually abused by Tommy Ray Shelton during the periods he served as pastor of this congregation.

Some of these young men and some parents are willing to corroborate the information I am giving you, if necessary. Please contact me for their phone numbers that I may alert them to a pending call. I also will put you in touch with the two associations referenced above.

Either I or members of this congregation's leadership will answer any questions you may have regarding this correspondence.

In our Lord's service,

Pastor Glenn Dryden

ACTION ITEMS SUGGESTED FOR TOMMY SHELTON

Expediency recommended :

Senate Bill 1035 extending statute of limitations goes into effect as soon as signed by Governor Blagojevich. This could be within the next thirty days.

Note <http://www.legis.state.il.us>

Tommy should retain an attorney to represent him as well as to serve him in contacting victims and their families, all at Tommy's expense.

A full disclosure of all victims and details should be made to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (Investigator Kevin Skurat, 618-435-8187). This disclosure should include pertinent incidences in other states as well as in other jurisdictions in Illinois in addition to Franklin County.

Tommy should cooperate in the placement of his name and pertinent information on appropriate sex offenders lists, as the law may require in the state of his residence or in Illinois.

Tommy should agree to reimburse any of the victims or their family members for the expenses of counseling they have received. He should further agree to pay for any future counseling required by any of the victims or their family members. Contact should be made by his attorney with the victims through their parents if necessary. Pastor Glenn Dryden of the Ezra Church of God (***.***.****) should be consulted as to the victims of whom he is aware and as to which of these may be contacted directly. Other victims may wish to maintain anonymity. Apart from necessary contact by law enforcement personnel, their wishes should be respected.

Tommy should issue written apologies over his signature to all victims and to their parents. Again, contact with victims should be made through their parents if necessary.

Tommy also should issue written apologies over his signature for his deceit, as well as inappropriate behavior, etc., to the congregation of the Ezra Church of God, West Frankfort, Illinois, the congregation of the Community Church of God, Dunn Loring, Virginia, the state office of the General Assembly Of The Church Of God In Illinois and to the Ministerial Council of the Church of God headquartered in Virginia.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:32
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

----- Original Message -----
Subject: blacksda.com POSTING
Date: Fri, 1 Dec 2006 19:42:46 -0500
From: Glenn Dryden

Greetings from Pastor Dryden,

I have taken the opportunity to read the postings at blacksda.com. Assuming you are the author of the message to Dr. Thompson of 26 Nov 2006 11:07:44, I would like to commend you for the logic in your plea to him.

I think Dr. Thompson must be a good and well-intentioned man and I hope he will soon take heed to your logic.

Glenn Dryden

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:43
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Re: blacksda.com POSTING
Date: Sat, 02 Dec 2006 18:17:05 -0600
To: Glenn Dryden

Thank you so much for your encouragement, Pastor Dryden.

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Many Adventists will feel skittish about meeting this thing head on, because they fear that the cause of God will have reproach brought upon it, and thus there might be a negative effect upon evangelistic efforts. Of course, I share that concern, and thus I want to deal with this very carefully. It is a delicate balance. I covet your prayers for the wisdom of God in the days ahead. I know you must have wrestled with these very same thoughts, since it certainly was not good PR for your faith.

Having said that, ... I wonder if you would allow me the privilege of quoting what you wrote below, attributing it to either yourself explicitly, or perhaps better yet to simply a pastor of another faith. For our people to read such encouraging words from a pastor of another faith would help calm their fears.

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Thanks so much for your prayers, and we will pray for you as you work further with the situation there.

Bob

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:43
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: blacksda.com POSTING

Date: Sat, 2 Dec 2006 20:25:25 -0500

From: Glenn Dryden

Dear Bob,

I am sure we share similar emotions regarding this matter. Perhaps an argument may be made for the criticism you have received regarding the e-mail postings, but I should tell you that they have served to make me comfortable communicating with both you and Mr. Joy and if they serve to put pressure on Danny and Tommy, you may carry the criticism as a badge of commendation.

You should know that I have FAXed to Mr. Joy a copy of Mr. Riva's letter to me dated June 13, 2003, along with excerpts from my reply to Mr. Riva.

As to the skittishness we all **suffer**, I find a remedy in a Biblical principle. That principle perhaps may be best expressed "The truth shall set you free!"

Too many for too long in too many venues have feared reproach and negative effects. The number of victims has increased as a consequence. Though a foul path, we should shod our feet appropriately and march forward and attack the issue head-on! Ultimately, less will be lost by a full disclosure and honesty than by cover-up and

deceit. Not the path of least resistance, but does not this path seem more like the one Jesus would take?

You may quote me by name on anything *except the fact that I am personally aware that Tommy Shelton molested a young man here in Virginia in the mid to late 1990s. Give me until after the meeting here Sunday and then check with me regarding that.*

You may make public my 2003 letter to Dr. Thompson and action items (which were compiled by the congregation of the Ezra Church of God) and may note that the action items were also sent to Mike Riva, Tommy's attorney, with my reply to his letter of June 13, 2003. You may note that I gave you my permission to do so.

In early 2003 Roger Clem first confided to me his victimization by Tommy Shelton. It was within a week or less that Tommy called me. **Please give Roger the courtesy of a call and do not make public his name unless he gives you permission.** If necessary, call me and I will call Roger ahead of you that he might feel comfortable speaking openly with you.

This is a divisive issue here and our Board of Trustees and I welcome your prayers in advance of our meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Pastor Glenn Dryden

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:44
PM

Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents

The importance of this question will not necessarily immediately be seen.

Bob

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Quick question on '80's chronology of your state of residence

Date: Sat, 02 Dec 2006 19:19:34 -0600

To: Brother Glenn Dryden

Looks like I have one vague area in my chronology.

I have you definitely in VA from the late '80's until 1993. You first met him in the early or mid-1980's, maybe around the time when his ordination was revoked in 1985. And you've had a working relationship since then.

Where were you located when you first met Tommy, and what were you doing? I'd like to fill in the gray area from the early '80's until the late '80's.

Thanks much.

Bob

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member

Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents

(MSDAOL)
12/04/06 11:44
PM

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Quick question on '80's chronology of your state of residence

Date: Sat, 2 Dec 2006 20:37:54 -0500

From: Glenn Dryden

1974 - first associated with Community Church of God, Dunn Loring, VA, while serving in the U.S. Army, Military District of Washington

1983-1993 - Assistant Pastor of the Community Church of God (bivocational - employed in the field of court administration, Fairfax County, Virginia, Circuit Court)

1993 - 2005 briefly associate pastor to Pastor Arnold Edmondson and then pastor of the Ezra Church of God, West Frankfort, IL

Dec. 2, 2005 to present - Senior Pastor of the Community Church of God, Dunn Loring, VA

I was here in Virginia when I first met Tommy in the early or mid-1980s. Ministerial relationship (most of the time from a distance) from that time until approximately late 2000.

Hope this helps.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:45
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: FROM PASTOR DRYDEN

Date: Sun, 3 Dec 2006 21:03:14 -0500

From: Glenn Dryden

Statement of Pastor Glenn Dryden

Three instances of misconduct on the part of Tommy Shelton while he served as pastor at the Community Church of God, Dunn Loring, Virginia, have been reported to me in the brief time I have served as pastor of this congregation.

The most egregious of these instances involved a male who was a minor at the time.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:46
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

Again, the importance of these questions may not be immediately seen.

Bob

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Three quick questions
 Date: Mon, 04 Dec 2006 05:19:37 -0600
 To: Glenn Dryden

Pastor Dryden,

I could use some clarification on these points:

- What year did you first hear of any allegations of this nature regarding Tommy Shelton? After moving to Illinois or exactly (or about) when before?
- When did you first hear of allegations of this nature arising from Tommy's time in Virginia? I presume prior to your 2003 letter? And can you specify, in a vague way if need be, how you heard about them while still living in Illinois?

I tried several times last night to get a hold of Roger and could not do so. You might want to give him a quick call I did leave a message Saturday night, and he hasn't returned my call at this point.

Thanks so much.

Bob

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/04/06 11:46
 PM

Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents

----- Original Message -----
 Subject: Re: Three quick questions
 Date: Mon, 4 Dec 2006 07:59:59 -0500
 From: Glenn Dryden

Tommy vaguely alluded to the allegations in Illinois at times in his preaching when invited by our founding pastors to minister at the Community Church of God in the late 1980s. He did so by speaking not of the allegations but of the "persecution" he and his family suffered as a consequence. He was successful in drawing sympathy thereby as he spoke of hardship suffered by he and his family. Also in the late 1980s there was mention of "allegations" at the time of his receiving ministerial credentials from the Ministerial Council of the Church of God, Inc., but assurance was given by Council leadership that there was no substance to these allegations. No indication of their nature was given either - not to me at any rate. In the summer of 1993 as my wife and two teenage sons and I were preparing to relocate from Northern Virginia to West Frankfort, Illinois, Tommy Shelton again was visiting in Virginia and asked to meet with my wife and I. During this meeting he alerted us that we may "hear some things" when we got to Illinois. He also informed us at this meeting that he had been caught in a lie during his pastorate at the Ezra Church of God, intimated extenuating circumstances and said he had sought and received forgiveness. Indeed we did hear some things after arriving in West Frankfort, Illinois, in mid-1993, including the circumstances surrounding the lie (He was found alone with a young man in a home to which he had access and when challenged said the young man [who was out of view] was his son when in fact he was not. The individual who came upon him

confirmed this by immediately driving to the church school Tommy's son attended and finding his son there.). It was not until another victim's mother spoke with me in early 1996 that I fully realized that not only was sexual abuse of adolescent boys the nature of the allegations but that there was substance to these allegations as well.

It was not until after Tommy Shelton left the pastorate here at the Community Church of God, Dunn Loring, Virginia, in 2000, that while vacationing my wife and I were spending some time with a former "confidant" of Tommy's in the congregation in Virginia and this individual informed us of misconduct on Tommy's part while serving at the Community Church of God. This alleged misconduct was believable but unsubstantiated and is unrelated to the three instances which have been brought to my attention in the past year.

Pastor Glenn Dryden

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:47
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

I will pause to say two things.

1) Dryden claims that Tommy claimed that he was being persecuted. This is exactly what Danny claimed was happening to him on the August 10, 2006, 3ABN Live broadcast. I find that troubling.

2) Roger Clem informed me of the very same allegation before I had a chance to read this email, namely, that a lady caught Tommy with some boy in a house other than Tommy's, that Tommy claimed it was his son, and that the woman then drove to the school and saw Tommy's son at the school.

The additional detail Clem added to the story is that the woman then returned to the house and saw a red-faced boy leaving the house, trying to cover his face.

Roger Clem gave me permission to use his name.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:47
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

I will also add that Pastor Dryden has an interest in Tommy's well being. He encourages all of us to pray for him, especially that he act appropriately at this time.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:47
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

I quote from 3ABN's Illinois Tax Case:

Quote:

Appearances: Mr. Kent R. Steinkamp, Special Assistant Attorney General for the Illinois Department of Revenue; Mr. Nicholas P. Miller, Sidley, Austin, Brown, Wood, L.L.C., Mr. Lee Boothby, Boothby and Yingst, and **Mr. D. Michael Riva for 3 Angels Broadcasting Network;** Ms. Merry Rhodes and Ms. Joanne H. Petty,

Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. for Thompsonville Community High School District 112.

D. Michael Riva is therefore an attorney who works or has worked for 3ABN.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:48
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

D. MICHAEL RIVA
ATTORNEY AT LAW
226 E. Main Street
WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS 62896
(618) 937-2404 • FAX: (618) 937-2405

June 13, 2003

Pastor Dryden
1345 Ezra Street
West Frankfort IL 62896

Dear Pastor Dryden:

Please be advised that I represent Tommy Ray Shelton and have been directed to contact you concerning actions you have taken against him which are slanderous and libelous and calculated to deprive him of his right to earn a living. We are aware that you have been talking to and sending letters to various individuals in which you state with certainty that he has committed certain felonious acts.

You are putting yourself and the Ezra Church of God in a position of legal jeopardy by your actions as you have used church letterhead in your attacks on my client.

Even if the actions occurred, there is no criminal jeopardy as the statute of limitations has long since passed. Senate Bill 1035 does not, nor could it constitutionally if it actually stated so, place a person in legal jeopardy after a statute of limitation had already run. The courts of Illinois have addressed this question. A few of those cases are: *People of the State of Illinois v. Coleman*, 1993 5th District, 245 Ill.App.3d 592, 615 N.E.2d 53, 185 Ill.Dec. 758; *People v. Berg*, 277 Ill.App.3d 549, 660 N.E.2d 1003, 214 Ill.Dec. 296; *People v. Massarella*, 80 Ill.App.3d 549, 660 N.E.2d 436, 36 Ill.Dec. 16.

These cases are enclosed for your review and to prove to you that no State's Attorney will charge my client with any criminal offense because the statute of limitations had already run and any new legislative bill cannot put him back in a position of criminal jeopardy.

I have discussed this legal point and cases with an attorney in the State of Illinois Appellate Prosecutor's office and an Illinois State's Attorney. There is no disagreement on this legal point.

Any action to encourage an individual to discuss any of the alleged acts with the State's Attorney's office will never result in a criminal prosecution for the alleged offense and will put the Ezra Church of God and yourself in further jeopardy.

You are best advised to cease all of your activity regarding Tommy Ray Shelton. To continue, will place your church, Ezra Church of God, and yourself in legal jeopardy for no good reason.

Very truly yours,

D.Michael Riva

DMR:pys

xc: _____

Board Member

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:48
PM

Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents

Three points may be considered:

- 1) He ended the letter with "Very truly yours," which sounds sort of friendly like.
- 2) The threat of legal action found in paragraphs 1, 2, 6, and 7 appear to my untrained, non-attorney brain to be based solely on:

Quote:

Even if the actions occurred, there is no criminal jeopardy as the statute of limitations has long since passed.

Even if the actions occurred ...

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Even if the actions occurred ...

Even if the actions occurred ...

I just question the wisdom of the attorney of the network that preaches the undiluted three angels' messages using this logic to threaten a non-Adventist minister with legal action in order to shut him up regarding his concerns over alleged child molestation.

- 3) I think a legitimate question is whether Mr. Riva performed his services for Tommy Shelton pro bono, or whether Tommy paid for them out of his own pocket, or whether Danny paid for them out of his own pocket, or whether 3ABN covered the cost.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member

Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents

(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:49
PM

Fax from Pastor Glenn Dryden of the Church of God to G. Arthur Joy on December 2, 2006.

The following is from the cover sheet.

Bob

Mike Riva's letter to me dated June 13, 2003, follows. Below are the first three paragraphs and the closing paragraph of my reply dated June 20, 2003.

I received your letter dated June 13, 2003, upon my return last evening from a two week trip out of state. It is my prayer that you will assist Tommy Shelton in taking measures which will satisfy his victims, their families and the congregations involved and serve to bring some closure to him as well as them.

Your letter, particularly the next to last paragraph, serves better to incite rather than intimidate. Consider the scenario of three victims pressing charges in an environment of intense interest from news media with state-wide or national influence. Any State's Attorney anticipating re-election certainly would give serious attention to prosecution.

I urge you to counsel Tommy to take the initiative by making a full disclosure of all victims and details to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and by pursuing the additional "Action Items" enclosed. Doing so would put him in a far better light and more advantageous position than would circumstances similar to the scenario contemplated above.

...

Finally, Mr. Riva, I am disappointed that you did not exercise due diligence to obtain the name and address of the chairman of our board of trustees or other board member. Sending a copy of your letter to one of our parishioners was entirely inappropriate.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/04/06 11:51
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

Now I know you are all saying, "Thanks so much for not posting everything tonight. Any more would be too much."

Would you say it looks like we have a severe problem here? Do you have any suggestions for Danny how he can clear the air once and for all regarding these allegations?

But consider the implications: Do you in your wildest dreams think that senior management other than Danny isn't involved in some sort of cover-up too, if that's what we have here? For example, how could these kinds of things be going on in a

small community and the 3ABN General Manager not know anything about it?

And remember, this is only one issue. Gailon has interviewed a lot of people. There are a lot of things I'm simply not in the know about.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 07:20
AM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Re: Three quick questions
Date: Mon, 4 Dec 2006 15:06:17 -0500
From: Glenn Dryden

I just spoke with Roger. I am satisfied that he has no qualms about your using his name and leaving it on his letter.

Clarification: In the spring of 2003 I mailed out no more than 5 or 6 letters to leaders of Church of God camp meeting associations with essentially the same content as my letter to Dr. Thompson.

Pastor Dryden

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 07:25
AM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

Internal evidence as well as Mr. Clem's recollection has this undated letter being written around the spring of 2004. Mr. Clem's mother was a staunch defender of Tommy, and it was only after she died in late 2001 that he felt he could come forward.

Tommy's ordination was revoked about 1985, but his defenders would not relent, and that portion of the congregation that sided with him left their denomination, the Church of God, Anderson, in consequence. Tommy remained their pastor until maybe 1990 or 1991, with a one-year absence to Kentucky, according to the recollections of several individuals.

Since Mr. Clem says that he was abused at the age of 16, he is placing the abuse around 1988, which would be after Tommy's ordination was revoked for similar allegations involving perhaps three alleged victims. In other words, according to Mr. Clem's account and chronology, it was because so many believed Tommy rather than the alleged victims and those who had caught him doing his misdeeds that Mr. Clem himself became an alleged victim.

Mr. Clem's testimony that Tommy Shelton's brother made threatening phone calls in order to hush things up is particularly disturbing.

Bob

Mr. Shelton,

I am writing this letter in regards to last year's phone conversation. I told you then I was confronting you about what you did to me so I could deal with my feelings about it. I did not then, nor will I now, make any apologies [to] anyone who might be upset with me. My attitude has changed towards this situation. I thought I could just handle this and go on with my life, but now I realize I cannot. You ruined the better part of 15 years of my life. I was afraid to date anyone, I let people walk all over me, and I felt lower than dirt. The years you destroyed should have been some of the best years of my life. While everyone was out doing what they enjoyed, I was constantly working to try to take my mind off what happened. You destroyed my self-esteem and that I'm still battling today. I have no confidence in myself to accomplish major tasks in life. It kind of makes me wonder about the other guys that you abused. All of the ones that I know about have had failed marriages. Doesn't it make YOU wonder what they are going through, or do you even care? You were supposed to be someone people could put their trust in and look up to, and here you were doing some of the most disgusting and immoral things you could do. While you were preaching to everyone how they should honor their marriage vows, you were cheating on your own wife, and with who, teenage boys. We had our whole lives ahead of us and you put us through hell on earth. I don't know how you could look yourself in the mirror, let alone get up and preach to people about how they ought to live. When someone would confront you about what you did, you would try to take the attention off of what you did by having some sort of health problem (loss of memory, heart problems, nervous breakdown). It seemed odd to me that you recovered quick when you realized that you were in the clear. You really disgust me. It makes me sick to realize how many lives you damaged and the only time that you feel the need to apologize is when it all comes back up again. Then you put on this POOR PITIFUL ME act (how you wish it didn't happen, the reason you do this is because you were abused as a child, you would take it all back if you could, and the all-time favorite, please don't put my family through this again). What about what you put all of us through? Then what makes me mad is when your brother calls to try to scare people into not saying anything or when the church receives a letter from Mike Riva telling us to stop saying anything. I heard (I don't know for sure) that the reason for the letter was to protect your livelihood. What about my livelihood? I feel like I don't have the confidence to achieve the things that I want to in life. I know this letter seems hateful, I Don't Care. I'm tired of not saying anything just so I won't upset people. Guess what, it gets better. I have been checking the laws on reporting sexual abuse. There was a new law passed that extends the age that you can report abuse to age 38, I'm 32. So here is what I'm going to do. I'm going to let you decide what you should do to make amends for what you did. I will tell you up front, if I get a letter or phone call from your brother or an attorney that in any way appears threatening, I will immediately go to the sheriff's office and file charges against you. This has gone on long enough with nothing being done. This is Not a threat. It all rests on you Tommy, let your conscience be your guide. I will not wait long before I will decide what action is best to resolve this.

Roger W. Clem

Bob Pickle

(1000+ Member)

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 07:32
AM

Quote:

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We need some sort of reply from Danny on this one, don't you think? Honestly, did he really do this?

When we first secured Pastor Dryden's 2003 letter, he gave us permission to only share it with responsible individuals in leadership position. Why? Because he was afraid that some of his relatives who work at 3ABN might have repercussions. That was disturbing, for it seemed to support some of the allegations out there that Danny will resort to those kind of tactics.

I told him the other day that I didn't think that should be a concern, since, after all, Danny's smart. He knows about such allegations against him, and if he were to fire those relatives, even if he had just cause, his critics would only have more ammunition to use against him. So they should have quite a bit of job security at the moment.

7Trumpets
(New Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 11:35
AM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

Bob and anyone else reading,

After reading this latest round of revelations, it is clear that Tommy and Danny do know that the charges have substance, they do know that the actions were recent and they do know that there are serious implications for their careers.

To that end, I would recommend that you continue to press the line for

- full disclosure
- repentance, apologies, etc
- all withdrawal of threats of legal action
- compensation by Tommy (ALONE, not 3ABN) to the victims
- Tommy providing the means for the victims to receive professional help
- the removal of Tommy from any ministry where he has contact with children (including teens)

We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. Only God can really measure the true grievousness of sins and make comparisons. Yet the one who abuses a little child, especially a church goer, must certainly remember Jesus' words about a millstone

- *And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better*

for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Matt 18:5, 6; Mark 9:41, 42; Luke 17:2

Never give up this pursuit. It has been reasonable and it seeks for honesty. It is clear to me that Tommy has not repented, for if he had, having done these sins which became public, he would have made public apologies which would be something to his credit.

To use hiding, silence, threats and intimidation by his brother is not going to let it go away, the rumors and gossip will only swell until the whole world knows. What a fall that will be!

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 12:28
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

Thank you, 7Trumpets.

Jesus said that would be better. Better than what? Better to sink to the bottom of the sea with a millstone around your neck than to float in the lake of fire.

That's how much He and His Father treasure the little ones.

7Trumpets
(New Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 02:35
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

I wish to add I find no pleasure in this mess. I love 3ABN. I wish this thing would go away. Yet hiding my head (or anyone else hiding their heads) in the sand will not make it go away.

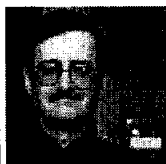
Instead, by the time we take our heads out of the sand we would have been totally encircled by the predators and provided a tasty meal for someone.

Daryl Fawcett
(16000+
Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 03:02
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

I also find no pleasure in this mess.

I was excited when I learned about 3ABN right up to the separation and subsequent civic divorce of Danny and Linda Shelton, which was the catalyst, or Pandora's box, that opened up all these other things.



Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/31/06 06:32
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

What follows is the 1985 letter that was sent to Tommy Shelton alerting him to the fact that his ordination had been suspended.

Several points may be noted, which answer some questions people have had:

- This letter was sent to Tommy by an Illinois Church of God organization 8 years before Pastor Glenn Dryden moved to the state. Thus, the information it contains has nothing to do with Pastor Dryden.
- This letter was sent 17-18 years before Roger Clem came forward in West Frankfort, and thus the information it contains has nothing to do with Roger Clem.
- "In the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word shall be established." We thus have at least three witnesses.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/31/06 06:38
PM

Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents

General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois
George L. Newton
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Phone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX

P.O. Box J
Mt. Zion, Illinois 62549

October 25, 1985

Reverend Tommy Shelton
Route # 1 Box 189-B
West Frankfort, Illinois 62896

Dear Tommy :

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This action was taken for the following reasons:

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- 2.Numerous c harges of misconduct reported to this committee.

3. We have been advised that an investigation is underway by the West Frankfort Illinois Police Department concerning criminal sexual abuse charges against you.

4. Controversy surrounding your ministry and personal lifestyle.

Tommy, you are advised to surrender your Ordination Certificate to this office in the enclosed self addressed envelope and to cease all activities related to ministries of the Church of God until you are further advised by this committee.

Be assured this was not an easy decision for this committee to make. We will be praying for you and your family that God's complete purpose will be accomplished in your life.

If we can be of help in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

[signed]

George L. Newton
Executive Secretary

[signed]

Tom E. Smith
Committee Chairman
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Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/31/06 07:12
PM

 **Re: The Glenn Dryden and related Documents**

On November 27, 2006, 3ABN Board chairman Dr. Walt Thompson wrote me and said:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

Subsequently, after this issue has been brought back to the forefront ... I contacted the only person from the Church of God that I could find that knew about the situation, and who had been present and witness to the events. ... The picture that was painted by that leader of the Church was exactly as portrayed earlier by Danny. ... I have been informed that the Church of God is a congregational type or organization with different jurisdictions in different states and **that there was no higher authority that I could speak with** to resolve the issue further. It was not entirely clear to me how that worked. I was also told that **one leader pestered Tommy over and over again** until Tommy voluntarily gave up his ministerial license. These are the facts as I have been able to sort them out.

The natural assumption is that everything in the above came from the unnamed

source, not Danny, but that could be wrong.

Four questions remain:

- Who was this unnamed source, and how did Walt just happen to get that particular name?
- Did Walt contact the General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois and get his information from them, something he was invited to do in Pastor Dryden's 2003 letter, or was this unnamed source not even a past or present officer of the General Assembly?
- Who led Walt to believe that "**one** leader pestered Tommy" when the letter announcing the suspending of Tommy's ordination was signed by **two** individuals, and was the result of an action taken by **an entire committee**?
- In what sense at all can these circumstances be considered a "**voluntary**" surrender of his ministerial license?

Of course, it is always possible that Walt was referring to a different revoking of Tommy's credentials, not the 1985 one. Yet even then, what he was led to believe would constitute a serious distortion of reality.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
01/04/07 06:53
PM

Testimony of Pastor Brad Dunning

The seventh victim that has just come forward gave me the name of Brad Dunning, a gentleman who is now a United Pentecostal preacher. I contacted him and he has given the following written account of his own experience. It appears that Pastor Dunning may have been the first to make complaints of sexual misconduct on the part of Tommy Shelton at the Ezra Church of God, complaints that eventually led to the revoking of Tommy's ordination in 1985.

Four points were given for that 1985 action, one of which was:

Originally Posted By: Illinois Ministerial Credentials Committee

1. Improper counseling procedures followed by you and admitted by you.

I asked the seventh victim what that might have been. He said that what he had heard at the time was that there was a boy at the school trying to get other boys involved in homosexual activity, and that Tommy had tried to bring it out into the open by propositioning the boy.

I asked the seventh victim which he had heard of first, the boy's problem or Tommy's "counseling" procedure. He said he heard of them at the same time. I suggested that it is possible this was a way for Tommy to explain away what he had really done.

Of course, it seemed important to follow up on this and see if maybe Tommy was almost in the clear after all. This is why I contacted the boy turned preacher, Pastor Brad Dunning. I told Dunning about how it has been said that Tommy was trying to bring his deviant behavior out into the open. He said that that was the first time he had ever heard of that.

I have mixed feelings posting this one, since it does describe exactly what Tommy said to young teenager Brad, and it doesn't make for pleasant reading. But what do you do?

It is hard to imagine that this could have been the first time something like this happened. People don't just wake up one day and say things like this out of the blue, do they?

Pastor Dunning would love to see Tommy behind bars. It burns him up to see him on the air. He said that because of all he knows about what goes on at Three Angels Broadcasting Network, that around his home they call it Three Devils Broadcasting. I assured him that Seventh-day Adventists don't tolerate this kind of thing, and he realizes that every group, including his, has its renegades.

Walt Thompson said:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago. They were reported to the proper authorities. No physical actions ever occurred. **Tommy apologized to the kids** and offered recompense. The DA said there was no case. No restrictions were ever imposed.

I asked pastor Dunning if Tommy had ever apologized. He said, "No."

I trust that whatever the seventh victim writes will be much more pleasant reading.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
01/04/07 06:55
PM

 **Re: Testimony of Pastor Brad Dunning**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Here's my email, Pastor Dunning.

Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:09:11 -0600

From: Brad Dunning

Dear Bob,

Here is my follow up email from our telephone conversation yesterday January 3rd, 2007.

The purpose of this communication is to give you a personal account of how I was assaulted by Tommy Shelton, then Pastor of the Ezra Church of God.

I believe it was in the 1982-83 school year. I was a student in the Ezra Church of God Christian School. I was an honor student and a member of the basketball team.

On the day of my encounter with Tommy Shelton, here is what took place.

I was in the gym playing basketball one afternoon by myself. I had extra free time as I was an "E" privilege student.

Ricky Shelton came to the gym and told me that his dad wanted to see me in his office. So I left the gym and went to the Pastors office. Tommy invited me in and closed the door. He sat behind his desk, I sat on the couch.

He began to tell me that he was really embarrassed to talk about this, but he needed my help. He said that he had a problem with his testicles. It was a medical condition that was causing them to bleed. I asked him if he had been to the doctor. He replied that he was too embarrassed to be seen by the nurses and that he would not go.

He said that he had prayed about it, and God showed him how that he could be healed. He told me that God showed him that if he could apply the sperm of another man, that the proteins would heal his testicles. He then asked me if I would be willing to help him by applying my sperm to his testicles.

Being in shock, I told him that I had to think about it and left his office. I went home that afternoon and told my mother all that had gone on.

I did not return to school. My Mother, my grandfather and I, went back to the school and confronted Tommy. He denied everything and told my Grandfather that no one would believe us and he would win.

We then went to the West Frankfort Police department and filed a formal complaint. To my knowledge, no charges were brought against Tommy. Our family suspected that Tommy was being protected by State Police officers who were members of his congregation.

My mother and I moved to Houston, TX shortly after that.

A few years later, we were told that Tommy had been caught with other boys. Some who were personal friends of mine while I was at Ezra.

One of the boys later apologized to me for not speaking up when I did.

My mother received an official written apology from the Church of God. I had not had any communication with Tommy Shelton since that event took place.

If I can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Because of Him,

Brad Dunning
<http://www.facs4u.com>

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 01/04/07 07:48
 PM

 **Re: Testimony of Pastor Brad Dunning**

I guess what disturbs many is the apparently repeated offenses over so many years, with no apparent repentance or heartfelt apologies, and the cover ups that Danny has himself apparently been involved in in this matter.

May Tommy fall on the Rock and be broken. May he come clean before men and in the eyes of God. May he be washed in the blood of the Lamb, that blood that can cleanse every spot, and straighten every wrinkle.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
01/08/07 01:07
AM

 **Letter from Scott Clem, brother of Roger Clem**

Here is another letter from the other brother of Roger Clem, and brother of the seventh victim.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: In Response To Your Message....

Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 12:15:17 -0600

From: Scott Clem

Hi, Bob!

I am contacting you in response to your telephone message of Wed., Jan. 3. My apologies for being so long in getting back with you.

...

First of all, I want to make you aware that I know a little about who you are, having read your posts at Maritime SDA Online. I want you to know that I fully support your efforts to clean up the mess at 3ABN, and that my prayer is for successful results for the good of 3ABN and it's viewers, and most importantly, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I wish to make it clear that, though I am Southern Baptist, I hold nothing against the Seventh Day Adventist Church, any of it's members, or 3ABN personally. My problem, as I am sure is the same with you, is the un-Christian conduct so rampant at 3ABN. Such conduct serves no purpose but to undermine the original intended objective of 3ABN and to embarrass the SDA Church. Those responsible for this misconduct must be exposed and dealt with, and I applaud your efforts to do just that.

As you now know, both of my brothers are victims of past molestation by 3ABN vice president Tommy Shelton, who served as our pastor at Ezra Church of God at the time that the molestations took place. There is also evidence that my brothers are not the only victims. While I have never been a victim of any type of sexual abuse, I am greatly enraged by such actions, particularly as such a despicable act has been perpetrated on my brothers by someone in whom our entire family had placed so much trust and confidence for so many years. Few things in life have cut me so deeply as this situation, and the human side of me wants to see Tommy Shelton fall to the most harsh and swift justice known to man in response to his devilish actions. It is my feeling that the Lord, though he still loves Tommy, also desires that he pay for his actions. Tommy's conduct is clearly not of God.

I am equally pained by the fact that our late mother, who died of cancer on Dec. 1, 2001, left this world never having known that two of her children were victimized by

Tommy in this way. She remained steadfast in her support of Tommy due to this lack of knowledge. At the same time, I consider everyone involved in this ordeal, with the obvious exception of Tommy, to be completely blameless. Mom never knew the truth, and I can guarantee you that if she had, she would have turned on Tommy in the blink of an eye. As well, while I cannot say that I truly understand what my brothers went through, I can somehow understand why they waited so long to come forward. Feelings of guilt and embarrassment are commonplace with victims of sexual abuse for many years after the abuse has taken place. I also know that my brothers were fearful of hurting Mom or other family members by coming forward with this information, and/or of what might happen in the aftermath. Our family is hurt and angered by this, but this pain and anger is not directed at, nor is it the fault of, my brothers. I am just glad that they have both realized the importance of coming forward, as it will be a major step on their road to recovery and toward bringing Tommy to justice for what he has done. Simply put, it is my observation that, of all the numerous people involved in this terrible situation, the blame for it's entirety rests solely on one person, and that would be one Tommy Shelton. May God, in this situation, forego His endless mercy and leave Tommy to face the consequences that he really deserves!

As for the other information that I may provide for your continuing investigation,
[What follows is a legal matter that I would like to verify before posting.]

Again, I state that I have nothing against 3ABN personally, but I support and applaud your efforts to get a stranglehold on the situation as it stands now. I wish to see 3ABN become a great powersource for the furtherance of God's Kingdom, but I can no longer believe that this will happen under the leadership of Danny and Tommy Shelton. It appears to me that, in order for 3ABN to move forward as a ministry, Danny and Tommy must be ousted. While we should continue to pray for them, it is clear that the situations in which they have placed 3ABN will necessitate their removal. Otherwise, 3ABN will surely fall, and I really do not believe that it has to come to that.

On an added note, some of these situations, if placed for investigation by the federal government, could result in the revocation of 3ABN's licenses. Perhaps the best course of action would be to recommend to Dr. Walt Thompson that steps be taken in the very near future to remove Danny and Tommy so that 3ABN will have a fighting chance to save it's authority to broadcast. At this point, it could be in serious jeopardy.

To tell you the honest truth, I would very much welcome an opportunity to work with 3ABN in whichever ways ..., but I will not even make an attempt at such an arrangement as long as 3ABN is under the facist thumb of Danny Shelton and his child molester brother Tommy. God does not honor such things, and I refuse to do so as well. As a past volunteer at 3ABN, I would love to re-establish a friendship with the network, and my hope is that, in the foreseeable future, I will be able to do so. As things stand right now, this just cannot happen.

Again, my best to you and those working with you to bring back some order to 3ABN. It is my hope and prayer that your investigations will bring Danny and Tommy and all other guilty parties to justice and restore 3ABN to her former self for

the glory of God. If you need anything else from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ,

Scott Clem

Daryl Fawcett

(16000+

Member

(MSDAOL))

01/20/07 08:31

PM



Re: Letter from Duane Clem

The following was received by Gailon Arthur Joy AURporter:

Read and weep; This is number seven of what is now ten and counting. Notice many contacts came while Tommy was at 3ABN late 80's and early 90--91. Think we will find others in the contemporary period? Wonder if there are more in Dunn Loring?

This has been extremely hard to do, but I think it had to be done.

--- statement follows ---

It has taken me a long time to get to the point where I felt I could write this. In light of recent events and allegations brought forth by other parties, I feel it has become necessary to compose this statement.

Let me begin by saying that I am not writing out of a spirit of vengeance or animosity. I had never planned on sharing what happened with anyone else. I was prepared to take this to my grave. I had forgotten, or at least pushed back, the feelings of shame and resentment I had about this situation, but in recent days a lot of that has been brought back. I do not, however, blame anyone who has been DIRECTLY affected by this for coming forward.

Tommy Shelton was my pastor for many years at the Ezra Church of God in West Frankfort, IL. I began attending with my mother, sister and 2 brothers around 1974 or so, and my father became a Christian and began coming with us shortly after I graduated high school in 1984. Tommy and I were never really close until I began attending the Christian school our church operated. Over the next few years, we would spend a lot of time talking, as I was dealing with depression issues and he was counseling with me.

When the General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois decided to suspend Tommy's ministerial credentials in 1985, I was one of several who wrote a letter in his defense. I was also questioned by a detective at the West Frankfort Police Department. I had been on a few overnight trips with him, and gave testimony that nothing had happened that would substantiate the allegations being made against him. At the time, this was true. It was, unfortunately, about to change.

Sometime in late 1985 or early 1986, Tommy came to me and said he had an unusual medical problem and asked for my help. I was shocked. I had previously been told by two other young men that he had said the same thing to them, but I could not believe that they were telling me the truth, even though they told me identical stories at 2

different times. Now, I was hearing these words from my pastor. I felt trapped. I wanted to say something right then, but I didn't. I had vigorously defended him against allegations in the past, and had even lost friends because of it. I had written a letter saying nothing had happened to me. I had told the police nothing happened. Now, here I was, 19 years old, with NO ONE I felt I could talk to about it.

Over the next few months, Tommy and I would meet at his house, the church, the original 3ABN building and even one night on a back country road, anywhere he thought no one would see us. There was a lot of inappropriate touching, but nothing further. He wanted much more out of it, but I couldn't let it happen because in my heart I knew it wasn't right. I was wrestling with thoughts like "What if someone finds out? What will happen to the church...his family...my family? Who would believe me anyway?"

Whenever he would be touching me, I would get muscle spasms in my back. I guess it was because I was so tense. More than once he sensed that I was in pain, and a couple of times he even accused me of "faking it" because I didn't care or didn't want to help him. I really started questioning if I was in the wrong. It was constant mental and emotional turmoil.

On one occasion, I had been hired by a television and appliance rent-to-own company as an assistant manager, and was to travel to the main office about an hour away for 2 days of training. The company said they would get me a motel room so I wouldn't have to drive back and forth. When Tommy found this out, he decided that it would be a good opportunity for him to come down to my room and no one would ever know the difference. I paid very little attention to my training all day long because I was dreading what was going to happen that night. Finally, as the supervisor was going to reserve the room, I told him that "something had come up" and I was going to have to drive back home, so I wouldn't need the room after all. I lied. I don't remember what excuse I gave Tommy for not staying the night down there, but I know I lied to him also. I really didn't want to drive back and forth, but I hated the thought of another "meeting" worse. I loved my pastor and didn't want to hurt him, but I didn't know how much longer I could keep this up. I was now lying to try to avoid it.

Finally, he said he realized that I was uncomfortable and decided we shouldn't be doing this. It was like a thousand pound weight was gone. I felt free. The problem is that I felt such a release that I didn't consider the fact that this had already happened before, or so I had been told. I never told anyone. It is because of my silence, I feel, that others have been harmed. That is one of my big regrets and I will carry that guilt for the rest of my days. There is nothing I can ever do to change that. I only hope that in some way, speaking out now will help put an end to it once and for all.

I am happy to say that God has been with me through it all. I am still attending church faithfully, and have been working with teens at church for the past 10-12 years. I was ordained as a General Baptist minister in September of 2005, and have served as a youth pastor and Sunday School teacher at churches I have attended previously. I am pleased to be able to say that I do NOT have any homosexual desires or tendencies as a result of my experience. If anything, it has made me abhor and detest it even more than I ever did before. In addition, it is very possible that I

will be dealing with a young person in the future facing similar issues, and God may have allowed me to go through this so I would know how to help them. All things DO work together for good to those who love God!

In conclusion, I want to say that I do NOT hate Tommy Shelton, nor do I want to see him or his family destroyed. I grew up with the Shelton kids. They're almost like family to me. I hope that my coming forward doesn't end our friendships, although I'm sure it will never be the same from this point forward.

