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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Save3abn Website Uses Blackmail Tactics

Posted by: Lee Feb 22 2007, 07:41 PM

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 22 2007, 07:57 PM

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Well, I read the article this morning ... now wish that I'd downloaded it. What is being clearly said above is that the article was pulled out of concern regarding retribution against the main author of the article in question. (It was clear who wrote it.) What is also being said is that if the concerns in the article are not addressed properly, it will be "released to the media once again." The last phrase indicates that it was **already released** (no threat, just statement of fact) and it **will be released again** (in the same manner, i.e. on the website).

see nothing but a statement of fact and a statement of intention that hardly constitutes blackmail. (I suspect that some have already copied the article anyway.)

If I tell you that, unless you stop traveling in the direction you're going, you're going to drive into the river where there used to be a bridge, do you consider that a threat of blackmail?

You may ...

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And your final statement is simply wrong. There is a threat to repost the information that was removed. Now, it was there, is not now, so someone - whether it is 3ABN or Mr. Westphal himself - sought the appropriate means to have it removed. I would venture to guess that it was Mr. Westphal who asked it be removed even though he did not write what had been posted. What had been posted was removed and there is a threat to repost it unless 3ABN does what Mr. Pickle and Mr. Joy want.

It is nothing more than a power play on the part of the PickleJoy team.

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<http://www.selfknowledge.com/102039.htm>

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[NL. See Ultimate.]

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Posted by: fallible humanbeing Feb 22 2007, 09:06 PM

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3ABN will be glad to know that you have finally seen their right to protect their name. They haven't used coercion or extortion against Mr. Joy - they have offered him an ultimatum, a final deal, a take it or leave it in regards to his "onionesque" site save3ABN.

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QUOTE(fallible humanbeing @ Feb 22 2007, 09:01 PM) □

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Oh yes, it does fly; It flies very well.

Unless, of course you equate Linda Shelton as having less innate value than The Chosen One at 3ABN. In the end, you're just displaying your own sense of inequality, which is inherent in everything else you say.

Posted by: watchbird Feb 22 2007, 09:09 PM

QUOTE(fallible humanbeing @ Feb 22 2007, 09:14 PM)

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- FHB

OKayyyyyyy... gotit... thanks for being so clear.... So 3abn has every right to threaten someone who says anything about the things they do.....

But NO ONE... absolutely NO one... has any right to complain or to protect their own name against 3abn's threats.

Up... that's what I THOUGHT.... just what you , FHB, said... just what Lee said.... now we wait for the rest of the dannyscribes to check in to confirm it.... OK... we is waitin....



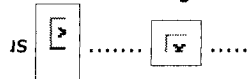
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
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
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


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whenever he wants, however he wants.... and has the right to change it at any time he wants....

 b now.... got that through your head now?

OK... here's a blanky for you...  and a couch if'n ya feel the need of lyin down....

 sofa1.gif

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If you had any imagination, you'd find you own argument, rather than simply re-writing and re-stating my argument, which is: Linda Shelton has every right to protect her name.


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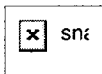
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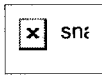
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Thanks for the blanky, I need it right now as I curl up into a fetal position behind the couch!

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Feb 22 2007, 09:31 PM



I'm waitin' on my papers... I got Mother to take care of, a son to put through school, an education to pay off/start up afresh; then a counseling center to build, a cousin to finish putting through school (unless she's finished and ain't told me), and some real estate to build....



Posted by: fallible humanbeing Feb 22 2007, 11:12 PM

For those interested, here is the double-speak interpretation of the line in red quoted by Lee.

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<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=x-user-defined">
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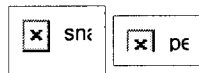
It is my understanding that the "source" is a terminated employee who purports to be sharing comments made by Mr. Westphal. Isn't it interesting that the JoyPickle will adhere to their "sources" request while completely ignoring the confidentiality of the ASI communications and the request of Dr. Thompson that his emails not be published. But then I guess there is no surprise at their tactics.

Mr. Pickle, did you have the "sources" permission initially, or was it posted prior to receiving their approval and because you rushed to post it you had to backtrack?

- FHB

Posted by: seraph|m Feb 23 2007, 06:00 AM

Another red herring anyone?



Posted by: IMM Feb 23 2007, 06:35 AM

QUOTE(fallible humanbeing @ Feb 22 2007, 09:06 PM) □

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FHB, didn't you learn Proverbs 22:1 in Cradle Roll? "A **good name** is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver or gold."

I have always understood that to show the importance of a personal name or a reputation. I'm sure it could apply corporately also.

Now I don't know Linda, have no need to defend her or anyone else. But to say a person's name--*any* person's name--isn't is "important" as an "entity like 3ABN, HOPE or LLBN" seems really cold. Are you really of the opinion that God considers a person's name of less worth than an organization?

I sincerely hope you didn't mean what you said.

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 23 2007, 06:36 AM

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Richard

Posted by: Noahswife Feb 23 2007, 09:17 AM

QUOTE(IMM @ Feb 23 2007, 07:35 AM)

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Remember the latin term res ipsa loquitur?

Here is a statement from the wiki:

Res ipsa loquitur tends to be an unnecessarily difficult concept for new law students to understand. Because of the resulting confusion, the joke has developed, "Res ipsa loquitur, sed quid in infernos dicet?" ("The thing speaks for itself, but what the hell does it say?")


IMHO I think FHB said quite a lot with his statement that "speaks for itself".

nw

Now that I have thought further, isn't the obvious position behind the statement the basis of what is behind some of what happened at 3ABN and the seemingly quick actions taken by the 3ABN board?



Posted by: seraph|m Feb 23 2007, 09:42 AM

anti-dannynites  Richard, if you keep this up and you'll end up with a branch on the tree.

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Posted by: erik Feb 23 2007, 10:08 AM

[quote name='fallible humanbeing' date='Feb 22 2007, 07:06 PM' post='180094']

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FHB,

I fail to understand were you think that entity even one raised up by God like 3abn has more value then a person, The Lord Jesus Died for Linda and for Danny And for Tommy, But he did not Die for 3abn.

That makes Linda or any living person more important then any entity or organization, at least that is how I read the bible, Or can you show texts that make that wrong?

I would also like to point out that at times many on BlackSDA(myself included) Might post in away that makes it sound like maybe we have forgotten that Jesus died for LINDA, DANNY, and TOMMY.

YET that fact has has been pointed out often has well.

The other thing that is somehow missed by some here(if the shoe fits were it) is that Truth is more important then **any person or organization** .

It appears to any outsider like myself that 3abn, Danny, Tommy, and their supporters seem to think that because they have a tv Show that Speaks truth, that makes Very thing they do Truth, well it is not so.

Linda has clear stated clearly and with out change that she did not have an Affair, Danny choose not Provided more then side notes has the proof of his charges. The sakes for truth are very high since Danny now has remarried. As a Speaker of the undulated 3 angels message, do we expect Danny to be perfect nope not at all, but do we expect him admit when he is wrong, and by doing so proving that gospel that he is preaching has real power yes.

Now les look at tommy, and those around him. Unlike linda we have direct statements charging tommy with more then 3 different affairs over a period of time. Yet that direct statement has not been directly and simple denied, and in fact a letter written by tommy himself makes it sound like something funny went on. Is the 3 three angels message so weak that it can not change the heart of serial cheater on his wife, **I rather think not.**

If tommy is not guilty then a simple I did not have any kind of sexually active over the last 30 plus years. with any person other then my wife, would in my mind go miles towards proving his not guilty status. yet to my knowledge that not happened.

OR if he is guilty what would prove the power of the three angels message then for him to admit I wronged the following person, i am sorry for my actions, and i claim the power of the gospel to live a changed life.

3abn' s leadership needs to decide if they are willing to walk the walk of the message that preach.

ERik

Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Feb 23 2007, 10:29 AM

For some reason, I can't get erik post to allow me to quote it, but I agree with what he said about Tommy. Tommy can't make a statement that nothing happened, and he knows it. It would be a lie. All that is left to do is to admit it and apologize, and get right with God. I still believe there would be forgiveness and acceptance with many. I know there would with me.

Posted by: fallible humanbeing Feb 23 2007, 11:43 AM

QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Feb 23 2007, 12:29 PM)

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I couldn't respond to Erik's post either so it isn't quoted here.

Erik,

I didn't raise Linda's name. In fact, bringing her name into the discussion diverted the discussion from its natural flow.

Post #2 (Richard Sherwin):

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Post #4 (Fallible Humanbeing)

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Post #7 (where Panama Pete sarcastically throws Linda's name into the discussion)

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There is a difference between an individuals name and the name of a business entity. Even many of those who are out to do away with Danny see that by not wanting 3ABN's "good name" to be "sullied" by Danny. They see the difference between disparaging an individual and keeping the networks name clear. Sure Linda has every right to repair her reputation either by admitting what she has been responsible for over the years or the failure of 3ABN to provide its evidence in court.

But to say that Bill Gates name is to be viewed the same way Microsoft is or Steve Jobs and Apple isn't valid. Neither of those men would see them as being the same thing.

The main point, Erik, is that the discussion had nothing to do with Linda or her reputation - it was a discussion about 3ABN and the PickleJoy web site. Panama Pete interject the diversion.

- FHB

Posted by: Bystander Feb 23 2007, 12:05 PM

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FHB can you imagine the chaos if 3abn did as you said on a savelinda site and posted every bit of evidence against her, then got signed statements from disgruntled employees that worked under her, People that would swear in court that she lied about numerous things, had participated in any number of improprieties, would say she had treated people like her own personal slaves..had treated DS like a dog to get her own way, could bring up her first marriage and what her ex had to say about her, etc....etc

I'm just saying none of that has to be true or not. But look how easy it would be to do exactly what picklejoy are doing. When something like that happens, enemies you didn't even know you had will come out of the woodwork to talk against you. On top of that, we, the "investigators" could twist and

turn and change what what evidence we had, to even make it look 10 times worse.
 What they have done is easy, so easy, to do.
 Look who's doing it and who's not.
 Wouldn't you agree FHB

Posted by: watchbird Feb 23 2007, 12:34 PM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Feb 23 2007, 01:05 PM) □

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 People that would swear in court that she lied about numerous things, had participated in any number of improprieties, would say she had treated people like her own personal slaves..had treated DS like a dog to get her own way, could bring up her first marriage and what her ex had to say about her, etc....etc
 I'm just saying none of that has to be true or not. But look how easy it would be to do exactly what picklejoy are doing. When something like that happens, enemies you didn't even know you had will come out of the woodwork to talk against you. On top of that, we, the "investigators" could twist and turn and change what what evidence we had, to even make it look 10 times worse.
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 Look who's doing it and who's not.
 Wouldn't you agree FHB

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And btw.... □ sig! for letting us in on so many of your "trade secrets" as to how you have been handling things for the last several years..... albeit on a MUCH wider varieties of communication than a mere website.....

You are Sooooooo helpful to those of us who are looking for clues as to how your mind thinks. □

You should understand though... that truthful people do not even think of this type of thing all on their own... truth is soooo much easier to handle than the most cleverly devised lies.....