I ask all who read this to please pray for all those who have been directly involved, our families, our churches and yes, for Tommy Shelton also. It is my opinion that he needs to be out of the ministry right now, but he also needs the Lord's leadership as he deals with past issues. Our God is a God of judgment, but He is also a God of forgiveness and restoration. I want that restoration for Tommy and everyone else who has been affected by this. Snide remarks and hateful comments won't solve anything or bring healing to anyone, only God's touch can do that.

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts as we all try to put this behind us. God bless.

Duane Clem

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Mom in Pain #1

Taken from <http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-victims-family-mom-1.htm>.

Broken-Hearted Mother #1

[As alleged victims of Tommy Shelton talk to their old friends, yet more are coming forward. Just yesterday a new one came forward, one who remembers well an incident that allegedly occurred when he was eight years old.

He called his mother first and told her his story before he called us. Can you imagine what it must be like to be a mother and get a phone call like that?

Read her statement below and feel her pain as she unburdens her soul.

It should be noted that she confirms that Tommy did excuse his propositioning of around 14-year-old Brad Dunning by saying that he was trying to expose Brad's own homosexual activity.

- This was a story previously told to us by Duane Clem, which he said that he was told back in the early '80's when Brad and his family complained about what Tommy had done.
- Yet when we asked Duane whether he had heard anything about such problems with Brad prior to Tommy getting into trouble, he said that he had not.
- When we asked Pastor Brad Dunning about this story, he told us that that was the first time he had ever heard of such a thing.

Thus, unfortunately, we have here evidence that Tommy Shelton was not beyond slandering someone's reputation in order to escape getting into trouble over serious allegations. We hope that this apparent tendency does not run in the family.]

Her Letter Arrives

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Discussion Yesterday

Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 19:42:55 -0800 (PST)

Bob,

As promised yesterday, I am sending you a letter from a broken-hearted mother. To keep *****'s confidentiality at this time, I would rather you didn't use my name. ... I check the website everyday and am impressed with all the new information posted.

Thanks,

***** *****

Letter of a Mother of an Alleged Victim of Tommy Shelton

Dear *****,

I cannot begin to tell you the grief and heartache I feel right now. If I start at the beginning, I can tell you my husband and I were staunch supporters of Tommy Shelton for all the years he ministered at Ezra Church of God. My family attended there when it was a small, one room building with an outhouse. Tommy performed our wedding ceremony in that small church. We continued as part of his following into the new building across the street. That building, by the way, was built by his brothers (Shelton Construction) and is one foot shorter on one side than the other. Danny, evidently, had not found his true calling at that time.

I worked closely with Tommy for all those years, and each time allegations would arise, he would call me into his office and recite the cover-up story he had carefully planned. He personally told me about Brad Dunning and the mistake he (Tommy) admitted making by trying to meet with him alone to find out if he had indeed made advances to the other boys in school. He again called me into his office when he was caught with another student from school in a bald-faced lie. He was very convincing to be sure. As I said, I stood against his accusers because I thought there was no way any of this could be true. The students had grudges against him and other people misunderstood the situation, excuses he spoon-fed his followers and we regurgitated at appropriate times.

As a mother, I will never forgive myself for my own absorption and mindless following of Tommy's plight that I missed clues within my own family. For that reason, it took 25 years for my own son to admit that he, also, had been abused by Tommy. The scabs that had covered his own pain for so many years were ripped away this week when new allegations arose and more of his friends broke their long, overdue silence. A dam broke when he was forced to step back to that dark place he

had sealed up so long ago. His only excuse was that he knew I hadn't believed all the other boys, and he didn't think I would believe him either. Because of this simple statement, I will live with my own guilt and regret for the rest of my life.

Also, in hindsight, I blame Carol as much as Tommy. How could you, as a mother, turn a blind eye to what you knew he was doing? You were condoning it by keeping your silence. How could you rob us mothers of the opportunity to help our sons grieve and help them begin their healing? You turned your cold heart to us and allowed Tommy to continue with his sickness clear across the United States. You did him no favors by "forgiving" him, when what he needed was help to get well. Instead, he kept infecting others and you stood at his side and helped him. As far as I know, you stand there today with the same blood on your hands.

Professionally, I have a Master's degree in Social Work. When I look back at the church in those years under Tommy's leadership, I see that the black seed of his sin was at the very core. I see the many families he split in two because of his lies and cover-ups. Some of these never recovered. When I look at the lives of the boys he abused and see where each of them is today, I know that many have internalized the abuse and are still living with the guilt he placed on their heads. The guilt that forced them to face their feelings alone as they kept their silence against the man placed before them in a position of power and authority by their own parents. The boys who have never worked through the process of grieving over what they lost. There should be a special punishment for a person who abuses the trust of children and shatters their dreams; a special punishment for the man who ripped the joys and pleasures of childhood from young boys and changed their self-perceptions forever.

Moreover, can anyone imagine the guilt and regret of the mothers who failed to be there when their children needed them the most? Mothers who will always feel they failed at the job God blessed them with by not doing enough to protect their children against this evil.

Anyone still protecting him, Carol, Danny, 3ABN, or the attorney who keeps spouting about statute of limitations, your hands will also be held accountable for the evil you work to cover up. There is no "statute of limitations" on the pain and suffering these boys feel—it doesn't go away after a set number of years—it's there for the rest of their lives. Come forward now and get him the help he needs. He admits to having a "sickness" and you have failed him as we have failed our children. Help the healing begin for everyone involved before any more time goes by.

From a mother's heart.

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 **Re: Mom in Pain #1**

Here is an interesting letter taken from the Save3ABN site:

<http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-victims-family-judy-woods-1.htm>

January 18, 2007



Dear sir:

The subject I am about to approach absolutely boggles my mind! I cannot comprehend, even to this day, how one person, Tommy Shelton, with his deviate behavior, and all the while declaring that it was not true, could almost destroy our little church. We are, now, a handful of people at Ezra Church of God, that have sat here for decades with a black cloud over our head that seems as if it can never be removed. This type of situation only happens somewhere else, not here!

Why did we, as a congregation, allow it to come to this? Why did I not see what was happening, after all I was Sunday School superintendent? I was in a position where I could observe many of his interactions with the young people. Also, why did the young victims not report the fact that they were being molested to their parents or some authority figure? I know that one young person did go to city hall and made a statement to the police, but nothing happened! Did someone intervene on Tommy's behalf? I don't have the answers to these questions!

As I look back, I quickly realize that hindsight is 20/20. It was a time of chaos that overwhelmed me. I had Sunday School teachers quitting because of the accusations that were running rampant. Many had believed such accusations and left the church. Our church was literally falling apart! At this time, I decided to stand with the pastor. Did I ever question his innocence at this time. Yes, only to switch back to no almost immediately. The fact is that at this point I simply chose not to believe the accusations for, you see, I didn't want to believe them. After all, he was preaching holiness and musically talented. How could there be a dark side?

But, what is probably the key factor is Tommy has a way with words that can convince you that black is white. Any situation that arose that didn't seem kosher, I went directly to Tommy and questioned him on such. He always had an answer that made me say to myself, why did I ever ask!

But, I still had many questions along the way. One young man stood out in particular. He and Tommy were caught alone in a certain residence. Tommy lied and said that it was his son there. Not so! This same teenager would go along on family vacations with the Sheltons. Tommy would also tutor this boy in his office in the evenings.

In the past, other teenagers were used to drive him different places; for example, he would go to a recording studio quite regularly in Flora, IL, and, most always with a young driver.

These are just a few examples of what went on at Ezra.

In situations where Tommy needed to stand and fight for himself, he was always incapacitated, mostly nerve issues-- nervous breakdown, removing himself to California to escape the "heat," even admitting himself to a mental hospital in Centralia. Others in the congregation would try to fight his battles!

During his entire pastorate at Ezra, I stood by him and tried to help him even though I had questions. I suppose I was naive and blinded to a certain extent as to what was

really going on.

What about today? Scripture says, "Be sure your sin will find you out." This is exactly what happened when the pieces of the puzzle fit perfectly into place leaving no doubt in my mind that Tommy is guilty of molesting teenagers.

The young man that has already been mentioned came to my house and told me exactly what Tommy did to him. This was during all the chaos at the church. No, at this point, I did not believe him. I confronted Tommy as to what he said. Tommy blamed the boy's parents for forcing him to tell this. Tommy told me that when the boy turns 21 years old, he would come back and tell me the "truth." I haven't seen the boy since!

Some years have now passed, and I spoke to a mother of another of Tommy's victims. She was talking about her son and Tommy. I ask her if her son had ever said what Tommy did to him. She proceeded to tell me what he said----which turned out to be exactly what the young man said that had come to my house some years before. This was the piece of the puzzle that completed the picture of guilt. These two boys were not in any way connected--not by age, locale or friendship!

My feelings, today, are of betrayal, being lied to over and over, and just, in general, being "used." But how I "feel" does not compare to the torment, agony, and embarrassment that the victims must endure for a lifetime! Only God knows how many victims there are!

By the way, this is not the end of the saga. Since the ruination of Ezra, which included many victims, Tommy has continued to pursue young men to victimize, one of which is Roger, a relative. He then moved on to the Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, VA, leaving more victims there! Only God knows just how many victims there are! This type of behavior must be stopped!

A big "thank you" to the SDA and the CCG for your pursuit of the truth. Please be persistent in your efforts. Tommy must be held accountable for his actions!

The thought that the situation at Ezra had been dealt with 30 years ago, is simply not true! We will know Tommy has repented of his sin when he bows on his knees before each of his victims and begs their forgiveness. Then he must stand before the congregations at Ezra and Dunn Loring and apologize for the agonizing devastation he has caused each church!

I close with some advice directed at Tommy----why don't you stand up and be a man for once in your life! Admit to what you've done and are doing! Stop the cop-out of a nervous breakdown, etc., when you're cornered! Stop hiding behind your fancy lawyer, which I am certain has never been told the real truth. If he had been, he would never have written the (2) threatening letters in an effort to protect a child molester. Stop hiding behind your wife and Danny, who have become your enablers, or, in other words, accessories! Your wife should never have allowed such behavior! Danny should never have put you on staff at 3ABN, nor should he have allowed you on camera, except it does show the world what a child molester looks like! Real godly sorrow and heartfelt repentance are in order, without which hell awaits! Then,

after you've done all this, extreme long-term counseling would be the next step!

Perhaps, if all this were accomplished, maybe the black cloud over Ezra would slowly begin to dissipate!

Thank you

Judith Woods

(***** Note, the one at the Save3ABN link was a signed letter - Daryl *****)

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Re: Mom in Pain #1

Here is another signed letter from the Save3ABN site:

<http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-victims-family-mom-2.htm>

Broken-Hearted Mother #2

Letter of Charlotte Hopper, Mother of Greg Houseworth
Greg Houseworth is one of the alleged victims of Tommy Shelton. His mother, Charlotte Hopper, unburdens her heart below.

February 3, 2007

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to tell you that I am the mother of one of Tommy Shelton's victims.

First of all, I want to commend the boys, now young men, that have come forward. I know that it was not easy, and for the ones that haven't yet spoken out publicly, God bless each one of you! Whichever group you belong to, you have nothing to be ashamed of. What was done to you lies on the shoulders of Tommy Shelton!

I, like many others in the beginning of this mess, believed Tommy Shelton. He had a way of manipulating people, both young and old, and still to this day, seems to have that power over some people.

When one of the boys came forward, I remember asking my son if it had happened to him. At that time he told me "no," but he said, "Mom, ***** is not lying about it!" As time went on, my son finally came to me and told me that it had happened to him, and with some details of what was done. As a mother, I was angry and, even more, I was sick to my stomach! To think that someone you trusted could do something like this!

I then started to look back and recall things that had happened. I remember when things began to heat up for Tommy Shelton, he came by our home and asked my son to come outside and talk. Later, I learned that he had told my son that if he told anyone, Carol Shelton would kill herself. Not only did he use his wife, but also his

daughter as a pawn. This was not his only threat against my son. I won't write what the other threats were that were made at this time, but they would make you sick!

As for Carol Shelton, all along she has covered up for Tommy. One time at church, she asked me to go down to the teenage girls' classroom. There she asked me if Tommy had done anything to my son. I, not wanting to hurt her and her children, told her "no." At a later date she asked my son to meet her at McDonalds restaurant in West Frankfort. She asked him the same question. He, not wanting to hurt her, answered her in the same way.

It's funny how she never worried about all the boys in their hurts and fears! I wonder when Carol Shelton stands before the Lord, [page 2] what will her answer be then!

As far as Danny Shelton is concerned, he has always covered this up. He did not want this all to come forward as it would be an embarrassment to him and his ministry. He had a growing ministry in 3ABN and did not want to jeopardize it, no matter what the cost. He should have known that what Tommy was doing would affect him and his ministry. I would like to know what he will say when he stands before the Lord!

Now, let us get back to Tommy Shelton. I am sure you have heard, if it walks like a duck, looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's a duck! At one time, I was told that Tommy Shelton was a homosexual. Let's get real, he is not a homosexual! I believe that a homosexual would not think of molesting a child! How many times on the news media, do you see where a child has been molested by a homosexual? So back to my "duck story," let's call Tommy Shelton what he is, a child molester, sex offender, pedophile, etc.!

He always said he had a vision for a Christian school. That's why he encouraged the folks at Ezra Church of God to start one. Looking back, I wonder if he was not planning this so he would have access to a lot of young boys!

I am the mother who went to Pastor Dryden when I learned Tommy Shelton was going to Dunn Loring. Pastor Dryden listened to what I had to say, but at that time he had no idea that my son was one of Tommy's victims. In fact, up to that time, he believed the story Tommy Shelton had given. This shows the deception that Tommy Shelton held over lay persons and other pastors! I explained to him my concerns for the young men at Dunn Loring. I did not want the same abuse my son experienced to happen to them. Pastor Dryden did what any pastor should do, and that is to advise the church at Dunn Loring about the allegations. The church had this information, and yet they fell victim to Tommy Shelton's deception. I feel that the folks at Ezra Church of God and Pastor Dryden did all they could at that time in warning them about this matter. They chose to believe Tommy Shelton and allowed him to destroy some more young men there!

I have lived with this for 23 years, and, it has eaten away at me daily for all these years! I hurt for all those other young men, but no one knows the hurt I have for my own! This should not happen to any child! We that have never had this happen to us cannot comprehend the pain and anguish that those young men have [page 3] suffered.

I want to know where the justice is! I know that God can forgive, but Tommy needs to pay for what he has done. He needs to be put where he cannot harm another child! I don't want to see him have another fake breakdown or health problem. Justice needs to come forth. He has devastated two churches and hurt countless young men and their families. These are the few we know about. There may be, and probably are, others. He may fool some people, but he cannot fool God!

To broken-hearted mom number one and all the other mothers who know that their sons were molested, I understand your anguish and pain.

Charlotte Hopper

(***See the actual signature at the Save3ABN site - Daryl***)

P.S. If Tommy Shelton would like to have his attorney send me a threat of legal action, all I can say is go for it! I would like nothing better than to be in the same courtroom with him! The truth then would be free!

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At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statements

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.

Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2006 09:34:09 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Greetings, Danny.

My apologies for bothering you, but Dr. Thompson suggested that I verify what he told me, and based on his communications I don't know of any other way to approach this than to ask you five questions.

You may remember that after you contacted me last Thursday I asked you a few questions. In answer to those questions Walt wrote:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

"The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago. They were reported to the proper authorities. No physical actions ever occurred. Tommy apologized to the kids and offered recompense."

This information was superb, for it was just the kind that could be used to answer the critics, especially if it came from both sides: No new allegations of child molestation in the last 30 years, and Tommy apologized for some unspecified thing that didn't involve physical actions.

The difficulty, though, is that according to the 2003 letter that Walt received, Tommy has not yet apologized, and there are additional allegations from as recent as the late 1990's in Virginia. These two points are clearly indicated by the Action Items attached to that letter. The question then arose: Did Walt contact the alleged victims, their families, and the two ministerial licensing associations as invited to do so in that 2003 letter to get their side of the story? His reply was as follows:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

"As I recall the events of 2003, I received a call from Brad Thorp from the General Conference telling me of Pastor Dryden's accusations. Brad appropriately told me that it was not his concern, and that it was ours to handle. As I recall, I contacted Pastor Dryden and heard his side of the story following which I received the letter that is circulating. I was at 3abn at the time and spoke at length with Danny about the matter. He shared with me the details as he understood them. Whether or not I was aware of what generated the letter at that time, I do not remember. Based upon my understanding that Dryden had had a long standing feud with Tommy over factors unrelated to the above accusations, it did not seem indicated to approach the boys in question directly, having been informed that no case had ever been filed with the courts or legal disposition made."

I was chatting with a pastor's wife Sabbath before last about this, and she told me something I had never heard before, based on her experience as a social worker.

While social workers may be able to get enough evidence of molestation to warrant removing a child, the burden of proof for that is different than for criminal convictions, and thus many cases that social workers act on never have charges filed in them. It was her recommendation that whenever background checks are in order, that social services be contacted as well as the court system, since they know more. Thus it is a fallacy to think that just because no case was filed that there are no grounds for further investigation.

At any rate, according to the above, Walt did not contact the alleged victims, their families, or the licensing associations as invited to do so, and instead got his information about no new allegations for 30 years and Tommy's apologies solely from you. The difficulty is that, besides this information contradicting the 2003 letter, it also appears to conflict with the testimony of the alleged victims and the other parties.

This whole situation puts Walt in an awkward light, for he has repeatedly been accused of only getting your side of the story rather than of fairly weighing both sides of a given issue. On the face of it, just looking at appearances, it appears that he was misled on this one.

I will quickly add that I am more than willing to entertain the possibility that you were misled as well by your sources regarding how recent the most recent allegations really were, and whether Tommy apologized. Thus,

Question 1: Can you give me any information that would help me out on this, such as the specific sources of the information you gave Walt in 2003, and ways that I can verify that information in order to establish that all these alleged victims, their families, and the two associations are incorrect?

It appears fair to say that there was a serious error of judgment here when these other parties were not contacted as suggested. Since the 2003 letter specifically asked Tommy to apologize for "deceit," for Walt to put so much weight on his and his brother's side of the story was unwise, if nothing else, for appearance's sake. Plus, it lends support to the idea that Walt has on other issues not fairly weighed both sides of an issue. But I do not wish to criticize him too much, for we all make mistakes, even when we are doing our very best. I certainly have.

And it also appears unwise on your part to not insist that Walt make a thorough investigation of the matter, especially since you might be accused of having a conflict of interest, since Tommy is your brother. But like I said, we all make mistakes, and we just need to be willing to learn from them. We should be as tolerant of the mistakes of others as we want them to be tolerant of our mistakes. And I mean that sincerely.

At any rate,

Question 2: Do you know who asked and authorized Mike Riva to threaten Pastor Dryden with legal action?

When I first heard of that, it just sounded so foreign to the types of things I've heard

Conference officials say about how these kinds of things need to be handled in order to avoid possible liability.

Walt also wrote:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

"We then discussed the situation with the full board."

Question 3: Was a copy of the 2003 letter, along with the suggested "Action Items," given to each board member?

Finally, here is one more bit of information that Walt provided, dealing with the further investigation he conducted recently:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

"Subsequently, after this issue has been brought back to the forefront (I think there is only one person who could have known about this and brought it to world-wide attention, and that person was then on the board and voted with the consensus) I contacted the only person from the Church of God that I could find that knew about the situation, and who had been present and witness to the events. (Except for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records of the allegations.) The picture that was painted by that leader of the Church was exactly as portrayed earlier by Danny. Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was out to get him - a jealousy that has continued to the present. I was again informed that the DA knew about the allegations and not finding a basis, refused to act against Tommy. I have been informed that the Church of God is a congregational type or organization with different jurisdictions in different states and that there was no higher authority that I could speak with to resolve the issue further. It was not entirely clear to me how that worked. I was also told that one leader pestered Tommy over and over again until Tommy voluntarily gave up his ministerial license."

My understanding is that a church became split over this issue because Tommy denied the allegations, some siding with Tommy and some siding with the alleged victims. If the individual referred to above was of the faction that sided with Tommy, I can understand why his or her account would differ so drastically from that of the alleged victims, their families, and the two licensing associations that Tommy is not in good standing with.

Yet on the other side of the question, Gailon, who had not talked with Pastor Dryden as of yesterday sometime, says that he had no problem finding alleged victims and others who also were witnesses to the events and who tell quite a different story. Thus one is left to wonder why Walt just happened to be only able to locate this one individual who tells such a different story. And that leads up to,

Question 4: Who gave Walt the name of this individual to contact, or how did he get their name, and how can I contact that individual to get their side of the story?

Certainly Tommy would have known who sided with him in the church split, and thus I want to make sure that the reason Walt could only locate this single individual was not because that was the only name that either Tommy or you provided to Walt.

And/or, by getting his or her side of the story, it is always possible that I might be able to get information that could be used to vindicate Tommy, such as that he really did apologize.

But as far as proving that there haven't been any allegations for 30 years, I just don't know what I can do about that, given what the 2003 letter plainly states. I welcome your suggestions.

Lastly,

Question 5: What exactly did Tommy apologize for?

I'm guessing that one possible explanation for the discrepancy might be that Tommy did apologize for something, but not for what certain ones wanted him to, and thus it might be helpful to know what he felt he did do wrong that did need apologizing for.

As I told Walt, I have been very concerned that such serious allegations have been on the internet for so long in such a public way. And I am firmly convicted that such public allegations have to be dealt with in a public way. So do think through your responses and try to come across as courteous as possible, so that I can use them to do that without embarrassing anyone connected with 3ABN.

I think it is such a blessing that we can get this one behind us now, if it is possible to do so. You certainly don't need these kind of unresolved issues as the ASI panel process gets in motion.

God bless.

Bob

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Re: At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statemen

Over the last four months since Glenn Dryden's 2003 letter to Walt Thompson was obtained, an informal and totally unofficial network of active and retired pastors and church administrators has pondered the possibility that some of the allegations hovering over a very prominent, independent ministry not controlled whatsoever by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and some of that ministry's key personnel, just might be true.

It is the feeling of some or all that if these allegations against Tommy Shelton are credible, that there should be no attempt at a cover-up, and that our people should be made aware of them. Yet, I speak entirely on my own and not as an official spokesman.

Once again it must be said that Seventh-day Adventists do not condone such things. A Bible verse we often quote says, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12). That includes the commands, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and "Thou shalt not bear

false witness."

And since the allegations under consideration concern an individual who to my knowledge remains a member of the Church of God, not a Seventh-day Adventist, and since the alleged incidents occurred while that member was pastoring Church of God congregations in two different states over a span of maybe 20 years, I will add that the sentiments of the previous paragraph are shared by members of that faith as well. The Church of God condones neither deceit nor child molestation, and believes Christians are called to a life of obedience to these basic, moral values.

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Re: At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statemen

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Some additional verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.

Date: Tue, 05 Dec 2006 06:14:06 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Greetings, Danny.

I trust that you received my email attached at the end, which was sent six days ago as a follow-up to the suggestion of Dr. Walt Thompson, your board chairman, that I verify what he had told me. As I have pondered it all, I see some further questions that I need clarification on in order to do just that, and so I will add below to my original five questions what I wrote out over the weekend.

I'll first say that I really hope to hear from you soon, since there are many, many people eager and anxious to hear your side of the story, and see you and Tommy cleared of these allegations being brought by a pastor and members of the Church of God, by members of your own community, and, not maliciously and a bit indirectly, your own board chairman. It is highly critical that there be as little delay as possible.

Dr. Thompson wrote:

Quote:

"The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago."

Frankly, this was the first time I had heard of any allegations of 30 years ago. The oldest allegations I have heard about were the ones that led to the revoking of Tommy's ordination in Illinois in or around 1985, which I have thought were therefore about 20 years ago rather than about 30. Thus,

Question 6: What exactly were these 30-year-old allegations that Walt referred to, and when and in what locality or localities did the alleged events take place?

I have one more chronology-related question. One of your employees, one of the O'Briens, informed me indirectly, maybe a month ago or so, that Pastor Dryden's May 2003 letter to Walt was a rehashing of something that had already been hashed

around in the '90's. At the time I thought that someone must have gotten the dates mixed up somewhere, and that the '80's was really what was intended to be or what should have been said, but something Gailon told me last week makes me wonder if there might be another possibility. Gailon wrote:

Quote:

"Bad news...the 3ABN board in the mid 90's took up the issue of Tommy Shelton as he was working in production at the time. The board clearly determined it was best that Tommy not be working at 3ABN based upon an investigation of the allegations against Tommy at the Ezra COG. Shortly after this decision, Tommy received a call to the Dunn Loring COG and moved to Mannassas, finally into the parsonage."

I wouldn't even mention this at all since I have no evidence of myself to this effect, but since one of the O'Briens indicated, unless something got garbled in transmission or recollection, which is always possible, that there was some sort of discussion in the '90's, I'll ask the following:

Question 7: Did the 3ABN board determine in the mid-1990's that it was not best for Tommy to work at 3ABN; and if so, on what basis was there a later reversal of their position; and if not, how can I get copies of the board minutes leading up to Tommy's departure so that I can post them and put to rest once and for all this allegation?

You may be tempted to pick out some sort of trivial detail that isn't quite absolutely correct and concentrate on that to the exclusion of everything else, so I would simply suggest that, while you may need to correct some minor errors, you also ensure that you put to rest the major points of concern as well.

Walt wrote to me the following:

Quote:

"Based upon my understanding [obtained from Danny Shelton] that Dryden had had a long standing feud with Tommy over factors unrelated to the above accusations, it did not seem indicated to approach the boys in question directly, having been informed that no case had ever been filed with the courts or legal disposition made."

I think it would be extremely helpful to know more about Dryden's alleged feud with Tommy. This is especially true given the following facts:

- Walt said that the allegations were about 30 years old.
- Pastor Glenn Dryden says that he did not meet Tommy until somewhere around the early '80's or about 1985 when Tommy's ordination was revoked.
- Dryden says that he first became associated with the Dunn Loring, Virginia, church in 1974, served as an assistant pastor from 1983 until 1993, at which time he moved to Illinois.
- He claims that he had a good pastor-to-pastor relationship with Tommy after meeting him.

Question 8: Did Walt mean to say that Dryden was the cause of the original, 30-year-old allegations; is it true that Tommy did not meet Dryden until at the earliest

the early '80's; and if both these points are correct, how is it that the allegations were caused by a feud between two men who had not yet met; or, if this is not what Walt meant, what exactly did he mean?

Since I have no evidence at this point that would indicate that either Tommy or Dryden had achieved celebrity status, I think the following question is in order.

Question 9: Are Dryden's details regarding his states of residence correct (as well as the date of the revoking of Tommy's ordination), and if so, what was the nature of their feud that would have motivated Dryden to promote allegations of child molestation against a pastor who lived 800 miles away from him?

Walt wrote:

Quote:

"The picture that was painted by that leader of the Church was exactly as portrayed earlier by Danny. Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was out to get him - a jealousy that has continued to the present."

Here is an area that becomes a little more nebulous, for it gets into the area of he said, she said, something I prefer to avoid. But it should be mentioned that Dryden denies that this was the case, and claims that there has been no opportunity for jealousy to arise. And frankly, since Dryden arrived in Illinois in 1993 and Tommy left for Virginia in 1995, according to Dryden's chronology, it would seem that there was precious little opportunity for jealousy to arise. Thus,

Question 10: What exactly about Tommy was Dryden jealous of, and during what periods of time and in what ways was this jealousy manifested?

Dryden also claims that Tommy has used this jealousy argument as a smokescreen, but with this variation: He claims that Tommy told the folks in Virginia that allegations had been raised against him because churches around him were jealous of both him and the success he was having. Thus,

Question 11: Is it true that Tommy told the folks in Virginia something even remotely akin to this and if so, what was the nature of the success that Tommy had that surrounding churches of his own denomination would make false accusations against him of such a serious thing as child molestation?

Dryden also claims that Tommy never informed the folks in Virginia regarding what the nature of the allegations against him were. Thus,

Question 12: Who specifically in Virginia did Tommy tell about the exact nature of the allegations against him, and how can I contact them to obtain a signed statement to this effect?

Walt wrote:

Quote:

"Except for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records

of the allegations."

Dryden claims that in early 2003, Roger Clem of West Frankfort confided in him that he had been victimized by Tommy, and that Roger subsequently shared openly about this in his church and about the community.

Question 13: Is it true that a member of your small community did indeed share openly his claim that your own brother had victimized him, and if so, a) when did you first become aware of these new allegations, b) how did Walt arrive at the opinion that there are no other accounts of these allegations than Pastor Dryden's, and c) how is it that you never corrected Walt on this major discrepancy?

Dryden claims that after Roger came forward, that,

Quote:

"It was within a week or less that Tommy called me."

In that conversation Tommy told Dryden, according to him, something along the lines of, "I have something to read to you. Maybe you don't want to even talk to me. It's difficult." Dryden, thinking this was part of Tommy's damage control efforts and that there might be an attempt at manipulation, told him their conversation would need to be face to face and in the presence of another member of the congregation. Dryden had prayer with him, and he claims the meeting never took place.

Dryden then claims that Tommy called up someone who was a pillar in the church and read his statement to them, which convinced them of his guilt.

Dryden says that Tommy has made statements like, "I made some mistakes," and "I have regrets," and has said such for damage control purposes, but has never made a meaningful apology to his knowledge, nothing like Ted Haggard's confession, and that Tommy has been unwilling to be subject to church discipline. Thus,

Question 14: Did Tommy in fact call Dryden and the other individual in the church in early 2003 and make statements to this effect, and if so, how can we get a copy of what he wrote and read at that time, and if not, what evidence or testimony to this effect can be produced?

Question 15: Is it true that Tommy was unwilling to be subject to church discipline even though Walt claims he did apologize for some unspecified thing; and if so, for what reasons was he unwilling; and if not, who can I contact to confirm that he indeed was subject to church discipline?

I would want nothing more than to see you personally vindicated, and to see some sort of plausible explanation for not just one or two or three of the perceived inconsistencies, but for every last one of them. This issue of the allegations against Tommy is only one of many swirling around you and/or 3ABN, and I would take great delight in seeing each one of those issues decided in favor of you.

But I think we clearly need to get the air cleared of this one as soon as possible. It is absolutely crucial that we demonstrate that your word is utterly dependable, or else

the court of public opinion as well as that of ASI will be less inclined to accept solely your testimony and the testimony of the 3ABN board about Linda's alleged guilt of the sin of adultery.

And, as a loyal Seventh-day Adventist church member, a member in the middle of nowhere who is but a lone voice without any actual say-so, I must say that I am a bit concerned because of the potential liability issues that could arise if there ever was a problem in the future. I certainly hope that the apparent way this was all handled would never be used in a court of law as a justification for compromising the financial security of the Illinois Conference, which I understand, from websites affiliated with the church or its leadership, voted to move part of their Academy operations to Thompsonville.

Perhaps this is what concerns me most of all, that somehow in all of this God's cause and my church could be brought into reproach, and we as a people could be blamed for the very type of things that we so ardently oppose, through no fault of our own or because of innocent mistakes on the part of some, all because of the not-so-innocent mistakes on the part of others.

Danny, in all sincerity, I pray that God grant you clear discernment of what is right and what is wrong, and what He wants you to do at this hour. May you stand for the right though the heaven's fall, whether it be for the first time or the millionth time.

And may 3ABN and its ministry be truly blessed by the Spirit of God in the days ahead in proportion to its fulfillment of the conditions laid out by the Lord for the reception of the latter rain

Bob

P.S. I really need ASAP the name and contact info from the Church of God leader Walt referred to but did not name. I don't know who else to contact to hear another side of the story, and talking to him or her may help quite a bit.

Also, Pastor Dryden has expressed personal concern for Tommy, indicating that he wishes that we would all pray for his health during the stress of all this, and that he do the right and appropriate thing.

God bless.

Bob

[First email omitted.]

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 **Re: At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statemen**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Some additional verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.

Date: Tue, 5 Dec 2006 09:16:41 -0600

From: Danny Shelton
 CC: Walt Thompson

Bob,

As you know we are letting ASI handle the situation regarding my divorce from Linda.

Did I have biblical grounds for my part in the divorce of Linda and me.

Many lies have been spread by Linda and others using people like Gailon Joy and others.

According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat.

Either this is true or it is not. Much has been said by Johann, Arild, Barbara K. and people who didn't even know Linda and me.

ASI will decide who is doing the cover up. Somebody is lying! After hearing the testimony and evidence from both sides ASI will make a decision. Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not "scapegoat Linda" to cover up my sins, then, in my opinion it will become obvious to the public that maybe many of these other accusations are lies also.

If on the other hand ASI decides that me and the 3ABN board covered up my sins to scapegoat Linda, then I believe that it will become obvious that I am probably lying when I deny many of the other accusations coming from Linda and her group.

That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this huge issue of mine and Linda's divorce before answering questions of all the other accusations manufactured by Linda, Gailon, Derrell Johann, Barbara Kerr and others who have or has had an ax to grind with 3ABN.

For every person accusing me and 3ABN of doing wrong I can show thousands who will testify of all the good that 3ABN in doing including nearly all of it's employees.

Danny

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Re: At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statemen

I question the wisdom of giving the above reply rather than answering questions, while at the same time trying to say that the following is bogus:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat.

By holding to the position that ASI will only investigate Linda's situation, and by his refusal to answer questions in the meantime, he is in fact lending credence to the idea that he is using Linda as a smokescreen.

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Re: At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statemen

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Some additional verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.

Date: Wed, 06 Dec 2006 08:13:19 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Hi Danny. Thanks so much for your initial reply, which appears below my reply to you.

I must say that I am a little surprised by your reply. I will point out in this email a few difficulties that I see, and why it is extremely difficult for me to use it to clear you of any of the allegations out there, as well as ask some additional questions.

First of all, you will recall that I initially wrote to you a week ago at the suggestion of your board chairman, Dr. Walt Thompson. On Monday, November 27, he gave me some information and said,

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"I would like to request ... that you ... verify [this letter's] contents."

Now Walt gave me only two sources for his information other than Pastor Glenn Dryden. The only one of those two that he named was yourself, and therefore the only way I can fulfill his request is to write to you. And yet you write:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this huge issue of mine and Linda's divorce before answering questions of all the other accusations manufactured by Linda, Gailon, Derrell Johann, Barbara Kerr and others who have or has had an ax to grind with 3ABN."

As you know quite well, Walt has been accused of being a "lemming" and your "surrogate," language I disapprove of. Yet in light of the fact that you as president can so easily disregard the wishes of your own board chairman, I think it fair to ask,

Question 16: How can you demonstrate that Dr. Walt Thompson and/or your board have any definite, real, and actual authority within the 3ABN corporate structure as it currently operates, authority unrelated to whatever you may choose to delegate to them or what is merely described on paper?

I think this question is vital since it does indeed affect perceptions of how the divorce and remarriage were handled, as well as how the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations were handled, and perhaps even the success or failure of the appeal of the

tax case I understand 3ABN has pending.

In light of the fact that it is now one week since I requested the name of the other source so that I can verify Walt's information, I think it fair to ask,

Question 17: What might be the reason or reasons why there is such hesitancy to provide that name, as well as the name of the person who gave that name to Walt Thompson?

You write:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat."

I believe the term "smokescreen" would be more appropriate than "scapegoat."

You also write:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"After hearing the testimony and evidence from both sides ASI will make a decision. Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not 'scapegoat Linda' to cover up my sins, then, in my opinion it will become obvious to the public that maybe many of these other accusations are lies also."

By referring to only two "sides" when you full well know that there are many more parties than two, and by pitting ASI's conclusions regarding your divorce and remarriage against all the remaining allegations, you again demonstrate that you have chosen not to allow ASI to review all the allegations, a fatal mistake in my opinion.

In other words, while claiming to be false the perception that you are trying to use the Linda issue as a smokescreen, you then go on to prove that that perception of the situation is correct. Thus,

Question 18: Will you and/or the 3ABN board make a formal request in writing to ASI that they examine all allegations of financial, operational, and personal misconduct, and will you provide us a copy of that letter as soon as possible, and if not, could you please list whatever you are afraid of that you might lose from such a process, and why?

You write:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"Much has been said by Johann, Arild, Barbara K. and people who didn't even know Linda and me.

"...

"That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this huge issue of mine and Linda's divorce before answering questions of all the other accusations manufactured by

Linda, Gailon, Derrell Johann, Barbara Kerr and others who have or has had an ax to grind with 3ABN."

John Lomacang on September 1 told me the same, that all these allegations were manufactured by or are the result of Linda and "her boyfriend," the doctor, and their allies. I told him I can't buy that, since the not-quite-most-recent Tommy Shelton allegations date from the first half of 2003, about a year before Linda's alleged affair. Thus,

Question 19: How did Linda, Derrell, Johann, and Barbara manufacture the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations a year before Linda's alleged affair; what sort of ax to grind against 3ABN would Church of God member Roger Clem have in 2003 that he would come forward and accuse Tommy, not 3ABN, of child molestation; and what sort of ax to grind against 3ABN would motivate members/attendees of the Church of God congregation Tommy pastored in Virginia to accuse Tommy, not 3ABN, of sexual misconduct before he ever returned to Illinois around 2000 and began working at 3ABN again?

Lastly, you write:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this **huge issue** of mine and Linda's divorce" (bold added)

As serious as the allegations are that you lied about Linda having an affair in order to justify divorcing her, it is fair to ask,

Question 20: By saying this, are you suggesting that being accused of intentionally lying about your wife being an adulteress is an extremely more serious issue than the allegation that you intentionally lied to your board chairman about the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, and thus put innocent children at continued risk?

I think these are the only challenges I see in your reply, challenges that make it difficult to use to clear you of the allegations against you. And as I have expressed to you before, I think that if you truly have the best interest of 3ABN at heart, you will need to immediately alter the way you address these issues. There is a desperate need of greater transparency, straightforwardness, and openness if these issues are ever going to go away, and I am certain that you must realize that.

May God grant you special courage and wisdom at this time.

Bob

[Danny's reply omitted.]

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Re: At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statemen

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Final questions for now on Tommy Shelton allegations.

Date: Wed, 06 Dec 2006 11:48:57 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Hi Danny.

I think this may be the last email I send you regarding the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, and I will try to end it on an encouraging note.

Again, I want to just say that you and I initiated this discussion one week ago because your board chairman, Dr. Walt Thompson, gave me some information and said:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

"I would like to request ... that you ... verify [this letter's] contents."

The following is what I can thus far come up with regarding some of the allegations against Tommy:

- Walt claims that there are allegations of some sort against Tommy regarding children that are 30 years old.
- Tommy's ordination with the Church of God, Anderson, was revoked around 1985 because of allegations of child molestation arising from his pastoring the Ezra congregation in West Frankfort, Illinois.
- Roger Clem claims that he was molested at the age of 16, which would be about 1988, while Tommy was pastoring the breakaway Ezra congregation that had sided with him and against the previous alleged victims.
- Tommy pastored a Church of God congregation in Dunn Loring, Virginia, from 1995 to about 2000, and then left apparently because of the surfacing of some sort of sexual misconduct allegations against him.
- Just now in late 2006 we have a new allegation of child molestation coming to light in Virginia at the Church of God congregation where he used to pastor.

Gailon has talked to quite a few individuals on this matter. As of this point, I have only spoken to Walt Thompson, Church of God pastor Glenn Dryden, a member of the board of the Dunn Loring congregation who wished to remain anonymous, and alleged victim Roger Clem.

Walt wrote:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

"Based upon my understanding that Dryden had had a long standing feud with Tommy over factors unrelated to the above accusations ...

"Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was out to get him - a jealousy that has continued to the present."

Both Roger Clem and the Dunn Loring board member I spoke with made it very

plain that there was no malice, no feud, and no jealousy between the two men. The board member said that they had known Dryden and his family since 1990, and that they first heard rumors two years ago, which was a year or more before Dryden returned to Virginia. (Why did they hear about it only two years ago? They said they had had a lesser position and thus would not have been privy to such allegations.)

Question 21: Do you believe that the above scenario(s) and time line painted by these four individuals is fairly accurate, and if so, why did you essentially tell Walt Thompson, as he claims, that there were no new allegations for the last 30 years, and if not, how many more individuals do you think I should interview before concluding that the above time line is essentially correct?

Walt wrote:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson
"No physical actions ever occurred."

Pastor Dryden, based on what alleged victims have confided to him, and Roger Clem, based on his own experience, both declare that this is false. Thus,

Question 22: Do you personally believe that no physical action occurred, and if not, what way would you propose that we establish that none indeed occurred?

Soon after Clem came forward in 2003, Tommy phoned him. Clem says that it was somewhere around a year later when he sent a letter to Tommy. That letter ended with the following:

Originally Posted By: Roger Clem

"I will tell you up front, if I get a letter or phone call from your brother or an attorney that in any way appears threatening, I will immediately go to the sheriff's office and file charges against you. This has gone on long enough with nothing being done. This is Not a threat. It all rests on you Tommy, let your conscience be your guide. I will not wait long before I will decide what action is best to resolve this."

Clem says that before Tommy had a chance to open and read the letter, Tommy's wife had opened it, even though it was addressed to Tommy, and read it to their daughters, and was calling Clem about it.

Question 23: Is there any tendency among Tommy's family to try to cover for him when these sort of allegations come up?

Clem had stated clearly, "I will not wait long before I will decide what action is best to resolve this," and he claims that Tommy called him the next day, this second phone call taking place a year or so after the previous one, and said,

Originally Posted By: Tommy Shelton
"What do you want me to do?"

Clem replied,

Originally Posted By: Roger Clem
"Register as a sex offender."

Clem claims that Tommy replied,

Originally Posted By: Tommy Shelton
"Well, that's just not going to happen. I've dealt with it with my family. I've dealt with it in counseling. That's all I feel I should have to do."

Thus,

Question 24: Do you believe that Tommy did indeed make this much of an admission verbally and/or made anything akin to this kind of reply, and if so, a) do you agree that all that's necessary for someone to do who has had allegations of child molestation leveled against them for so many years is to deal with it in their family and in counseling, and b) can you please describe for us the nature, timing, and duration of the counseling Tommy obtained?

I touched on the next one previously. Walt wrote:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson
"Accept for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records of the allegations."

Clem has two brothers. In one of the two calls Tommy made to Clem in 2003 and 2004, Clem asked Tommy,

Originally Posted By: Roger Clem
"Did the same thing happen to my brother that happened to me?"

And, according to Clem, Tommy replied,

Originally Posted By: Tommy Shelton
"Which one?"

Other things that Clem claimed were that people caught Tommy with boys doing things that he shouldn't have been doing on back roads and such. He claims that abuse happened at church, at Tommy's house and in his car, and right down the road from the first building of "3 Angels."

Dryden wrote:

Originally Posted By: Pastor Glenn Dryden
"In the summer of 1993 as my wife and two teenage sons and I were preparing to relocate from Northern Virginia to West Frankfort, Illinois, Tommy Shelton again was visiting in Virginia and asked to meet with my wife and I. During this meeting he alerted us that we may 'hear some things' when we got to Illinois. He also informed us at this meeting that he had been caught in a lie during his pastorate at the Ezra Church of God, intimated extenuating circumstances and said he had sought and received forgiveness. Indeed we did hear some things after arriving in West

Frankfort, Illinois, in mid-1993, including the circumstances surrounding the lie (He was found alone with a young man in a home to which he had access and when challenged said the young man [who was out of view] was his son when in fact he was not. The individual who came upon him confirmed this by immediately driving to the church school Tommy's son attended and finding his son there.). It was not until another victim's mother spoke with me in early 1996 that I fully realized that not only was sexual abuse of adolescent boys the nature of the allegations but that there was substance to these allegations as well."

Clem told the same story without being asked, and added this one detail: The lady from the congregation after seeing Tommy's son at the school drove back to the house and saw a red-faced boy leaving it, trying to cover his face.

After Clem came forward in early 2003, he claims that Tommy called him shortly thereafter. Clem was very open about everything in his church and community, and told me by name about two ministry leaders or pastors of two different faiths, individuals who had backed Tommy previously, whom he approached and informed that the allegations were true after all because it had happened to him. One of those men said, "You don't know how much that disturbs me."

Question 25: Would you consider that these accounts are essentially correct, and if so, why did Walt think there were no other accounts of allegations except for Dryden's, and if not, which precise points would you dispute and which ones would you not?

Clem claims, as Dryden did, that Tommy has never given a meaningful apology. He also says that Tommy has never apologized in writing and is manipulative. In his letter sent around 2004 to Tommy, Clem wrote, among other things,

Originally Posted By: Roger Clem

"When someone would confront you about what you did, you would try to take the attention off of what you did by having some sort of health problem (loss of memory, heart problems, nervous breakdown). It seemed odd to me that you recovered quick when you realized that you were in the clear. You really disgust me. It makes me sick to realize how many lives you damaged and the only time that you feel the need to apologize is when it all comes back up again. Then you put on this POOR PITIFUL ME act (how you wish it didn't happen, the reason you do this is because you were abused as a child, you would take it all back if you could, and the all-time favorite, please don't put my family through this again). What about what you put all of us through?"

Question 26: Is there any truth to the allegation that Tommy resorted to manipulative behavior, such as having transient health problems and/or trying to create sympathy in order to hush up the accusers; and can you give us examples of when and to whom Tommy apologized either before a big public spectacle took place, or when he apologized in writing, or both?

In the same letter, Clem writes:

Originally Posted By: Roger Clem

"Then what makes me mad is when your brother calls to try to scare people into not saying anything or when the church receives a letter from Mike Riva telling us to stop saying anything. ... I will tell you up front, if I get a letter or phone call from your brother or an attorney that in any way appears threatening, I will immediately go to the sheriff's office and file charges against you."

Similarly, the board member I spoke with from Dunn Loring, Virginia said that whenever allegations would arise, you would "execute a lot of pressure," and "make them go away."

Question 27: Is it true that you called people who were raising allegations, and what exactly did you say that might have given them the idea that you were trying to pressure them into silence?

Your Illinois Tax Case lists as one of the attorneys present,

Originally Posted By: 3ABN v. Dept. of Rev. of the St. of Il.
"Mr. D. Michael Riva for 3 Angels Broadcasting Network."

On June 13, 2003, Riva issued a letter that appears to be a reply to Pastor Glenn Dryden's letter of May 14, 2003. In that letter of seven paragraphs, paragraphs 1, 2, 6, and 7 contain language threatening legal action against both the Ezra Church of God and Pastor Dryden. From what I can tell, and I am not an attorney, the only legal basis he gives for such a potential lawsuit appears in paragraphs 3-5, and consists of supporting arguments after the following sentence:

Originally Posted By: D. Michael Riva

"Even if the actions occurred, there is no criminal jeopardy as the statute of limitations has long since passed." (bold added)

Question 28: Do you think that it was wise for an attorney who does or has served the network that preaches the undiluted three angels' messages to use this sort of logic to threaten a non-Adventist minister with legal action in order to shut him up regarding his concerns over alleged child molestation?

Since the attorney who sent this threatening letter does or has served 3ABN, this question appears in order:

Question 29: Did Mr. Riva perform his services for Tommy Shelton pro bono, or did Tommy pay for them out of his own pocket, or did you pay for them out of your own pocket, or did 3ABN cover the cost, and what sort of documentation can you provide to substantiate your answer?

Pastor Dryden writes:

Originally Posted By: Pastor Glenn Dryden

"Tommy vaguely alluded to the allegations in Illinois at times in his preaching when invited by our founding pastors to minister at the Community Church of God in the late 1980s. He did so by speaking not of the allegations but of the '**persecution**' he and his family suffered as a consequence. He was successful in drawing sympathy

thereby as he spoke of hardship suffered by he and his family." (bold added)

Now let us consider the following facts:

- A special 3ABN Live telecast on August 10, 2006, claimed that you and 3ABN were receiving "**persecution**" and that "lies" were being told about you.
- Shelley Quinn in that broadcast, to all appearances, compared you to John the Baptist, Linda to Herodias, and Salome to Linda's daughter.
- Before Shelley identified the daughter she was speaking of as being Salome, she described her as one who had become "entangled in the web of deceit," when the Bible story does not indicate that there was any deceit involved in regard to Herodias and Salome.
- Linda's daughter had previously issued a signed and confidential statement alleging that you had sexually assaulted her.

Thus it appears that that broadcast was particularly attempting to call Linda's daughter's allegations a lie and "**persecution**," even though throughout the broadcast the claim was repeatedly made that you and the others would not be defending yourselves.

Question 30: Would you have any comment to make about this apparent similarity between how Tommy (according to Dryden) and you have both related to allegations of sexual misconduct?

On November 4 you wrote to me and said, among other things,

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"I will just say this, ... I have done nothing legally wrong in my administration with 3ABN."

According to what Hal Steenson and John Lomacang told me, I'm uncertain that this is true. But I won't go into that now.

I want to end by sharing with you a story from the Spirit of Prophecy, a story from a sermon given by Ellen White in Minneapolis in 1888 and from an 1888 letter, that is hard for me to read without getting choked up. I was talking to my family about it yesterday, and even though it's been a long time since I read it through, it still got to me. And while formatting it for this email, I could not refrain from weeping.

If any of the more serious allegations against you, Tommy, and anyone else are true, I invite you and them to consider following the example of the man she referred to, and just see if perchance there may be a possibility that you will reap similar results of blessings and good will, and that the cause of God will advance with much greater power.

Originally Posted By: Ellen G. White

"We have seen of the grace of God since we met you last. ... I was at the Selma camp meeting. During my stay there I was introduced to a tall man--over six feet tall--and well proportioned. When he took my hand he seemed much affected and said, 'I am

so glad to meet you; I am thankful that I can speak with you.' After going into the tent a brother came in and said, 'That man has a history.' Then he went on and told how a year before he had been converted; how he had once kept the Sabbath but had gone back, and how he claimed that he never had been converted. Then after he gave up the truth he went back into the company of hard cases, and Satan took complete possession of him. Two or three were linked with him in his wickedness--men who would not want it to be known that they were in such business. They stole and did wickedness in every way.

"He was not a licentious man; he had a wife and he respected her. She was a Sabbathkeeper, and he would not allow a word to be said against her. This was the position he took; he loved her, but not enough to stop his evil course. He did not care for the spoil of his robberies, but did it for the enjoyment he found in it. Well, Elder [E.P.] Daniels was holding meetings, and he was speaking on confession. What was said seemed to take hold of this man's mind, and he could not resist. He seemed to turn white, and then left the tent. He could not stand it. He went out and then he came back again. This he did three times; he looked as if he were going to faint away.

"After the meeting had closed he said, 'I must talk to you, sir.' He told Elder Daniels his condition and said, 'Is there any hope for me? I am a lost man; I am undone; I am a sinner. Will you pray for me? I dare not leave this place to go home for fear the Lord will cut me down in my sins.' He said he could not stay in the tent, and went out again and again, but did not dare remain outside for fear the power of the devil should fasten on him and that would be the last of him.

"They prayed for him, and the man was converted right there. The defiant look was gone; his countenance was changed. 'Now,' said he, 'I have a work to do. I stole thirty-one sheep from that man in Selma, and I must go and confess to him.' Elder Daniels was afraid to have it known for fear they would shut him up. He said he would rather go to prison and stay there than to think that Christ had not forgiven his sin. So he started, with a young man who before this was engaged with him in thefts, to go and see the man. He met the man on the road and stopped him. The man commenced to shake like an aspen leaf. He was an infidel. Well, he got on his knees before them in the road and begged to be forgiven. The man asked, 'Where did you get this? What has brought you into this state? I did not know that there was any such religion as this.' They told him that they had been down to the camp meeting, and heard it preached there. 'Well,' said he, 'I will go over to that meeting.'

"They confessed to having burned houses and barns. And they went to the grand jury and confessed to having stolen here and there. Mind, they confessed to the authorities. They said, 'We deliver ourselves up. Do with us as you see fit.' So the case was considered in court, and they had a council over the matter. One suggested that they better put those men through. The judge looked at him and said, 'What, put him through? Put a man through that God is putting through? Would you take hold of a man that God is taking hold of? Whom God's forgiving power has taken hold of? Would you do that? No, I would rather have my right arm cut off to the shoulder.' Something got hold of those men so that they all wept as children.

"The report of that experience went everywhere. People thought that there was a power in this truth that was in nothing else--a power that shows that Jesus lives. We

have seen the power of His grace manifested in many cases in a remarkable manner." (1888 Materials, pp. 81, 82)


"Brother Will Smith is a man that was converted last year. He was in the truth years ago, but for some reason gave it up, and the devil took possession of him, and he became a desperado. His wife kept the Sabbath. He is a tall, well developed, powerfully built man. He went into all sorts of lawlessness, stealing, and tried to kill, but his victim did not come in just when he was prepared to kill him. Last year at Fresno under the labors of Elder [E.P.] Daniels he was powerfully wrought upon, and he repented with another backslider who had gone with him in all his wickedness. Then commenced the work of confession and restitution. One man they went to see and met him in the road and down they went in the very dust and dirt on their knees, weeping and confessing, and the infidel wept like a child. 'Now,' said they, 'We want you to forgive us, and we do not ask you to arrest us for stealing your sheep, but we ask pardon; we will pay every cent of the cost of the sheep.'

"The man who had been wronged said, 'What has wrought upon you to make this confession?' Said they, 'We have been attending the campmeeting, and the spirit and power of God and the religion of Jesus Christ have taken hold upon us.' 'Well,' said the man, 'If the work done there is of this order I must go there,' and he did go, and he did tremble under the sharp arrows of God. The influence of these confessions made to many others who have been wronged, is as far reaching as eternity. This man in his wickedness had nothing, but since his conversion the Lord has blessed him greatly with means, and he is using it in making restitution and in advancing the cause of truth. He is free, generous to a fault, he is humble as a child, sitting at the feet of Jesus, ready and willing to do anything. He takes 150 Signs and distributes. He has done more missionary work alone the past year than the whole Fresno Church together." (Manuscript Releases, vol. 6, pp. 150, 151)

May God grant you, Tommy, and the rest by His grace the courage to right every wrong, whether that wrong be small or great.

Bob

Johann
(300+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 07:35
PM

 **Re: At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statemen**

Let's pray this will be accepted in the spirit it is written, and that it will be taken seriously!

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/08/06 10:59
PM

 **Truce?**

This was the appeal I sent to Danny Wednesday night.

I wish I could say that the reply I got back was not defiant. That reply will not be posted at this time.

Bob

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Truce?

Date: Wed, 06 Dec 2006 19:41:51 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

Hi Danny.

This is more of a pastoral letter than anything else.

You know, before I sent that last email, I was really beginning to feel bad for you. It looks like such an impossible situation, with no good solutions, like a bad dream. I would not want to be in your shoes just now.

I've been in bad situations before (nothing like this, though), and it sure wasn't fun. It can be so devastating. And I truly do feel bad for you.

What do you think would bring the most glory to God, and be truly the best for 3ABN? Would it not be to step aside after doing what you can to facilitate the immediate implementation of some of the structural reforms Gailon has had in mind, where there are proper checks and balances to prevent this kind of thing from ever happening again?

I just thought I would try to reach out to you before, well, before whatever happens next.

Did you have opportunity to read that story from the SOP I attached to the end of my last letter? What did you think of that? I honestly could not read it without breaking down and crying. Praise God for His mercy, power, and grace!

Long ago I had a sermon entitled, "Mercy for Manasseh." Too many people think they have sinned too much to be pardoned, forgiven, cleansed, and saved. Well, Manasseh was a preacher's kid of sorts, offered his own kids up as sacrifices, sawed Isaiah in half, and filled Jerusalem with blood, and the Bible even says that God sent Judah into captivity because God couldn't forgive Manasseh's sins.

Yet in spite of all that, when Manasseh was in a dungeon in Babylon, he turned to God and prayed, and God forgave him personally even though He could not forgive the nation as a whole for those sins, and Manasseh was restored to his throne.


Then he immediately went about trying to undo all the damage he had done. Of course he couldn't succeed in that entirely, but he tried, and that's all that God is looking for.

Now if God could pardon Manasseh, he most certainly can pardon you and me. Praise His name!

Do you believe that? That's the first and biggest step, to believe. Would you take that step just now?

Bob

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/10/06 07:15
 PM

 **Re: Truce?**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Truce?

Date: Wed, 6 Dec 2006 23:18:59 -0600

From: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson

Bob,

If you really are a pastor I feel sorry for you. You should know better than to listen to rumors and false accusations and judge those are doing the work of God. It seems your time would be better spent winning souls than trying to destroy people.

Please don't feel sorry for me. I am very happy. I have spent the last 22 years of my life doing what God has called me to do.

God's word does not tell us that serving Jesus will be easy. Look what happened to the Son of God when he walked among people. They wrongly judged Jesus just as you and Gailon and others are doing with me and the 3ABN board and others as you see fit. You are a pawn in Linda's hand and you apparently don't even know it or maybe it's just that you don't care.

I don't know.

You might want to ask yourself how you would have stood had you lived on earth when Jesus was here. Would you have judged Him also and found Him wanting?

I feel sorry for you and Gailon and others who have fallen for lies. I am very confident that an unbiased ASI group will see truth when it is presented to them.

You and Gailon have judged me based on rumors and lies. The ASI group will judge me and Linda based on evidence. I have told you all along that I have evidence that I have not presented to you because I didn't need to. I was saving it for the right time if necessary. I believe that now is the time to present eye witnesses and evidence at the ASI hearing.

3ABN has always had check and balances. Our financial records are in perfect order. We have nothing to hide. It's just that we don't have to show every one who comes along all our records just because he thinks he is a Sherlock Holmes as you and Gailon seem to think you are.

You have bought Linda's lie hook line and sinker because you have believed a few people who claim to "know" certain things.

You will ultimately find you are wrong even tho you may never admit it.

Linda knows all the bad seeds she has planted about the management of 3ABN is not true. It is all a smoke screen. If all this wrong doing had been going on all these years then she would also be accountable as she was the VP of 3ABN. Yes, she was privy to all facets of this ministry. No secrets were kept from her.

Why is she now "spilling the beans". If she honestly saw such terrible mis

management why didn't she do the right thing and bring glory to God by giving everyone a chance to correct wrong doing or as a last resort "spill the beans" to the right authorities. We are supposed to love God more than father mother sister or brother. I realize all this is going over your head, but for some reason I'm writing it anyway.

3ABN is God's ministry. He will take care of us as He has for the last 22 years.

I'm amazed that if those of us in leadership are so crooked and such awful liars as you and your group seem to think, that God would continue to bless us in every way.

This has been our best year ever financially. Our wills and trust department has brought in more money this year than ever before also.

Virtually every day I hear from or about people around the whole world who have given their life to Jesus by watching 3ABN and others who have already joined the SDA church because of the ministry of 3ABN.

The bible says we will know people by their fruits. The fruit of 3ABN's labor under the direction of our 3ABN board, with God's added blessings, has been wonderfully successful in the last 22 years. But the truth is we have never grown so fast as we have the last 2 1/2 years.

Bob, you are trying to look at the physical side of the controversy between good and evil. Satan is the prince of the flesh. Those who follow after flesh will/have been deceived. You will only make it through to the kingdom of God when you begin to live in the spiritual world

If I lived in the physical realm I might be troubled and discouraged and might even want to quit. But because the picture that God shows all of us when we look at the spiritual realm is,, that God has us in the palm of His hand! He will never leave us or forsake us. In the spiritual realm one praises God for trials and tribulation thrown at him. This is the Jesus treatment. We all deserve this kind of treatment. It purifies us as gold in the fire.

No Bob, the last thing on my mind right now is resigning from 3ABN. I will resign when the Lord is ready for it.

Most of the complainers are not the prayer warriors and financial contributors to 3ABN. You have a few people following the deception road you are traveling, but for the most part, people support those who are giving them spiritual food.

You can believe Gailon and Linda if you choose. But I know first hand about their lies they have told. Barb Kerr just wrote me and told me that Gailon is voicing that he has uncovered at least 8-10 affairs that I have had since I married Linda. God knows and I know that is lie. There has never been one!

I have talked to church leaders who tell me that Gailon Joy could not be Christian. They judge him by his fruits, his emails he sends them. He is not making an impact on responsible SDA's for the good. Quite the contrary. To the spiritually discerning Christian, it is easy to read Gailon's arrogance, his pride, his hatred towards me and any who oppose his views. In the long run, I'm predicting that he will be no help to Linda's cause.

I shocked that you as a pastor, if you are one, would rally behind someone with so un Christian of a spirit. It seems it would be easy for you to see. Most people I have talked to that he has sent emails to them, say things like "This guy is a nut". Some have said he is obviously led by the Devil, ect, ect. When you wake up outside your little chatroom world you will find he has no credibility. People finding out that he is a convicted embezzler has helped your little group also.
 You don't need to answer this email to you.
 Ps. I didn't read the last two emails from you. I just deleted them so I don't know what story you are talking about, but you don't need to bother to re send it.
 Thanks,

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/10/06 07:16
 PM

 **Re: Truce?**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Truce?

Date: Sat, 09 Dec 2006 20:41:13 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Greetings.

I hesitate to send a copy of this to Elder Denslow too, since some of the points seem less important than the major, major issues we have been discussing the last ten days, but since he is the conference president and a member of the 3ABN board, I do think I need to keep him abreast of all of this correspondence. Particularly, I think he needs to see the pastoral appeal I wrote to Danny late Wednesday, as well as your reply to it, both of which appear at the bottom of my reply to yours.

You'll have to pardon me, but I'm not exactly sure who to address this reply to. I can see at least five internal clues in your reply that Danny Shelton was not the author. And a couple others who have read it are likewise absolutely positive that Danny didn't write it. So I will address you as the author, but speak of Danny in third person.

You write:

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"It seems your time would be better spent winning souls than trying to destroy people."

You will be happy to know that just last Sunday afternoon, I spent four and a half hours in a Bible study in a home of a family of ten. Wasn't sure what to expect since the idea was for them to share with me where Adventists could improve in their doctrines. We ended up covering the topics they chose such as the Spirit of Prophecy, the scapegoat, the investigative judgment, the perpetuity of the law of God and spiritual gifts, law and grace, Christ in the Old Testament, and the Sabbath. We parted with them asking for literature about the Sabbath.

We didn't discuss the state of the dead, though. My daughter had covered that last time we met.

You write:

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"I feel sorry for you and Gailon and others who have fallen for lies. ... You and Gailon have judged me based on rumors and lies."

I am not sure what to make of this. Since our current discussion began Wednesday a week ago because of Dr. Walt Thompson's written statement that Danny had essentially misled him regarding the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, are you trying to say that Danny's trusted board chairman and staunch defender was lying to me?

You write:

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"I am very confident that an unbiased ASI group will see truth when it is presented to them. ... The ASI group will judge me and Linda based on evidence."

In my opinion, Danny's persistent refusal to allow ASI to review all the allegations, including the elaborate fabrication Dr. Thompson indicated that Danny told him in 2003 in order to cover up the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of his brother's child molestation allegations, that persistent refusal is a fatal mistake. And that fact is obvious to nearly everyone who knows about it.

You write:

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"Our financial records are in perfect order. We have nothing to hide. It's just that we don't have to show every one who comes along all our records just because he thinks he is a Sherlock Holmes as you and Gailon seem to think you are. You have bought Linda's lie hook line and sinker because you have believed a few people who claim to 'know' certain things."

Maybe Danny didn't tell you that I didn't believe outright what Gailon wrote about his trying to hide during his distribution of marital assets case the amounts that he pocketed from the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* last spring. That's why I wrote Danny on Oct. 31 and asked him if he was indeed trying to hide that, and I also asked him how much royalty was paid by whom and to whom. Did he really get 11 cents a book x 4.5 million books = roughly \$500,000?

Since in Danny's four replies he evaded all attempts to clarify that figure, he thus led me to believe that his personal profits from that free distribution must have been substantial. And on Nov. 3 he did say:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"The info Galon or whomever, gave you about royalties and costs of books ect. is a

lie also. ...

"I will not at this time divulge any more info about this book at this time. I may when mine and her settlement case is over."

And as I made very clear in my next reply to Danny, I took these words to mean that he was indeed hiding how much he had profited from the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* during the distribution of marital assets proceedings. Correct me if I am wrong, but Danny did not correct my perception in his replies of November 4 and 5, and still today, I am at a loss to take his words in any other way.

In other words, I have come to believe that Danny did make a killing on the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*, and that he was trying to hide the amounts of those profits during his distribution of marital assets proceedings, I have come to believe that because of Danny's own testimony, not because of what Gailon or any of Danny's critics have said.

You write:

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"Linda knows all the bad seeds she has planted about the management of 3ABN is not true. It is all a smoke screen. If all this wrong doing had been going on all these years then she would also be accountable as she was the VP of 3ABN. Yes, she was privy to all facets of this ministry. No secrets were kept from her."

This has been my concern almost from the beginning. I have been concerned that Danny might try to take anyone and everyone down with him, including the totally innocent and those who have simply made some innocent mistakes.

Whether Linda falls into that category, I cannot say and do not know. But I would advise Danny that it will not be good PR for his cause if he starts trying to drag a host of others into the midst of this.

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"I'm amazed that if those of us in leadership are so crooked and such awful liars as you and your group seem to think, that God would continue to bless us in every way. This has been our best year ever financially. Our wills and trust department has brought in more money this year than ever before also."

I am a bit puzzled at this. The book of Job; Mat. 5:45; Luke 12:16-20; 16:23-25; Rev. 3:17; and other passages all tell us that material blessings are not necessarily evidence that we are in the Lord's will, and Seventh-day Adventists have always believed and taught that. Are you suggesting that Danny no longer believes this?

You write:

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"No Bob, the last thing on my mind right now is resigning from 3ABN. I will resign when the Lord is ready for it."

I think any unbiased onlooker to our discussions the last ten days would say that the Lord is ready for it. Shall we take a poll?

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"Most of the complainers are not the prayer warriors and financial contributors to 3ABN."

This may in part be due to the fact that Danny apparently ensures that those who don't personally agree with his course are removed from or prevented from being on 3ABN's email lists. I only suggest that because I signed up a long time ago and have yet to receive a thing.

And of course, anyone who finds out that Danny's own board chairman has essentially admitted that Danny misled him regarding the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations would likely hesitate to continue financially supporting 3ABN, until these extremely serious issues are resolved. Most folks probably do not want to contribute to a ministry if they think their contribution just might possibly get diverted from the Lord's work and be used instead to defend and settle cases of alleged child molestation. And with the apparent negligence that Danny has shown in this matter, one can only dream of the amount of punitive damages a jury just might award.

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"You can believe Gailon and Linda if you choose. But I know first hand about their lies they have told. Barb Kerr just wrote me and told me that Gailon is voicing that he has uncovered at least 8-10 affairs that I have had since I married Linda. God knows and I know that is lie. There has never been one!"

For the record, I am basing what I believe to be fact upon what Danny, Dr. Thompson, Hal and Mollie Steenson, John Lomacang, Melody Firestone, and the O'Briens have said.

As far as how many affairs Gailon said that Danny has had, Gailon's actual wording in his email of Nov. 26 states that Danny has had "inappropriate relationships," not "affairs." I would very much appreciate Danny writing back and stating unequivocally that he has not had one single inappropriate relationship in the last 22 years.

Regarding Barb Kerr's main reason for writing Danny:

Originally Posted By: Barb Kerr

"I am writing once again to ask you to donate the master copies of all of my cooking videos to my ministry. I now have my non-profit 501(c)(3) status and would be happy to give you a receipt for your donation. I would also like, in writing, a statement that gives me the rights to use the programs as I see fit. I appreciate so much your generosity towards my ministry since you are no longer airing the programs or selling them."

Will Danny be donating the master copies of and rights to Barbara Kerr's cooking

programs that she put so much effort and time into, and if so, when, and if not, why not?

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"I have talked to church leaders who tell me that Gailon Joy could not be Christian."

Which church leaders have told Danny that? How can we be sure that this statement is any more factual than the fabrication that the child molestation allegations against Tommy Shelton are all 30 years old?

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"People finding out that he is a convicted embezzler has helped your little group also."

Yes, as he explained in detail to Danny, Gailon did convert to his own use money that he had an interest in, which according to Vermont statute constitutes embezzlement. In laymen's oversimplified, imprecise, and not quite accurate terms, he stole his own money. This sounds just a tad more serious than the charge that Ellen White plagiarized since she didn't use quotation marks and cite references in every instance where she copied from her own writings.

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"Ps. I didn't read the last two emails from you. I just deleted them so I don't know what story you are talking about, but you don't need to bother to re send it."

Here is something which one of Danny's friends pointed out to me when he called the other day. Danny wrote on Tuesday:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat. ... Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not 'scapegoat Linda'"

I replied in my next to last email:

Originally Posted By: Bob

"I believe the term 'smokescreen' would be more appropriate than 'scapegoat.' "

And in this email you write:



Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"It is all a smoke screen."

Danny's friend thought that this indicated for sure that either you or Danny had indeed read my next to last email, contrary to your assertion. Or, as someone pointed out, instead of reading them, maybe Danny had someone read my last two emails to him. Thus, he could have known their contents without actually reading them.

Thanks so much for passing on this reply to Danny.

	Bob
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/10/06 07:17 PM</p>	<p>Re: Truce?</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: Truce? Date: Sun, 10 Dec 2006 09:03:58 -0600 To: Danny Shelton CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow</p> <p>Sorry to bother you again, Danny's penman, but I think the following should be added to my reply to your reply.</p> <p>Romans 2:1 says, "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."</p> <p>You wrote:</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Unknown Author "I have talked to church leaders who tell me that Gailon Joy could not be Christian. They judge him by his fruits, his emails he sends them. He is not making an impact on responsible SDA's for the good. Quite the contrary. To the spiritually discerning Christian, it is easy to read Gailon's arrogance, his pride, his hatred towards me and any who oppose his views. In the long run, I'm predicting that he will be no help to Linda's cause. I shocked that you as a pastor, if you are one, would rally behind someone with so unchristian of a spirit. It seems it would be easy for you to see. Most people I have talked to that he has sent emails to them, say things like 'This guy is a nut'. Some have said he is obviously led by the Devil, ect, ect."</p> <p>Arrogance, pride, hatred toward anyone who opposes his views, an unchristian spirit. If that really is the correct way to characterize Gailon Joy's emails, then perhaps you and he have a few things in common. Take, for example, the emails Danny sent Johann on May 31 and June 3, 2004, or some of the ones Danny has sent me. "It seems it would be easy for you to see."</p> <p>Truly hoping that you both might surrender all to our Lord Jesus at this eleventh hour,</p> <p>Bob</p>
<p>7Trumpets (New Member (MSDAOL)) 12/10/06 07:43 PM</p>	<p>Re: Truce?</p> <p>"Danny's reply" certainly did not sound like it was coming from Danny. Glad you caught that one.</p>
<p>Daryl Fawcett</p>	

<p>(16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/10/06 09:09 PM</p> 	<p>Re: Truce?</p> <p>Bob,</p> <p>How do you know it didn't come from Danny?</p>
<p>Redfog (600+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/10/06 09:51 PM</p> 	<p>Re: Truce?</p> <p>It's interesting to know that business that are doing well are all blessed by God, i.e. casino's, the mob, beer companies, drug cartels....</p> <p>Redfog</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/11/06 12:06 AM</p>	<p>Re: Truce?</p> <p>Daryl,</p> <p>Can't say, 'cause next time they might do a better job and then it would be harder to tell.</p> <p>RedFog,</p> <p>Good point.</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/15/06 10:01 AM</p>	<p>Question on discrepancy regarding automobile title.</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Question on discrepancy regarding automobile title. Date: Thu, 14 Dec 2006 09:44:17 -0600 To: Danny Shelton CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow</p> <p>Greetings, Danny.</p> <p>I came across a discrepancy yesterday, and was wondering if you could help me out with it. I'll write this as if I'm tacking it on to the four emails I sent at Dr. Walt Thompson's suggestion (he had written me and said, "<u>I would like to request ... that you ... verify [this letter's] contents</u>"), even though the topic is a little different.</p> <p>For the last four months I've tried to avoid digging through the details regarding your divorce and remarriage. It just hasn't interested me; I haven't been on a mission to</p>

exonerate Linda. But it does seem appropriate to finally look into the topic a little.

What I'm trying to do is avoid any and all details that are based merely on your or Linda's word, and stick with concrete facts that can be irrefutably proven using legal and other documents. Thus, your statements to Gailon in your email of October 8, 2006, caught my attention.

You will recall that in that email you went into a bit of detail about how good a "liar" Linda is, and then described the watch incident. Since you and she dispute the cost of the watch, the reason for the gift, and the precise circumstances of its discovery, I want to ignore that and just touch on the following:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"She told me that she was going to go lay out by the swimming pool. I decided to go look in her car for any evidence to support the PI's claim that had not been mailed to me yet. Our car door was locked. **Yes, I'm aware that she claims it was her car but I have proof that it is titled to both she and I even unto this day.** She didn't apparently remember that I too had keys to this Toyota Sequoia. I opened the car door and opened the glove compartment. What did I see? Yes, I saw the same watch described to me by the PI.

...

"I then pulled the picture of the watch from underneath my shirt and showed it to her at which point she yelled out, **"I can't believe you broke into my car and got into my personal belongings!** This is abuse!" (bold added)

I received a fax of Linda's automobile title from her bank yesterday. You can view the title's top half, the half that contains all the details, at Maritime. The VIN on the title did check out as belonging to a Toyota Sequoia (4 dr. wagon/sport utility with a 4.7 V8), so you are correct about that. I'll put below the portions that concern the date of purchase, the date the title was issued, and the owner(s) listed on the title:

PURCHASE DATE
12/30/02

DATE ISSUED
02/11/03

OWNER(S) NAME AND ADDRESS

LINDA'S SHELTON
 2954 NEW LAKE RD
 WEST FRANKFORT, IL 62896

FIRST LIENHOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS

Question 31: Can you explain how Linda's title has had only her name on it since February 11, 2003, when you claimed that your name was also on the title, or do you have any other explanation for this discrepancy?

It would not surprise me if Linda has difficulty telling the truth, and so if you do have irrefutable, concrete evidence similar to the above that Linda has indeed lied, please send it to me at your earliest convenience.

Regarding my previous four emails containing questions about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, I do hope you can soon provide either some answers to explain the discrepancies or at least issue an apology for how those allegations were handled. I think it is absolutely vital that you give some sort of response as soon as possible that either directly addresses those discrepancies or makes an apology, for each day that goes by without this, it just seems that your credibility is called more and more into question.

Trusting that your day will be filled with the peace that passes understanding, peace that comes from the presence of the Spirit in a heart renewed and cleansed by divine grace,

Bob

Bob Pickle
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Re: Question on discrepancy regarding automobile title.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Question on Linda's vacations with the doctor.




Date: Sun, 17 Dec 2006 21:44:00 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson

Hi Danny.

I noticed that in your email to Gregory Matthews on Oct. 27, 2004, that you got very specific about the number, location, timing, and duration of vacations that Linda took with the doctor, and that you stated that you had proof of these things. If you do have such proof, I would definitely consider joining your camp. What sort of proof do you have?

	<p>It's been two and a half weeks since I wrote you at Dr. Walt Thompson's request. Have you been able to find any explanations for the discrepancies regarding your brother's child molestation allegations?</p> <p>Did you get my last email about the automobile title discrepancy? If so, have you been able to find an explanation yet for that discrepancy?</p> <p>Bob</p>
<p>Johann (300+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/21/06 12:21 AM</p>	<p> Re: Question on discrepancy regarding automobile title.</p> <p>It so happens that my wife, Irmgard and I, rode with Linda in that very Toyota around the holidays in 2003 - it was either December 2003 or January 2004. I later rode in it in May 2004, and then in July 2005. I had also seen Linda driving it in January 2003. Still the same vehicle.</p> <p>Johann Thorvaldsson</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/21/06 08:20 AM</p>	<p> Re: Question on discrepancy regarding automobile title.</p> <p>Thanks for that info, Pastor Thorvaldsson.</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/21/06 08:26 AM</p>	<p> Questions pertaining to conversation with Hal Steenson</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Questions pertaining to conversation with Hal Steenson Date: Wed, 20 Dec 2006 22:29:36 -0600 To: Danny Shelton CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow</p> <p>Greetings, Danny.</p> <p>In my [second] email to you of December 6, I left you hanging a bit at the end, and I don't think that's fair. So I thought I'd write you again and fill my comment in a little. In that email I wrote:</p> <p>Quote: "On November 4 you wrote to me and said, among other things,</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton " 'I will just say this, ... I have done nothing legally wrong in my administration with 3ABN.'</p> <p>"According to what Hal Steenson and John Lomacang told me, I'm uncertain that this is true. But I won't go into that now."</p>

It isn't fair to you to keep you hanging forever on that one, so I will touch on it now. On August 3 or 4 (most likely 4), 2006, at the ASI Convention, I had opportunity to privately ask Hal Steenson a few questions without anyone overhearing us. One of those questions was simply when your daughter Melody got married. Hal diverted the conversation to that of you and Linda, a topic I wasn't even going to touch, and gave me as proof of Linda's guilt three things:

- Since the only Bible grounds for divorce and remarriage is fornication, and since you got remarried, Linda has to be guilty.
- Since the board is composed of godly people and they went along with it, Linda has to be guilty.
- There is a recording that is so bad, conference presidents have listened to it and after 30 seconds they say, "Turn it off," it is that convincing.

As of late October, your conference president had not yet heard it. Thus,

Question 32: Who all has heard this recording, and which conference presidents have heard it, or did Hal get his details mixed up?

I found the following at <http://www.rcfp.org/taping/consent.html> and <http://www.rcfp.org/taping/states/illinois.html>, information that is particularly relevant to reporters. I would imagine that under the statutes individuals would be treated roughly similar, but I'm not an attorney, and so I do not know for sure. The actual state statute appears [here](#), and I'll quote just a little from it as well.

Originally Posted By: Info on legal implications of recording conversations.
"Criminal purpose. Federal law requires only one-party consent to the recording and disclosure of a telephone conversation, but explicitly does not protect the taping if it is done for a criminal or tortious purpose." (<http://www.rcfp.org/taping/consent.html>)

"720 Ill. Compiled Stat. Ann. 5/14-1, -2: An eavesdropping device cannot be used to record or overhear a conversation without the consent of all parties to the conversation under criminal statutes. An eavesdropping device is anything used to hear or record a conversation, whether the conversation is in person or conducted by any means other than face-to-face conversation, such as a telephone conversation.

"In addition, it is criminally punishable to disclose information one knows or should know was obtained through an eavesdropping device. Offenses of the eavesdropping law are punishable as felonies, with first offenses categorized as lesser felonies than subsequent offenses. 720 Ill. Compiled Stat. Ann. 5/14-4. Civil liability for actual and punitive damages is authorized as well. 720 Ill. Compiled Stat. Ann. 5/14-6." (<http://www.rcfp.org/taping/states/illinois.html>)

"Sec. 14-2. Elements of the offense; affirmative defense.

"(a) A person commits eavesdropping when he:

...

"(3) Uses or divulges ... any information which he knows or reasonably should know was obtained through the use of an eavesdropping device." (720 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/Article 14)

You'll notice that Illinois law appears to cover the recording of any type of conversation, while federal law seems to specifically concern just telephone conversations.

Question 33: Is Hal correct that such a recording exists and/or was made, and if so, how many parties were there to the conversation and how many of those parties gave their consent to being recorded?

Question 34: Assuming that the recording does exist and/or was made, to whom, besides myself, and by whom was information from that recording divulged, and can you demonstrate that the taping was not done for a tortious purpose?

Out of everything that Hal told me, this recording was the one thing that was concrete, not merely based on someone's word. I therefore told him I wanted to hear it. At that point he proceeded to say, "You are led of the pits of hell." "You are one sick puppy." "You are sick." "You need to get a life." "You need to be born again." He then repeatedly threatened to call security. It was quite an unnerving experience.