Oh well..... to each his own.... ye who are of your father, the father of lies, would, I am sure, not be comfortable handling the simple unadorned truth..... □


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
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
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
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Your other statement isn't true either, but if it was 100 % it would take one to know one. You, sister and sonshineonme have slandered, and defamed with faulty info that you could have gained, only through one source. You have proven that, far from taking the high road, and keeping silent 

she has been a busy bee providing different ones with her info. Whether you are disgruntled employees or maybe members of LS's church, it all adds up to the same thing. You are mouthpieces and have been fed. Most times, I prefer to scroll past all 3 of your posts but providing such valuable info as you have, it's hard to do. 

Posted by: Clay Feb 23 2007, 01:23 PM

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as for what you are doing, your actions are more like those of an automaton.... you know what that is right? it is somebody who acts like machine: somebody who behaves like a machine in emotionlessly obeying instructions and performing repetitive actions....

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Feb 23 2007, 02:14 PM

QUOTE(fallible humanbeing @ Feb 22 2007, 08:06 PM)

PP,

Weak. To equate Linda's name with the name of an entity like 3ABN or Hope or LLNB isn't going to fly.

- FHB

FHB

Many have already commented on your statement, but I feel compelled to do so as well.

What comes to mind is that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes... and you know the rest. Linda is one of those "whosoever" that God thought of enough importance to allow the sacrifice of Jesus.

Did God send Jesus to be the Lamb for the Sanhedrin or for Paul? The Levitical priesthood or those bringing in their offerings? The institution or the individual?

It is this kind of thinking, inflating the importance of the name or reputation of an institution (such as the ministry known as 3abn) over the importance of the individual, that allows for said institutions to feel it appropriate to sacrifice the reputations and well being of victims of abuse in order to protect their "good name".

It is the individual (like Linda, Duane, Brad, you, me, etc.) that is important, and any entity that believes or behaves otherwise does not have God's Spirit at its core. That entity or ministry is filled with nothing more than hot air.

PB

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thats a problem you had before you arrived here.... and of course your inability to pay attention has not helped....

Posted by: awesumtenor Feb 23 2007, 03:09 PM

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In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: JustTana Feb 23 2007, 03:12 PM

Clay, you are too much!! rofl

JT

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Feb 23 2007, 03:16 PM

QUOTE(fallible humanbeing @ Feb 23 2007, 10:43 AM)

The thread was started by Lee and focused on the veiled threat in the carefully crafted page on the PickleJoy website. The issue of legal actions was in regards to the cease and desist letter sent to Gailon A. Joy in regards to his website. My comments were in no way designed to make comment on Linda Shelton's personal name (and what PP is really refereing to is Linda's reputation which is

in need of repair, not her "name" per se)

While you may see this discussion of Linda as off Lee's original topic, it has been brought up and discussed by quite a few and might be seen as a sub-topic, IMO. What I found when I went to TheFreeDictionary online is that "name" is a synonym of "reputation" so trying to separate the two just won't work.

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/reputation>

QUOTE

3ABN has a right to keep its name from being part of the domain name of that website. What would happen if the supporters of 3ABN built a website titled www.saveLindaShelton.com or www.LindaShelton-needs-saving.com? The ire on BSDA and its sister site MSDAOL would result in a column of smoke that could be seen for thousands of miles.

Let's see what the courts decide regarding the save3abn website. While we are waiting, I would urge you and Bystander to start www.saveLindaShelton.com, worded however you deem appropriate, and encourage 3abn supporters and former employees unhappy with Linda to post their statements there. I think it would be very informative.

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But to say that Bill Gates' name is to be viewed the same way Microsoft is or Steve Jobs and Apple isn't valid. Neither of those men would see them as being the same thing.

The main point, Erik, is that the discussion had nothing to do with Linda or her reputation - it was a discussion about 3ABN and the PickleJoy web site. Panama Pete interject the diversion.

- FHB

Actually, TheFreeDictionary online states, referring to an entity "**Persons and corporations are equivalent entities under the law**". <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/entity>

Those who have come to the conclusion that there are wrongs that have been perpetrated by some inside of the ministry and want to see repentance, restitution and restoration don't want to see the ministry damaged by those wrongs, but it is those who have committed those wrongs that truly determine if the ministry's name becomes disparaged. They are also the ones who have the power to restore the reputations/good names of those whose actions have damaged. If the charges made against Linda are false, their duty is clear. If the allegations against Tommy are true, their duty is also clear.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Feb 23 2007, 03:41 PM

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Broke it down as far as it could be broketh!

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I like it said like this....

"How can you remove the toothpick from your brother's eye when you have a telephone pole in your own?"

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 23 2007, 07:29 PM

Well said.

Even a person who believes that Dan/Tom and company are completely innocent should be able to understand that it would be best for 3abn for DS to step down until this controversy runs it's course. But then it is said that DS is a stubborn man....

Richard

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Very eloquently put....

Posted by: Lee Feb 23 2007, 08:03 PM

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save3abn.com Read the last paragraph carefully.

I'm sure that we could all feel comfortable with joining in prayer for this purpose.

Special News Bulletin!

We have received the following special alert:

Prayer Requests February 21

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God has impressed 3ABN's administrative staff that we need to call for a day of fasting and prayer to seek His face. This special season of prayer has been scheduled for:

Thursday, February 22, 2007, 9:30am-4:30pm

Ten department heads will be gathering together at the Thompsonville Church to fast and pray during those hours—an Upper Room experience, if you will. 3ABN's Board of Directors, and leaders of several other ministries will be joining us in spirit in this effort.

We will alternate between group and individual prayer time for those seven hours. Our prayer focus will begin with repentance, consecration and a desire for united hearts (specifically to be one in spirit with the Lord, operating by the mind of Christ). We will be praying for the Holy Spirit to fall upon us as He did on the day of Pentecost. Our goal is to seek God's guidance—asking Him to outline our plan of defense against Satan's attack, praying for Him to root out the enemy from within (giving them a change of heart and possibility of restoration), asking for ministry direction, praying for funds, and asking God's protection over the spiritual babes He has brought into the fold through 3ABN's ministry (that their faith will not be destroyed, and they will not be snared by the web of lies Satan is weaving).