Question 35: Do you have any explanation for the stark contrast between the relative ease at least one 3ABNer manifested when talking about evidence of Linda's infidelity, and the apparently extreme paranoia manifested when asked to actually give proof that such evidence really exists?

That's it for this one.

Have you found anything to explain the title discrepancy yet? Or anything that would explain the discrepancies that Walt said you told him regarding your brother's child molestations allegations, and which Walt wanted me to verify? Did you get the email I sent Sunday about the proof you said you have about Linda taking a number of vacations with the doctor in the U.S. and Europe between May and October 2004?

Hope to hear from you soon.

Bob

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Questions on John Lomacang's claims.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Questions on John Lomacang's claims.

Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 14:09:31 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow, Pastor Lomacang, Mollie Steenson

Hi Danny.

Before getting to the subject of Pastor Lomacang's claims, I'd like to review just a little bit. This series of communications was initiated by yourself when you wrote me on November 23. That email exchange led to Dr. Walt Thompson's emails to me of November 24 and 27 in which he gave me information about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, and your handling of those allegations, at the end of which Walt wrote:

Originally Posted By: Dr. Walt Thompson

"I would like to request that you ... verify [this letter's] contents."

Since Dr. Thompson, your board chairman, had given me only one named source out of two sources for his information, and since you were that single named source, the only way I could fulfill this part of Dr. Thompson's request was to contact you further. I therefore wrote you on November 29, December 5, December 6, and a second time on December 6 seeking verification for the information Dr. Thompson had given.

Yet to date I have received nothing at all from you that makes any attempt whatsoever to verify Dr. Thompson's information. With that in mind, please note the following from Judge Rowe's opinion in 3 Angels Broadcasting Network v. The Department of Revenue of the State of Illinois:

Originally Posted By: Judge Barbara S. Rowe

"I must conclude from the evidence of record, that applicant is controlled by Danny and Linda Shelton, and all final decisions are made by them and not by a disinterested impartial board of directors" (p.36).

I think it very important to make some sort of reply to the questions raised as soon as possible, for each week that goes by just raises more questions: If the wishes of the 3ABN board chairman can so easily be ignored by yourself over such serious issues as the alleged mismanagement and cover up of child molestation allegations, is Judge Rowe correct in her assessment after all? And could that potentially be used to undermine a future appeal of her decision?

Toward the end of my second email of December 6, I wrote:

Quote:

"On November 4 you wrote to me and said, among other things,

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"I will just say this, ... I have done nothing legally wrong in my administration with 3ABN."

"According to what Hal Steenson and John Lomacang told me, I'm uncertain that this is true. But I won't go into that now."

In my email to you of December 20, I explained to you what Hal Steenson had told me, but I made no comment about what John Lomacang had told me. I will do that now.

On or before August 24, 2006, Pastor John Lomacang wrote a gentleman named Jonathan the following, which was posted on the adventism_prophecy at yahoogle.com email discussion list::

Originally Posted By: John Lomacang

"If you honestly want to know the truth you can call me. Sorry for the misrepresentations that you have read and heard. When we talk on the phone you can ask me any questions that you wish. I am leaving my home number. Please call me. If there is anyone who is willing to hear what they are not being told you can have them call me there also."

Taking Pastor Lomacang up on his invitation, I called him on September 1. In that conversation he referred to a concrete piece of evidence against Linda, namely phone card phone records. According to him:

- These phone card phone records amounted to hundreds of hours of phone calls made by Linda to Norway.
- Regarding how these records were obtained, John stated that there is a phone number one can call to get them.
- When asked whether he had personally seen these records, John replied, "Yes."

I either was told by or got the impression from John that these phone cards were purchased from Wal-Mart. Linda agrees with this detail:

Originally Posted By: Linda Shelton

"I do not remember everything precisely, but I do know I purchased phone cards from Walmart."

Wal-Mart's web site presently lists three Wal-Mart branded, AT&T prepaid phone cards. I therefore called AT&T and spoke to multiple customer service representatives to ensure that I was getting the correct information. These representatives told me:

- Anyone who has access to both the phone card and the PIN number can obtain the following information for 60 days after a call is made:
 - The called-from and called-to area codes and/or country codes, but not the actual called-from and called-to numbers.
 - The date and time of the call, the duration of the call, and the amount of total "minutes" or billed units the call cost.
- These records are available verbally over the phone. They are not available in writing or through the mail, a policy that has been in force for at least several years.
- The only way to obtain written records and actual called-to and called-from numbers is by subpoena.

In light of the recent Hewlett-Packard scandal, it seems appropriate to ask,

Question 36: Did you or anyone else obtain a subpoena to obtain these records, and if not, were these records either obtained illegally or forged, or was John being less

than truthful when he said he had personally seen these phone card phone records, or is there any other explanation for this major discrepancy?

Since according to AT&T call-to and call-from numbers cannot legally be obtained without a subpoena,

Question 37: How exactly did you determine which calls were made by Linda, and which calls were made to Dr. Abrahamsen, which ones to Pastor Thorvaldsson, which ones to Irmgard Thorvaldsson, and/or which ones to some other individual in Norway?

As far as phone card phone records actually existing, it would be nice to chalk this one up to an innocent mistake, but that does not appear possible, as will be seen later.

Here are a couple other details from Pastor Lomacang's conversation:

- John promised that I could see for myself the same phone card phone records that he had seen if I came to 3ABN.
- He promised that I could bring anyone I wanted to with me, and we could all see these phone card phone records.
- When I told him that it was unrealistic to ask someone to travel all that distance (there are less expensive ways to obtain such documentation), he said that that wasn't his decision, and that if it were up to him, he would have nailed the coffin shut a long time ago.

Thus, according to Pastor Lomacang, since it wasn't his decision and since if it were up to him these records would be more freely available, it must have been the decision of the 3ABN board or 3ABN management that this piece of evidence could be seen if one traveled to 3ABN. Therefore,

Question 38: Whose decision was it that these phone card phone records could be seen by whomever came to 3ABN and asked to see them?

This phone conversation with Pastor Lomacang was September 1. By September 8 it had dawned on me that if I went to my brother's wedding, I would be returning home right by 3ABN on October 23. That fact led me to pursue taking John up on his offer to see these phone card phone records. I accordingly communicated with him via email on the following dates:

- September 8.
- October 2.
- October 3 (a).
- October 3 (b).
- October 10.
- October 16.
- October 17.

Why I wrote that many times may be apparent shortly.

The only reply I ever got was on October 2:

Originally Posted By: John Lomacang

"I received your email. You will need to contact the general manager of 3ABN to make an appointment. Her name is Mollie Steenson. If she approves then your trip will occur. She will determine the usefulness and necessity of your meeting."

It did sound a bit strange that Mollie would decide whether I could go to my brother's wedding, but it is likely that John just made a poor choice of wording.

I accordingly wrote Mollie on:

- October 3.
- October 10.
- October 16.
- October 17.

The only reply I have ever received came on October 17, before the final communication listed above:

Originally Posted By: Mollie Steenson

"Rather than making the evidence available to individuals, which 3ABN has that validate the basis for the actions we have had to take in this matter, we have turned this matter over to a group of respected church leaders who will be looking at all the evidence, not just portions of it, and they will publicly give their findings in the near future."

Out of the eleven emails I sent John and Mollie regarding seeing these phone card phone records as promised, the phrase "phone card(s)" occurs ten times, and that does not include when a previous email was attached to a new one for reference purposes. Not once in the two replies I got from John and Mollie did they indicate that there had been some mistake, and that these phone card phone records were really something else or did not exist after all. Thus it is difficult to assume that there has been some sort of misunderstanding.

I also mentioned in my email to Mollie on October 3:

Quote:

"[John] indicated that that wasn't his decision. So I assume that it was 3ABN's board or management that determined that those interested in seeing this evidence can indeed see it if they come to 3ABN."

Mollie thus far has made no correction to this conclusion that it was a decision by the 3ABN board or 3ABN management that anyone who wished could see these phone card phone records if they came to 3ABN.

Now for the next troubling discrepancy. John explicitly said on September 1 that these phone card phone records documented hundreds of hours of calls. I used the phrase "hundreds of hours" 15 times in my eleven emails to John and Mollie, not including the number of times that this phrase appeared in the previous emails I

attached. Not once did John or Mollie indicate that John was mistaken in his claim.

But here is information from Wal-Mart and AT&T that raises questions about this claim:

- Wal-Mart currently sells Wal-Mart branded AT&T prepaid phone cards in denominations of 150, 500, and 1000 minutes.
- 1000 minutes would be the equivalent of 16 hours and 40 minutes if the calls were domestic calls that were billed at that flat rate with no surcharges, and thus "hundreds of hours" would require a minimum equivalent of 12 phone cards.
- Each minute of actual time to a land line in Norway currently costs 7 "minutes," and thus "hundreds of hours" using 1000-minute cards to a land line in Norway would require a minimum equivalent of 84 phone cards, assuming that there were no surcharges.
- Each minute of actual time to a cellphone in Norway currently costs 20 "minutes," and thus "hundreds of hours" to a cellphone in Norway using 1000-minute cards would require a minimum equivalent of 240 phone cards, assuming that there were no surcharges.

Since every phone card has different PIN numbers, in order to legally obtain information for "hundreds of hours" of calls, one would need to get a hold of a lot of Linda's phone cards, and she does admit that you did borrow one and refused to return it. Thus,

Question 39: How many of Linda's phone cards did you in actuality get a hold of, and how many hours of time do they really represent, including and not including recharges?

In my eleven emails to John and Mollie, I asked the following question a total of six times beginning with September 8, and though it is rapidly approaching four months later, neither of them has had the courtesy to give any sort of reply. Thus,

Question 40: Did John's statement that there were hundreds of hours of phone calls by Linda to Norway refer to a) actual time spent on the phone or b) billed units; in other words, did "hundreds of hours" really mean 10 to 30 hours of actual time spent on the phone, since we must divide the value of the phone card by a factor ranging from perhaps 7 to 20?

John also stated on September 1 in our phone conversation that his involvement in this whole matter began on March 9, 2004. In trying to figure out the details about these phone card phone records, I asked him whether these calls were made prior to March 9. He said that they were. Thus,

Question 41: Over how long a period of time do these phone card phone records cover, and over that period of time, how many days was Linda actually in the States and Dr. Abrahamsen actually in Norway, and according to these phone card phone records, what was the total amount of time Linda spent on the phone to Norway (allowing us to calculate an average amount of time per day and per week)?

To make it easy to follow everything, here is Mollie's sole reply again from October 17:

Originally Posted By: Mollie Steenson

"Rather than making the evidence available to individuals, which 3ABN has that validate the basis for the actions we have had to take in this matter, we have turned this matter over to a group of respected church leaders who will be looking at all the evidence, not just portions of it, and they will publicly give their findings in the near future."

There were a total of four questions in my reply of October 17 to the above:

Quote:

"1) Has there been a change of policy since September 1, when Pastor Lomacang promised that we could see the phone card phone records if we came by? He indicated that that wasn't his decision. Or was he somehow totally mistaken?

"2) Pastor Lomacang indicated that these records showed hundreds of hours of phone calls, but I have thus far been unable to confirm from him that these hundreds of hours are actual time spent on the phone rather than billed phone card units. Can you confirm this?

"3) What group of respected church leaders has the matter been turned over to? Who are they?

"4) Will they be making public the evidence that supports their findings, or will they only make public their findings?

"I ask this last question because from a damage control and apologetic perspective, the only real way to put all the rumors to rest once and for all is to come across as if 3ABN has nothing to hide.

"Take for example these phone records, which Pastor Lomacang stated emphatically that he had personally seen. After he promised that we could see them if we stopped by, it has taken more than five weeks to discover that 3ABN will not allow this, and that gives the impression that they either do not exist or that they do not say what he claimed they say.

"This is even more so the case since I asked him on September 8 and October 2 and October 3 and October 10 and October 16 whether the hundreds of hours were actual minutes or billed minutes, and though I did get a short reply from him on October 2, he has yet to answer that simple question. The definite impression being given is that there never were hundreds of hours spent on the phone."

Since it is now two and a half months later and still no reply from Mollie, I will ask the following of you:

Question 42: Who made and authorized the dramatic change in policy between September 1 and October 17 regarding who could see these phone card phone records, and why did it take from September 8 (one week after John promised they

could be seen) until October 17 to be informed that there had indeed been a change in policy?

Question 43: What group of respected "church leaders" has the matter been turned over to, have they agreed to investigate the matter and is it certain that they will do so, and if so, what specific issues have they agreed to investigate, and if not, why have they not agreed and/or why is it not certain?

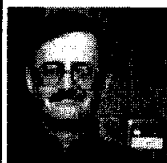
Question 44: Have they agreed to examine the question of whether the phone card phone records or any other evidence, such as the recording Hal Steenson alleged exists, was legally or illegally obtained, and if not, will evidence of this sort even be allowed to be considered?

Question 45: Will both the findings of, and the evidence considered by, these respected "church leaders" be released, and if not, what sort of process is in the works to assure Seventh-day Adventists everywhere that the findings will not constitute yet another attempt at evasion, stonewalling, and/or cover up?

Trusting that this new year will be much more pleasant for you then last year has been,

Bob

Daryl Fawcett
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Re: Questions on John Lomacang's claims.

It will be interesting to see what kind of a reply you will receive, assuming you will even receive a reply.

Daryl Fawcett
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Re: Questions on John Lomacang's claims.

I assume you never did receive any reply?

Bob Pickle
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02/06/07 03:58

Re: Questions on John Lomacang's claims.

No reply whatsoever.

PM

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Daryl Fawcett
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● The Story of Linda Shelton by Elder Johann Thorvaldsson

THE STORY OF LINDA SHELTON

By Johann Thorvaldsson

Former 3ABN liaison for Europe

It is a fact that Linda Shelton has been fired - and Danny Shelton has told his version of events to the World audience. He warned us not to listen to rumors, so what are the facts of this heart-breaking experience? Unfortunately Linda Shelton has been judged and dismissed from the establishment she loved and helped build up - on the basis of rumors. Facts that have been twisted, embroidered and presented as real. This is quite a complicated matter. A few weeks ago I was in Southern Illinois, wanting to attend the camp meeting at 3ABN, together with a Norwegian medical doctor - the one Linda has been accused of committing spiritual adultery with. We went there in an attempt to clear up misunderstandings, all caused because my wife and I introduced this doctor to Danny and Linda Shelton. This doctor is also the head elder of the most flourishing conservative SDA church in Norway - and has for several years been a financial supporter of 3ABN. Some of the problems were caused because the 3ABN archives had misspelled the name of this supporter, so Danny was convinced he was an impostor. Later Danny has named him a devil, a demon, or evil spirit, or bad counselor - like he did during the transmission to the whole world on Thursday evening at Camp Meeting. Also during that meeting we were requested to leave the premises of 3ABN, and if we ever showed up again at the meetings the police would be requested to remove us as trespassing private property - and this at meetings where all are invited.

What is our crime? While my wife, Irmgard, and I were staying at 3ABN in December 2003, this doctor came to visit us, both to check Irmgard's illness and to see the studios of the ministry he was supporting and was a great fan of. Linda came to see us, and later she brought her son along, who had problems with drugs and related things. Nathan had been reluctant to see any other doctor, but a lasting friendship between the doctor and this young man was kindled. Many of his patients are young athletes, so he is used to dealing with young people. The doctor invited Nathan to come and stay in Norway and receive treatments at his clinic for a month. Nathan brought his girlfriend along, and later Linda and Brenda Walsh spent 3 days there to check on things - and I had a visit with them too while they were there. At that time Nathan had merely been there for 10 days, and I did not recognize him when I saw him. He was a completely transformed person.

So after Linda returned to the States she'd call to find out how it was going with her son. Danny told me himself that he considered that if a married woman talks for more than 10 or 12 minutes with another man on the phone she'd be committing spiritual adultery - so these phone calls first branded Linda as an adulteress. And from there the ball has kept rolling with more and more accusations. Mark Finlay was willing to assist in coming to an understanding, but his offer was unacceptable to the 3ABN lawyer. Both the lawyer and the pastor urged me to stay out of this case and not support Linda. They claimed I'd soon be left out in the cold with no friends at all if I'd continue supporting Linda in her plight.

Can you imagine our Lord Jesus Christ telling me not to come to the aid of this frail woman because I'd be left out in the cold without friends? I have never heard such a statement before coming from people who are supposed to be the spiritual leaders of this great ministry. Is it any wonder that the support of 3ABN is dwindling?



With such men at the helm who make it their business and main concern to condemn Linda, is it any wonder that Linda seeks the support of her close friends - and also calls the doctor who was so kind to her son? Of course it might have avoided some misunderstandings and confusions if that doctor had been a woman. But what does the Apostle tell us? "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Those two people have been branded before the whole world as adulterers, and you name it. I never dreamt such atrocities could take place at my favorite ministry, 3ABN

Now the woes of Linda Shelton are not hers alone any more. I was fired too, because I supported Linda. Officially it was because I refused to obey orders from my superiors at 3ABN. But I am fortunate that I get my sustenance from the church where I started my ministry more than 50 years ago. Even though I love the ministry of 3ABN, I serve the God of heaven and the God of Truth. Derrell Mundall, the father of Danny Shelton's grandchildren, who has served 3ABN faithfully for many years, has also been fired. What is his crime? He was too close and he knows the truth, and shared his knowledge with others. He supports Linda. He had no other employment when he was dismissed from 3ABN, so pray that he may soon find another fruitful ministry where he can use his talents. He chose truth instead of a steady employment, as so many other believers have done in the past. Before Derrell was fired he was told that he must remember it was Danny who received the vision from God to build this TV station. Therefore, he was told, he must regard the words of Danny Shelton as being the words of God. Long before Linda's dismissal, Dr. Kay Kuzma was assigned to help Linda manage after being fired. She was also supposed to interview staff members to find a good reason to fire her, so one wonders what really is behind this upheaval?

Danny mentioned a number of counselors who had helped the board come to the conclusion that she should be dismissed. You can ask Linda, but I don't think she ever talked to most of those counselors. In fact even before her dismissal she felt treated like a criminal when she approached the premises of 3ABN and was not permitted to enter without close supervision. The present general staff at 3ABN is probably not permitted to ask Linda any question. If anyone wants a contact to keep up their close friendship with Linda they have to write their note on a postcard, submit it to the leaders who will forward it to Linda. Such are the present premises of this woman whose ministry has meant so much to thousands of viewers, and who will not see her any more on the screen - as long as the present leadership has it their way.

Pray for 3ABN. Pray for justice. Pray for justice also for Linda.
Miracles still take place.
Christian regards.

Daryl Fawcett

<p>(16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 02/05/07 06:41 PM</p> 	<p>Re: The Story of Linda Shelton by Elder Johann Thorvaldsson</p> <p>BUMP!</p> <p>Note by Johann: The letter here was written in the fall of 2004, and unlike so many of Danny's claims, nothing needs to be revised. Truth does not change!</p>
<p><u>Johann</u> (300+ Member (MSDAOL)) 02/06/07 12:46 PM</p>	<p>Re: The Story of Linda Shelton by Elder Johann Thorvaldsson</p> <p>Perhaps I should have written my note here?</p>
<p><u>Daryl Fawcett</u> (16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 02/06/07 12:52 PM</p> 	<p>Re: The Story of Linda Shelton by Elder Johann Thorvaldsson</p> <p>I was wondering what you were referring to until I read your note in my post.</p> <p>BUMP!</p>

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● **Open Letter from Barbara Kerr**

For two years now I, Barbara Kerr, have kept silent regarding the happenings surrounding one of my best friends, Linda Shelton. I am one of those ministries referred to in Dr. Abrahamsen's letter that was affected adversely by the split of the Shelton marriage. June 1st, 2004, all of Linda's programming was taken off of the air. By default, my ministry seemingly disappeared overnight as we had taped 99% of all of my cooking programs together.

I didn't know anything was wrong until the first week of May 2004. (I was in Italy the entire month of April and was not available to Linda.) As soon as I heard the rumors that she had "run off" with a Norwegian doctor, I called Linda (she was at 3ABN not in Norway). I jumped in my car the next day with my friend Claudia, and we made the 11-hour drive to West Frankfort, IL. We stayed three days and had an opportunity to visit with both Danny and Linda.

I would like to stop here and say that by my not being a "paid" employee of 3ABN, I have had a unique opportunity watching employees come and go. In seven years of volunteering at this ministry, I really got a feel for their personalities versus their characters. I also watched in horror, as some people would work so hard to position themselves to climb the ladder of success. You could see "pride of position" stamped on their foreheads as they walked the halls searching desperately for fame. It's no wonder Linda and Danny both have become leery over the years of people trying to become their "friends". It's unfortunate that people will use people, but this is the real world after all, and God warns us that "whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

I had the privilege of meeting many Godly people while volunteering at 3ABN who were the same off camera as they were when the cameras were rolling. I would have to say that was especially true of Linda Shelton. She was as sweet, charming, spiritual and innocent off camera as she was on! If that was the only statement that I had to make about Linda, it would be enough, for each of you saw the "real" Linda as she held out her hand in prayer on every "Presents" program.

I have kept my mouth shut to the public about the things that I have known for the past two years because I knew that God would reveal every secret thing in its time.

Danny is a very powerful man. Maybe the most powerful man in the SDA church and his influence is felt far and wide. When he doesn't like you he has no problem picking up the phone to call conference presidents and heads of ministries. I have personally felt his wrath, and its consequences by standing up to him, asking hard questions (when everyone else was afraid too) and continuing to be a friend to Linda and support her through this nightmare.

I can honestly say that I hate injustice and I refuse to stand by and watch someone be bullied. My husband and I are very much the same in this respect. With that said, it was so incredibly confusing those first few months listening to both Danny and Linda talk about their "problem". Each person was emphatic that the other person

was lying. At this time, both Dan and Linda had credibility with me even though Linda and I were actually close friends. It would give me a headache just trying to sort out what each one had verbalized.

It was also clear early on that Linda had a receptive spirit to being counseled, while Dan was "closed off" and "non-receptive". By that statement I don't mean that he wouldn't talk to Claudia and me. He did. He just did 99% of the talking. It was as if Dan was on "machine gun mode" and his words just shot out of him like bullets. I should also say that at the time we drove up to 3ABN, it didn't matter to me if Linda was guilty or innocent. I was on my way because she needed a friend.

I was appalled that Linda had been locked out of 3ABN and completely cut off from talking to the employees. The hard drive from her computer was removed and she wasn't able to retrieve any information that she had stored in that computer.

I may not be a PhD, but it didn't take much common sense to see that Linda was being "cut off" from all former friends and co-workers. Linda, Claudia and myself talked for hours, we prayed together, we cried together and we counseled together. I kept hearing the words of Jesus in my ears; "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

Danny has always maintained that Linda would not receive counsel and it is my belief that nothing could be farther from the truth. What she didn't want was 3ABN "arranged" counsel and refused anything that smelled of it.

I had one opportunity to ask Danny tough questions during our three-day stay. I knew that even by asking, that they might not be well received. My questions were 1) Are you having an affair? 2) Have you fallen in love with someone else? 3) Are you willing to acknowledge that you have responsibility for your marriage falling apart?

Dan emphatically denied an affair or any love interest other than Linda, but he was completely unwilling to take one shred of responsibility for the marriage beginning to unravel. The entire blame was on Linda's shoulders and he had many reasons why it was all her fault.

During the weeks that followed I received several two-hour long phone calls from Danny. I averaged about five minutes during those conversations. Again, his words flew out like machine gun fire almost painful to listen to. He was definitely on a mission to discredit his wife and isolate her from ANYONE that lent her a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on. He sounded so extremely believable and convincing. He had some kind of so-called "proof" for every "thing" she was being accused of. Eventually Danny persuaded me with partial truths that Linda was the one in the wrong. I was even mad at Dr. Abrahamsen for not walking away from the situation because I believed he was only making matters worse by continuing to be-friend her.

Linda and I didn't speak for about three months (Oct.- Dec.), but she continued to maintain her innocence. Occasionally she would send me an email with an update and a kind word. Never once did she get mad at me for not "siding" with her. What I found strange was that every time Linda and I would begin talking over the phone again, within about 24-hours I would get a phone call out of the blue from Dan and

he would begin his torturous rundown of all his "evidence". (Were her phones tapped?) hmmm.....

I prayed that God would show me the truth in the situation and I asked for wisdom to respond to each of them. Whenever Linda and I began to reconnect again, Danny became angry. His words were more than unkind as he spoke "ugliness" about his former wife. I began losing respect for him not only as a husband, but as the Christian leader he should have been portraying! He spoke about his wife's menstrual cycle freely over the phone. (HUGE MISTAKE – how inappropriate and disgusting. AND, if he was discussing it with me, surely he was discussing it with others). He actually had the nerve to say one day, "Well, I've always said that Linda would spread her legs for anyone". Unbelievable beyond words!!!!!! What Christian leader would say that? And to use the words "I've always said". How many times had he said that to someone?

These disgusting statements weren't the first time Danny's words had turned my stomach causing me to lose tremendous respect for him as a leader. It is shameful to even repeat what he said. (I have decided not to repeat it because it's too horrible and what bugs me more than anything is that I can't tell this truth, because no matter how true it is, the incident is too inflammatory to be published. Maybe someday, the truth will be known.)

The last time I taped a cooking program at 3ABN was early December of 2003. I will never forget gathering up the last tray full of dishes and food on the kitchen set and heading for the door. As I neared the piano, goose bumps stood up all over my body and a voice so audible in my head said, "This is the last time you will ever tape a program here". I was so shocked I stopped walking, turned around to look at the kitchen set and said out loud, "No, that can't be". There was no shaking the feeling, so I stood there in stunned silence for a moment as I took it all in one last time.

I was sure the voice must be wrong because Dee Hildebrand and I had already set the schedule for the following year. The strangest thing happened though. My normal schedule of taping every other month beginning in January just wouldn't work out. This time, no matter how we tried to arrange the schedule, the first possible spot was just after July 4th, taping a LIVE with Dr. Neil Nedley. Then, I wasn't on the schedule again until late September, so we also booked October, and December.

I don't remember if it was January, February or March (2004), but Kay Kuzma called my home and told me that she was working on a new book called Mending Broken People. It was to be a book about the ministries that "made up" 3ABN and the miracle stories that surrounded their work. She interviewed me for about 40 minutes over the phone asking questions about Taste Of Health and how my ministry had changed the lives of others. I shared several testimonies with her and she thanked me for my contribution to 3ABN and for allowing her to share my story.

I didn't hear from Kay again until late May or early June, 2004. This conversation was much different. She was doing her best to find out where I stood regarding Linda and Danny. I wasn't budging from Linda's side. I commented that Danny still hadn't been able to show me a single Bible text that indicated I should turn my back on my friend. I, too, was unable to persuade Kay of Linda's innocence - her mind was made

up. We hung up. Her new book was published several months later and all traces of Taste Of Health miracle stories had been removed. It was as if by not including the seven years of volunteer work that I had done, they could pretend that I had not been a big part of 3ABN's health message.

Spring came. Claudia, my mother and myself spent the entire month of April, 2004 in Italy. It was just days after arriving home that we learned of Linda's being "outed" at 3abn.

May was just a whirlwind with the 3ABN "mess", school getting out and one of my closest girlfriends was six months pregnant and needed a place to stay. Bill and I opened up our home to her and she asked me to be her coach. During my friend's doctor visit in June they moved her due date up to July 12th. She began to get increasingly nervous knowing that my "tape date" was on July 6th. I was growing more and more frustrated with Danny (the divorce had just gone through) and I really wasn't sure I would be able to tape anything without Linda in the kitchen. It just didn't seem right. I was somewhat relieved because of the due date being so close and I called and cancelled the LIVE.

The baby was born July 15th, and my friend was still not back with her husband. She slipped into serious postpartum depression and missed her husband terribly. After working out the details of reuniting, she finally convinced me that she could not manage the trip home the first week of September by herself, so my husband bought me a ticket.

I called Dee the middle of August to explain that I just couldn't get my recipes together in time for the September deadline, that I had too much on my plate at the moment and that I would be flying back to my girlfriends home with her and the baby. I needed to cancel once again. Part of me was relieved. I still wasn't sure I fit in anymore.

The next morning I received a phone call from Tommy Shelton explaining that they had cancelled my remaining "tape dates" and that my taping cooking programs for 3ABN wasn't a good fit anymore. He was kind (as I had always known Tommy to be), but nonetheless, he was the "axe man" that day.

As I hung up the phone I began to cry and my crying turned into big "red-headed" sobs. Then I remembered the words the Holy Spirit had whispered in my ear last December, and I knew that in fact, I would never tape there again. I had been fired.

I knew that when I stood by Linda that it would most likely affect my taping at 3ABN, but then I've never been one to be "politically correct". Unlike the actual 3ABN employees, I wasn't losing a paycheck. I had been working for free for eight years. You see, I had made a vow to God in 1994 that I would spend the rest of my life helping others to not get as sick as I once did. Danny Shelton didn't call me to the ministry, God did. Dan's allowing me to tape programs or not tape programs was a trivial thing to God, and it still is.

I had always known that Three Angels was only a training ground. The Lord had impressed me very early on that it was temporary and that He had something much,

much bigger down the road. Looking back, I can't help but feel my seven years of training at 3ABN was the perfect amount of time.

Even though I was no longer an invited guest at 3ABN, it didn't stop Danny from calling off and on to keep up with his "Linda trashing". I decided that time would reveal the real liar. Even though what Danny said all sounded irrefutable, I couldn't get over how instead of trying to shelter and protect his wife from the public, he was tearing her apart with his words to anyone that would listen. It didn't take long for him to reveal more of his spots.

Because my programs had been taken off the air and I didn't own the rights to the master copies, seven years worth of my work was locked up in what I like to call "cooking school prison" at 3ABN. Three Angels would no longer air the shows because they had Linda in them, but they wouldn't donate or sell the programs to me either. They even refused to sell copies of the programs to viewers that would call in and request them. Clearly they were of no more use to 3ABN's ministry, but when I asked Danny if he would donate my work to my ministry his reply was, "One shouldn't cut off his nose to spite his face." He then wrote an entire paragraph outlining all of the "new rumors" that I was supposedly saying about him. Rumors that I hadn't heard until I received his letter. He also requested a statement in writing that he could give to people when they wanted to know where I stood on the subject of him and 3ABN.

I was in a quandary. Even though I loved and supported 3ABN, I had lost pretty much all respect for Danny. He is unable to separate himself from the ministry in that way and I was unable to lie in order to receive those masters. This letter is my public response to his request, so everyone will know just where I stand in respect to how I feel about his ungodly leadership.

At the close of his last email to me his words cut me like a knife. He said, "Barb, it honestly doesn't make me any difference who you support in this situation. We will all go on the same. Your influence, as you know, won't make or break 3ABN as well as make or break Linda. But at least people won't be able to accuse you of jumping ship to serve your own selfish purposes."

I was filled with righteous indignation. Since when had working eight years without a paycheck, trying to educate the public and teach God's Law's of Health, qualify as "serving my own selfish purposes"? I decided to take an entirely different approach.

I've always been a prayer warrior, so I went to my Bible in search of answers. I kept reading passages from Psalms where David's prayers against his oppressors were extremely direct. David minced no words in telling God what he wanted done to the people that hated him. I had never prayed this way before and wasn't sure if I could.

I did change my prayers the day that email arrived in my inbox. My prayer became, "Lord, scatter Danny Shelton and his family like chaff in the wind. Set the oppressed free. Make us the head and not the tail. Contend with those that contend with me. You have promised not to be a respecter of Kings and rulers and those with a proud heart. Shut the mouth of those that speak lies about us. Let them be drunk with their own blood as with wine. But let Your servant rejoice. Let my accusers be clothed

with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle. I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the multitude. For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save her from those who condemn her." (If you read Psalm 109 I used this prayer as my example.)

This prayer might sound extremely harsh, but let me tell you, God began to move in a powerful way revealing every secret thing. Danny may think that someone he considers as small and insignificant as myself cannot touch "the anointed one" (as 3ABN likes to call Dan), but God sees every tear shed by His servants and hears every humble plea. PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING!

Jumping back to the summer of 2004 (after Linda was fired and taken off the air) my mother and sister decided to surprise me with a fundraiser concert in Atlanta, GA. It was to raise money so Taste Of Health could build a kitchen studio. They worked for months securing a location and hired 24 musicians. Huge debt was wracking up on my mother's credit cards as she was self-sacrificing and planned this huge event. They told me about it at Christmas and I was so surprised and shocked, but happy. I so desired to build a studio and get back to work!

Long story short, two people that had agreed to participate in the concert both called on a Monday (the same Monday) to say how sorry they were that they couldn't participate. I will leave them nameless. One of the two called to tell me that Danny had called them and he had explained how if he/she came to the concert and supported my ministry, that it might be misconstrued and all of his/her conference funding for his/her new project might get cancelled, Dan wasn't sure. It was enough of a "hint threat" that they opted not to take the risk. I assured him/her it was okay, hung up the phone and cried for three days.

Finally on the third day I picked up a new book from Joel Osteen called Your Best Life Now and began to read. The more I read the better I felt. Chapters five and six were all about claiming God's favor as you would claim the gift of salvation. By the time I was finished with those two chapters I was excited and claiming God's favor over my life and my ministry. My attitude changed and I quit sulking because of Danny's wrath (which I was now experiencing). I've never quite been the same since reading those chapters and having a deeper understanding of God's favor. I have learned peace amidst the storm. Dan's wrath doesn't scare me anymore because I know I'm surrounded by God's favor.

Even as recent as this past February, 3ABN was still blocking Linda from speaking engagements. Linda had been invited February 18, 2006, by our local pastor, to speak at the 11 O'clock worship hour and for the vespers program that evening here in Columbia, SC. As soon as the news that Linda was speaking in our church made its way through our conference office, our pastor received a phone call from John Lomacang (3ABN's pastor). Within a week I received a phone call from my pastor instructing me to call Linda Shelton back and UNINVITE her. I refused. Now, my "very uncomfortable" pastor squirmed as he gave me reason after reason that it wouldn't be politically correct for Linda to speak at our church. He assured me that he wanted Linda here, but that she had left the "White SDA Conference" not-in-good-standing. His hands were "tied" and there was nothing he could do.

Experiencing Dan's wrath did begin to answer the question in my mind, as to who was lying. Then I caught Dan in a great big lie. It was the last time he and I spoke on the phone. (It's never a short conversation when Danny is trashing Linda and re-hashing all his "evidence").

That particular day I wanted answers about his relationship with his step-daughter Linda's-daughter. Danny became very animated over the phone and bubbly. He said that he and Linda's-daughter were great friends, they were buddies, and that he called her often and they had wonderful conversations. Linda's-daughter had even recently written him a prescription (she had just graduated as a Physician's Assistant) for an infection he had. When I asked him about the "backrubs" he had been giving her before she left home (at the age of 23), he said, "Oh yeah, we're very close. Sometimes I would go in her room, and sit on her bed, and we'll just have great talks while I rub her back. It's just a loving gesture." We hung up.

What Danny didn't expect was that I would actually pick up the phone and call Linda's-daughter to verify his story. Linda's-daughter is a very sweet, private and shy person. When she got on the phone I explained how I had been in this "tug-of-war" over finding the truth. Danny always sounded so convincing and made Linda sound like a complete liar. I told her I would understand if she didn't want to answer my questions, but that it would put my mind at ease, finally!

When I explained that Dan had described their relationship as a great friendship and that they talked all the time on the phone and I asked about the prescription, you could hear a sigh of disgust on the other end. Linda's-daughter said, "We are NOT friends, he won't quit calling me and I only wrote him a prescription because I felt sorry for him."

Then I asked her a very personal question. She was silent for a few moments, then answered my question with amazing honesty. I am not at liberty to disclose the biggest part of the lie that I caught Dan in that day, but it was the evidence I had been praying about.

"So do you want your mom and Danny to get back together?" I asked. "Absolutely not! He's a jerk and she deserves better. I never want them to get back together", she stated emphatically. I thanked her for her honesty and for helping me understand what the truth was and we said good-bye.

Linda's-daughter handed the phone to her mom. Linda said, "Barb, I never knew why she moved out of the house so suddenly. I can't believe it." We said good-bye so she could go talk to Linda's-daughter, and I sat there in stunned disbelief. I never told Danny that I had picked up the phone to verify his story. I didn't need to. God had promised over and over again that if I would just be patient and wait on Him, that He would reveal every secret thing in its time.

An Update On Taste Of Health Ministry

I just want to take a moment to say "Thank You" to all the loyal supporters of my ministry that continue to call and tell me that they miss seeing me and Linda cooking in her "kitchen". I have so appreciated your prayers and hugs over the phone.

Since the removal of my cooking programs I started doing more cooking schools again in churches around the country. I was also the main women's retreat speaker in Cape May, NJ, this past April. God also opened an amazing door here in Columbia, SC, at Fort Jackson, our military base. I am teaching a class (along with another woman) to the female officers called, "Every Woman's Battle". It's a weekly class on sexual integrity as God intended it. The class has been a huge success so far and we are excited about the questions these women are asking regarding the Bible.

My husband, Bill, and I will be in Spokane, WA, September 9th, giving our first marriage seminar on "How to Get Along". If you would like details, just call Mable Dunbar at the Upper Columbia Conference. (509-838-2761)

Some of you have noticed that I have quit posting a calendar of events on my web page. It was easier to eliminate the posting of events than to deal with the sabotages. I hope you understand.

A year ago in August, Taste Of Health applied for non-profit status. We are only days away from being approved for our 501©3 and we are excited about that.

Many of you have called to ask if I am going to tape programs anymore. The answer is, "YES" I am going to tape programs again because I want to get back to work doing what God called me to do!

I am saying "Yes" in faith. The HOPE Channel and LLBN have both indicated that they would love to air my cooking programs, but neither facility has a kitchen studio. I am still without a studio or the funds to build one. (I've had the plans drawn up for a year now just waiting on God's timing to be perfect, and His hand to move on my behalf). Last week Claudia and I sat down and planned out 120 thirty-minute programs. I don't know where the studio will be, nor do I have the funds to accomplish this work, but that's God's problem. We have a deal - I work, and He supplies my needs.

God is so awesome and I just want to praise Him for everything. Even though the last two years have been rough, to say the least, God has taught me two valuable lessons that I wouldn't trade for anything. He has taught me the lesson of "rejection", (Believe me, you have only seen the tip of the iceberg in what has been printed on these pages), and He taught me to praise Him, in ALL circumstances, no matter what!

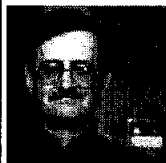
I'm not angry with Danny anymore when he attacks me. I don't hate him. I do pray for justice, and that God will use my ministry to bring ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands to know the Savior. Bless the Lord oh my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. To God be the glory!

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 **Re: Open Letter from Barbara Kerr**

Barbara asked Pastor Johann to post this letter from Norway:

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Dear Friends,

A lot has happened in the last several months and I need to write a quick letter and let you know what's happening with me.

The past three years have been fairly stressful for me, but this past year has been the worst. We had two people living in our house, and there was the 3abn mess that was heating up (and is still going strong), and I was still in the middle of it. There were other things that just happened. You know, just life.

Well, this past summer I didn't feel right. I knew I was sick again and that my body was out of whack. I just felt really bad. Not crohn's per se, but just not right. I started juicing again, walking everyday, etcetera, etcetera. Nothing really helped completely. I knew my pH was extremely acidic when I bit into a cherry tomato and my mouth broke out into blisters. I began monitoring my pH everyday, only to find that it was continuously between 5.0 and 6.0. A normal range for a healthy person is around 6.6 to 7.0 (urine & saliva).

I was so stressed over what was happening at 3ABN, and the lies that they were continuing to tell. I would try to read the dialog on BSDA and keep up with what was happening, only I continued to feel worse each time I would read some sickening account of discovery in the Shelton household. I wanted to participate in your conversations, but I just had to quit reading after a while. I had to protect myself, and I knew the added stress was making me worse. I hope you will understand.

In September, I flew to Washington State where Linda Shelton and I attended the same conference. It was the first time we had seen each other in a year and a half. We shared a room for a couple of days and got all caught up on our 'girl talk'. We had a great time laughing and reminiscing about 'the good old days'.

So many of you have asked me to pass along your love and good wishes, and that is exactly what I did! She thanks each of you from the bottom of her heart for all of your prayers, your love and your support! She misses you and she misses working in ministry more than I can ever express in words. Her heart is broken over what has been taken away from her. We cried together and we prayed together.

I encourage her every week on the phone that God still has a purpose for our lives. That He can bring something beautiful out of this mess, . . . and most of all, that He hasn't forgotten His girls. We love Him so much. I tell her over and over again, that God did not give her 20 years of experience, running a Christian Network, just to let that training go unused. I can't help but cry now, just thinking about the despair that she feels. Please, please, join me in praying that God will set the oppressed free, and reveal every secret thing!

While we were in Washington, Linda's house was broken into. The only things stolen were emails and papers concerning 3ABN. One document was left behind. A legal paper that had to do with her demise at 3ABN. Her signature was forged. Darrell Mundall's car was broken into the same week. He had two computers in the back seat, both were left there, but papers and things were scattered throughout the car.

I told her the stakes seemed higher now. They were acting more desperate for evidence to prove they were right. We don't know who broke into the house and car, but it seemed fishy to us.

In October I started having female problems which drove me to the Gyn. From there, I saw other specialists and a surgeon, all of which only promised me disfiguring surgery.

By the end of October I began feeling nauseated from the time I got up until I went to bed at night. I saw a gastroenterologist and had an endoscopy.

My Gyn kept pushing me to have surgery, he was sure I had cancer in my labia and wanted to remove it immediately. I was also diagnosed with a blood vessel disorder.

Linda Shelton encouraged me to see the Norwegian doctor (Arild Abrahamsen) that had treated her son. They call him the Miracle Doctor here in Norway. He also treats many famous European athletes from every sport imaginable. Just Wednesday I was sitting next to two young men from Sweden that were Olympic cross country skiers. One was named Peter Larson and the other Mat (something). I asked them all kinds of questions about what it's really like to train for the Olympics everyday. I also asked them why they come here. They smiled and said that no matter what their problem, virus or broken bone, the healing time with this treatment was less than half and they couldn't afford downtime.

The Swedish Olympic trainer came to see Dr. Abrahamsen a few days ago and asked him if he would treat and monitor his entire team during training. Dr. Abrahamsen is so swamped with patients, he has a one-year waiting list to be seen as a new patient. He's not even sure he will take on the Olympic cross-country ski team.

Getting back to the original story. I told my Gyn I wanted to try something natural since they had ONLY promised disfiguring surgery, and he pushed back in his chair and said, 'I get all kinds of strange patients, with all kinds of strange ideas!' He was pretty mad. I just looked at him and asked him nicely, 'if I was the doctor and I told him all I could promise him was to cut off his testicles, but he knew of a possible other way, wouldn't he try it?' He just looked at me disgusted and walked out. Some people are very narrow minded when it comes to complementary medicine. I'm NOT stupid either, and I have a right to alternative treatment. I hadn't told him I wouldn't have the surgery, . . . I just wasn't going to have it as my first option.

Just so you know, I have cancer in 4 places. Three female and in my stomach. I decided at Linda's prompting to go to Norway before undergoing the knife. There are several reasons why I came to this doctor to be treated, but honestly, at the end of the day the entire thing was one great, big, divine appointment.

Dr. Abrahamsen (a general practice doc for 30+ years) got tired of treating sickness and wanted to be a wellness doc. About 15 years ago he was trained with new technology. He was also a friend of a friend. I had never met him before and was actually a bit leery of him.

At the exact same time I was really feeling sick and starting to go see specialists (oct/nov), Abrahamsen came across a newspaper article written by researchers

stating that they had found an enzyme that was present in every cancer cell, no matter the type of cancer. The enzyme is called 'CASPASE - 3'. Anyways, the scientists speculated that if they could find a way to activate this de-activated enzyme, they thought the body would rid itself of cancer.

Doctor Abrahamsen completely agreed. He immediately set to work, and within a short period of time, he found a combination of remedies that would activate the enzyme.

This doctor's brother has had Hogkins or non-hogkins for 3 or 4 years now. He was one of the first people treated in November. After one week of treatment he was cancer free. I know of one more patient, a lady who came to him with bloody discharge from her breast and breast cancer. She was cancer free after 6 treatments.

The theory the scientists came up with seems to work! Only no one knows about this discovery yet because it's still so new.

I am the third person (in the world) that has received this therapy. The really great thing is that it's not drugs like chemo and radiation. I feel so much better too! And I get to keep my red hair and my immune system gets stronger, not weaker.

I was re-tested Sunday afternoon (January 28th, 2007) and I am happy to report that I, too, am now cancer-free! I asked him why it has taken me so much longer (I've received 21 treatments now) than his brother and the other woman, and he told me that my cancer was much worse than theirs.

Now that the cancer level is at zero, he will begin treating my candida, fungus and thyroid problem. I'm not coming home until I'm well, but hopefully that will be at the end of Feb. I flew here Jan.4th.

All I can tell you about what the treatments are, is that they are all natural, and they are always given I.V. Treatment days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I receive two I.V.'s per day. I feel soooooo much better now than when I arrived in early January. I feel like I did before I got sick this summer.

The treatments are a little bit pricey. The initial test, which takes about 2 – 3 hours, costs \$750. After that, the I.V. treatments are \$150 each. It's around \$900 per week, but oh how sweet it is to be CANCER FREE!

Last week I asked the doc if he was excited about this discovery and what it could mean to the world? He said it was much too early to be excited about it, because it would require a lot more testing on patients with different kinds of cancer to see how it would work. He also didn't think it would work well on patients with brain tumors, due to the blood-brain-barrier, but he hasn't treated anyone with a brain tumor yet to see how they respond to it. He won't be making any claims anytime soon. (Although I feel a Nobel Prize coming on – for him, not for me) LOL- laugh out loud
I personally think this discovery is exciting. I just want to burst with the news. To be honest though, I wasn't going to share this story with the public, because it was, once again, so personal. Then two days ago God really dealt with me harshly, and kept bringing me to Esther chapter 4, verse 14. 'For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you

and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

I would rather listen and obey, then cower with embarrassment. There are too many people hurting in this world to keep this information to myself. If you would like to write to the clinic about treatment for yourself, the address is: Dr. Arild Abrahamsen, N-1593 Svinndal, Norway. If you want to call his office the number from the States is 011-47-692-86-065 OR 011-47-900-21-902. He is licensed to practice Medicine in Scandinavia and all countries connected with the European Union. Athletic Medicine, Pain Relief, Medical Examinations, and Clinic for Cardiovascular diseases.

I wasn't sure what to think of Arild Abrahamsen before I met him. There was so much controversy around him and accusations from Danny Shelton. But after meeting this man, I had to chuckle inside about what a poor choice Danny had made, picking on this doctor. You only need to meet him to see it. He is filled with integrity, honesty and compassion for his patients. I would liken Abrahamsen in character, to that of Mark Finley or Doug Bachelor! I'm not afraid of him anymore, or leery, . . . I'm proud to call him a friend, and consider him one of the greatest doctors I have had the privilege of meeting.

God is blessing Abrahamsen with the gift of healing. True, it's not the science we grew up with in school, biology class, or nursing school, and it DOES require a shift in your paradigm to understand his technology, but God is blessing Abrahamsen's work, none-the-less!

I hope you all are happy and healthy and loving life. I have learned once again how valuable each and every day is. Life is a gift, we can use it to help and serve others, or we can waste it.

I'm so glad God gave you all to me, . . . this crazy and strangely wonderful Adventist family! I want you to know that I pray for all of you often! And I'm asking you to please pray for me.

It is kind of strange though. Here I am receiving treatments to save my life and all I can think about is how blessed I am. I'm not the sickest person in the U.S., and yet Gods' timing with this cure is so incredible! I have moments of feeling guilty. I feel the Lord's hand over me, under me, and around me, everywhere I go.

There is a purpose for me here in this foreign land and I continue to pray that God will use my life in a mighty and powerful way to help others receive life.

There are two Bible texts that have taken on new meaning to me since walking this road and I would like to share them with you.

Psalm 103:2-5. 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.'

Psalm 23:4-5. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, ..."

God is so good!

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I can also check my email. [tasteofhealth at hotmail.com](mailto:tasteofhealth@hotmail.com)

All my love from Norway,

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● Letter by Dr. Walter Thompson In Response To Dr. Arild Abrahamsen

Below is a form letter Dr. Walther Thompson is sending out as a reaction to Dr. Arild Abrahamsen's document:

Dear 3abn friends,

I have maintained from the beginning that we have not seen Linda and the doctor in bed together. If that is the only legitimate designation of adultery, then we have no proof that adultery has been involved. Dr. Abrahamsen claims in his e mail that he has "never committed adultery, (emotional, physical, "spiritual"), and neither has Linda." If all of the things Dr. Abrahamsen talked about in his letter were true, than I would have to put some weight on this claim. Unfortunately, he has made many inaccurate statements and accusations about not only Danny, but Pastor Lomacang, Elder Denslow, Brenda Walsh, Kay Kuzma, myself and others. I know they are inaccurate because I was there to witness them. For this reason, I must question his other claims as well. I must ask you again, is it right for a woman to spend hours at a time secretly on the phone with another man - even if as claimed, they concerned her son? - when we have good evidence that her son was a peripheral matter, if at all.

Is it right for a married woman to purchase a pregnancy test kit when she knows her husband is sterilized?

Is it OK for one's wife to make plans to visit her doctor to spent time together seeing the sights of his homeland - a trip that was later made?

And what about other travel tickets that were purchased - even though the doctor claims no contacts were made?

Is it proper for one's doctor to give his patient a nice wrist watch?

Or to make a major loan of thousands of dollars?

If these things are acceptable behavior for a wife, then perhaps our board has acted improperly. If, on the other hand you would not want your spouse doing these things, then I submit that Danny has grounds for doing what he has done.

The Dr. calls Danny a psychopath. It might be understandable if a non professional person made this kind of a statement, but if Danny is anything, he definitely is not a psychopath.

The Dr. says that Linda never met with the small committee of the board. This is a blatantly false statement. He also said pastor Lomocang did not meet with Linda "during April and May" - possibly a correct statement because Linda had already written the pastor off. He had met with both he and Linda singly and together before that). We all met with her, but I will add this. A number of other meetings were sought, but were refused, postponed or canceled by Linda.

I have a video tape of the live program in Green Bay where Linda told about her

"new found friend." I don't think I ever referred to this as mind control.

Yes, we were anxious to help Linda.

The letter that I sent to her by registered mail when she was no longer responding to phone calls or e mails requested her to spend a month with some counselor acceptable by both her and us. She did not respond to that letter.

The doctor has labeled statements such as these as slander and ungodly. I don't think it is slander to speak truth, and we have not done anything with the intent to hurt Linda in any way. When people have come to us with questions we have tried to respond intelligently and factually.

This letter does not speak to many of Dr. Abrahamsen's statements, but I hope I have touched on enough to demonstrate that 3abn has earnestly and honestly tried to do things right in this difficult situation. I, for one have made every effort to follow the leading of the Spirit of God in the things I have been responsible for. I believe God's continued blessing on this ministry confirms our decisions, as difficult as they have been. For my part, I know Linda is hurting.

It is not because she was not forewarned - by a number of people who cared for her.

We still care about Linda and those who have sided with her in this time. All remain in my prayers.

May God give you wisdom and understanding as you come to your own conclusions about this challenge to 3ABN.

Sincerely in Jesus' precious name,

Walter Thompson MD

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Re: Letter by Dr. Walter Thompson In Response To Dr. Arild Abrahamsen

Isn't there a longer letter from Walt Thompson, similar to this one, around somewhere? I read it on BlackSDA, but now can't find it.

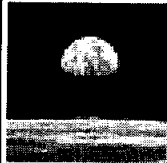

Does anyone have a link to it, or know where it is?

Thanks,
Cindy

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Re: Letter by Dr. Walter Thompson In Response To Dr. Arild Abrahamsen

Daryl what was the date of that letter?

	<p>Redfog</p>
<p>Daryl Fawcett (16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/07/06 10:10 AM</p> 	<p>Re: Letter by Dr. Walter Thompson In Response To Dr. Arild Abrahamsen</p> <p>At the moment, I do not know the exact date, except it was soon after Dr. Abrahamsen's letter.</p> <p>If I find out the exact date, I will post it here.</p>
<p>7Trumpets (New Member (MSDAOL)) 12/07/06 12:11 PM</p>	<p>Re: Letter by Dr. Walter Thompson In Response To Dr. Arild Abrahamsen</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Aletheia Isn't there a longer letter from Walt Thompson, similar to this one, around somewhere? I read it on BlackSDA, but now can't find it.</p> <p>Does anyone have a link to it, or know where it is?</p> <p>Thanks, Cindy</p> <p>Cindy,</p> <p>You may want to try this link http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=10128</p> <p>Or these (disclaimer: I do not subscribe to this magazine nor support it, but pick up info from "Google Alerts" which keep me abreast of SDA in the news. I have seen them reproducing the letters): http://www.atoday.com/email/2006-08-21.htm http://www.atoday.com/238.0.html http://www.atoday.com/255.0.html</p>
<p>7Trumpets (New Member (MSDAOL)) 12/07/06 12:35 PM</p>	<p>Re: Letter by Dr. Walter Thompson In Response To Dr. Arild Abrahamsen</p> <p>Quote:</p> <p>Is it right for a married woman to purchase a pregnancy test kit when she knows her husband is sterilized?</p>

Thrown out in court. This question can hold no water. A woman may buy such a kit for many reasons, including - buying for another person; teaching others about modern science; using it in an object lesson, etc.

She may also believe that her husband's sterilisation has failed. According to an article in wikipedia, there is still a very small chance of failure.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vasectomy>

Quote:

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As far as the next questions go, the visit was to see her son who was in treatment. She also went with her friend (Brenda Walsh, I believe, don't quote me) so had an appropriate chaperone.


Other travel tickets? This is vague and casting asperitions. Without being more specific, this is not evidence.

I have bought a nice wrist watch at Walmart for a little bit of money. What was the cost? Was it just a token of Scandinavia? I teach international students and they gave me t-shirts, cups, etc from their countries. Gifts, though suggesting some form of friendship, do not suggest intimacy.





A major loan is not a gift. What are the conditions for the loan? Why was it given? Again, evidence in serious charges of adultery that lead to divorce must be iron clad.

The fact is that Danny has remarried and Linda has not. The fact is if the case against Linda is not really true, Danny's marriage is a marriage in adultery and cannot be sanctioned. This is called "unscriptural marriage" He may well read Ezra chapters 9 and 10 to see the remedy for unsanctiond marriages. That is, IF the charges against Linda are not really true.

I have no defense for Linda, for the charge MAY be true. All I am saying is that the evidence *presented* still is not good enough. Note that they do not have to present it to me - but make sure it is right with God.

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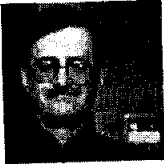
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<p>12/07/06 12:50 PM</p> 	<p>The other and earlier Dr. Walter Thompson letter you may be referring to is already on page two of the list of topics in this forum.</p>
<p>Aletheia (100+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/07/06 01:08 PM</p>	<p>Re: Letter by Dr. Walter Thompson In Response To Dr. Arild Abrahamsen</p> <p>Thanks for all your help everyone, ☺ but after some queries at BlackSDA, I found the letter. It was not pinned anywhere and was hard to find again.</p> <p>So here you go: <u>Danny's and Walt's E-mails to me -September, post #2</u></p> <p>I sent some e-mails to try and verify or disprove some of this..</p> <p>~ Cindy</p>
<p>Daryl Fawcett (16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/07/06 02:04 PM</p> 	<p>Re: Letter by Dr. Walter Thompson In Response To Dr. Arild Abrahamsen</p> <p>I can't remember whether or not any of that was also posted here at MSDAOL.</p>
<p>Daryl Fawcett (16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 02/05/07 06:39 PM</p> 	<p>Re: Letter by Dr. Walter Thompson In Response To Dr. Arild Abrahamsen</p> 

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● **First Letter from Dr Arild Abrahamsen**

June 20, 2006

Greetings from Norway;

My name is Dr. Arild Abrahamsen. I live in Svindal, Norway. I have been a medical doctor for more than 35 years. I am a member of the Moss SDA Church. I've been the Sabbath School Superintendent for 14 years and the head elder for 4 years, which position I am presently serving. I am the Norwegian doctor who has been slandered by Dr. Walt Thompson, chairman of the board of 3ABN, Danny Shelton, John Lomacang and others.

Since I have observed the situation and the slander only getting worse, I feel it best to share my experience. I share my personal experience, what I have seen and heard. Much of this information has been verified by other sources, which include emails, letters and the personal experiences of others. I share my experience not to attack any individual or organization, but to bring the truth of this situation to the surface.

I have been shocked to observe the events of the last two years. I have made no public statement until now. I had hoped things would resolve themselves.

I visited Johann and Irmgard Thorvaldsson at 3ABN the last week of 2003. The purpose of the trip was to see them and visit the ministry, which I personally had been supporting for some time. I had never been to 3ABN previously, nor had I met the Shelton's. During this visit I discovered from the Thorvaldsson's that Linda Shelton's son, Nathan, was in a dangerous state of health because of an addiction to drugs and working in coalmines. I offered to see him. This visit resulted in an invitation for Nathan to come to Norway for treatments. Nathan came to Norway around January 20, 2004 along with his friend, Dava Vice. Linda came for a 3-½ day visit to support her son, the first week of February together with Brenda Walsh. This was the last time I saw Linda until the weekend she was fired.

I had a chance to visit with Nathan regularly. I learned from my conversations with Nathan that the roots of his drug problems were the relationships with his father and stepfather. Specifically he told me that Danny had turned his back on him. I shared this information with his mother on the phone. She told me that Danny said he had no responsibility towards Nathan since he was a product of her first marriage, so she felt she had to do what she could to help her son. There was nothing unusual in the occasional phone reports I gave Nathan's mother while he was in Norway. After Nathan returned home, I asked Linda to keep me updated on Nathan's progress.

I was shocked to discover in early March of 2004 that Danny was threatening to get Linda fired from 3ABN because of some conversations on the phone. In fact, she was threatened immediately with divorce. By this time Nathan had started with drugs again and Linda was seeking advice. I was also shocked to discover that Brenda had started circulating untrue statements as well. (Was it because Danny had admitted to

some emotional involvement with Brenda?) I talked to Danny one time on the phone and found him to be unreasonable, unbalanced and very difficult to communicate with. Johann Thorvaldsson, a retired pastor of the SDA Church of 50 years, also was in communication with Danny, both by phone and email. We talked together and shared the same opinion that Danny was acting completely irrational and unreasonable towards his wife. It appeared he was attempting to leave an email trail filled with untruths to verify a position at a later time. The decision was made to stop the communication by phone with Linda.

Some weeks went by. Johann and Irmgard were getting treatments at my clinic and staying in my home during the Easter week in April, so I discovered from them that the situation was not improving for Linda. She was being harassed, threatened, and unreasonable demands by her husband were repeatedly being made to confess things she had not done. By this time, she was also suspended from her job at 3ABN, an order that was issued and enforced by her husband with no Board action. Things were so bad in the home that she found it necessary to go to her daughter's home in Springfield, Illinois for safety and rest on several occasions. Derrell Mundall, who was traveling often for 3ABN, reports rumors of Linda's so-called "affair" were in SDA churches in April 2004, when Linda was still living with Danny. When he inquired about the source of the rumors, people always pointed to Danny Shelton.

I could see from my 35 years of experience as a physician that Danny was a psychopath. Accusations were directed at me that I had done "mind control" over Linda. (Walt Thompson made the same accusations in his letters.) Linda was accused of sending "secret messages" to me over the television. Danny's emails and communications with Johann were completely crazy, and his reasoning often conflicted with his previous emails. Danny targeted Linda's few inner circle confidants and slandered her to the point that even they backed away from her at this critical time. (Linda's "friends" did not want to lose their television privileges.) Johann and I concluded this was a man who was determined to get rid of his wife. We also concluded that Linda was in danger.

Things eventually progressed from emotional and mental abuse to physical abuse. In the midst of all this harassment Linda asked Danny, 'Why are you treating me like this?' He answered, 'Because I want you to get out.'

Considering the urgency of the situation I allowed the conversations to resume. Linda knew, with her high profile status, that confiding with local people regarding these issues would be very bad for the ministry. I had given counsel to people in difficulty in the past and felt I could be helpful from a distance in this situation. I encouraged Linda to fight for her marriage and ministry many times. This she really did, but she often had to leave her home to find refuge at her daughter's apartment in Springfield, even in the middle of the night because of Danny's behavior. At times like these she was afraid of him. She always returned to her home after a couple of days seeking to try to mend the marriage, but Danny would not allow this.

During the spring of 2004 Danny called my pastor in Norway. Danny tried to get me kicked out as an elder and as a member of the church. My pastor told me about the

conversation and he said, "He is mentally sick, he needs professional help."

I find it very disturbing that Walt Thompson defended and continues to defend Danny although he was a witness repeatedly to the emotional and mental abuse that was taking place. At one point he witnessed Danny "trashing" his wife for five hours. I also find it disturbing that John Lomacang, Linda's former pastor, claims to have counseled extensively with Danny and Linda when this was far from the truth. During the months of April and May of 2004, when most of the activity was occurring in this situation, Linda NEVER saw John, who was supposed to be her pastor.

Coincidentally the handful of people supporting Danny and defending his actions has gained either power, position, airtime, homes, public endorsement or all of the above.

At one point I had a conversation with Walt Thompson, Chairman of the Board of 3ABN. He asked me to stop all communication with Linda. This had also been communicated to Johann and Irmgard Thorvaldsson and others. I told him that it was obviously Danny's plan to isolate Linda from everyone at a time when she needed help. To me it was the Christian thing to answer her phone calls and the only humane thing to do for someone who was in crisis. Others did not come to Linda's aid because they did not want to lose whatever benefit they gained from 3ABN, whether it be a job, programming, promotions, etc. Walt was also the one who phoned Linda when she was suspended from the ministry by her husband. He instructed her that she must not come to the ministry (which she co-founded) without calling ahead of time because she must be supervised when at 3ABN. Danny broke into a locked bathroom to forcefully take her keys to 3ABN from her. Her hard drive of her computer was confiscated, her contact information taken and even her filing cabinets ravaged, all without any kind of Board action.

Linda was living in an impossible situation. Danny was "in her face" on a regular basis. At times he would say, "If you don't say you're a pathological liar, the marriage and 3ABN is over. If you don't say you're an adulterous woman the marriage and 3ABN is over for you. If you don't say you've given your heart to another man and that he is a demon the marriage and 3ABN is over..... etc." It even reached the point when he demanded her to say "Repeat after me." Johann and I received a couple emails, which said they were from Linda, but they were written by Danny. Linda saw her ministry being destroyed one day at a time. All of this was dehumanizing and terrifying to Linda, who was trying to hold things together. She very much realized what was at stake.

An "investigative committee" was put together by Walt Thompson to look into this situation. They were Walt Thompson, Bill Hulse, Nick Miller and Kay Kuzma. Danny talked privately at length with each of these people. Linda did not. The committee as a whole never met with Linda at all. In one brief phone conversation with Kay Kuzma she told Linda, "The Board is not interested in you and Danny's personal problems. It is only interested in the fact that the President no longer wants his Vice-President." Johann Thorvaldsson testifies that he spoke with Kay the following day. She told him she was instructed to get Linda used to the idea of not being at 3ABN anymore and to try

to get her involved in another ministry.

It's interesting that at the time Danny accused Linda for speaking on the phone to me, that he was in the practice of speaking regularly with Brenda, Linda's "friend." He also visited often with her in her 3ABN apartment in the night. A worker at 3ABN states that Brenda even went golfing with Danny behind Linda's back while she was working. As soon as Brenda saw where the tide was turning, she was no longer Linda's friend. She became an accuser as well.

About May 1, 2004 instructions were given to the production staff to wipe Linda's face off of the network by June 1, again with no Board action. All CD's, videos, literature and photos of Linda were stripped out of the Call Center. She was sent a document a few days later specifying that she was advised to get 30 days of counseling by counselors of their" choice. If she did not agree to this in writing within 24 hours, her employment could be gone. She requested time for an attorney to look at the document. This was refused. Mail was flooding into the network with Linda's name on it. They were all returned to sender. Her scheduled speaking appointments for women's ministries were sabotaged by those in leadership at 3ABN.

Danny told those who worked for Linda that she was a pathological liar and to stay away from her. (He did not want them to hear the other side of the story.) At one point Linda told Walt that Dan was purposefully ruining her reputation and that she was not willing to be a martyr for 3ABN. Walt's response was "How else are we going to save the ministry?"

Rumors of Linda's so-called "affair" were flying throughout the churches and the General Conference in May of 2004, rumors which were begun by her husband. It was communicated to me that Linda was going to be fired at the Board meeting, which would occur in May, following the 3ABN camp meeting. Johann and I decided to go to the camp meeting and talk to the Board members and tell them the truth about the situation. When we walked into the 3ABN building we were surrounded by about 10 people. One person stood directly behind me for the entire service. Walt Thompson and Nick Miller (3ABN's attorney) asked us to leave. We stayed until nearly the end of the service. (At this camp meeting an announcement was made regarding Linda. There were tearful appeals by Danny, which raised a record-breaking amount of money for 3ABN. Danny also claims that an additional two million dollars was raised the year of their divorce.) When Johann and I went to the door, once again we were followed by a small crowd of people. I spoke to Mark Finley about the situation at length in the parking lot. John Lomacang tried to stop the conversation. He said 'It is not good for you to talk to him alone.' What was he afraid of? He was standing with me when Danny drove up and said that if I returned to camp meeting I would be arrested and thrown in jail. He had already talked to the Sheriff. I decided to not return, as it was Mark Finley's suggestion to avoid the possibility of disrupting the camp meeting for all of the people attending. Linda was staying in her daughter's apartment in Springfield, so we drove there on Saturday to stay in a hotel for the weekend. During this weekend we were followed by three private investigators all the time. What kind of actions was that, for a man that

REALLY wanted to save his marriage?

It is my understanding that a one-sided conversation was illegally taped by Danny towards the end of May. With a mind set on framing his wife, her words have been misconstrued into saying what he wants people to think. She mentions a trip to Las Vegas. He explains to all that she is planning a rendezvous with "the doctor." In reality for weeks he has offered Linda larger and larger sums of money for her to go to Las Vegas and stay with her mother for six weeks to acquire residency, a requirement for couples that want a quick divorce. For weeks she refused. SHE NEVER WANTED A DIVORCE.

The events of the previous months eventually bring her to the place where she thinks this is maybe what she should do. She knew a separation was necessary. Danny takes her words from the phone call and adds his insinuations. He makes photo copies of her one sided conversation and distributes it. This is his main source of "proof" for his actions and re-marriage. They call it circumstantial evidence." To further cover their tracks Linda's accusers say that for her sake they don't want to tell "all she has done." They say this so people will accept their statements and imagine the worst. This is slander of the worst kind all coming from professed Christians.

Johann says he was fired from 3ABN for refusing to attest to something false Danny wanted him to put in writing about Linda. Derrell Mundall, Danny's ex-son-in-law, says he was given the option to resign or be fired because of his actions defending Linda. Others quit their jobs because they could not support the actions of the leaders. There is one thing many of these people have in common. Anyone who disagrees with Danny is slandered and discredited.

It's interesting that Danny's daughter recently was found to be pregnant out of wedlock. A quick wedding followed when Derrell, (her ex-husband & father of their four children), claims she had no grounds for re-marriage. It's also interesting that nobody asked Derrell about the issue of grounds at all when he was still a resident in Thompsonville. Also another married Shelton family member had a romantic encounter recently with a married employee of 3ABN. They were instructed to keep it quiet. They did. They all still work at 3ABN, and Melody is featured on the network. Is 3ABN all about standing for principle and values, or standing for those who happen to be in good graces with the President and the Shelton family ?

Another question that seems to be in the minds of many is "Why was Linda given \$240,000 when all claim she was fired for a wrongdoing?" The only reason Linda signed this 3ABN contract was because she needed money to escape from a very irregular, abusive and impossible situation. Danny forced her to sign not only this contract, but another contract which sold him her half of their joint-owned home the same day.

Linda has suffered much emotional trauma and humiliation from all of this. She still has nightmares about these events. She did not feel ready to face the people of the

SDA church for six months after all of this occurred. I encouraged her to begin again. She went for the first time around the end of November of 2004 in Springfield. The people welcomed her. She requested her membership to be transferred out of the Thompsonville church into the Springfield church in December of 2004. The Springfield pastor had previously worked at 3ABN and knew Linda. He did not believe the rumors and encouraged the church to put her to work. It was a healing time for her to teach Sabbath School and occasionally preach.

In June of 2005 things changed. Pastor Grady was transferred out of the Springfield church, although he wanted to stay, and a pastor from 3ABN was moved into the church. Within two weeks John Stanton met with Linda and told her she would be doing nothing on the platform. She told him that the church really needed the help and she hoped that if she was asked once in two months to teach a Sabbath School class that she would be able to do this. He told her that the orders had come from the conference level. (The Illinois conference President sits on 3ABN's Board and his parents work for 3ABN.) During our visit to the General Conference Session Johann and I visited with this pastor. He told us he thought Linda was a liar. I TOLD HIM THAT LINDA HAD NEVER BEEN UNFAITHFUL TO HER HUSBAND and that all the rumors from her husband were lies. But this man had TV interests to pursue and he was in close connection with Danny and John Lomacang.

The last week of October 2005, a letter came to Linda from John Lomacang, the pastor of the Thompsonville (3ABN) church. It stated that the church board had voted "to call a church business session to recommend to the church that you be placed under censure." Linda called John to ask him why. He said it was because she had abandoned her marriage and ministry, which led to her divorce. (This is what Danny refers to as "grounds" to re-marry.) Linda planned to address the church business meeting. She wrote to Danny requesting a release from the restrictions of the contract she signed so she could openly share her side of the story. Danny denied this request. Because of this she felt forced to drop her membership there and then join another SDA church. This decision was made after much counsel with several SDA's. It's interesting that this recommendation for censure came almost 18 months after the fact. (Which kind of practice is this? Special for USA?) It's also interesting that all of this occurred while Danny was trying to gather evidence against Linda so he could re-marry.

Danny Shelton and the leadership of 3ABN are responsible for using the ministry of 3ABN to bring character assassination to Linda and others. In Linda's case, television and radio announcements were made denouncing her character. There was an announcement on the front page of 3ABN's website for many months. About 180,000 letters about Linda were sent to the mailing list at 3ABN. Videos about her were made and distributed. Magazine articles were written and submitted. Mailings were made to church officials. Many calls were taken at 3ABN where slanderous remarks about Linda were given over the phone. Many letters containing completely false statements were sent to many individuals. Danny even made his personal email address available over 3ABN so people could write to him and obtain his side of the

story. They did a thorough job of character assassination.

Now two years later the "trashing" continues. It is inexcusable, especially for a proclaimed Christian ministry.

In conclusion I want to clearly state that I have not committed adultery (emotional, physical, "spiritual"), and neither has Linda. The conversations we had were not unusual or inappropriate. Linda is the victim of domestic violence, only this has resulted in worldwide effects for our Church.

Linda has sought for help at the General Conference level. She has sought the aid of pastors. No one has an answer. She has tried repeatedly to meet with a committee from the Board of 3ABN. This request has not been granted. Still the bulk emails and letters flow from 3ABN slandering the innocent.

This has been the most ungodly situation I have observed in my entire life. Any who find themselves not in good graces with Danny Shelton will find that their name is discredited and slandered in an attempt to destroy their influence. Linda has suffered the most with the loss of her job, her influence and reputation. But many others, including myself, have felt the heat coming from what is supposed to be a ministry representing Jesus Christ. This is an outrage. This is unacceptable. Accountability of leaders is a must. (Can bad fruits come from good trees?) As Christians, it is our duty to demand accountability and a high standard from leaders. I hope this testimony will fulfill the mission intended.

Respectfully,

Dr. Arild Abrahamsen

Daryl Fawcett
 (16000+
 Member
 (MSDAOL))
 02/05/07 06:38
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 **Re: First Letter from Dr Arild Abrahamsen**



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<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:08 AM</p>	<p>☒ Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>At BlackSda.com someone brought up an old Vermont Supreme Court case concerning Gailon, the lead unoffical investigator looking into allegations against Danny Shelton et. al.</p> <p>In the interest of full disclosure, Gailon explained the matter in detail and sent it out to everyone on his list of email addresses of the parties involved with or concerned about the allegations.</p> <p>The next post will be the email he sent out.</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:09 AM</p>	<p>☒ Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>Quote: 13 V.S.A. § 2531. Embezzlement generally</p> <p>TITLE 13 Crimes and Criminal Procedure PART I Crimes CHAPTER 57. LARCENY AND EMBEZZLEMENT Subchapter II. Embezzlement[/center]</p> <p>§ 2531. Embezzlement generally</p> <p>An officer, agent, bailee for hire, clerk or servant of a banking association or an incorporated company, or a clerk, agent, bailee for hire, officer or servant of a private person, partnership, tradesunion, joint stock company, unincorporated association, fraternal or benevolent association, except apprentices and other persons under the age of sixteen years, who embezzles or fraudulently converts to his own use, or takes or secretes with intent to embezzle or fraudulently convert to his own use, money or other property which comes into his possession or is under his care by virtue of such employment, notwithstanding he may have an interest in such money or property, shall be guilty of embezzlement and shall be imprisoned not more than ten years or fined not more than \$500.00, or both. (Amended 1971, No. 199 (Adj. Sess.), § 15.)</p> <p>That's right, it is not a text but a statute, one which has an unusual statement rarely seen in the embezzlement statutes of the various states (in Bold type). And one which I have become very familiar with, much to my chagrin. And one so infrequently charged, that, yes, I am the singular citation in the Northeast Reports, a legal research text of precedent setting cases.</p> <p>It is in fact true...I was an officer and major stockholder of Credit Management</p>

Services Corporation starting in 1978. I believe I began as a secretary to the corporation and vice president for operations. Beginning in 1980 the firm became embroiled in a series of legal battles brought by clients of Legal Services Corporation of Vermont (Legal Aide) that continued until Dec 1984. The first claims were brought in Vermont Superior court and were defeated with rather unusual, but effective, legal tactics.

In 1981 LSC of Vt brought a separate but far more extensive action in US District Court accusing CMS of violating the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, a class action case for injunctive relief and individual hearings on the merits for damages. Injunctive relief was not granted. The case was put on the docket for 58 separate trials on the merits for damages.

Shortly after filing the action, at one of the first hearings, LSC of VT offered then corporate counsel, Atty Thomas Koch, to settle for \$1500 in legal fees to LSC of Vt and a stipulated injunction for new collection rules that exceeded the US FDCPA. The management took the matter up and made a clear decision citing a **standard that I fully supported, THEN and NOW: Millions for Defense, not a single farthing for tribute!!!**

The President and CFO, also the other stockholders, did not have the stomach for the litigation and had wanted to accept the offer to settle. The other managers and I refused. The firm was bleeding badly financially and being a big fish in a little pond we were a constant source of news, deemed to be negative public relations associated with the process. I agreed to buy out the 60% I did not own and I also agreed to hold the sellers harmless of any and all litigation. After I bought out the other stockholders in 1982 I was personally named a party by LSC of VT Atty's Benjamin and Sussman to intimidate and attempt to force a settlement by threatening personal assets. I refused to negotiate and ordered interrogatories and depositions of the 58 named plaintiffs and counterclaimed one by one.

Frankly, I reveled at the opportunity to defend personally and entered an appearance "pro se" as I was not happy with the corporations lawyers. I had bought out the two other share-holders so I could have control of the entire litigation process and by being named a defendant, the insurance carrier could not over-ride my wishes and settle to avoid years of legal fees!!!

In the fall of 1982 Atty Sue Sussman became an asst AG. and shortly thereafter filed a civil suite by the AG. We also fought that action and it was settled and dismissed sometime in the Spring of 1984. In December 1984 the LSC of Vt made the very poor legal strategic decision of simply dismissing me personally in the hopes the insurance company would settle. We promptly brought an action for mis-use of process and our Atty, now Sen Vincent Illuzzi, received a settlement for \$40,000 in legal fees. Touche'!!!

Sometime during the civil litigation battles, the AG's criminal division got into the fray and contacted clients we had ongoing disputes with regarding receivables for sums owed to CMS or vice versa. Several of these filed formal complaints and the AG upped the ante and brought a criminal complaint for embezzlement against myself, personally, in 1985. The basis was the highlighted portion of the statute

listed above, which simply means that because we did not remit the net due to Stacey in a timely fashion and converted the sum payable to corporate use, **not withstanding our interest in the sum collected, I had committed embezzlement.** Legally correct!!! Even though I had not been on the payroll since 1980 and was living in Maine at the time, therefore did not personally benefit, except in the egotistical sense of keeping the firm going to defeat the legal allegations, and achieve vindication. The buck still stopped at my desk!! !

We were able to get all but one claim dismissed because they owed us more than we owed them. In Stacey Fuel's case, Stacey had accepted partial payments from the debtors and refused to pay fees for service on the direct to Stacey's payments and we did indeed withhold payment until we were properly notified of payments and they were credited to the balance. I don't recall if they ever verified reported payments to CMS, despite debtor notification to us. Stacey cancelled service before the payment arrangements were finished and CMS gave notice of intent to bill them for the entire commission due but, unfortunately, never did. Frankly, because we had with-held payment, we were in violation of 13 VSA sec 2531!!!

The AG decided to take the one claim to trial in the sum \$1152.15 which we fought it all the way to the Vt Supreme Court (Decision was in 1988) and the personal conviction was affirmed on the basis that the Vt Embezzlement statute allows for a charge against an individual rather than the corporation and could do so regardless of the charged person's interest in the balance due the offended party.

In any event, the sentence was easy enough: I was ordered to pay the account and did so. Regardless of the technicality the entire legal issue was clearly my responsibility. I did not, nor would I try, to blame another. The facts were the facts and the Vt Supreme Court affirmed the fact that it was illegal to do what was done. Therefore the buck stopped at my desk and I took responsibility.

The harsh reality is, at the beginning of 1982 I controlled five companies, National Businessmens Credit Association, the National Business Trust, Green Mountain Credit Bureau, Capital Funding Corporation, and acquired the balance of CMS mid year. I put it all on the line for what I felt were irreversible principals that I and my management would not compromise on. By 1985 I had to sell or close every single business and had to start all over again. And I did!!! Some would argue that discretion is the greater part of valor and we should have settled in 1982 and we would be here today, handcuffed and cowering to LSC of Vt...an unacceptable option. I believe in Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness and in the absolute right of conscience. I will not live with the alternative without a fight. SO, the question frequently comes up...would you do it all again?

Well, I would certainly handle invoicing differently and would be dis-inclined to own a collection agency today, but other than that, given the same circumstances and given hindsight, YES, I WOULD PUT IT ALL ON THE LINE AGAIN, UNQUESTIONABLY, AND BE WILLING TO LOOSE IT ALL AGAIN, UNCONDITIONALLY.

I will forever stand for principal at any cost, and believe me when I say I have paid dearly. From that experience I have only my wife and family, praise the Lord, and many, many friends and business associates that we have helped to launch careers or

beat back challenges to their lives and businesses. White Knight or greivous ogre, I would suppose it would depend on which side of the battles you were on!!!

Others would argue that we won the battles but lost the war... perhaps, but I would rather fight for principals and the right of conscience and loose than live with the alternative. If that disqualifies me from offering my experience and perspective to help victims of an unfair system in the sight of some, so be it, but I will always be available to help slay dragons and I will NEVER GIVE UP!!!