Pray the Lord to cause us to hear His still, small voice, making clear His will for the direction we should take, as King Jehoshaphat did in 2 Chronicles, chapter 20, when—surrounded by his enemies (that God did not permit him to destroy)—he proclaimed a fast in all Judah, and assembled the people for prayer. We will look to the Lord for all the answers, and trust He will provide the plan for victory!

In honor of 3ABN's day of fasting and prayer, we invite everyone to join with them in praying that God will reveal to them the true source of difficulty, the true enemy within.

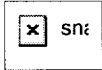
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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Feb 23 2007, 08:51 PM

You behind Lee...this has been discussed already...but you may continue if you like...



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...and do you receive an official salary for interpreting for Mr. Joy??? Where were you when Ari Fleischer resigned??? As far as I have seen, Mr. Joy is quite articulate and makes his comments in English...don't need you to interpret...

Posted by: Observer Feb 24 2007, 05:39 AM

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[NOTE: It is not my position that Mr. Duffy attempted to blackmail Mr. Joy. I am simply pointing out your logic.]

Rather than blackmail, I see it as Mr. Joy agreeing to the demand of Mr. Duffy. In essence, Mr. Joy has said: O.K. We will stop posting as you ask, if in return you do That is not blackmail. that is negotiation.

Is negotiation blackmail? Well, look into the legal history of the law firm that Mr. Duffy represents. You will find that the firm that Mr. Duffy represents has over its history negotiated a lot of settlements that were never taken litigated to a decision by a judge (Of course the negotiated agreement may have been entered by the judge as a decision.). You will also find that his firm has a reputation in the legal community of negotiating settlements, at least when certain of its lawyers are the lead attorney in a case. (This is not true for every one.) That reputation is seen as a positive one for the firm, as it reaches a settlement, while saving the client legal fees.

On another note of interest: A statement that a law firm has never lost a case can only be made by a firm that negotiates a fair amount of settlements. Any law firm with a fair amount of cases, and that has been in business for some time, will lose some cases eventually, unless they negotiate. Negotiation is seen in the legal community as being reasonable.

FYI: Folks, for people who know how to obtain the information, a lot of information is available regarding lawyers and law firms as to how they conduct their business and/or litigate. That knowledge is always helpful to people on the other side. That information does not always come from Martindale.

NOTE: For the record, the legal community considers the firm Mr. Duffy represents to be ethical. As an ethical legal firm, it would not engage in blackmail, or in any other unethical (or illegal) practice. As would be expected for a firm of it's size, it has greater competence in some areas of it's practice than it does in others.

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 24 2007, 06:45 AM

So Lee by your logic I use blackmail all the time, we all do, including you. It's summed up by these words: **"if you, then I (or we)". If you** do such and such **then we** will do such and such. This is not blackmail by any stretch of logic. For instance: **If you** bring up your Bible grade to a B **then I** will buy you a new computer. **If you** do the dishes **then I** will do the laundry. **If you** work 2000 hours a year **then I** will pay you \$40,000 dollars. **If you** use logic Lee **then we** will not say you do not I did not just blackmail you, but by your logic I did. My humble apology sir.

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Posted by: ida Feb 24 2007, 09:06 AM

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What is twisted? What are outright lies? Would your answer to these questions go too much into details, which you want to avoid, since Danny Shelton himself says that the devil is the god of details?

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 24 2007, 09:51 AM

If there is nothing to hide Lee then you should encourage save3abn to go to the media so that 3abn can get their version of the truth out. Indeed if 3abn has nothing to hide then they should be the ones going to the media to expose the naysayers.

As Aunt B said, "Truth invites examination and needs no defense. Lies hide in darkness and blame everyone else."

Richard

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Is this blackmail?

Posted by: sister Feb 24 2007, 10:57 AM

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 24 2007, 11:03 AM

By Lee's reasoning all humans would be blackmailers. Even my dog would be. We make deals dozens of times every single day, it's called living, not black mail.

How so my dog? If you give me a treat then I'll roll over...if I'm in the mood maybe.

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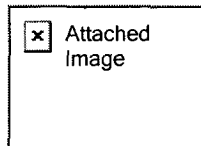
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QUOTE(Snoopy @ Feb 23 2007, 11:37 PM)

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Posted by: wwjd Feb 24 2007, 02:48 PM

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He just signed his name with his title as "AU Reporter" underneath it, when he posted the notice from 3ABN on his website referred to above. In addition he used it in writing to me within the last week: "Again, discovery is a wonderful thing...and we add Alethia to the witness list!!"

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Well where the fun in that? I was at least hoping for some conspiracy theories and wild speculations. Man is the truth ever dull.

Just kidding of course. Thanks watchbird for the info.

Richard

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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Feb 24 2007, 11:27 PM

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3roke it down like it couldn't be "broketh"....

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QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Feb 24 2007, 11:51 AM)

If there is nothing to hide Lee then you should encourage save3abn to go to the media so that 3abn can get their version of the truth out. Indeed if 3abn has nothing to hide then they should be the ones going to the media to expose the naysayers.

As Aunt B said, "Truth invites examination and needs no defense. Lies hide in darkness and blame everyone else."

Once yet again! You broke it down!

I agree. Let's quit playin' around - let's just bust this out on Inside Edition or Primetime Live. One of those Media News Shows will break it all down, get all the evidence, analyze it to a tee - yeah..... Sue me and I'm going **DIRECTLY TO THE MEDIA!!!** Get all this over with in two swishes of a lambs' tail....