In summary, I have felt the sting of Justice and the comfort of Mercy. Justice makes one more human and understand the issue of accountability. It also makes you look hard at yourself and realize just how easy it is to be a "fallible human being" and how hard it is to earn the Mercy of humanity and how little we deserve the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. And in the end, I know what it is to be willing to give up everything we have worked so hard for, to stand for principals, albeit human principals, and how much more important it is to stand for the principals of righteousness within the Church of God. May every "fallible human being" learn the same lesson, is my prayer as we move forward to clean up any stench in the nostrils of the Lord!!!

Gailon Arthur Joy

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 09:21
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 07:31:42 -0600

From: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson

Bob,




Gailon Joy does not respect my wishes to stop communicating with me as ASI is handling mine and Linda's situation. He sends me your groups discussion concerning this situation. ASI has asked me to quit communications with him. I have asked him to stop. He continues to send "tell alls" on anyone who emails him, even his own supporters. Since you seem to be on his team, could you see that he abides by my following request.

Please don't continue to send me info as I have asked you not to communicate with me since ASI had agreed to hear mine and Linda's situation.

Save your emails to me. I already knew about you being a convicted embezzler and have more knowledge than you and your group would be comfortable with, of other personal and financial challenges that are open knowledge surrounding you.

Again, please don't bother to send me any more communications at this time. I would suggest that you send your communications to H. Lance.

	<p>Thanks Bob,</p> <p>Danny</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:35 AM</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton I already knew about you being a convicted embezzler and have more knowledge than you and your group would be comfortable with, of other personal and financial challenges that are open knowledge surrounding you.</p> <p>What is disturbing about the above statement is, How did Danny get that knowledge? Rather than answering questions and addressing allegations in a straitforward manner, has he instead resorted to digging up dirt about those who have concerns, and using that dirt to discredit them?</p> <p>If that be the case, I wonder what he will dig up about me?</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:37 AM</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem" Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 08:05:24 -0600 To: Danny Shelton</p> <p>Hi Danny.</p> <p>I don't really have any control over what he does, so I don't think I can "see that he abides by [your] following request."</p> <p>I have been curious about something, though. You write below that "ASI had agreed to hear mine and Linda's situation." That is good. But I hope that they will deal with more than just that, since the rumors out there concern far more that just your and Linda's situation.</p> <p>I noticed the 3ABN web site announced two rallies last weekend in Oregon. What I was curious about is why it advertised only you and Tommy being there. In your previous reply to Gailon you did not specifically deny that allegations of child molestation have been leveled against Tommy, and I understand that these allegations have been hanging over him for years. I would think it most unwise from a PR standpoint to push Tommy to the front of things until these allegations are resolved.</p> <p>Is there anything in the works to resolve these allegations, demonstrating either Tommy's guilt or innocence?</p>

	Bob
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:38 AM</p>	<p> Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <hr/> <p>----- Original Message ----- To: Danny Shelton Sent: 11/23/2006 8:15:43 AM Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"</p> <p>Danny,</p> <p>One thing I've noticed, and I think I mentioned this to you before, is that you seem to use a tactic in damage control which in the end can be quite detrimental to your cause. You wrote:</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton "I already knew about you being a convicted embezzler and have more knowledge than you and your group would be comfortable with, of other personal and financial challenges that are open knowledge surrounding you."</p> <p>Why would this sort of comment be necessary? How is it helpful? All it appears to do is distract from the issues being raised by attacking others. In my opinion, it would be far better to just deal with the issues raised in a transparent, straightforward way.</p> <p>I realize that's not your gift. But then you really need to authorize and enable someone else to do that.</p> <p>Of course, Gailon's email did not raise issues with 3ABN, but I have noticed this sort of problem with your previous replies to issues he has raised.</p> <p>Bob</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:41 AM</p>	<p> Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <hr/> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem" Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 08:40:21 -0600 From: Danny Shelton</p> <p>I will refrain from answering your questions at this time. I'm willing for ASI to do it's work with the facts presented by both sides.</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u></p>	<p> Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently</p>

<p>(1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:42 AM</p>	<p>being misled.</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- To: Danny Shelton Sent: 11/23/2006 9:00:28 AM Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"</p> <p>Hi Danny.</p> <p>Think about it: If you'd only be willing to approach these questions transparently and straightforwardly, without attacking others, as if you don't have a thing to hide, ASI wouldn't need to be involved at all.</p> <p>You have spent so many years building up 3ABN's ministry. Why jeopardize it all by continuing an approach that turns off supporters? In other words, what hinders you from answering transparently and straightforwardly the simple question, "Is there anything in the works to resolve these allegations, demonstrating either Tommy's guilt or innocence?"</p> <p>Not answering that simple question gives the impression that you are engaging in evasion and stonewalling, and that the allegations really are true. And that impression is detrimental to the mission of 3ABN, and should be avoided at all costs.</p> <p>But I do take it from your reply that the ASI panel will be investigating the allegations against Tommy as well, and that is good.</p> <p>Bob</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:46 AM</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>My last paragraph was meant to point out to him that he did not narrow down the focus of the ASI panel review process in the previous email to just he and Linda's divorce and his subsequent remarriage. I was therefore giving him an opportunity to state clearly what he intended to allow ASI to look into and what he was going to prohibit them from looking into.</p> <p>The reality of the matter is that neither the Adventist Church nor ASI has any jurisdiction over 3ABN, and ASI, of which 3ABN is a member, can only review whatever 3ABN permits it to.</p> <p>I'll add that to my knowledge, Tommy is not a Seventh-day Adventist, and that the allegations against him concern alleged misconduct while he served as pastor of at least two Church of God congregations in two different states.</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL))</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p>

12/05/06 09:48
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----- Original Message -----

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"]

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 09:30:06 -0600

To: Walt Thompson

Hi Walt.

I thought I'd pass along our email interchange to you.

I really think that 3ABN and Danny need better damage control, and have felt that way since being told by a major 3ABN player in August, simply because I was asking questions, that I was "led of the pits of hell" and was "one sick puppy."

Danny's replies below illustrate yet again the need for better damage control. Tommy has had these allegations hanging over his head for years, and if he has ever been cleared, Danny won't say. And if anything is in the works to either prove or disprove these allegations, Danny won't say. "I will refrain from answering your questions at this time."

Yet while he can't bring himself to answer simple questions, he has no problem whatsoever digging up dirt and using it to attack others with, as he makes clear below.

This sort of PR and damage control approach, it's beyond me.

The whole situation comes across as if the more allegations there are, the more the one alleged to have done wrong ends up in the limelight. That's the appearance when Tommy is featured so prominently at rallies and at the MAP Seminar. And that appearance is not helpful to the mission and prosperity of 3ABN.

If 3ABN is going to prosper in the years to come, there needs to be a drastic change in PR and damage control.

God bless.

Bob

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
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12/05/06 09:49
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 09:38:30 -0600

From: Danny Shelton

Bob, one last email to you.

Most of the rumors and accusations are based on lies. There are potentially millions

	<p>of viewers. I nor anyone else can or will ever address all individual rumors with individual people asking the questions. It would be too time consuming.</p> <p>If the biggest rumors or accusations are addressed by a reputable group like ASI, then people will have more info to base their decisions of whom are they going to believe.</p> <p>There's a good chance that if ASI decides I have lied about my biblical grounds for divorce, then there is also a good chance that I am lying about other things. If on the other side of the coin ASI decides that Linda has lied about the reasons for our divorce then there is a good chance that the other info she and her friends are feeding the public, may be lies also.</p> <p>I've been told that you cross one bridge at a time.</p> <p>good bye.</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:53 AM</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>Thus Danny makes it crystal clear in the above email that he will not permit ASI to review all the allegations. He will instead force them to confine their review to a major issue that is relatively minor, compared to such things as the allegations of child molestation against 3ABN employee Tommy Shelton.</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:53 AM</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem" Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 10:40:53 -0600 From: Danny Shelton</p> <p>Bob,</p> <p>I'm going to repond to you or Gailon anymore. Thanks for respecting that.</p> <p>Danny</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:54 AM</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem" Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 10:46:41 -0600 To: Danny Shelton</p>

Hi Danny.

Who then at 3ABN would be a good one for me to ask my question of? Who is responsible for handling damage control regarding serious matters?

It doesn't bother me at all to ask someone else, since your time is valuable. I just need to know who I should be conversing with at 3ABN instead of yourself.

Bob

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
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12/05/06 09:54
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 10:57:01 -0600

From: Danny Shelton

Bob, Please understand that we are letting ASI deal with this first. Whatever is left we will look at later.

ASI has asked us not to discuss this situation in detail with anyone at this time. We are respecting that request.

Hopefully you will understand, if not I'm sorry, but you'll just have to wait until ASI makes a decision.

No need to respond

Danny

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 09:55
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 12:02:21 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

Hi Danny.

Just a quick question to make sure I understand you correctly. You are saying that ASI is dealing with **all** allegations concerning 3ABN and its board, officers, and employees? And that ASI has asked 3ABN not to reply to questions about **any** allegations, even questions as to why Tommy is being put so much into the limelight while the allegations of child molestation are still unresolved?

Your reply suggests such, but I just want to be sure that that is what you meant.

	<p>I should add this real quick: A conference official told me that we could all be in trouble with the authorities if the allegations against Tommy aren't reported. Has 3ABN or someone else reported them? If so, to whom and when? I certainly don't want to get into any legal trouble, and if waiting until ASI finally makes some sort of decision before it all gets reported makes me liable in some way, I think it would be better to make sure it has been reported sooner rather than later.</p> <p>Bob</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:57 AM</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>I have been informed that what the "conference official" told me is incorrect as far as someone like me getting into legal trouble over not reporting this.</p> <p>Consider how powerful an organization ASI is that they can request what has been called the second largest Christian broadcaster in the world not to answer simple questions about anything, and they comply.</p> <p>I suppose then, if this is really an accurate picture of the situation, that if ASI tells a ministry that they need to make certain drastic changes, that ministry will also comply.</p> <p>Thus, if taken at face value, this appears on the part of Danny to be an admission that the recommendations of the ASI panel will be binding. But I'm unsure that we can take his comments at face value.</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:57 AM</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"] Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 13:30:48 -0600 From: Walt Thompson</p> <p>Hi Bob,</p> <p>ASI has advised us to discontinue communication with our accusers while they are working. I will wait for the process to occur before commenting further.</p> <p>Walter Thompson MD</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 09:58</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>----- Original Message -----</p>

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Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"
 Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 14:18:36 -0600
 To: Walt Thompson

Hi Walt.

I would imagine that folks who have a few questions would not be called "accusers," and thus I wonder if you might have a few comments about the propriety of putting Tommy in the limelight before the allegations against him get resolved. It just doesn't seem wise to me.

I was talking to a conference official the other day, and they said that anyone who knows about the allegations regarding Tommy who doesn't report them to the proper authorities could be in trouble. I certainly don't want to get into any kind of legal trouble, and so I'm wondering if these allegations were ever reported to the authorities? To whom and when?

Hope your Thanksgiving is going well.

Bob

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/05/06 10:00
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

The following was Gailon's reply to my last email to Danny. Harold Lance is the one coordinating the development of the ASI panel review process.

Gailon refers to Danny's statement that ASI had asked him not to answer anymore questions. Since ASI is supposed to be neutral in this process, Gailon is wondering why they would be advising Danny.



If you believe that Danny is correct that ASI really did advise him in this way, then you might agree that there is a problem. But as always, it is wisest to get both sides of the story before coming to a conclusion.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: "We got a problem"
 Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2006 15:28:45 +0000
 From: (G. Arthur Joy)
 To: Bob
 CC: (Harold Lance, Esq)

Who, at ASI, would be advising him not to answer questions? Am I all wet in assuming that ASI is completely neutral and would prefer the parties resolve as many issues as possible amongst themselves? Is ASI acting as counsel to 3ABN?

Yes, we have a serious problem...he is suggesting that Harold Lance is representing and counseling Danny and 3ABN. I hope that is not the facts in this case!!!

	<p>Also, why would 3ABN not deal with all the issues and avoid the need for a tribunal??? Would not this make much better sense??? And it would show some serious reform on the part of the board...which would avoid some other issues as well.</p> <p>Gailon Arthur Joy AURporter</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 10:01 AM</p>	<p> Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>This is Gailon's response to my last email to Walt.</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: "We have a serious problem" Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2006 15:40:56 +0000 From: gabbjoy4@comcast.net (G. Arthur Joy) To: Bob, Walt Thompson CC: (Linda Shelton), (Harold Lance, Esq)</p> <p>I am beginning to believe that the entire process proposed by ASI is an attempt to whitewash the issue. Why would ASI be giving any advise to 3ABN and if they are, then where is the impartiality?</p> <p>This would clearly explain why Harold Lance opted to use an intermediary to approach Linda, rather than approach her himself.</p> <p>Unless Harold Lance specifically denies these allegations and the ASI "adviser" properly identified, there is little value in this approach.</p> <p>Smells to high heaven!!! Very disappointing!!!</p> <p>And remember who the original accusers were here-Danny & 3ABN!!! Wouldn't be here today if 3ABN had done it's job properly on all the issues.</p> <p>Gailon Arthur Joy AURporter</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 10:06 AM</p>	<p> Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>I prefer to have a different perspective than the above. ASI is an organization that is doing an incredible amount of good work around the world in advancing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Rather, I prefer to assume that some of Danny's choices have compromised the reputations of many, many innocent individuals, as well as people who have simply made some honest, innocent, well-intended mistakes.</p>

I personally have worked at and for three different supporting ministries that are members of ASI. May God continue to bless each of the many, many lay-led ministries that are members of ASI in their endeavors to finish the Lord's work and hasten the soon return of our Lord.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 10:07
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2006 08:26:23 -0600

From: Walt Thompson

CC: Danny Shelton

Dear Bob,

The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago. They were reported to the proper authorities. No physical actions ever occurred. Tommy apologized to the kids and offered recompense. The DA said there was no case. No restrictions were ever imposed. Tommy is employed by 3abn with full board approval, knowing the facts. The author of a book, "These kind don't change, do they?" was interviewed on 3abn recently. You may wish to purchase that book and read it! (The sad thing about this is that the ones who are loudest in spreading falsehood know this, yet continue to agitate and keep the fires burning.)

Jesus said, he that is without sin, let him cast the first stone. I would echo Jesus statements today. All of us at 3abn are human. All have sinned. But, thank God, He forgives and uses our fallings as stimulants to make us grow. 3ABN is in the work of healing broken people, but we too are still in a sense broken. Almost every employee has a record they would not be proud of. Yet, God takes great pleasure in accomplishing His purposes on earth by people just such as us. No where in the Bible are there examples of people who have fallen who have suffered the wrath of God who have confessed their sins and learned from their mistakes. Yet, for the past almost 3 years 3abn has been bombarded with lies and insinuations. Of course, we know where they come from, and we know that no one ever wins when he enters argument with the devil. Therefore, we have tried to let the Lord fight our battles. We have resisted the temptation to take on the battle ourselves and I am sure have sometimes said too much or too little, but never the less, know in our hearts that we have taken the high road in this battle. Attorneys that have looked at the evidence agree full heartedly. While not everyone may agree with the decisions we have made, we have continued to rejoice with the blessing of our Lord.

Yes, it is wearing. I can only thank God for giving Danny the strength of faith and health to hang on as he has done. I am sure it is only by God's amazing grace that this has occurred. And I must thank our faithful viewers and supporters who by their prayers of intercession have joined the powers of heaven in this battle.

You speak of the need for damage control. Please place yourself in Danny's shoes for

just one day and try to imagine how you would respond. Then imagine being the source of bombardment day after day, seemingly unendingly. It has not been easy. Danny is a fighter. Without his determination and resiliency, this ministry would have been taken down long ago. I have no doubt that God chose Danny for this task, recognizing that all of our greatest strengths are sometimes also our greatest weaknesses. Yes, I know he sometimes would be better off to keep quiet, let the Lord fight his battles and relax, but that is not always easy. Most of all is the difficulty of knowing when to speak and when to be silent. God told ancient Israel that they should wait upon the Lord and He would fight their battles, but I find it interesting that they still had to go into battle and fight - Gideon is the classic example. While God took the battle into His own hands, Israel was called to do it's part before God could do His thing. Rather than faulting Danny for his tendencies to defend himself, I find I must lift him up in prayer.

You propose to me "that folks who have a few questions would not be called 'accusers.'" This would ordinarily be true, but when in battle for long periods of time, even good soldiers sometimes develop shell shock. When "friends" turn out to be enemies over and over again, one soon "learns" that he can trust no one. A number of e mails and letters that I have written as private responses have appeared on the Internet forums, "spun" to fit the desire of the "friend" who placed them there.

Thanks for your interest,

walt
Walter Thompson MD

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 10:10
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

Notice very carefully that Walt acknowledges that there were allegations, and that something was done to children that had to be apologized for. But what happened and when it occurred is still not clear.

Since the above disagrees with the other side of the story, the question arises, what was the source of Walt's information?

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 10:11
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2006 12:02:03 -0600

To: Walt Thompson

Thanks very much for your reply, Walt.

[Note: I wrote the following reply before getting two emails from Gailon, and so I want to add this brief note to reassure you: Gailon is **NOT** getting a blind copy of my

reply because, though it may correct false information he has, a few details need to be clarified before it will be effective, and my reply would best not be forwarded hither and yon without those clarifications. **No one** is getting a blind copy of this reply.]

It is the kind of information that you have provided that is most helpful. I first heard about these allegations around August, and this is the first I've heard that there have not been new allegations for the last 30 years, that no physical actions occurred, and that Tommy apologized. Of course, this puts things in a different light, and it is this kind of information that can go a long ways towards squelching rumors.

And squelching rumors and criticisms is what I like to do. For example, there was a rumor accusing Melody of getting married the day after her new husband's divorce was final, and I was able to verify that his divorce was actually final a year before, and was able to squelch that rumor.

I am a little puzzled about a couple inconsistencies I see. Why in 2003 was it recommended to Tommy by letter sent to you that he issue written apologies when he had already apologized? And if he apologized, how can it also be true that one of the Church of God churches he pastored became split over the issue, some folks taking his side and some folks taking the side of the alleged victims, and that after one of his staunchest supporters died, her son came forward and told his story?

It's possible that the person associated with that congregation was just pulling my leg in giving me these details that make it appear that Tommy did not apologize, and that possibility only appears in light of the information you have given. But on an issue as important as this one I just want to make sure I've got the correct picture. Do you have a suggestion on how to harmonize these two different accounts?

In that 2003 letter you were invited to make contact with some of the alleged victims, their families, and the two associations that had given Tommy his credentials. Of these individuals and parties, how many did you actually contact? I ask that just to verify that the source of your information regarding apologies and no physical actions was not just one-sided. If both sides told you that that was the way it was, then that has to be the way it was, and I can then better use this information to put a halt to some of the rumors circulating out there.

Another possible question might be, if there have not been any new allegations for 30 years, why would the 2003 letter ask Tommy to apologize to the congregation in Virginia where I think he was still pastoring in 1999?

One last, simple request. I can relate to your shell shocked analogy. I think everyone at some point must feel that way. After Hal Steenson told me I was "led of the pits of hell," was "one sick puppy," needed "to get a life," was "sick," and needed "to be born again," and then repeatedly threatened to call security at ASI simply because I was asking a few questions privately in a way that no one else could hear, I tried to excuse his unbecoming behavior by saying that he must have been having a bad day, and must be under strain because of all the attacks. But then when I've gotten no reply whatsoever to my emails asking respectfully and kindly for an apology, when I've gotten no apology whatsoever after asking for one via Joe O'Brien and John

Lomacang, and after discussing the matter with Elder Denslow, every month that goes by it becomes increasingly difficult to justify his unbecoming behavior in this way.

It's this kind of thing that is a real problem. Jesus said, "Agree with your adversary quickly while you are in the way." By no stretch of the imagination could I be characterized as an adversary when I chatted with Hal at ASI. If we are to agree quickly with our adversaries, how much more readily with our friends?


So my simple request is that you ask Hal, when opportunity arises, to apologize to me for the insults and threats he gave at ASI.

I have two more issues that trouble me a bit, but this is long enough, and so I'll close for now.

God bless, and have a good Sabbath.

Bob

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 10:13
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 **Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.

Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2006 11:07:44 -0600

To: Walt Thompson

Hi Walt.

I've been thinking about this situation a bit, and I think I see an opportunity perhaps for you to gain some credibility in the eyes of the 3ABN critics. It's an approach I've tried a number of times in various situations, and I get to it near the end of this email.

I'll first say that I am holding off till Tuesday before passing on the information you gave earlier about Tommy so that you can clarify the few points I raised, in order to avoid anyone attacking what you wrote before you have a chance to explain it. In other words, no one is getting a blind copy of this email, and no one will see it till Tuesday.

You wrote:

- "The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago." This implies that there have been no new allegations since then.
- "No physical actions ever occurred."
- "Tommy apologized to the kids and offered recompence."

The letter you received from the Church of God church in question in 2003 contained the following advice (I quote from the attached "Action Items"):

- "Tommy should issue written apologies over his signature to all victims and to their parents," indicating that he had never apologized.
- "Tommy also should issue written apologies over his signature for his deceit, as well as inappropriate behavior, etc., to ... the congregation of the Community Church of God, Dunn Loring, Virginia," indicating that he had had similar allegations at the church where he was pastoring as late as around 1999.

Some of your critics would likely jump on these discrepancies and use them to accuse you of dishonesty, which I think would be unwarranted and wrong, and which is why I haven't passed this on as of yet. Now since you wrote that "a number of e mails and letters that I have written" ended up being "spun" in a critical manner, I've tried to give some thought as to the best possible ways to spin these discrepancies. I see two other alternatives:

- There is a massive, multi-state, Church of God conspiracy to malign the character of Tommy Shelton, or
- You based your information on Tommy and/or Danny's word without contacting the other side, even though you were invited in that 2003 letter to contact the alleged victims, their families, and the two associations that apparently revoked the ministerial credentials they had given Tommy.

Of these various possibilities, the only one that seems plausible and that puts you in the best light possible is this last one. And that possibility, if it be correct (and I would certainly welcome some other explanation more complimentary to yourself), opens up an opportunity to gain a little traction among the 3ABN critics.

If that's what happened, then it certainly was an error on your part. One can't rely solely on the word of an individual when the allegations being raised against that individual include "deceit," which was the word used in that 2003 letter, especially when the charges are as serious as child molestation. To do so opens up churches and supporting organizations to significant liability if a problem occurs.

What I've found is that if I apologize for whatever I can whenever I have made an error of some sort, folks cut me a lot more slack than they would otherwise. And I feel that if the above is what happened, and if you acknowledge that error and pledge to be more thorough in this and the other investigations, then the tone of some of the critics will soften and mellow a bit, and just might become complimentary.

And that would be a victory for 3ABN.

I sincerely welcome your telling me that you did indeed contact the victims, their families, and the associations referred to, or by giving me any alternative explanation that would better explain these discrepancies.

God bless.

Bob

Bob Pickle

<p>(1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 10:16 AM</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p>
	<p>The following is borrowed from the Glenn Dryden documents thread. Pastor Glenn Dryden currently serves a Church of God congregation in Dunn Loring, Virginia.</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: blacksda.com POSTING Date: Fri, 1 Dec 2006 19:42:46 -0500 From: Glenn Dryden</p> <p>Greetings from Pastor Dryden,</p> <p>I have taken the opportunity to read the postings at blacksda.com. Assuming you are the author of the message to Dr. Thompson of 26 Nov 2006 11:07:44, I would like to commend you for the logic in your plea to him.</p> <p>I think Dr. Thompson must be a good and well-intentioned man and I hope he will soon take heed to your logic.</p> <p>Glenn Dryden</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 10:16 AM</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>Notice that I a number of times in my previous two replies gave Dr. Thompson notice that his crucial information would be passed along.</p> <p>Dr. Thompson said that the allegations were 30 years old. But the allegations he received in 2003 referred to alleged problems where Tommy was pastoring 3 years or less than that.</p> <p>Where then did Dr. Thompson and the board get their information that the allegations were 30 years old?</p> <p>I repeat: Dr. Thompson was led to believe by someone that the allegations were 30 years old when in fact the <u>newest</u> ones were clearly, from the very letter he received via registered or certified mail, not more than 3 years old. Who misled Dr. Thompson, intentionally or unintentionally?</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 10:32 AM</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics. Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2006 19:10:31 -0600 From: Walt Thompson</p>

Dear Bob,

I am troubled by this whole affair. You claim to be a friend of 3abn and desiring to help, but at the same time you continue to assume that 3abn, its board and its administration are lying, incompetent and sporting a cover-up. That you are also in communication with persons who have already spread rumors and untruths around the world via the Internet bothers me and makes me wonder why I would feel the need to share more information with you. You alledge that by answering your questions I can gain credibility with our critics. This I have trouble believing since it hasn't happened yet. Nothing we have said until now has been accepted as fact, even though presented with ample evidence. Furthermore, it has been spun to suit the purpose of those who refuse to believe. I have been around this world for for a long time, and have often been held up as an example of honesty. You may check with colleagues, church leaders, fellow believers, family - anyone you wish - and though not all will agree with every decision I have ever had a part in making, none will accuse me of dishonesty (accept possibly Linda and Johann!). Likewise, the 3abn board is composed of people with unquestionable characters. The actions that we have taken through the years have not been taken without careful study and deliberation.

I do not understand the responsibility of 3abn to answer the questions of our critics. It is one thing to give answers to people who have honest questions and desire to know the truth, but quite something else to try to convince those who have no desire except to defend their preconceived opinions. If it should be that 3abn had made a mistake, Jesus outlined a path one ought to take in an attempt - privately, not to destroy - but to varify and assist in healing. Instead, a number of those who have come to us seeking information have spread it out on the Internet for the whole world to see and chew on. You see, I do not understand this type of "friend" not this variant of "justice." I may be naive, but this is not how my Bible tells me to do things.

Through the years we have had to make some difficult decisions, not the least of which was the one to let Linda go. Fortunately, most of our viewers and supporters have rallied behind us when we have brought our needs to public attention, and supported us with their earnest prayers and encouragement - doing as I understand all true Christians ought to do. Many, many of our supporters sensed a great loss with the loss of Linda - as all of us have, but they continued to support the ministry and its leadership, knowing that this was the right thing to do until they had ample reason to do otherwise. Fortunately, most of our viewers recognize the burdens carried by the leadership of this ministry, understand that all are human and falible, and love and support us in spite of that, just as God has done. While our "critics" have tried their best to undermine these by spreading lies and rumors, most have been able to "see through" these often vicious efforts and continue their support.

If I sound a bit defensive, please excuse me. I do not doubt your expressed statements to me about wanting to help the ministry. In fact, I appreciate your willingness to do so. But for the reasons mentioned, I fail to understand how your proposals might help the cause. Unless you can give me some very convincing reasons why I should do so, I prefer to merely state that we believe we have done things correctly and above board.

I suppose if I were "smart," I would assume that any and everything I wrote to you would be published for the world to read - even though I fail to understand the ethics of this. In this sense, yes, I am sometimes naive and too trusting. Yes, I know we are living in the age of information technology, but I refuse to believe that makes it right to make private conversations public.

Sincerely,

Walt
Walter Thompson MD

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 10:33
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

To: Walt Thompson
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2006 10:42 PM
Subject: Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.

Hi Walt.

If you will re-read my communication, I specifically stated that I was assuming that you were not lying. And I will add that I have had no communication with Linda, except when I wrote her way back and told her I thought she was wrong when she was asking to have her membership dropped at Thompsonville.

We do have a definite problem in that allegations have been made publicly on the internet for far too long by far too many people, and they need to be put to rest in some way. The good of the cause demands it, and the allegations aren't going to disappear if we just ignore them. These public allegations must be met just as publicly, if it is possible to meet them.

As far as Matthew 18 is concerned, I am sure you are aware of the fact that Matthew 18 does not apply to public sins. The Spirit of Prophecy is quite clear about that. And since Tommy's conduct, whatever it was, involved at least six boys in two states, and since it split a church, Matthew 18 does not apply in his case. In other words, what I am trying to say is that your and my communications, which are attempting to resolve a publicly-aired and serious issue, for the good of the cause of God cannot be kept private.

I have not read and analyzed all the communications you have sent out, and thus I can't tell you why in each case people haven't accepted what you have said as fact, but I can state why I cannot yet accept as fact what you told me about Tommy: There are still unresolved discrepancies, and your statements disagree with just about the only evidence I have seen, namely, the letter you received in 2003 from the Church of God that made those allegations.

Now if you can assure me that you did talk to the alleged victims, their families, and the two associations that gave Tommy ministerial credentials, and that they stated

that the allegations were 30 years old, that there was no physical actions, and that Tommy apologized, then that makes your statements extremely credible. And I would then endeavor to find out the source of what would have to be slanderous lies about Tommy.

However, if the sole source of your information was directly or ultimately Tommy rather than also the other side, then we definitely have a problem. If I were a pastor and I did something like that, getting my information from only an alleged pedophile when invited to do otherwise, I can imagine my conference president having a little talk with me about my needing to be a bit more competent in such matters.

But we all make mistakes, I sure have, and it behooves us all to be kind toward those who err.

But here is the potential problem as I see it: You have, as you likely know, been accused of listening only to Danny's side in the Danny/Linda issue. Whether that is the case or not, I don't know, and I have yet to see convincing evidence establishing either Linda's innocence or her guilt. Because of the situations I've been in, I've been skeptical of Linda's claims of innocence. But here is the problem: If since 2003 you haven't contacted any of the alleged victims, their families, or the licensing associations as invited to do so by that letter from the Church of God, and if you instead ultimately relied on Tommy's word when the information he provided disagrees with the statements as found in that 2003 letter, then that unfortunately makes the accusation that you have only listened to Danny's side more plausible.

In my opinion, if this is what happened, an acknowledgment of error of judgment and a pledge to do better will help the situation, for a refusal to acknowledge such an obvious error would not benefit 3ABN in the least.

But now let's turn away from you entirely and look at a totally different issue with similar implications as the above. You probably realize as I do that ***** is definitely not pro-Linda. I was put in contact with ***** during ***** because ***** was trying to locate a copy of the 2003 letter. In our conversation ***** told me that ***** because *****. Gailon told me that *****. I could harmonize those two statements without difficulty.

But then a friend of mine was talking to a 3ABN'er, and they said that *****. That was definitely a discrepancy, and so I asked ***** about it. ***** replied that when ***** , Danny had threatened ***** , and Danny's *****. These had then ***** . The board decided to take Danny's word about it all without investigating ***** , and ***** .

***** said I could share ***** side of the story with whomever had heard the ***** allegation ***** , and since you obviously know it, I'm sharing ***** side with you. My guess is that Elder Denslow and you have already discussed this. Since these details are not public knowledge on the internet, unlike the allegations against Tommy, the details of this portion of our communications, given current circumstances, will not be made public.

Consider the implications: Danny is accused of conjuring up evidence against Linda.

Someone who is not pro-Linda claims that Danny ordered ***** evidence to be manufactured against *****. What kind of defense can Danny make when a pattern of behavior is claimed by two different parties who aren't on the same page?

Danny is widely accused of financial and managerial improprieties. A non-pro-Linda ***** claims that ***** , and was ***** because ***** . Again, there is an unfortunate appearance of a pattern of unethical behavior regarding finances and operations.

***** . It is quite plain that Linda's side distrusts the board and ASI, and I particularly have been bothered by their distrust of ASI. But *****'s story does raise questions about the board's fairness and competence if it is true that no impartial investigation was made into ***** .

It is possible that ***** is lying. Of course. It is possible that Danny never threatened ***** and that the board did do a thorough and impartial investigation. I would welcome evidence to that effect.

But when we line up the huge number of people who claim to have personally been affected by the same kind of financial and operational problems, not to mention the moral problems, even totally ignoring whatever Linda and Johann are claiming, it becomes a big stretch to assume that all these people are lying and only Danny and Tommy are telling the truth, especially when all claimed evidence in their favor is carefully kept under lock and key and cannot be seen by anyone, even when promises to the contrary are adamantly made.

There are still a couple issues that personally trouble me, and I guess I sort of started into one of those with the last part of that last sentence, but once again, this is long enough. I will just say that I do not covet your unenviable position, and my prayers and sympathies are with you. I hope that all these issues can be resolved in a way that is as redemptive as possible, and I pray that God will give you an abundant portion of His wisdom that you may best know just exactly how to proceed.

God bless.


Bob

P.S. Whatever clarifications you can make that would explain the discrepancies between your statements about Tommy and the 2003 letter you received would be most appreciated, as I will add your information to the mix come Tuesday. And do let me know if you contacted any of the alleged victims, their families, or the licensing associations in arriving at the information you gave.

And if the Holy Spirit impresses you, please speak with Hal for me when an opportunity arises.

Blessings.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member)

 **Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.**

<p>(MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 10:36 AM</p>	<p>Notice that before Dr. Thompson makes his startling admissions, I state quite clearly in paragraph three above,</p> <p>Quote: In other words, what I am trying to say is that your and my communications, which are attempting to resolve a publicly-aired and serious issue, for the good of the cause of God cannot be kept private.</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/05/06 10:36 AM</p>	<p>Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics. Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2006 09:04:53 -0600 From: Walt Thompson</p> <p>Dear Bob,</p> <p>Thank you for you attempt to understand my sensitivity and that of 3abn administratin and board. We believe we have acted responsibly and wisely, appropriate to the circumstances. While one can always be criticized after the fact and without all of the evidence then available for consideration, often those same critics would have made similar judgments had they been there.</p> <p>As I recall the events of 2003, I received a call from Brad Thorp from the General Conference telling me of Pastor Dryden's accusations. Brad appropriately told me that it was not his concern, and that it was ours to handle. As I recall, I contacted pastor Dryden and heard his side of the story following which I received the letter that is circulating. I was at 3abn at the time and spoke at length with Danny about the matter. He shared with me the details as he understood them. Whether or not I was aware of what generated the letter at that time, I do not remember. Based upon my understanding that Dryden had had a long standing feud with Tommy over factors unrelated to the above accusations, it did not seem indicated to approach the boys in question directly, having been informed that no case had ever been filed with the courts or legal disposition made. We then discussed the situation with the full board. Given the alleged events had occured many years before, attempts had been made to make things right, and no legal action had been taken, we did not see any reason to pursue the issue further nor to follow through with his recommendations. In my reply to pastor Dryden I merely thanked him for fulfilling his obligation to us. (I will make this one further comment. Whereas there are many accusations on the Internet alledging that Danny cannot be trusted, I disagree. I have known Danny now since the beginning of the ministry. Now more than 23 years. I have been fully appraised of many of the difficulties that he has faced during that time. While Danny sees things from his perspective, as we all do, he is honest and trustworthy. I have found no reason to distrust his reports to me. Yes, there are occasions when after having spoken with both sides of an issue it has been a matter of he said vs she said, but in all situations where I could know the facts, Danny has proven true.)</p>

Subsequently, after this issue has been brought back to the forefront (I think there is only one person who could have known about this and brought it to world wide attention, and that person was then on the board and voted with the concensus) I contacted the only person from the Church of God that I could find that knew about the situation, and who had been present and witness to the events. (Accept for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records of the allegations) The picture that was painted by that leader of the Church was exactly as portrayed earlier by Danny. Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was out to get him - a jealousy that has continued to the present. I was again informed that the DA knew about the allegations and not finding a basis, refused to act against Tommy. I have been informed that the Church of God is a congregational type or organization with different jurisdictions in different states and that there was no higher authority that I could speak with to resolve the issue further. It was not entirely clear to me how that worked. I was also told that one leader pestered Tommy over and over again until Tommy voluntarily gave up his ministerial license. These are the facts as I have been able to sort them out.

I will not comment regarding ***** except to say that good people sometimes see things from differing perspectives. We *****. We continue to have communication with ***** and consider ***** a friend of 3ABN.

Since you have not described the other allegations against Danny, I am unable to know what you are referring and therefore unable to comment on them.

I hope this is helpful to you.

I would like to request that you not circulate this letter, but that you merely summarize and varify its contents.

Sincerely,

Walt

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 10:38
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

----- Original Message -----

To: Walt Thompson

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2006 1:47 PM

Subject: Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.

Hi Walt.

Thanks very much for your clarifications. In hindsight, we can always see how we maybe could have done it a little differently, and learn from that. That's just life.

I'll see what I can come up with regarding an alleged long standing feud between Dryden and Tommy, a feud unrelated to molestation.

How did you get the name of the leader at the Church of God that you spoke to? It would be interesting to know why that person's story differs so radically from that of the alleged victims. If I had to guess, I'd say that maybe they were of the faction in the split church that believed Tommy (a split caused by his allegedly not admitting to the accusations), and that they were not of the faction that sided with the alleged victims. If that be the case, and if you got the name of that person from Danny or Tommy, who certainly would have known who agreed with his version of things, it would explain why that was the person you just happened to talk to, and why you came up with a version of the situation that differs so widely from that of the alleged victims.

If this is how it all happened, if it is true that the allegations are more recent than 30 years and that Tommy did not apologize, then I personally would consider you to be a victim too, but of a different sort. And I think that is a very charitable way to look at it.

How can I contact this person to get their side of the story, and thus verify what you have related?

Do you know who authorized Mike Riva to threaten Pastor Dryden with legal action?

On the other matters I referred to, I'll mention two briefly, and then if we need to discuss details, we can do that.

You referred to Matthew 18, which is a must when dealing with private issues. I'm wondering then why on August 10 on 3ABN Live Shelley Quinn over global television implied that Linda's daughter had lied in her confidential and private testimony about Danny's alleged sexual assault. I found that very troubling, even if Linda's daughter did lie, on two counts: 1) The matter was private and confidential, and 2) repeatedly during that program, the claim was made that they weren't going to defend themselves at all against the lies that were being told about Danny and 3ABN. Yet they did most certainly defend themselves.

In other words, if the matter is a public one, then it should be dealt with in a conclusive way that puts the matter to rest. But to publicly call a lady who asserts sexual assault a liar without providing any conclusive evidence to that effect, and while claiming to not be defending one's self, has the effect of stirring up more concerns in people's minds than what existed before. Such secrecy regarding the evidence while publicly making such insinuations is counterproductive, and gives people the idea that something isn't right.

Secondly, John Lomacang invited folks with questions to call him, so I did on September 1. In that conversation, during which I was listening for something concrete that wasn't based on he said, she said, he stated emphatically that there were phone card phone records of hundreds of hours of phone calls made to Norway by Linda, records of phone calls made prior to March 9, 2004, records he had personally seen. He promised me that if I came to 3ABN I could see them, and told me that wasn't his decision. Thus, it must have been the decision of the board or of management.

On September 8, October 2, 3, 10, 16, and 17 I emailed him concerning taking him up on his offer on my way back from my brother's wedding on October 23. The only reply I ever got from him was after my email of October 2 in which he briefly stated that I would have to contact Mollie who would decide whether the trip would take place. I accordingly wrote her on October 3, 10, 16, and 17, and finally got a reply from her after my email of the 16th stating that John's promise would not be kept after all.

I mention all these dates for a reason. On the first five dates on which I wrote John, I also asked him a super simple question: Were those hundreds of hours of phone calls actual time spent on the phone, or were they billed units. With phone cards it might cost quite a few minutes for every minute on the phone to Norway. I also asked Mollie this question on the 17th, and I asked them both if John had made a mistake when he made his promise, or, if not, why the sudden change in policy. It has been now more than a month since my last email to them, and I have heard nothing in reply to these questions.

I don't see how we can fault anyone if they think there is a cover-up going on, given such experiences as I have had with John, Mollie, and Hal. I really doubt that I am the only one who has been treated this way. 3ABN's damage control as it currently operates causes more damage than it controls.

Just two more thoughts, and I'll close. It might be good for me to get your side of the story regarding *****, since it is a crucial bit of information in trying to sort through everything. It clearly is evidence of fraud on the part of Danny, and something needs to be said to counter that if there is anything that can be said.