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Satan the LORD rebuke you in the name of JESUS. Aletheia is of demonic nature and influence.

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...and getting paid **TWO WAYS!!!** From the media show (whatever news/rag mag puts it on blast) and from 3ABN....

They keep threatening to "sue" folks...someone gonna call 'em on it....



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
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
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He seemed to understand the importance of being tried in the Court of Public Opinion. This is where the damage has already been done with 3abn. Litigation is now beside the point.


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Patterns.

In the legal system of today, the outcome (I won't say "truth") is often determined by whichever way one chooses to argue the issues, how well the evidence can be tampered with, and/or how much money one has to spend on good Lawyers. So, in my view, it's not as important whether one can be exonerated through litigation. OJ was cleared by one trial, but he is generally perceived as guilty by a large number of people. The other trial that had him pay up was immaterial to his reputation.

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 25 2007, 01:19 PM

 Man did you even read my post? (Please read carefully one word at a time) I never said it was hypocritical to be anonymous. I never said people should not be anonymous. All I said was that it is hypocritical for anonymous people to chide others for being anonymous. I've never pestered anyone to reveal who they are, I could care less. I guess some people know who Altheia is, I don't nor do I want or need to know.

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Posted by: Panama_Pete Feb 25 2007, 03:31 PM

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Let us speak of false and misleading impressions, Aletheia

Danny Shelton refers to himself, in print, as "President and Founder." I've seen that in numerous places, including 3ABN's own publications.

Doesn't "President and Founder" give people the false impression that one man did it all by himself?

Doesn't that title give the impression that Danny Shelton is expunging Linda Shelton, the co-founder, so that he can take credit for all of her accomplishments over many years, including the founding of 3ABN Radio Network, for which Danny claimed to have no vision?

Shouldn't it be Danny Shelton, President and **Co**-founder to keep Aletheia from being misled?

When Aletheia says, "Why does he use it? It smacks of deception," does Aletheia feel that her criticism also applies to Danny Shelton, President and **Co-Founder**? Why or why not?

I don't see any evidence that Gailon Joy, by using AU Reporter, is taking credit for the work of others.

Here are few examples of something I think (to borrow a word from Aletheia) is "misleading." (The actual quote will follow the link to its location.)

<http://www.3abn.org/pdf/world/3ABN-World-2006-02.pdf>

(page 3, *3ABN World*, February 2006)

"Danny Shelton is **the president and founder** of 3ABN."

<http://www.multichannel.com/article/CA610298.html?display=Special+Report>

Three Angels Broadcasting Network

Business model: Viewer and ministry supported

Distribution: Digital cable

Demographic: All ages, interdenominational

Signature programming: Health, cooking, inspirational, guidance-themed programming

Top executive: **Danny Shelton, president and founder**

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www.3abn.org

<http://www.reviewandherald.com/newproducts/product.pl?type=sku&sku=0972088830>

Danny is the President and founder of Three Angels Broadcasting network (3ABN), a 24-hour-a-day Christian television and radio network with a mission to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, and emphasize the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14.

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Posted by: Johann Feb 25 2007, 04:08 PM

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Let us speak of false and misleading impressions, Aletheia

Danny Shelton refers to himself, in print, as "President and Founder." I've seen that in numerous places, including 3ABN's own publications.

Doesn't "President and Founder" give people the false impression that one man did it all by himself? Doesn't that title give the impression that Danny Shelton is expunging Linda Shelton, the co-founder, so that he can take credit for all of her accomplishments over many years, including the founding of 3ABN Radio Network, for which Danny claimed to have no vision?

Shouldn't it be Danny Shelton, President and **Co**-founder to keep Aletheia from being misled?

When Aletheia says, "Why does he use it? It smacks of deception," does Aletheia feel that her criticism also applies to Danny Shelton, President and **Co-Founder**? Why or why not?

I don't see any evidence that Gailon Joy, by using AU Reporter, is taking credit for the work of others.

Here are few examples of something I think (to borrow a word from Aletheia) is "misleading." (The actual quote will follow the link to its location.)

<http://www.3abn.org/pdf/world/3ABN-World-2006-02.pdf>

(page 3, *3ABN World*, February 2006)

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Distribution: Digital cable

Demographic: All ages, interdenominational

Signature programming: Health, cooking, inspirational, guidance-themed programming

Top executive: **Danny Shelton, president and founder**

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
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Some impressive research. 

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QUOTE(Lee @ Feb 25 2007, 05:19 PM) 

Richard, I would suggest you talk to Calvin about those who are anonymous on this board. He said we were NOT to ask people to say who they are. In other words it is really okay to be anonymous.

And if it is hypocritical for Bystander/wwjd to be anonymous, then what about sister/sonshineonme/watchbird/bewildered and others? There are a lot more there--why don't you pester them to reveal their "hypocritical" names, as you call them.

Go ahead--ask Calvin!

What was that question again? Ask Calvin what?

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Feb 25 2007, 03:02 PM) 

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Unbelievable!

Where is your faith, Aletheia?

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 25 2007, 07:00 PM

I think Lee is one of those posters who pops in, makes some rather false assumed statements and then does not follow up on her posts.

Richard

QUOTE(Johann @ Feb 25 2007, 05:37 PM)

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Posted by: Pickle Feb 26 2007, 09:18 AM

The ASI communications ceased to be bound by a confidentiality agreement on January 24.

Dr. Thompson knew prior to making his request that what he wrote would not be kept confidential.

As far as the Leonard Westphal page goes, why not write Gailon and ask him about that?

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If someone told me, "I'm going to murder someone tomorrow," and asked me to keep it confidential, and I did not, would you say the same thing?

There are situations in which Christian courtesy and kindness demands that there be no confidentiality.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Feb 26 2007, 01:48 PM

QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Feb 26 2007, 09:13 AM)

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Or the lumps under the rugs.

Posted by: Salli Feb 26 2007, 04:54 PM

I find it interesting that at one time 3ABN relied on God for their protection. They bragged how God had protect from this and that.

Have they lost their faith? Why are they turning to a locked down compound and lawyers instead of God for protection? Or could it be their is sin in the camp from the leaders? Are the leaders afriad of God judgement because of their sin?

Posted by: LaurenceD Feb 26 2007, 05:01 PM

Follow the money...as they say. Works nearly everytime (wink).

But, I'll repeat myself: No amount of wealth in the owrld can help humanity forward, not even in the hands of the most devoted worker. It didn't take the moneybags of Carnegie, or Gates, for Moses, John the Baptist, or Jesus to accomplish their mission. Paul took his message to the "whole world" (Rom 1:8) with hardly any support. I believe he was self-supporting.

Posted by: princessdi Feb 26 2007, 05:13 PM

Exactly! There it is! The same with TS. They *both* need to be sidelined until these issues are resloved. At this point Danny is as much a liability as they found Tommy to be, just because too many are asking too many questions, and not getting any answers. If they are telling the truth, then time and investigation will bear that out and they can rejoice in the deliverance of God. There is no admission of guilt in sidelining the problem, until resolved.

QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Feb 23 2007, 05:29 PM)

Well said.

Even a person who believes that Dan/Tom and company are completely innocent should be able to understand that it would be best for 3abn for DS to step down until this controversy runs it's course. But then it is said that DS is a stubborn man....

Richard

Posted by: Aletheia Feb 26 2007, 05:18 PM

[quote name='Panama_Pete' date='Feb 25 2007, 04:31 PM' post='180584']

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argument proves is you are partial in judgment and overlook the wrongs of those you agree with, and think pointing at someone else will bury or trump that.

For shame...

BTW: I believe it was four Sheltons who originally signed the papers and started 3ABN, not two.

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 26 2007, 06:17 PM

Well it might take an action of the BoD to remove Danny, however we know that will never happen since they are all beholden to the prez. It's so typical of a leader to surround themselves with people you know will rubber stamp what ever you do. Maybe the only people that have the ability to bring down Danny are the donors, and unfortunately that might bring down 3abn as well. It might prove to be very providential that Hope TV can be there to fill in the gap if Danny goes down and takes 3abn with him.

Richard

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Posted by: Panama_Pete Feb 26 2007, 06:30 PM

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Please remember that it is the Dannyscribes that are trying to make a case for job descriptions, not me. If you don't like this topic, you shouldn't have raised it in the first place.

And you add, "even if you [Panama_Pete] were correct, two wrongs don't make a right."

You realize, of course, that this quote helps my case, don't you?

It doesn't matter how many co-founders there were. (Yes, there were four signing the incorporation documents - Danny, Linda, Danny's brother and his brother's wife). It paints a false impression to take credit for the work of others, doesn't it?

Contrary to your opinion, Aletheia, Danny Shelton is, indeed, called "the founder." And saying "the

president and founder" or "the founder and president" is exactly the same thing.

I documented my comments with several examples. So, save your comments of "for shame...." You can't make your shame label stick, no matter how many times you try.

What follows is just one of those typical examples showing that the phrase "the founder" is being circulated as the coin of the 3ABN realm. If a person had the time, I'm sure other examples could be illuminated here; I've seen many. Does repeating "**the founder**" over and over again make it true? Is it supposed to be a re-write of history? And who is supposed to believe it? Certainly not me.

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Sho' is....



Posted by: Noahswife Feb 27 2007, 04:19 PM

After comments made by a poster in another thread regarding the State of Illinois tax exemption case, I decided it was time to read it for myself.

<http://www.revenue.state.il.us/legalinformation/hearings/pt/pt04-1.pdf>

There were a couple points that I think were of interest to some of the above discussions which for some reason neither of my browsers will let me quote at the moment.

First. In the decision, the ALJ stated at the bottom of page 7 (item 16) that "Danny Shelton founded applicant in 1984". No such comment is made regarding Linda in the next item at the top of the next page. The decision refers to transcript pages of what must have been a hearing. I do not know if this was an accurate statement of the facts presented or was a point made at hearing.

It is also correct that 4 people signed the incorporation documents and were listed as directors (which would have been to comply with the law regarding creating the legal entity). However, this would not be synonymous with the concept of "founder" as used above.

I also thought it was most interesting that the ALJ made the following statements:

"This case is not about applicant's beliefs, contrary to what was asserted consistently at the hearing....."

and

"The case is also not about whether or not what the applicant is doing is good for people. "

Reading the case and how the ALJ viewed the "religious" activities of 3abn as contrast to how the typical SDA may view the same activities was enlightening.

nw

Posted by: LaurenceD Feb 27 2007, 05:27 PM

Thanks for the link, nw. Just yesterday I was thinking of reviewing this case. There are several interesting points in the document. One is the function and privileges of the president, w/o board review of approval. These kind privileges, such as contracting and price setting, w/o board approval, are not normal in any legit organization, esp not for profit.

This one kind of popped out at me, having seen it discussed in AT.

The purchase of the airplane in 2001 for \$1.3 million enabled applicant's employees to travel more efficiently and reach a larger audience of customers.

:boggle:

Posted by: LaurenceD Feb 27 2007, 06:54 PM

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Posted by: LaurencED Feb 27 2007, 08:02 PM

Perhaps you would be so kind as to point out the most positive statements, if there are any, wwjd.

Posted by: SoulEspresso Feb 27 2007, 08:21 PM

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Wow. Thanks for the highlights. I tootled on over to the pdf site ... for those who have the time it might be worth reading in its entirety ...