As far as passing on your reply, I don't see how I cannot do that and still achieve the goal of getting down to the bottom of things and putting these rumors to rest. If I were to summarize your reply, I would in essence have to quote most of it anyway.

God bless.

Bob

Bob Pickle
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(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 10:39
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

To summarize:

Dr. Thompson earlier said that the allegations were 30 years old, that there were no physical actions, and that Tommy apologized to the children.

This contradicts the facts as stated in the May 2003 letter he received via certified mail on Church of God letterhead. That letter says that Tommy needed to apologize for child molestation, including to the congregation he pastored as late as around 1999.

I then asked Dr. Thompson what the source of his information was, and whether he contacted the alleged victims, their families, and the two associations that issued Tommy's ministerial credentials as he was invited to do. He replied above that he had not, and that he relied on Danny for the information that he gave me.

Thus we have Dr. Thompson's testimony that it was Danny that apparently misled him in 2003. (I say apparently because we have to leave open the slim possibility that all these folks in two different states are lying.) Now we must, to be fair, consider the possibility that Danny was himself misled by someone else. And since Dr. Thompson invited me to verify what he has written, I will endeavor to do that in the only way I know how.

We have one key question that needs answering. Who gave Dr. Thompson the name of the individual that he contacted since August? Did Danny or Tommy?

Any encouragement or sympathy you can give Dr. Thompson I would personally appreciate. Since it appears that he was misled, he in some sense becomes one of the victims too, just of a different sort.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
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12/05/06 10:40
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2006 20:21:19 -0600

From: Walt Thompson

Dear Bob,

Your e mails have revealed your true colors and have convinced me that you do not have the interest of 3abn at heart. I am requesting that you do not post my recent communications ANYWHERE. These have been sent to you as private correspondence and were not intended to be for the public use. I will not be responding further to your inquiries.

Walt

Walter Thompson MD

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/05/06 10:41
AM

Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2006 21:45:04 -0600

To: Walt Thompson

Walt? Why would you respond this way? What's wrong?

Specifically, in what way did I write anything that would give you the idea that I don't have the interest of 3ABN at heart?

Walt, I was gearing up to defend you and your decisions all I could, but how can I do that if you react in this way?

As far as not posting your communications, how can I not do that without perpetuating this horrendous he said, she said situation we presently have? It's this super secrecy policy that has created the crisis 3ABN now finds itself in. Only by humbly acknowledging wrong wherever wrong has been done, which as you know is our Christian duty and is a requirement for divine forgiveness wherever sin is involved, can confidence in 3ABN be restored.

You acknowledged that you made the mistake of not contacting the alleged victims, their families, and the associations when invited to do so in 2003. It takes a real man to do that. And people need to see that you aren't afraid to do that. And if anyone is inclined to be harsh toward you for that mistake, then I will do what I can to stop their unkind criticisms.

In what way is that not having 3ABN's interest at heart? What specifically in your communications are you ashamed for people to see?

Bob

Bob Pickle
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12/05/06 10:42
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Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

No harsh criticisms of the man, please. He's had plenty of that already, and has that helped the situation?

Still, there have been some serious errors made. To pit Dryden's info against Danny's and to not contact the alleged victims, their families, and the two licensing associations, that was a very serious error with potential consequences of liability that amount to big bucks. Correct me if I'm wrong, Gregory.

But in case you haven't noticed, church boards, and committees and boards that run supporting ministries are often composed of good people just doing the best that they can. If you would have done better on this issue, there would likely have been one sometime where you would not have.

If Jesus could seek to excuse as far as possible what Pilate was about to do, when He said, "He that delivered me to you has the greater sin," to what length should you go to excuse the error of Dr. Thompson?

Bob Pickle
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12/05/06 10:46

Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.

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Here are pertinent excerpts from another email from the Glenn Dryden documents thread.

----- Original Message -----
 Subject: Re: blacksda.com POSTING
 Date: Sat, 2 Dec 2006 20:25:25 -0500
 From: Glenn Dryden

Dear Bob,

I am sure we share similar emotions regarding this matter. Perhaps an argument may be made for the criticism you have received regarding the e-mail postings, but I should tell you that they have served to make me comfortable communicating with both you and Mr. Joy and if they serve to put pressure on Danny and Tommy, you may carry the criticism as a badge of commendation.

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As to the skittishness we all **suffer**, I find a remedy in a Biblical principle. That principle perhaps may be best expressed "The truth shall set you free!"

Too many for too long in too many venues have feared reproach and negative effects. The number of victims has increased as a consequence. Though a foul path, we should shod our feet appropriately and march forward and attack the issue head-on! Ultimately, less will be lost by a full disclosure and honesty than by cover-up and deceit. Not the path of least resistance, but does not this path seem more like the one Jesus would take?


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This is a divisive issue here and our Board of Trustees and I welcome your prayers in advance of our meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Pastor Glenn Dryden

Daryl Fawcett 
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 02/05/07 06:33
 PM



 **Re: Correspondence leading up to Dr. Thompson's admission of apparently being misled.**



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Daryl Fawcett
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 12/04/06 09:28
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● Letter from Mable Dunbar of Polly's Place Network

Dear Friends:

I would like to thank you for your support of Polly's Place Network. Some of you have e-mailed me and others have made contributions to the ministry. We are definitely in need of your financial support, but of greater importance we solicit your prayers. God is in control of everything and He is the one that ultimately will bring about truth and justice if individuals are manipulated, controlled, abused or oppressed.

I would like to share the following quotation with you:

Organizations, institutions, unless kept by the power of God, will work under Satan's dictation to bring men under the control of men; and fraud and guile will bear the semblance of zeal for truth and for the advancement of the kingdom of God. Whatever in our practice is not as open as day belongs to the methods of the prince of evil. His methods are practiced even among Seventh-day Adventists, who claim to have advanced truth.

If men resist the warning the Lord sends them, they become even leaders in evil practices; such men assume to exercise the prerogatives of God; they presume to do that which God Himself will not do in seeking to control the minds of men. They introduce the truth, and bring in false principles that will work like leaven to taint and corrupt our institutions and churches. Anything that lowers man's conception of righteousness and equity and impartial judgment, any device or precept that brings God's human agents under the control of human minds, impairs their faith in God; it separates the soul from God; for it leads away from the path of strict integrity and righteousness. God will not vindicate any device whereby man shall in the slightest degree rule or oppress his fellowmen. The only hope for fallen man is to look to Jesus and receive Him as the only Saviour. As soon as man begins to make an iron rule for other men, as soon as he begins to harness up and drive men according to his own mind, he dishonors God and imperils his own soul and the souls of his brethren. Sinful man can find hope and righteousness only in God, and no human being is righteous any longer that he has faith and in God and maintains a vital connection with Him.'; Testimonies to Ministers and Workers, p. 366.

During this crucial time when allegations, rumors, gossip and slander seem to be circulating, we need to pray that God will intervene and show forth His power and His glory. Truth WILL ultimately prevail. We must keep in mind that we are in a controversy. No religious organization is exempt from Satan's tactics. He is seeking to destroy the image of God in every believing Christian, be it Seventh-day Adventist, Catholic, Presbyterian, etc.; Satan sees that his time is short. He has set all his agencies at work that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied, and entranced until the day of probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy forever shut.; - Southern Watchman, Oct. 3, 1905. .

Last night I prayed to God to help me keep focused on Him and His ministry as found in Luke 4:18, 19; The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to

preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, and THEN to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. and Luke 1.17 last part (to make ready a people prepared for the Lord) and He directed me to the above quotation from Testimonies to Ministers. He also impressed me to fast and pray. Therefore, I would like to encourage all of you to join with me on August 26 (This is the day set aside as Abuse Prevention Awareness Day by the North American Division) to pray The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16) specifically that God will reveal the truth regarding allegations against Linda. She is God's precious child. He died for her like everyone else and He wants her to minister for Him according to the gifts and talents He has given her. I admire her courage, faithfulness, commitment to ministry, and willingness to serve Him in spite of the emotional pain she has endured and continues to endure. Whatever the truth, we must be willing to accept it, demand accountability, foster healing and restoration as appropriate.

We are in the end time, 'So everything that can be shaken, will be shaken, that those things that cannot be shaken may remain.' Testimonies, vol. 9, pp. 15,16. With God's power in our lives, we will remain. 'It is not the capabilities you now possess, or ever will have, that will give you success. It is that which the Lord can do for you. We need to have far less confidence in what man can do, and far more confidence in what God can do for every believing soul.' Christ's Object Lessons, p. 146. God is giving and will continue to give us success, not only individually, but also collectively as a church body.

Sincerely,

Mable Dunbar, President
Polly's Place Network

P.S. All quotations are taken from the writings of Ellen G. White

Note: Quotation marks have disappeared as this was copied to be posted. - - Johann

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Re: Letter from Mable Dunbar of Polly's Place Network

Here is a reminder of what is now known as the first letter from Dr. Mable Dunbar.

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2nd Letter From Mable Dunbar, President of Polly's Place Network

Dear Mr. Pickle, Mr. Joy and Mr. Matthews:

First of all I want to commend you for seeking truth and your determination to see that justice and truth prevail in order to advance the work of the Lord. I write this letter with a heavy heart, and I am deeply troubled by some of the posts I am reading on BlackSDA.com and Save3ABN.com. It appears that there are Christians who find it difficult to accept the facts regarding the sexual abuse/molestation charges as documented. It takes great courage for victims to come forward and admit that they were molested and abused. When they do so, they need to be validated and supported for this courageous act. I would like to affirm Duane and the other victims for being bold enough to stand firm. I also want to state my appreciation to those of you who have publicly offered him support and refuse to be intimidated by threats and innuendos.

I have been counseling abused victims for over 20 years, and have seen first hand the devastating effects they experience as a result of their victimization. If there are victims out there who need to talk with someone, feel free to contact me at info@pollysplacenetwork.com.

Note the following statement which is worthy of repetition:

"I believe that there is a devil, and here's Satan's agenda. First, he doesn't want anyone having kids. Secondly, if they do conceive, he wants them killed. If they're not killed through abortion, he wants them neglected or abused physically, emotionally, sexually...One way or another, the legions of hell want to destroy children because children become the future adults and leaders. If they (legions) can warp or wound a child, he or she becomes a warped or wounded adult who passes on this affliction to the next generation". -Terry Randall in TIME Magazine, October 21, 1991.

And so today we have individuals who are warped or wounded. They are either passing on or suffering from their affliction as a result of Satan's agenda.

Since its creation Satan has wanted power and control over this earth. Through subtle manipulation he deceived Eve into believing that she could have power and control over her life. He told her that if she ate of the forbidden fruit she would be as a god. "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:5). So she ate it and gave it to her husband, Adam. Of course he knew that he should not have eaten the fruit but ate it anyway. He made the choice to disobey God. When confronted by God about disobeying His command, neither Adam nor Eve took responsibility for their actions.

"And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And He said, who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?" Genesis 3:9-11.

Adam and Eve were ashamed of their nakedness, so they hid themselves. Shame tends to bring blame, so when God asked Adam to explain his behavior, he blamed Eve. "And the man said, the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." (Genesis 9:12) When God asked Eve what she had done, she blamed the serpent. "And the woman said, the serpent beguiled me, and I did eat." (Genesis 9:13).

It appears that certain individuals are spending time shaming and blaming victims and the people who defend them. Therefore enemy is the one who is being glorified. Shouldn't they be spending time finding out what can be done to protect our children who will pass on our legacy? While we need to offer help and support for the abusers as well, if they are not willing to admit that they have a problem and get help, there is nothing more that we can do for them. "Ephraim is joined to idols, let him alone". Hosea 4:17. Whatever dysfunctional and destructive behavior we refuse to give up in order that we can present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God (Romans 12:1) becomes our idol.

I woke up this morning feeling convicted that since I proclaim to head up a network that helps victims of abuse, I could no longer be silent and allow them to be put down and humiliated. These individuals are God's precious creatures, made in His image and hold a special place in His heart. People have asked me what I think about this whole situation with 3ABN. These are my convictions: It is not good enough for me to wait until there is resolution and then take a stand. It is not good enough to keep quiet and hope that things will work out. It is not good enough for me to rationalize that if an organization is doing so much good, the bad that it practices should be ignored. It is not good enough for me to believe that since I am a church leader I should be silent in order to protect the church's image, or my position. I don't recall reading anywhere that it is my mission or responsibility as a Christian or leader to protect the church. God is quite capable of protecting His church.

"Christ loves His church... But His love is not weakness. He will not serve with their sins or give them prosperity while they continue to follow a wrong course of action. Only by faithful repentance will their sins be forgiven; for God will not cover evil with the robe of His righteousness. He will honor faithful service. He will abundantly bless those who reveal to their fellowmen His justice, mercy, and love. Let those who are engaged in His service walk before Him in true humility, following faithfully in His footsteps cherishing the holy principles which will live through the eternal ages. Let them in word and action show that they obey the laws which are obeyed in heaven... God's love for His church is infinite. His care over His heritage is unceasing." - Ellen G. White, Sons and Daughters, p. 13-14

For those of you reading BlackSDA and Save 3ABN and are convicted that you should do or say something to denounce sin, but are afraid to be identified, I would like to remind you that "to him that knoweth to do good and doeth not to him it is sin" James 4:17.

For those of us who are leaders in the church, why are we so silent? So many have remarked that they know that Linda Shelton is innocent of the charges, yet only one conference allowed her to speak in one of its churches after her denunciation on an

international network. We need to take a public stand and call for truth and justice. We are all involved in this situation, none of us will escape God's judgment, "Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me, and these shall go away into everlasting punishment." Matthew 25: 45-46. If you were wrongfully accused, can you trust your church to treat you fairly, in a Christian and redemptive manner? What if your answer is no?

God is all powerful, all knowing, all present. He holds the world in His hands. He wants us to be His disciples and follow His Son's example in Luke 4:18 to, "preach the gospel to the poor, heal the broken hearted, preach deliverance to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, and set a liberty them that are bruised." Regardless of criticism, condemnation, censure or lack of support we must do His will recognizing that He is the only One who can and will save us.

Being fearful and intimidated by individuals who seem to have power, control or wealth indicates that we have more confidence in them than in God. We have been advised, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28.

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men, (women, Christians, church leaders, church members) –men ((women, Christians, church leaders, church members) who will not be bought or sold; men (women, Christians, church leaders, church members) who their innermost souls are true and honest; men (women, Christians, church leaders, church members) who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men (women, Christians, church leaders, church members) whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men (women, Christians, church leaders, church members) will stand for the right, though the heaven's fall." – Ellen G. White, Education, p. 57.

"Never was there greater need of faithful warnings and reproofs, and close, straight dealing, than at this very time. Satan has come down with great power, knowing that his time is short. He is flooding the world with pleasing fables, and the people of God love to have smooth things spoken to them. Sin and iniquity are not abhorred. I was shown that God's people must make more firm, determine efforts to press back the incoming darkness. The close work of the Spirit of God is needed now as never before. Stupidity must be shaken off. We must arouse from the lethargy that will prove our destruction unless we resist it. Satan has a powerful, controlling influence upon minds. Preachers and people are in danger of being found upon the side of the power of darkness. There is no such thing as a neutral position. We are all decidedly for the right or decidedly with the wrong... There are ever to be found those who will sympathize with those who are wrong... Those who have in the fear of God ventured out to faithfully meet error and sin, calling sin by its right name, have discharged a disagreeable duty with much suffering of feelings to themselves; but they get the sympathy of but few and suffer the neglect of many. The sympathizers are on the wrong side, and they carry out the purposes of Satan to defeat the design of God." Ellen G. White, Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 3, p. 327-328.

I have been one of those individuals who can identify with the previous statement. I have wanted quick resolution, and wonder why God is taking so long to act (or so it

seems). I have been disappointed that more individuals are not willing to support ministry to hurting people. The following statement brings me comfort and reminds me that God indeed is in control. "It sometimes seems hard to wait patiently till God's time comes to vindicate the right. But I have been shown that if we become impatient we lose a rich reward. As faithful husbandmen in God's great field, we must sow with tears and be patient and hopeful. We must meet troubles and sorrows. Temptations and wearisome toil will afflict the soul, but we must patiently wait in faith to reap with joy. In the final victory God will have no use for those persons who are nowhere to be found in time of peril and danger, when the strength, courage, and influence of all are required to make a charge upon the enemy. Those who stand like faithful soldiers to battle against wrong, and to vindicate the right, warring against principalities and power, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places, will each receive the commendation from the Master: "Well done, good and faithful servant:...enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 327. 21.

Gailon, Gregory and Bob, be encouraged. If what you are doing is wrong, God will discipline you, but if what you are doing is right, He will certainly vindicate you. To everyone reading this, it is my sincere prayer that "God will dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge that you might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages....A-men. Ephesians 3:17.

In Christian love

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Licensed Professional Counselor
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ASI and Other Mediation - 3ABN

It is fairly apparent that this email was meant for public release. Here it is:

----- Original Message -----

Subject: ASI action
Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 08:04:54 -0800
From: Harold Lance

Greetings each one:

Last evening the ASI Executive Committee met to review ASIs' involvement in issues involving 3ABN, Linda and Danny Shelton including our progress in the process we initiated. ASI, in relevant part, took the following action:

"For approximately three months ASI has deeply considered its' involvement in issues involving 3ABN in three special Executive Committee meetings called for that purpose and multiple other contacts. On October 25, 2006 the ASI Executive Committee took an action authorizing the exploration of the possibility of its' involvement and asked Harold Lance to lead out in that process. It now appears that it is not appropriate for ASI to be involved."

Harold Lance

Daryl Fawcett
(16000+
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01/26/07 11:21
AM



Re: ASI and Other Mediation - 3ABN

Here is a further response from ASI:

-----beginning of response-----

January 24, 2007

To those this may concern:

Answering the request of 3ABN's Board of Directors , ASI agreed to explore the possibility of forming a commission "to evaluate and determine Danny's legal and moral right to divorce and to re-marry". ASI's Executive Committee spent a considerable amount of effort from late September 2006 until early 2007 exploring that assignment. ASI's Executive Committee met January 4 to review progress on establishing a commission. After a full discussion the Committee voted unanimously to withdraw from the process they had agreed to consider. A brief announcement was made without stating any of the reasons for our action. We received questions from both sides, ASI members, and several Church leaders. All wanted to know the reasons for our action to withdraw. The committee met again on January 9, 2007 and authorized an explanation. Our decision to withdraw was not based on the merits of the divorce and remarriage issues or any of the other issues we were urged to

consider. It was based solely on the barriers we encountered in attempting to reach agreement on a process.

In summary,

Here were the considerations:

1. ASI believed it could develop a process fair to all parties utilizing a panel of ASI members selected for their spirituality, fairness and intelligence. The parties would be involved in the panel selection process.
2. ASI proposed a process assuring a fair due process to all concerned.
3. ASI believed it was essential that we have the active involvement of all parties.

By 12 10 06, Danny and 3ABN accepted the process proposed by ASI.

Here were the barriers:

- * Linda did not participate in discussions to develop an agreed process.
- * Linda identified Gailon Arthur Joy as her representative who in turn introduced Bob Pickle and Greg Matthews as team members.
- * Linda's team –
 - did not accept that ASI was capable of providing a fair forum to decide the issues
 - insisted on including issues involving allegations of management and corporate misconduct at 3ABN
 - would not accept the ground rules for the panel's procedures
 - would not cease harassing email contact with Danny or other 3ABN representatives
 - would not cease circulating distracting comments about the process under discussion with AS
- * We never learned whether Linda approved of the positions asserted by her team. Linda did not respond except to say that Joy would be her representative.

ASI was equally open to whatever conclusion the facts revealed and was disappointed that our efforts did not result in a resolution of the issues we agreed to consider.

If you wish to know more, read on.

The ASI Executive Committee believes that 3ABN is a God inspired and God led instrument for the effective spread of the Three Angels Messages to the world and

that it is a blessing to the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ASI is a member organization of businesses and ministries that have a priority for the spread of the gospel in their market place. 3ABN was introduced to ASI in the mid 1980's at our convention in Big Sky, Montana. At that time their idea was just a dream. ASI was intrigued by their audacious plan of a lay operated ministry providing a world wide radio and television network with "straight" Seventh-day Adventist programming 24/7. This meeting was the beginning of a mutually beneficial relationship resulting in the growth of both organizations and positive media exposure for hundreds of supporting ministries on 3ABN programming. Both Linda and Danny Shelton were viewed as capable leaders, deserving of respect and involvement with ASI.

Events around the break up of the Shelton's marriage brought much public comment which came to the notice of ASI, the Church at large and the viewers of 3ABN. "The 3ABN board of directors voted unanimously on September 24 (2006) to request ASI to set up a commission to evaluate and determine Danny's legal and moral right to divorce and to re-marry".

As ASI leadership was considering 3ABN's request an email message dated 10 3 06, was received by the ASI President from G. Arthur Joy, saying in part: "...Dr. Thompson has informed me that ASI has agreed to be the appropriate platform upon which to hear allegations regarding 3ABN. While I agree that in theory, ASI is the appropriate platform and clearly has some jurisdiction here, and by voluntary assent would have full jurisdiction to hear the allegations and make appropriate findings, I also recognize there are some clear and serious conflicts that need to be clarified". The memo from Joy included messages from other unknown/unidentified people seriously questioning whether ASI was an appropriate organization to be involved. Joy was unknown to ASI leadership. It was not known what his interest was in the matter. That question was clarified by Linda when she identified Joy as her representative. Joy introduced Bob Pickle and Greg Matthews as also on Linda's team. The three have been included in all correspondence sent to Linda.

On October 25 - the ASI Executive Committee took an action authorizing the exploration of becoming involved and asked Harold Lance, past ASI president, to lead out in the process.

October 31 - ASI circulated a document entitled "Procedural Suggestions" (below) to both Linda and Danny Shelton, their representatives, and 3ABN.

BASIC CONCEPTS - We believed there were several basics concepts necessary for the process to succeed:

- That the involvement of Linda, Danny and 3ABN was essential to a successful agreement on a fair process and resolution of the dispute.

- Widespread distracting interchanges on the web sites and forums led us to believe the discussions between ASI and the parties attempting to establish an agreement on the process needed to be conducted with confidentiality.

- Both parties needed to stop direct critical comment with each other.

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PROCEDURAL SUGGESTIONS

ASI SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE AND PROCESS CONCEPTS:

~ The panel selected to hear and decide the issues should be chosen by ASI in consultation with the parties.

~ Because of the sensitive nature of the issues we believed the proceedings needed to be private, as in "executive session" of a board of directors meeting within the Church or business organizations.

~ Issues for consideration needed careful definition and mutual agreement.

~ Parties would state in advance of the hearing their position on each issue and their expected outcome of each issue.

~ Each party would in advance of the hearing furnish the identity of their witnesses and their expected information as well as providing copies of any documents to be presented to the panel.

~ All costs connected with the proceedings would be paid by 3ABN.

~ Proceedings would be held at a neutral site as convenient as possible for the parties.

~ Input from both parties would be welcomed to establish the ground rules on the process to be followed.

~ Questioning would be conducted by the panel under the direction of its chairperson, with opportunity for the parties or their representative to suggest questions.

~ The decision of the panel would be based upon the information presented by the parties at the hearing and not from outside sources.

~ The proceedings would not be conducted as a trial, with a judge, lawyers, cross examination and typical court-like processes.

~ Within 30 days after the conclusion of the proceedings the panel would announce

its written findings on the issues, the factual reasons for their findings, and recommendations to the parties, which document would be available to the parties and the interested public.

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What happened? Why didn't it succeed?:

There was significant interchange between Linda's team and ASI, and Danny and 3ABN and ASI that lead to two additional documents from ASI to the parties containing details and suggested revisions to the process.

We had no contact with Linda other than a memo to an ASI representative stating that Joy was her representative.

By 12 10 07 Danny and 3ABN had accepted the process as proposed by ASI.

On 12 13 07 we received an email from Joy advising that Linda was preparing a careful thorough response to the process proposals and a list of questions that he and Linda were preparing seeking clarification. They never came.

The interchange with Linda's team centered around:

- * Whether the proceeding should be open to the public or private;
- * Whether ASI could be neutral and provide a "level playing field";

Whether the proceedings should be videoed, recorded and broadcast;

* Whether the issues considered should extend beyond the Shelton's divorce and Danny's remarriage and include for example:

- a. That Danny and the 3ABN Board of Directors were guilty of malfeasance;
- b. That Danny should be removed as president of 3ABN;
- c. That the Board of Directors of 3ABN should be removed;
- d. That 3ABN should be restructured to create a constituency based organization though they knew the existing structure is lawful;
- e. That any person who has contributed to the support of 3ABN should be a constituent entitled to a voice in the selection of the board of directors and the management of the ministry, referring to donors as "stockholders in the pews";

f. That the 3ABN corporate by-laws needed to be changed to allow censure, discipline and removal of the officers and members of the board of directors (NOTE: In fact they already provide for that possibility)

e. At least 22 other issues were raised in Forum site references by her team urged for inclusion in the ASI process.

Early on Linda was provided telephone and email contact information. She was also sent copies of all communications from ASI to her team. In the two plus months of ASI's attempts to reach agreement on a process she did not respond. We do not know if Linda shares in a belief with Joy, Pickle and Matthews that the agenda should include the matters asserted by her team. She chose not to participate. It was clear that Joy, Pickle and Matthews had interests far beyond the issues ASI agreed to consider.

We affirmed to the parties that even though ASI supports the ministry of 3ABN and wishes it to succeed and prosper; that we could be fair and objective in considering the issues related to the Shelton's divorce and Danny's remarriage. We also believed that the panel selected by ASI in consultation with the parties would be people selected with qualities of spirituality, intelligence and fairness. However, we never reached that point. We affirmed to the parties that ASI had no stake in the outcome and were comfortable with what ever conclusions were reached by the panel.

After a week or two into the process Danny and 3ABN ceased exchanging messages with the other side. That was helpful. Because ASI declined to consider issues beyond those of divorce and remarriage Art, Bob and Greg believed they were free to continue contacts with Danny, Dr. Thompson and others associated with 3ABN. Though couched in spiritual language their messages were persistent, confrontational, argumentative and harassing. Our efforts to stop their direct communications were unsuccessful.

We believe we have no jurisdiction to consider internal issues of 3ABN management and the changing of its corporate structure. Those issues must be left to its' board of directors. We believe our inability to resolve the fundamental issue of the divorce and remarriage is disappointing to many. We felt that without agreement on fundamentals with no likely agreement in sight it was necessary for ASI to withdraw. The parties and those concerned are the losers in what could have been a healing clarification of a divisive issue for all who are concerned.

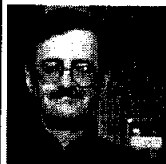
We confess that if we would have known how to resolve the matter we would have done it, but we don't, but God does. We urge that all who have a concern be respectful, restrained and apply the Golden Rule as you would wish it for yourself.

ASI Executive Committee

by Harold Lance"

-----end of response-----

Daryl Fawcett
 (16000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 01/26/07 05:39
 PM



Re: ASI and Other Mediation - 3ABN

Here is the letter again on the 3ABN website:

http://www.3abn.org/3abn_asl_update.cfm

I find it interesting though that the wording is different in places. Do a comparison and see for yourself.

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 01/26/07 08:41
 PM

Re: ASI and Other Mediation - 3ABN

My direct involvement in the negotiations began December 1, 2006, with an email from Gailon to Harold Lance that spelled out the following confidentiality requirement:

Quote:

"I have already secured an agreement from Linda, Bob and Greg that any communication relating to the process proposal and collateral issues with you or ASI will be held in the strictest confidence, period, until we have reached an agreement or an agreement is deemed impossible, at which time only a mutually agreed statement will be issued. All communique's will be labeled 'Confidential-FYEO-Do Not Re-distribute.' These three will be the only individuals included in the discussions on this side."

Harold required this confidentiality agreement in order to avoid the possibility of his being publicly criticized about anything that he might say, particularly on the internet. I have therefore endeavored to confine my public and private comments about the process to only what was publicly known prior to my agreeing to the above.

After ASI announced that it was not appropriate for them to be involved, I received no contact from Harold Lance to try to negotiate any sort of mutually agreed statement. Thus, his sending out of the statement that he did, in my opinion, constitutes a serious violation of the very agreement that he required us all to agree to in order to be involved.

There are a number of serious questions that need to be answered.


- Did 3ABN or Danny Shelton directly or indirectly have any input in or review any draft or edition of this statement prior to Harold's sending it out on Wednesday? I am certain that "Linda's team" had no such privilege, a privilege mandated by the confidentiality agreement.
- If both sides, as Harold's statement says, were to give input into the rules proposed for the process, why was "Linda's team" faulted for disagreeing with the rules proposed for the process prior to our involvement?
- If lack of communication on the part of Linda was a major problem, why was there no participation whatsoever by either Danny or his representative in the

group discussion?

- Again, if lack of communication on the part of Linda was a major problem, why did Harold Lance, as he told me on Wednesday, "ignore" a question I asked more than once regarding a concern I had about the implications of a particular ground rule?
- If two additional documents incorporated suggestions proposed by both sides, why did I ask the group why it seemed that none of the suggestions "Linda's team" had offered were being incorporated?
- If ASI distributed a document to Danny, Linda, and their representatives on October 31, why is it that the first email I have along those lines at all is dated November 12? (Admittedly, there may be a missing email somewhere.)
- In that document were procedural suggestions, it is said. If that be true, did 3ABN or Danny directly or indirectly give input or review those suggestions before they were distributed, and if so, why then were they the only side that, effectively, was allowed to influence the ground rules for the process?
- On September 19, Gailon wrote, "I spent nearly two hours with [a church leader] today and he has agreed to work to develop a mixed forum to review the all evidence. This process is very preliminary, however, it is yet another step in the right direction." That being so, why does Harold's statement indicate that Gailon was unknown to ASI leadership prior to October 3?
- If the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations were one of the major issues that got the ball rolling on this ASI panel review process to begin with, which is my understanding, why did the 3ABN board refuse to allow ASI to look into those allegations, why did Danny indicate in writing to me that he was going to use the whole ASI-decision-about-Linda thing as a smokescreen to cover everything else up, and why was Harold Lance willing to go along with Danny's scheme when I repeatedly pointed out these facts?

These comments and questions are made quite reluctantly, and I wish not to get more specific than the above at this time.

I personally think the ASI rank and file are going to have a lot of questions about all of this.

Daryl Fawcett 
 (16000+
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 (MSDAOL))
 02/01/07 06:50
 PM



 **Re: ASI and Other Mediation - 3ABN**

Here is a direct link to the Save3ABN site that speaks to this latest letter from ASI:

<http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-smokescreen-scheme-intro.htm>

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Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
01/11/07 11:34
AM

The Hal Steenson correspondence ... or lack thereof

Subject: ASI Review, Request, Suggestion
Date: Wed, 09 Aug 2006 13:58:34 -0500
To: Hal Steenson

Hello Hal.

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me at ASI last Friday.

ASI Review

I found the following words from an article you wrote to be of interest, an article posted at <http://thehopeofsurvivors.com/> :

Originally Posted By: Hal Steenson

"In the early years of ministry, my wife, Mollie, and I shed a lot of blood to accomplish what God desired for this ministry and this King ME Mentality was making sure everyone else had to bleed also. I didn't care if I caused everyone around me to be uncomfortable and on edge; If I'd only known how the King would fall, and how many people I would wound and how many people would be overjoyed when I fell, maybe I would have changed, but probably not. You see, I was addicted to pride."

We all have our weaknesses, and I surely have mine. But I was wondering, would you find it possible to apologize for calling me "one sick puppy" and for telling me that I was "being led from the pits of hell"?

Request

I have found it quite distressing to read the accusations and allegations against 3ABN on a couple forums, and would like to try to counter one of them. If you are not the individual that would be able to help me with this, please forward my email to whomever would.

One allegation that has not been confined to internet forums, and which I heard of last fall or so, is that ***** was pregnant out of wedlock. Now, assuming Linda to be guilty, this raises questions of a double standard at 3ABN, since Linda has disappeared and ***** has not. What I would like to post in order to put this one to rest permanently would be the date of *****'s marriage and the date of the birth of her child, thus showing that this allegation is false. What would those dates be?

It does puzzle me why Walter Thompson would not set the record straight on this one in his response to Dr. Abrahamsen's letter, since it should be so easy to do. But since he did not, I'd better add this question: If the allegation be true, which I would hope it isn't, what sort of reasoning underlies the decision to not have ***** disappear from 3ABN like Linda did? In what way is *****'s situation not nearly as bad so that she should be treated so differently?

Suggestion

Last Sabbath at lunch at ASI Danny remarked that Brandy had been chasing him for what was heard to be a period of time longer than ten years. If this was a joke, it was most unwise, given the fact that Danny is being accused of infidelity. I would suggest that someone suggest to him that he avoid making such comments.

God bless.

Bob

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
01/11/07 11:34
AM

 **Re: The Hal Steenson correspondence ... or lack thereof**

Subject: Hal, did you get my email?
Date: Fri, 11 Aug 2006 10:28:44 -0500
To: Hal Steenson

Hi Hal.

Did you get the email below that I sent the other day?

Bob

[Previous email omitted.]

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
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01/11/07 11:34
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 **Re: The Hal Steenson correspondence ... or lack thereof**

Subject: Not read: Hal, did you get my email?
From: "Hal Steenson"
Date: Fri, 11 Aug 2006 10:42:14 -0500

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Bob Pickle
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 **Re: The Hal Steenson correspondence ... or lack thereof**

01/11/07 11:35

Subject: Re: ASI Convention
Date: Fri, 11 Aug 2006 11:12:17 -0500

AM	<p>To: Hal Steenson</p> <p>Hi Hal.</p> <p>Did you get the email below that I sent the other day?</p> <p>Bob</p> <p>[First email sent omitted.]</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 01/11/07 11:35 AM</p>	<p> Re: The Hal Steenson correspondence ... or lack thereof</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: Read: ASI Convention From: "Hal Steenson" Date: Fri, 11 Aug 2006 11:12:14 -0500</p> <p>Your message</p> <p>To: Hal Steenson Cc: Subject: Re: ASI Convention Sent: Fri, 11 Aug 2006 11:12:17 -0500</p> <p>was read on Fri, 11 Aug 2006 11:12:14 -0500</p> <p>Final-Recipient: RFC822; Hal.Steenson at ***** Disposition: automatic-action/MDN-sent-automatically; displayed X-MSExch-Correlation-Key: vURu4Yr2YUufSQwtWllwIw==</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 01/11/07 11:35 AM</p>	<p> Re: The Hal Steenson correspondence ... or lack thereof</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: Re: ASI Conv.: Follow-up Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2006 10:39:15 -0500 To: Hal Steenson</p> <p>Hi Hal.</p> <p>Did you get my email? Could you shoot me a quick reply and let me know?</p> <p>Someone told me that ***** was married on October 13, and that the baby was born May 26, but that wouldn't be correct, would it?</p> <p>God bless.</p> <p>Bob</p> <p>[First and third emails omitted.]</p>

<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 01/11/07 11:36 AM</p>	<p>Re: The Hal Steenson correspondence ... or lack thereof</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: Not read: ASI Conv.: Follow-up From: "Hal Steenson" Date: Mon, 21 Aug 2006 09:23:36 -0500</p> <p>Your message</p> <p>To: Hal Steenson Cc: Subject: Re: ASI Conv.: Follow-up Sent: Fri, 18 Aug 2006 10:39:15 -0500</p> <p>was deleted without being read on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 09:17:22 -0500</p> <p>Final-Recipient: RFC822; Hal.Steenson at ***** Disposition: automatic-action/MDN-sent-automatically; deleted X-MSEch-Correlation-Key: f71nJb5bZ0C80js/Km6fsg==</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 01/11/07 11:36 AM</p>	<p>Re: The Hal Steenson correspondence ... or lack thereof</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: Re: ASI Conv.: Follow-up Date: Mon, 21 Aug 2006 10:08:39 -0500 To: Hal Steenson</p> <p>Hi Hal.</p> <p>Is there any possibility that you can shoot me a quick email to let me know that you have received this?</p> <p>***** wrote me on Friday and let me know that her pregnancy did indeed occur outside of marriage. I'm glad the Lord can forgive whatever we do if we confess and repent, but I was hoping that I would be able to refute the rumor.</p> <p>God bless.</p> <p>Bob</p> <p>[First, third, and fourth emails omitted.]</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 01/11/07 11:36 AM</p>	<p>Re: The Hal Steenson correspondence ... or lack thereof</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: Read: ASI Convention: Follow-up From: "Hal Steenson" Date: Mon, 21 Aug 2006 10:20:27 -0500</p> <p>Your message</p>

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Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
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 01/11/07 11:37
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Re: The Hal Steenson correspondence ... or lack thereof

Subject: Re: ASI Convention: Follow-up
Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2006 15:19:07 -0500
To: Hal Steenson

Hi Hal.

Are you all right? I haven't received any sort of reply yet, and Wednesday will be three weeks. **Can you send me a quick note just to let me know that you got this?** My original note to you is at the bottom of this email

God bless.

Bob

[First, third, fourth, and fifth emails omitted.]

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 01/11/07 11:37
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Re: The Hal Steenson correspondence ... or lack thereof


Subject: Not read: ASI Convention: Follow-up
From: "Hal Steenson"
Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2006 11:09:13 -0500

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<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 01/11/07 11:38 AM</p>	<p> Re: The Hal Steenson correspondence ... or lack thereof</p> <p>Why did I keep writing Hal? I wanted to give him every possible opportunity to make amends before repeating on MSDAOL what had happened at the ASI Convention.</p>
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<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/06/06 12:43 PM</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royalty disclosure?</p> <p>In late October I was informed by Gailon Joy of the following:</p> <p>In the ongoing division of marital property, Linda's side enquired about the proceeds of the sale of the 10 Commandments book. Danny's side replied that that book came out after the divorce.</p> <p>Linda's side replied that the manuscript was in the works before the divorce, something like that, so it should be included.</p> <p>They also replied that since Illinois has questioned 3ABN's tax exemption as it related to certain taxes, 3ABN should as a for-profit business in the state of Illinois be considered in the division of property process.</p> <p>I then asked for a clarification on a point from Gailon, and his response included the following:</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Gailon Joy She simply wants to get back to a ministry and move on with her life and just wants the division of the assets behind them. The problem is that in a divorce case you are obligated to self disclose all financial items, whether assets, liabilities or contras, but Danny has not disclosed bank statements for his personal use that he opened in 2003 and into which went the book deal moneys. He has also refused to allow Ewing to answer questions relating to his pay, expenses, bonuses paid, or sums received from self published books. This is technically "contempt" and will not endear him to the bench.</p> <p>It will be most interesting to see how Danny handles the issue of their tax exemption and not for profit status as they have a hearing date in November...my guess is that Danny compromises [...] we will see, but he sure does anything he can to keep prying eyes from looking at anything an too closely.</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/06/06 12:45 PM</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Re: Royalty disclosure?</p> <p>I replied:</p> <p>Quote: Danny had refused? How can he get away with that in a court of law? Is there no penalty for such?</p> <p>His reply said:</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Gailon Joy Yes, the court can grant sanctions pursuant to rule 11 and order the payment of legal fees as well as a grant an order to compel within a time certain, if the atty actually</p>

pushes it!!!

Danny as president and CEO of 3ABN, and as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and ASI, refusing to allow Ewing to answer questions that the court requires him to answer? Certainly there had to be a mistake.

A very simple way for Danny to clear the air of this damaging allegation would be to simply provide copies of his bank statements and all of 3ABN's financial records to Linda, the court, and the public. Then everyone would be able to clearly see that he is hiding nothing at all.

The whole thing sounded serious enough that I thought I should ask Danny about it, and so I wrote him for the very first time ever on October 31.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 12:46
PM

 **Re: Royalty disclosure?**

----- Original Message -----

To: Danny Shelton

Sent: 10/31/2006 8:41:13 AM

Subject: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest

Hi Danny.