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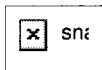
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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Feb 27 2007, 09:07 PM



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Erik

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Well i guess it goes to show you can make money and win souls to the truth, maybe the SDa church should study Dannys methods(i say this since linda ahas been kicked out) so the church can learn how to fund the work the church needs to do.

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erik

Posted by: LaurenceD Feb 27 2007, 10:10 PM

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you are correct.

Posted by: LaurenceD Feb 27 2007, 11:49 PM

I'd like to read more of their by-laws. My impression is that they need to change their little form of gov't. It's way top heavy. Perhaps they wouldn't even consider a Separation of Powers Doctrine. It could improve their image though, vastly. Someone needs to prepare a small booklet

called "Did You Know?" about the modus of operandi within the compound, and distribute it far and wide.

Now there's an idea for a best seller.

I know many folks have no idea the corporation has assests probably well over the \$42million of 2001, and charge local stations \$1200 p/hour to downlink their programs. Probably more now. Plus, the corporation makes a profit of nearly a mil p/yr--at least in 2001--if I remember correctly. No wonder they don't seem to mind litigation.

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Posted by: Lee Feb 27 2007, 11:55 PM

LaurenceD, 3ABN is NOT paying for litigation out of any donated money that 3ABN has received from donors. It is being paid for by one person who has taken it upon himself/herself to pay for the whole litigation process.

Posted by: LaurenceD Feb 28 2007, 12:08 AM

Thanks Lee. That may be true. I'd have to look at the auditor's parting notes. Any related interfund revenues, professional services, or administrative service fees in the budget?

Posted by: Snoopy Feb 28 2007, 12:24 AM

QUOTE(wwjd @ Feb 27 2007, 07:47 PM) □

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"His Life is and Open Book."

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 28 2007, 12:58 AM

It is still a donor however. That is money going to lawyers that could be going into the spreading of the gospel. My guess is that there is a certain board member from Minnisota that is footing the bill, money that is being wasted on lawyers when all it would take to resolve the issues is tranparency on Danny Sheltons part. And a willingness to be open with his critics. These issues are all in Danny's hands, he is the one that can have this resolved without going to the courts.

Richard

QUOTE(Lee @ Feb 28 2007, 12:55 AM)

LaurenceD, 3ABN is NOT paying for litigation out of any donated money that 3ABN has received from donors. It is being paid for by one person who has taken it upon himself/herself to pay for the whole litigation process.

Posted by: Snoopy Feb 28 2007, 01:01 AM

QUOTE(LaurenceD @ Feb 28 2007, 12:44 AM)

Has to be, has to be. The auditors get their numbers from somewhere. Even if it's one man's checkbook, or bank statements, or pocket book, study that. Follow the money by all means.

"His Life is and Open Book."

Sorry, but I respectfully disagree. There most certainly does not "have to be" a budget. I don't think you are understanding the true meaning of the term "budget":

budget /ˈbʊdʒɪt/ Pronunciation Key - Show Spelled Pronunciation[buhj-it] -noun

1. an estimate, often itemized, of expected income and expense for a given period in the future.
2. a plan of operations based on such an estimate.

An individual, a family unit, a church, a corporation can easily have money coming in and going out without any type of logical plan for the use of the resources. A budget process assesses what is expected to come in over a given period of time and what is expected to be spent, AND ON WHAT, over that same period of time. A budgeting process is a carefully determined plan as to how resources are to be used. When a true budget is prepared and implemented, what actually happens is then compared to what was budgeted. This is a basic internal control.

When a corporation releases its earnings, the actual results are always compared to what was planned, or BUDGETED. Without a budget, it is impossible to know if one is overspending.

And just for the record, auditors do NOT audit a BUDGET!!!!!!!!!!

Posted by: LaurenceD Feb 28 2007, 01:23 AM

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ammendments..." To "study" something is not to "audit" it!!! Of course, if you have a copy of the bar codes manual for your state you must be an audit expert! Just for the record, "making sure the revenues and expenses correlate" is a very simplistic view of the basic matching principle of accounting....but I'm sure you know that...

Also, I'm sure you meant to say that the 3ABN auditors in question are neither state auditors or IRS auditors. They are completely unrelated to any government entity, but are actually a private firm...but, you knew that, too.

And, "they're real job is squaring up the receipts and transactions..." is a VERY strong indicator that you are painfully unfamiliar with what a financial auditor does...it is just a bit more complicated than that...

But I'm not going to argue with you about it anymore. Think what you want. But you might want to gain a better understanding of a term before you throw it around...and then insist that you know what you're talking about...

Posted by: Snoopy Feb 28 2007, 02:10 AM

QUOTE(Snoopy)

sorry...duplicate post

Posted by: LaurenceD Feb 28 2007, 02:21 AM

Well, not sure where your're from, but here, with the several multi-multi-multi-million dollar municipal organizations I work for, the first thing the auditor asks for is the minutes of all financial board-approved transactions. Then They ask for the budget. They "study" both of these. Then they ask for the receipts, bank statements, checks, payrolls, etc. etc., including contacting vendors at the other end. Our organizations are required by law to have a balanced budget. Everything has to square up, sometimes every line item--if so earmarked. At the end of the audit, certain officers meet with the auditors and we listen to their final reports and recommendations.

Like I said, I'm not sure what rules apply to NFP organizations like 3abn, but, I can't imagine the state wasn't the lead agency in the audit report referred to in the PDF file noahswife linked. Could be wrong though. This was a challenge to state and federal laws that regulate the organization. Auditors can be anyone from anywhere though--independent, working for gov't by contract, or actual gov't employees. Our team of independent auditors are always accompanied by a state rep that oversees the process.