I received this recently, and was wondering if you could provide some information that would correct this:

Originally Posted By: Gailon Joy

The problem is that in a divorce case you are obligated to self disclose all financial items, whether assets, liabilities or contras, but Danny has not disclosed bank statements for his personal use that he opened in 2003 and into which went the book deal moneys. He has also refused to allow Ewing to answer questions relating to his pay, expenses, bonuses paid, or sums received from self published books. This is technically "contempt" and will not endear him to the bench.

It will be most interesting to see how Danny handles the issue of their tax exemption and not for profit status as they have a hearing date in November...my guess is that Danny compromises [...] we will see, but he sure does anything he can to keep prying eyes from looking at anything an too closely.

Certainly you wouldn't be refusing to allow Ewing to answer such questions if they are really required to be answered by the court. I'm wondering if you could make public as much as possible of these financial records in order to put this allegation to rest. I would be happy to facilitate their being posted.

A related matter has been the question of self-published books, referred to above. I've heard that the 10 Commandment books cost 70 cents each, cost 25 cents to print, and cost 11 cents in royalties. Could you clarify this? How much was actually paid in royalties, to whom and by whom?

A prominent individual as far as 3ABN is concerned called me yesterday and while we were chatting they told me that they felt for sure that 3ABN was the one that paid Remnant for the printing. If that is really the case, then I think that fact would put to rest once and for all the idea that the 10 Commandment book was self-published, since publishers, not distributors or retailers or consumers, are the ones who directly pay the printer. And if 3ABN is the publisher, then they can decide to pay you whatever ethically appropriate royalty you agree upon.

Or, if you really did self-publish the book, does that mean that you received check(s) from 3ABN totaling 4.5 million books x 70 cents per book, and that you then paid the printing costs and the royalties out of that sum? Or if those numbers are incorrect, what are the correct numbers?

God bless.

Bob

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 12:49
PM

 **Re: Royalty disclosure?**

When I wrote the above I had fewer answers than I have now, and thus you will see a few details get clarified as we go along.

A publisher friend of mine told me that usually publishers pay the printer, but sometimes something different might be done.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 12:56
PM

 **Re: Royalty disclosure?**

----- Original Message -----
Subject: RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2006 08:18:16 -0600
From: Danny Shelton

Hi Bob, I just returned from a great trip to Australia. God is blessing the work of 3ABN there.

I won't go into all the detail but Galion's email to you really is rubbish.

Linda and her attorneys are the ones who have to face the court because they did not make their deadlines to answer court questions. My attorney had to do what I think they call "sanctions" against them to make them answer their questions. I'm not sure of the term but it simply means they did not comply with court order and now it is a record of the court. Anyone has the right to appeal a certain question or questions and let the court decide whether it will have to be answered later, but no one can just decide to defy court timelines such as Linda's attorney's have done without upsetting the apple cart.

This is Gailons problem, he believes anything that Linda or her friends tell him.

Once again Gailon is in left field as this court time has nothing to do with 3ABN or it's non profit status. The court is not asking Larry Ewing to answer any such questions. In the past when the court has asked for any info we have always given it.

We are of course appealing the State of Illinois property tax case, but this has nothing to do with mine and Linda's divorce case.

God Bless,

Danny

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 12:57
PM

Re: Royalty disclosure?

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest

Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2006 09:09:22 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

Hi Danny. Thanks so much for your reply.

So have you allowed Ewing to answer the questions Gailon referred to, and has he answered them? Or when you say that anyone has the right to appeal a certain question, are you acknowledging that you have indeed refused to allow Ewing to answer those questions? I take it from your reply that the latter is the case, but I want to make sure I'm not misunderstanding you.

I noticed that you didn't comment on my other questions that were somewhat unrelated to Gailon's email, since quite some time ago a retired minister I know here in Mid-America told me that there was some sort of issue regarding royalties with the 10 Comm. book, and it was from him that I heard the 11 cents figure. Here are my questions again:

Quote:

"A related matter has been the question of self-published books, referred to above. I've heard that the 10 Commandment books cost 70 cents each, cost 25 cents to print, and cost 11 cents in royalties. Could you clarify this? How much was actually paid in royalties, to whom and by whom?"

"A prominent individual as far as 3ABN is concerned called me yesterday and while we were chatting they told me that they felt for sure that 3ABN was the one that paid Remnant for the printing. If that is really the case, then I think that fact would put to rest once and for all the idea that the 10 Commandment book was self-published, since publishers, not distributors or retailers or consumers, are the ones who directly pay the printer. And if 3ABN is the publisher, then they can decide to pay you whatever ethically appropriate royalty you agree upon.

"Or, if you really did self-publish the book, does that mean that you received check (s) from 3ABN totaling 4.5 million books x 70 cents per book, and that you then paid

the printing costs and the royalties out of that sum? Or if those numbers are incorrect, what are the correct numbers?"

Could you comment on these questions?

I was looking at Amazon.com, and it appears that when the book first came out in 2004, it was published by DLS Publishing, but the 2006 edition was published by Remnant, while the copyright was held by yourself and Shelley. I would expect, then, that DLS paid you royalties for the 2004 edition, and that Remnant paid you royalties for the 2006 edition. Would that be correct?

Is 11 cents the right figure? Is that 11 cents to you and 11 cents to Shelley, or was that 11 cents total broken up in what way? And if 11 cents is the right figure, then does that mean that 4.5 million books x 11 cents in royalties were paid as a result of last spring's campaign?

My interest in asking these questions is to find concrete ways to put some of these rumors to rest. There are way too many rumors floating around, and they really need to get put to rest, yesterday.

God bless.

Bob

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 12:58
PM

Re: Royalty disclosure?

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest

Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2006 12:44:56 -0600

From: Danny Shelton

Bob, let me explain. No court has asked Larry Ewing to explain anything or answer any questions since our original court date held around 2002 or 2003 I believe.

Gailon is off the wall. He believes everything Linda tells him. It just is not true.

This case has nothing to do with 3ABN. It is a property settlement case between Linda and me. It has nothing to do with our non profit status. Larry Ewing or no one else is being asked questions except Linda and me personally. We answered most of the questions and objected to a few. She did not respond... period ..in the time frame she was supposed to. The only person the court will be upset with is Linda and her attorneys as they did not respond to any of the info required in the appropriate time the court allowed.

The info Galon or whomever, gave you about royalties and costs of books ect. is a lie also. The book Linda is concerned with was written by Shelley and me after mine and Linda's divorce. It has nothing to do with her.

I will not at this time devulge any more info about this book at this time. I may when

mine and her settlement case is over.

I will tell you however that Remnant Publications holds the copyright to TCTR.

Danny

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 12:59
PM

 **Re: Royalty disclosure?**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest

Date: Fri, 03 Nov 2006 14:34:05 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

Hi Danny. Thanks so much for your reply.

If Remnant owns the copyright of TCTR, why does it say inside the book, "Copyright 2004, 2005 by Danny Shelton and Shelley J. Quinn"? Why doesn't it say that Remnant holds the copyright?

So when you say that no court has asked Larry Ewing anything, are you therefore also saying that not even Linda et. al. has asked Larry Ewing about your salary, benefits, royalties, etc.? Not even Linda's attorneys have asked this? I'm just trying to pinpoint what exactly the misunderstanding is, and where exactly it might be coming from.

You state that the info that someone other than Gailon gave me about royalties is a lie, which implies that not only is it false, but that it is also intentionally misleading. That is pretty serious if true, and according to the *Church Manual*, if willful and habitual, constitutes grounds for church discipline. So I would like to explore that a little more, since if someone is really willfully and habitually telling falsehoods about you, they should be subjected at least to church discipline.

But how to explore it more is beyond me at present, since you don't want to divulge what the royalties actually were while the case is ongoing, which suggests that you are trying to keep Linda from knowing what your assets actually are. Unfortunately, that is exactly the allegation, that you are trying to avoid compliance with the law by not revealing all your assets.

Do you see a way to look at it otherwise? Does Illinois state law in fact not require spouses to reveal all their assets in divorce situations? If royalties from the book could not possibly have anything to do with Linda, why wait until the case is over before maybe divulging that information?

And since you say that you "may" divulge information about your royalties when the case is over, that means you may not divulge it after all. And thus I don't really know how to combat the rumors blowing around out there about royalties amounting to half a million dollars being paid by someone to someone just for the TCTR book.

The only other pertinent question I can see in all of this that might help you out a bit

is, When did you first start working on the manuscript? According to Shelley's introduction in the book, you showed her the manuscript the first day of her visit to 3ABN. When would that have been? Did that visit take place before or after the divorce? If after, when was the manuscript first worked on?

Have a good Sabbath.

Bob

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 12:59
PM

 **Re: Royalty disclosure?**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest

Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2006 17:26:24 -0600

From: Danny Shelton

Bob,

Anything rumor retold is a lie. No matter what the intention. That's why Christians shouldn't be involved in the rumor mill.

People also shouldn't assume anything. For instance there is a number of reasons why I don't want to give out certain information to the public. Also because I don't answer your question the way you want it answered doesn't mean that it "suggests" what you think it does.

I have hundreds of emails sent to me. Most of them are very good ones such as praise reports ect. I enjoy hearing them and am glad that people share them with me but there are times that even answering praise reports begin to take a lot of my time that I should be spending with my family.

At first you asked me a few general questions. I answered them the truthfully the best way I know how. But I will not continue to answer one question after another about every terrible thing you read on Black SDA or get from Gailon. Lack of answering does not make one guilty. Jesus showed us this when the bible says He answered them not a word even though they were of accusing Him of things that He was not guilty of.

I believe that He got to a point when He knew for certain that it would do no good to answer anymore questions as the accusers was going to crucify Him anyway.

It seems that is the way it is with those accusing me. They will not believe truth even when it is staring them in the face.

I will just say this, I did have biblical grounds to go along with a mutually consented divorce with Linda, and I have done nothing legally wrong in my administration with 3ABN. The Illinois court case looked at virtually every thing they could to prove such a thing so that it would make it easy for them to deny our non profit status. They found nothing and 3ABN is still non profit. Our appeal currently going on with

the state of Illinois is not about financial misconduct or anything else. The State of Illinois does not believe that our property is used for religious purposes because they do not accept the health messages presented on 3ABN as part of our religion. We are trying to prove them wrong.

If the state of Illinois which gathered something like 2000 pages of info in discoveries with 3ABN plus 3 days of testimony in court plus hours of depositions from 3ABN employees including Linda, could find nothing wrong with how our administration of 3ABN including finances, how possibly could some one like Galon who has never been privy to one page of documents from 3ABN that I know of, possibly think he knows more than the state of Illinois.

Here's the difference. The State of Illinois had access to all our records. Gailon has access to a few people who worked there who have an ax to grind and have told him twisted stories which are lies. He's either not to bright or gullible, or is out to prove something himself. It could be other reasons, but I do know this, he does not want truth. There are two sides to every story and He has only gathered info from one side. He is upset because we will not give him the info he wants an believes that if he is accusing enough against us that we will take him into confidence with the truth that we have. This will not happen.

Church leaders will soon be looking at both sides of this divorce and each side will have a fair chance to present truth to them.

Both sides will have to live by their decision whether we like it or not.

Gailon sees himself involved. He is delusional. He is not involved. We will trust church leaders with the truth not some self proclaimed reporter.

God Bless!

Danny

ps. I need to quit answering questions even like yours for now as church leaders as well as my attorneys have said that anything I put in emails will only be used against me, not for me. I guess I should start listening to them.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 01:00
PM

 **Re: Royalty disclosure?**

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest

Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2006 19:59:44 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

Hi Danny.

I strongly recommend that you hire some experts that can give you tips on damage control, because currently 3ABN's damage control really is suffering.

For example, I have essentially asked you about just two issues, namely, whether you

are not disclosing what your assets are in accordance with Illinois law, and what the royalties were for the 10 Comm. book. In my first email I asked the following:

Quote:

"A related matter has been the question of self-published books, referred to above. I've heard that the 10 Commandment books cost 70 cents each, cost 25 cents to print, and cost 11 cents in royalties. Could you clarify this? How much was actually paid in royalties, to whom and by whom?"

In this reply you write:

Quote:

"At first you asked me a few general questions. I answered them the truthfully the best way I know how."

But I still don't have a clue what the answer is to this, and thus from a damage control perspective, no rumors can be put to rest regarding a half million dollars being paid in royalties for the 10 Comm. book.

Now bear with me, and I will give a few more quotes from your reply that illustrate the desperate need of improving 3ABN's damage control:

Quote:

"They will not believe truth even when it is staring them in the face."

"There are two sides to every story and He has only gathered info from one side."

"He is upset because we will not give him the info he wants ..."

So what you are saying is that Gailon won't believe the truth even if it is staring him in the face, while on the other hand you are saying that you are refusing to give the truth to Gailon. Do you really think that makes sense?

Lastly:

Quote:

"He's either not to bright or gullible, or is out to prove something himself. ..."

"Church leaders will soon be looking at both sides of this divorce and each side will have a fair chance to present truth to them."

"Both sides will have to live by their decision whether we like it or not."

"Gailon sees himself involved. He is delusional. He is not involved. We will trust church leaders with the truth not some self proclaimed reporter."

Danny, please consider the fact that unless there is more transparency at 3ABN, even if you were able to get a panel of church leaders to proclaim your innocence without providing evidence, in accordance with present 3ABN policy, none of these issues would go away. It would be a complete disaster from a damage control perspective.

Quote:

"Both sides will have to live by their decision whether we like it or not."

I know you have suggested that Gailon isn't bright or is gullible or delusional. Such comments are inappropriate, even if some of your critics stoop to such discourteousness when talking about you. Please don't stoop to their level. It won't help your case one bit.

Thus I won't stoop either, but I will say that if you really believe that both sides will live by such a panel's decision without more transparency, then it is highly possibly that you are extremely naive. For the good of 3ABN, another approach is absolutely necessary, in my opinion.

God bless.

Bob

P.S. I know church leaders have counseled you not to write more replies, because one such leader told me they had told you that. And given the tendency to attack others rather than to provide straightforward answers to simple questions, I would say that that counsel is wise. But then you should get someone who can do such in your stead.

Do you currently have anyone who can do that kind of thing?

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 01:01
PM

Re: Royalty disclosure?

Originally Posted By: Gregory

Let me make a couple of comments on Danny's response regarding the IL case:

- 1) 3-ABN was, and still is non-profit under Federal and IL law.
- 2) The non-profit status of 3-ABN, under Federal and IL law was not, and has not been in issues either challenged or decided by any court.
- 3) The legal case referenced was a very small case brought by a local school district to determine if 3-ABN should be liable for certain school taxes.
- 4) Judge Rowe decided that to some extent they were liable for such taxes.
- 5) Judge Rowe held that the non-profit exemption did not apply, and stated an opinion that 3-ABN was not being run as a non-profit is required to be run to be exempt from such taxes. NOTE: That opinion did not affect the Federal and IL status of 3-ABN as a non-profit.

NOTE: Yes, I am sure that the above opinion is considered by 3-ABN's lawyers to lay the groundwork for future revocation of its non-profit status.

6) The health message had nothing to do with Judge Rowe's opinion and/or decision. If you read her 40 page findings and ruling you will clearly see why she reached that conclusion.

7) I am responding as I believe that Danny's response may confuse some who read it as they will not likely understand what actually happened.

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 01:03
PM

 **Re: Royalty disclosure?**

Originally Posted By: Bob Pickle
Gregory,

So you are saying that Judge Rowe's decision has not affected their tax-exempt status, but that 3ABN's lawyers realize that it can be used in the future for revocation of that status?

Danny said that the health message was involved in Rowe's decision, and you say that it was not. In your opinion, does Danny realize that it was not?

Bob

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 01:04
PM

 **Re: Royalty disclosure?**

Originally Posted By: Gregory

I can not speak for Danny. However, it is possible that he makes statements regarding legal issues that he does not fully understand, and that are therefore not totally accurate.

In regard to the issues of non-profit and tax exemption:

I will give an example with reference to the Federal tax exemption. 3-ABN hold a not-profit status due to an administrative decision of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS). That status carries with it an certain exemptions from taxation. However that exemption may not be total. In some places the government may provide certain services that are compensated for by the collection of a tax based on the measurement of the services used. For example, in the State where I live, it is common for the government to provide electricity and water, the costs of which are then collected by a tax. The same is true for fire services which are taxed by charges assessed when the service is required. A non-profit exemption from taxation would not likely exemption one from such service related taxes.

To carry this discussion one-step further: As the IRS administratively granted 3-ABN its non-profit status the IRS can administratively revoke that status. And a Federal court may also revoke its non-profit status.

Judge Rowe does not carry judicial authority on the Federal level. She can neither

revoke 3-ABNs non-profit status administratively, nor can she issue a judicial order that revokes its Federal standing. Therefore, her order does not directly affect 3-ABNs non-profit status.

Judge Rowe simply determined that 3-ABN, with some minor exceptions, was required to pay certain minimal school taxes. She supported her finding with an opinion that, among other aspects, stated that 3-ABN did not meet the requirements, under IL law, for non-profit status, and consequent exemption from the school taxes.

Now that we have established my rationale for stating that her findings and opinion did not directly affect Federal non-profit status of 3-ABN, let us go to the IL non-profit status of 3-ABN.

The situation is exactly the same for the IL status of 3-ABN, in regard to its non-profit status.

Judge Rowe does not operate in a court that has the authority to directly affect 3-ABNs IL non-profit status. She simply does not have that authority.

So why are attorneys for 3-ABN concerned? Is it only over the payment of some minor school taxes? No, it is not. The major issue to them is that the findings and opinion of Judge Rowe may be used the the appropriate State or Federal court to revoke 3-ABNs non-profit status. But, that would require litigation in that court by the proper State or Federal authority.

NOTE: It has been of interest to me to see that over the time that has passed since Judge Rowe issues her findings and opinion, that 3-ABN has made SOME changes that look to me to be a response to Judge Rowe in an attempt to be able to prove to a future court that the basis for her opinion no longer exists, and that therefore 3-ABN presently deserves to maintain its non-profit status.

Does this answer your question?

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 01:04
PM




 **Re: Royalty disclosure?**

Originally Posted By: Bob Pickle
I think it answers it.

From Judge Rowe:

Quote:

Applicant's remuneration to the Sheltons in the form of a van, an airplane at their disposal on weekends, the wages listed on the financial statements, and the total control over the operation by Danny Shelton, are similar to the circumstances listed by the court in Hopedale, that were found to violate the type of pecuniary profit prohibited under Methodist Old Peoples Home. The substance of applicant's activities on the subject property also shows that the applicant is profiting from the enterprise.

	<p>So are they now making sure that all trips in the plane are only for business purposes? Is that one of the changes that has been made?</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/06/06 01:07 PM</p>	<p> Re: Royalty disclosure?</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Gregory I don't think so.</p> <p>Is it not true that a recent "honeymoon" was taken on the 3-ABN jet? Did not that honeymoon last for several days? Is it not true that the only business conducted on that trip was a Sabbath sermon at a local SDA church?</p> <p>Correct me if I am wrong.</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/06/06 01:07 PM</p>	<p> Re: Royalty disclosure?</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Bob Pickle I couldn't tell you.</p> <p>I will say that if the above paragraph from Rowe is construed into only a question about our health message, it is truly amazing. Here in America you can climb the ladder of success and get so high while either intentionally or unintentionally characterizing a legal decision in that way.</p> <p>In other words, if it was intentional, one can be quite crooked and climb to the top. And if it was unintentional, one can be clueless about many, many things, and still climb to the top.</p> <p>There is hope for all.</p>
<p><u>Bob Pickle</u> (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/06/06 01:07 PM</p>	<p> Re: Royalty disclosure?</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Gregory Bob, I have not read Rowe for some time. SO, if my comments regarding the health message are wrong, that is the case. according to my memory, Judge Rowe's had much greater concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Shelton family control. b) Profit making for the Shelton family.

- c) Questions regarding salary, perks and the total compensation package.
 - d) Lack of documentation of participation in charitable activities as required by the law.
 - e) A failure to fully supply the court with desired documents.
- As I recall, there were other issues. But, that should be a good start.

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/06/06 01:08
 PM

Re: Royalty disclosure?

Originally Posted By: Bob Pickle
 I just received word that Danny's attorney contacted Linda's attorney on Friday to discuss a "comprehensive settlement." Kind of strange. Friday was the very day I first heard back from Danny in answer to my questions from my Tuesday email.

Do you think it at all possible that the proposed settlement might include more "gag" provisions? I sure hope not.

The only way to squash the rumor mill that is running wild is to have full financial disclosure in compliance with IL law, and to make all the terms of the settlement, whatever they may be, public.

Quote:
 The greatest want of the world is the want of men--**men who will not be bought or sold**, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall. (Ed 57)

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/06/06 01:09
 PM

Re: Royalty disclosure?

The last reply I received:

----- Original Message -----
 Subject: RE: Clarification needed to put rumor to rest
 Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2006 23:52:46 -0600
 From: Danny Shelton

Thanks, I may take your advice.

Danny

my little friend
 (100+ Member

Re: Royalty disclosure?

(MSDAOL)
12/06/06 01:14
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Daryl Fawcett
 (16000+
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 12/04/06 09:01
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● Kay Kuzma Response to the Linda Shelton Story

The following, addressed to Calvin of BSDA, from Kay Kuzma has been copied over from BSDA:

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Dear Calvin,

I have become aware that your site published Johann Thorvaldsson's article about "The Story of Linda Shelton." (Note: See this article in a later post) Since I am mentioned in that article, I thought you might be interested in publishing a response to correct the misinformation given about my involvement. If you need to call me, my # is xxx-xxx-xxxx. Thank you. Kay Kuzma

Here is my statement:

To those who may question my involvement with 3ABN and the circumstances which led up to Linda Shelton leaving 3ABN:

Yes, I was involved in what happened at 3ABN concerning Linda however the internet article in which you read about my involvement titled "The Story of Linda Shelton" by Johann Thorvaldsson, is saturated with the writer's biased personal perceptions and has very little to do with what actually happened. I was there – I know. Rather than address each falsehood, which would be too time consuming, I will simply address the three major errors concerning me:

Here is what was printed about me:

"Long before Linda's dismissal, Dr. Kay Kuzma was assigned to help Linda manage after being fired. She was also supposed to interview staff members to find a good reason to fire her, so one wonders what really is behind this upheaval?"

Here is what actually happened:

1) I was not brought in early – in fact, I was brought in during the last six weeks after Danny and Linda had been in months of counseling with professionals – with Linda still refusing to follow what the counselors suggested, i.e., unanimously the counselors told her that she would have to give up her relationship with the doctor in Norway who she was spending up to six hours each day talking with.

2) I was not brought in to help Linda "manage" after she was fired – she was never fired. The committee I was on (and later the Board) repeatedly gave her opportunity to talk with them trying to bring resolution and restoration to both her ministry at 3ABN and her marriage. She refused at every point. There was never discussion concerning "firing" Linda when I became involved – only a discussion on how to help her. There was such a concern for Linda's reputation that the entire Board was not initially notified about the situation until it became an absolute necessity to do so. I was on a small committee of two Board members, the 3ABN attorney, and myself. The small committee's discussion centered on how to save Linda for ministry. Linda

talked to me one time and refused any further contact I tried to make with her.

3) I was NOT asked by 3ABN to interview staff concerning Linda. Linda, herself, asked me to talk with the staff. She even gave me the specific names of the people she wanted me to talk with. The results from the interviews with the employees Linda suggested weren't flattering to her. When I tried to get back with her, she refused to answer my calls.

The overwhelming error in Mr. Thorvaldsson's account of the events surrounding Linda Shelton's departure from 3ABN gives witness to the fact that his observation was from many thousands of miles away and only receiving his information from the two involved in the duplicity. Hopefully it has become apparent to you, as I pointed out the error contained in these three lines alone, that this entire article is full of misinformation. If you would like specific answers to any other point, I'll be happy to share. God is good and truth will prevail even though there are those who are trying to stir up controversy.

I believe the most important thing to understand is that eventually the fruit of a person's decisions will become evident. Although I will not comment further about what happened to lead up to Linda's departure from 3ABN, we know that the other man had been to the States and spent time with Linda before she left Danny, and that immediately after she left Danny, the other man was with Linda. A few weeks later they spent time traveling together through Europe.

Please remember, 3ABN is not Danny or Linda's ministry – it is God's, and every day we all see incredible miracles as God is moving His ministry forward. It's been a very difficult time – as we all love Linda and recognize how much God used her in her role as co-host with Danny. God truly gifted her with the ability to write beautiful songs that have been a tremendous blessing to thousands.

Thanks for remembering 3ABN in your prayers – and thanks for not sharing Mr. Thorvaldsson's article with anyone else – since I know you don't want to be a part of spreading misinformation.

Sincerely,

Kay Kuzma

-----end of quote-----

I did some reformatting for easier reading, however, the text has not been changed.

Johann
 (300+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/06/06 01:05
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Six weeks is a long time on this calender. It all happened so fast. That Linda had been in months of counselling with professionals is questionable. At best this is uncertain second hand information that Kay Kuzma is giving here.

Quote:

2) I was not brought in to help Linda "manage" after she was fired – she was never fired. The committee I was on (and later the Board) repeatedly gave her opportunity to talk with them trying to bring resolution and restoration to both her ministry at 3ABN and her marriage. She refused at every point. There was never discussion concerning "firing" Linda when I became involved – only a discussion on how to help her. There was such a concern for Linda's reputation that the entire Board was not initially notified about the situation until it became an absolute necessity to do so. I was on a small committee of two Board members, the 3ABN attorney, and myself. The small committee's discussion centered on how to save Linda for ministry. Linda talked to me one time and refused any further contact I tried to make with her.

Notice that Kay Kuzma does not deny her assignment was to help Linda manage later. . . but she points out that Linda was not "fired". You will notice Linda stating on her website that she refused to resign, so she was fired. When I encouraged Linda to continue talking to Kay, Linda stated that she felt Kay was so biased against her that she felt it was impossible to have any more talks with her.

Quote:

3) I was NOT asked by 3ABN to interview staff concerning Linda. Linda, herself, asked me to talk with the staff. She even gave me the specific names of the people she wanted me to talk with. The results from the interviews with the employees Linda suggested weren't flattering to her. When I tried to get back with her, she refused to answer my calls.

Kay claims she came in at a late date. Perhaps that explains why some of the people seemed hostile towards Linda? People who were there at the time have told me that 3ABN staff had been given orders not to have anything to do with Linda, so it was not reasonable to speak positively about her at that time?

It would, of course, be helpful if we had a calendar of events to decide when the events came in relation to other events at the time. So many of the "proofs" given by 3ABN have been completely thwarted out of the time frame.

Quote:

The overwhelming error in Mr. Thorvaldsson's account of the events surrounding Linda Shelton's departure from 3ABN gives witness to the fact that his observation was from many thousands of miles away and only receiving his information from the two involved in the duplicity. Hopefully it has become apparent to you, as I pointed out the error contained in these three lines alone, that this entire article is full of misinformation. If you would like specific answers to any other point, I'll be happy to share. God is good and truth will prevail even though there are those who are trying to stir up controversy.

Was I thousands of miles away? How did I manage to sit face to face with Kay Kuzma while she interviewed me? How was Irmgard and I able to visit her sick husband at the hospital where we met both of them? Kay had been sitting in another room working on the manuscript of her recent book on the miracles at 3ABN?

This whole thing began in our kitchen at 3ABN - and not thousands of miles away!!! On the other hand Irmgard and I were thousand of miles away in Norway, spending every day together with Dr. Arild Abrahamsen at precisely the time when Danny insisted on him being in Florida together with Linda. 3ABN still insist on them having been together and this was the basis of Danny's demand for a divorce.

Yes, I was also thousands of miles away when I made a phone call to a certain Dr. Kay Kuzma and we talked for 45 minutes on the phone. It was from that phone conversation I got some of the information I gave. She must have been told at a later

date - possibly by a lawyer - that I could not prove she said it, because the information was merely given verbally on the phone.

Quote:

I believe the most important thing to understand is that eventually the fruit of a person's decisions will become evident. Although I will not comment further about what happened to lead up to Linda's departure from 3ABN, we know that the other man had been to the States and spent time with Linda before she left Danny, and that immediately after she left Danny, the other man was with Linda. A few weeks later they spent time traveling together through Europe.

I can assure you that what Kay Kuzma here states is not the truth. I know because Irmgard was in intensive care of this doctor during that time, and it would have been completely impossible for him to have been in the United States to spend time with Linda at the same time. It merely shows that certain people believed every fiction pronounced by Danny Shelton to make it possible for him to marry the young woman who had been chasing him for more than ten years, as Danny claims himself.

Quote:

Please remember, 3ABN is not Danny or Linda's ministry – it is God's, and every day we all see incredible miracles as God is moving His ministry forward. It's been a very difficult time – as we all love Linda and recognize how much God used her in her role as co-host with Danny. God truly gifted her with the ability to write beautiful songs that have been a tremendous blessing to thousands.

Thanks for remembering 3ABN in your prayers – and thanks for not sharing Mr. Thorvaldsson's article with anyone else – since I know you don't want to be a part of spreading misinformation.

Sincerely,

Kay Kuzma

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I thank the Lord that so many others have now examined the sources available, and therefore come to the same conclusion as I did soon 3 years ago. Danny has had to change his fictitious stories uncountable times, but the truth of the matter remains the same forever.

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 12/06/06 11:35
 AM

 **3ABN Live, August 10, 2006**

During the first hour of the August 10, 2006, 3ABN Live broadcast:

Originally Posted By: John Lomacang

"The Israelites had to acknowledge that God had chosen Moses to lead them. I want to stop and say that, we may not always agree with who God chooses, but when God chooses someone, disagreeing with that one can bring on us adversity, discouragement, and the loss of our vision."

About 5 min. and 30 sec. later:

Originally Posted By: John Lomacang

"Moses was the instrument that God used, as Danny Shelton is the instrument that God uses here at 3ABN. Moses was not the deliverer. Danny's not the deliverer. He's simply the chosen servant of God."

[John Lomacang on 3ABN Today Live, 1st hour, replayed at 3pm CDT, Sunday, August 13, 2006]

On September 1, John told me that he did not mean that it was wrong to disagree with Danny, and didn't think people should take his words that way.

During the second hour, following an introduction that describes John the Baptist in a way that sounds like Danny:

Originally Posted By: Shelley Quinn



"As a faithful witness for God, he spoke out against a couple who had entered into a sinful relationship. Now the woman entangled in this situation became offended. She was embittered, and she felt scorned. And you know, there's something about her, that she was unconcerned about her relationship in the eyes of the Lord. Her worry revolved more around the possibility of losing her prominent position. So what did she do? She devised a plan to eliminate this one who had exposed her, and she enlisted the help of her young daughter. Now prompted by her mother, this daughter became entangled in the web of deceit, and she set out to set her mother's position and save it by destroying this man of God. What we see here is that the scheme was to go forward and go straight for the throat and have his head served up on a platter. Does this story sound familiar to you? To whom am I referring? John the Baptist, of course."

About 6 min. and 20 sec. later:

Originally Posted By: Shelley Quinn

"Now how could such a holy, Spirit-filled man, who was hand-picked by God, and called to such an important ministry, fall victim to such vile persecution? Why would God allow it?"

[Shelley Quinn on 3ABN Today Live, 2nd hour, replayed at 4pm CDT, Sunday, August 13, 2006]

	<p>Previous to this broadcast, Linda's daughter had issued a signed, private, and confidential statement alleging sexual assault on the part of Danny.</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/06/06 11:38 AM</p>	<p> Re: 3ABN Live, August 10, 2006</p> <p>From the Glenn Dryden document collection we provide the following excerpt, with bold added:</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: Three quick questions Date: Mon, 4 Dec 2006 07:59:59 -0500 From: Glenn Dryden</p> <p>Tommy vaguely alluded to the allegations in Illinois at times in his preaching when invited by our founding pastors to minister at the Community Church of God in the late 1980s. He did so by speaking not of the allegations but of the "persecution" he and his family suffered as a consequence. He was successful in drawing sympathy thereby as he spoke of hardship suffered by he and his family.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Pastor Glenn Dryden</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/06/06 11:40 AM</p>	<p> Re: 3ABN Live, August 10, 2006</p> <p>The fact that both Tommy and Danny have tried to explain away the allegations against them of sexual misconduct as being persecution should be looked upon as an intriguing and extremely unfortunate similarity, but not as proof of guilt.</p>

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Open Letter From Dr. Walter Thompson

The following is an open letter from Dr. Walter Thompson:

From Walter Thompson

Chairman, 3ABN board of Directors

Regarding Danny's marriage

Dear Family and Friends of 3ABN,

Two years ago 3ABN was challenged by the most difficult battle the ministry has ever faced. It was a battle that threatened the very existence of the ministry and the work of preaching the end time message of the Three Angel's to the world. It is only because of the grace and power of God Almighty, and the faithful support of you, the 3ABN family, that the ministry has survived to preach another day. Today, the ministry is stronger than it has ever been and its reach into the world even broader and more powerful for the cause of truth.

As is always the case when in the public eye, questions arise, stories abound, and rumors spread. We thank God that you have trusted the leadership and board of 3ABN during this time and have stayed with us in ministry. More recently some of you have heard that Danny has found one to comfort him in his loneliness and sorrow. You may have also heard rumors about an allegedly illegal divorce occurring without Biblical grounds. This letter is an attempt to fill you in with the facts.

As chairman of the board I have been in the midst of this long and drawn out ordeal from the beginning. I was there when we counseled with Linda over and over again. I was present during the pleas and prayers, seeking to get her to give up her relationship with the doctor. I have seen and heard the evidence upon which the board has taken the action that it has taken. I have been one that has plead with Linda to keep her marriage and her ministry and offered to provide counseling for them. I have known Danny and Linda almost from the beginning of the ministry and have been in their home many times. They had a good marriage. It was not until this third party got in the middle did things begin to fall apart. It is also true that Danny really did want to get back together again, but when it became obvious that couldn't happen, he correctly had to close the door on that part of his history lest it destroy him and the ministry.

The divorce was a mutually agreed thing, even the choice to get it from Guam where there would be no long wait. Linda had originally planned to move to Las Vegas long enough to become a resident there so as to get a divorce there. They then discovered the possibility of a divorce from Guam, checked it out and found it to be legal, and decided to go that route. Though I believe Guam has now stopped the program, the legality of a Guam divorce had previously been taken to the U.S. Supreme Court where it was ruled legitimate. As chairman of the board, I did not try to influence the decision, but I will say that had they not obtained a quick divorce, the ministry would have been placed at much greater risk since the situation was causing so much dysfunction with leadership and staff. I believe time has verified the

correctness of what was done then, both by Danny and by the board for the ministry.

Linda's web site recently stated that she and Danny were not divorced. She wrote this after the judge made the decision in Danny's favor. She claims she did not know this when she wrote it. Her web site referred to an e mail I sent to Johann Thorvaldson a year earlier saying that I had never accused her of adultery. I believe that exchange with him was in response to an accusation by him that we had fired her because of adultery. I was merely saying that she was not fired for adultery, but because she had defied the board in not discontinuing a relationship that was threatening to destroy the ministry. (I might add that the doctor also told me he would not break off the relationship, even though I pled with him to do so.) That letter to Johann was correct, and it is true that I have never directly accused her of adultery. That does not mean that I believe Linda is innocent. If by adultery one must be caught in bed with another person, I cannot prove Linda has committed adultery. If, on the other hand, hard evidence indicates that Linda was involved in an unacceptable relationship with another man qualifies for adultery, then there is no question about Danny's moral right to marry again. As a board, we have chosen not to make the details of the evidence available to the public. I believe Satan is the accuser of the brethren. We have chosen to take the "high road" in this whole situation and say nothing more than we have been forced to say to try to quell rumors. We care about Linda and have tried not to do anything to hurt her more than she has already been hurt. I can tell you that I personally spent a great deal of time at 3ABN during those months when this was all happening. I spoke with Linda and Danny on numerous occasions. A sub committee of the board met and prayed with Danny and Linda and pled with Linda to call off the relationship. Danny and Linda spent an 8 hour session with a pair of Christian counselors (non-Adventist in an attempt to avoid bias) who had no doubts about the nature of Linda's conduct. We offered to provide Linda with the opportunity to go away for counseling with a counselor agreeable to both she and us. She did not respond to that offer or request. Finally, the full board met, reviewed Linda's letter of explanation, and voted unanimously to remove her from the ministry and her seat on the board. Other church leaders who have been privy to some of the evidence we have are in full agreement with our decision.

The relationship Linda had with the Norwegian Dr. was not a normal doctor-patient relationship as she claims. It is true. Linda was very concerned about her son Nathan. He was the vehicle through which the Dr. reached Linda. Our evidence leaves no question that this became much more than a doctor-patient relationship. We know that the long hours on the phone together were not about Nathan and have hard evidence to support this knowledge - nor were times spent together on both sides of the Atlantic. Furthermore, she refused to break it off, even after weeks of pleading with her to do so. We, the board believe the evidence we have clearly justifies the divorce and gives Danny the moral and legal right to remarry. Those in church leadership with whom we have shared some of this evidence agree with us. Out of concern for Linda we have been reluctant to make details public.

No, Danny is not to blame for what has happened here. On the contrary, he has bent over backwards trying to make things work and meeting her requests. Yet, she has never acknowledged that it was wrong for her to have another "friend".

The things I have stated here are accurate and correct. As far as the lady Danny has

married is concerned, I can only say I believe his new wife is a very good person and will be a real asset to him as he carries on his heavy responsibilities. Just to clarify any rumor you may have heard, this relationship began long after the divorce. I was at 3ABN when this lady came from Florida looking for work. There was nothing going on before that time, and Danny definitely was not trying to "dump" Linda. I was with him during much of the time he agonized and mourned her loss. It is one thing to lose a loved one in death. It is much different to lose one to another lover - like cutting a dog's tail off one inch at a time! As to the matter of age difference, I will say that I do not believe that is any of my business. I find nothing in the Bible, and I don't remember any thing in the SOP indicating age differences for married couples. If it is legal, and morally correct, and if entered into with honesty, sincerity and earnest prayer for God's guidance, as I know happened here, it is not for me to criticize. In my own musings about this, I have concluded that it was no accident that brought Brandy to 3ABN. Either the devil was behind it, or God was. There is no question in my mind which one it was.

(Archo Dart was for many years a family and marriage counselor in the Adventist church. When in his 80's, he married one of my patients, who was then in her 50's. She loved and admired him till death many years later.)

I have had an interesting thought this week that I will share with you. It is this. God lost one of his closest companions when Lucifer went astray. More than that, myriads more angels left with him when he left heaven. Talk about grief or emotional pain. Experiences such as this with Linda, I think, help us to understand the pain of loss, and the reality of the war between God and Satan. Some have claimed it takes two to divorce. I don't think that is categorically true!

This has been a terrible injury that has hit 3abn and Danny, and yes, Linda too, but it is one that I believe God understands - and He continues to bless his servants.

We recognize that we live in a world at war, and are working with a ministry that the devil would like to see destroyed. The war is real, and as in any other war there are real casualties. War is never pleasant, and spiritual battles may be some of the worst. Our hearts still ache for those who have been wounded. Our prayers continue to ascend on their behalf. Should acknowledgement of wrongdoing and penitence ever occur, we would be the first to forgive and forget. Unfortunately, that has not happened, and we must move on.

Some who have been aware of the growing relationship and the possibility of marriage have thought they should wait for a longer period of time before marrying. In discussions before the event, the 3ABN board reviewed the events of the past couple years and have agreed that there was no moral or legal reason precluding marriage. Realizing the heavy burdens resting on Danny and of his need for companionship, we, the board did not see any reason not to give our blessing to their union. We hope you, our 3ABN family, will agree too, and with us, welcome Brandy with open arms.

Should you have any questions that I might answer, please feel free to send them to me at 3ABN and I will do my best to try to answer them.

Sincerely in the precious name of Jesus,

Walter Thompson

Chairman, 3ABN Board of Directors.

Walter Thompson MD