But, you're right. It's all beside the point. I was just responding to your general statement that budgets don't get audited. They do here!

Posted by: Aletheia Feb 28 2007, 04:01 AM

QUOTE(wwjd @ Feb 27 2007, 08:47 PM)

Isn't this the same case that 3abn appealed and is in the court of appeals now? And isn't this the case that many sda leaders and leaders of other denominations were interested in because the

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During the small hours of that November 1984 morning, a sleepless Danny Shelton was impressed to start a television network to serve his faith. But a more unlikely candidate than this Seventh-day Adventist layperson would be difficult to find. With only a high school education he was a carpenter who had neither money nor property.



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Today 3ABN operates a religious television network and is active in other evangelistic and missionary activities. Not only does it maintain a pastoral staff on site, but its evangelistic team is involved in direct evangelism resulting in many baptisms, including 15,000 in India and similar numbers in Russia in recent years.

Even though all of 3ABN's programming is religious and designed to be consistent with the teachings of the Adventist Church, the Illinois Department of Revenue and the elementary and high school districts (Thompsonville Community High School District No. 112 and Thompsonville School District No. 62) now claim that because it is a television facility, its operation is secular. So 3ABN is in a legal challenge with the Illinois taxing authorities, the ultimate outcome of which may well have a major impact on religious ministries not only in Illinois but across the country. But Danny and Linda Shelton, the 3ABN staff, and its millions of viewers all believe God is on their side and will make the difference in their struggle against state and local governmental authorities.

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I have read and posted this article before on another forum.

Question: Do you occasionally work for Religious Liberty? A "Yes" or "No" answer would be nice.

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 28 2007, 06:43 AM

If God allows this ministry to be destroyed I think you will have to look no farther than Danny. He is the one who has brought on his woes, not the posters on here. Me thinks, Aletheia, that you give too much credit to Danny's critics. When a person is a Dannynite it's hard to see out past the edge of his shadow to what is really happening.

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Posted by: Johann Feb 28 2007, 07:11 AM

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Would you say this is the reason why Danny Shelton never prayed in public while Linda was with him? But why has he started doing that now? You wouldn't call him a hypocrite for that, would you?

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If Johann went to the 3ABN campus during campmeeting, and they threatened to arrest him if he did not leave, then for Johann, it may indeed be a locked-down compound.

In addition, it might also have the look and feel of a locked-down compound to other people here, such as Salli, who may have heard that account, along with the stories being related of the beefed-up electronic monitoring at 3ABN.

I, too, suspect 3ABN is circling the wagons. Yes, Aletheia, you will likely demand to know the size of those wagons and the names of the horses. So, picture wagons like this one:



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I could be wrong. But, I believe that Lee Boothby gave 3-ABN legal advice in regard to the defense of the IL tax case. If that is correct, it then is a fact that the LIBERTY article was written by an attorney involved in the case, and may be assumed, subject to challenge, that it is a op-ed piece written to influence public opinion to see 3-ABN in a favorable light.

That does not mean that his opinion should be rejected. On the contrary, his opinion does raise valid issues that should be considered. But, his article, in my opinion, also raises some other valid questions. As I recall the decision of Judge Rowe, she based her decision on factors not listed in the article, which Boothby totally ignores. In my thinking, a more objective analysis of her decision would have considered those issues. I consider those issues to be critically important.

Posted by: LaurencED Feb 28 2007, 08:03 AM

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"Were I to recommend a grant of tax exemption for the majority of the property at issue, which is clearly a commercial enterprise, it would give applicant an unfair commercial advantage over other commercially owned and operated radio and television stations."

Do you not yet see the slippery slope 3abn was riding on? Really now, in all fairness, how could the state Office of Administrative Hearings grant an exception to this corporation? 3abn had a weak case, and IMO was ill-advised to appeal the decision. A long shot at best. But, when gifted by a pro bono defense, why not shoot for the moon?

Clearly, 3abn was in violation of the land-use policies granted to NFP organizations...and loving it, apparently.

Posted by: watchbird Feb 28 2007, 08:28 AM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Feb 28 2007, 06:28 AM) □

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Do your research Aletheia.... it has been reported and discussed right here on BSDA.

Yes, an electronically "locked down" ... compound.... not merely literal "locks" on building doors, but also surveillance "locks" that go beyond mere security, and in the opinion of many, impinge on worker's rights to personal privacy.... even to communication with the "outside" from their own computers.

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In His Word..... you have been given many such scriptures over the time you have been with us on BSDA. There is no need to repeat them here. But in both Old and New Testaments, there are ample instructions on exposing sin and rooting it out to legitimize the type of work that is now sometimes labeled as "cult buster".

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Posted by: erik Feb 28 2007, 08:46 AM

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She also based her ruling on the lack of proof provided to her, of the charitable work of 3ABN, so I would say that is the lawyers for 3ABN fault.

Another clear problem for 3ABN in her ruling is the lack of oversight from the board of directors to Danny and Linda at the time, but with Linda gone now that would leave Danny, again this is error on the legal and accounting side of things.

The devil is in the details and clearly from reading the judge's ruling 3ABN lack details that they need to have in place to gain their exemption, the other thing I would point out is the article cites case law from states that have no bearing on the state of Illinois, the ruling cites only the law and case law from their state makes a big difference.

Personally think with a little tighter legal and accounting controls 3ABN would have won this case hands down, what is interesting is that the judge in her ruling told 3ABN what they need to fix if they were listening, but I highly doubt that they have fixed those problems (has a side note maybe this had more to do with Linda and that lawyer from the board leaving then we know at this time.)

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Hmm well, the word *hypocrite* could mean "someone who says one thing and does another." I suppose not a person here is 100% consistent with their own ideals.

But Jesus Christ was the first teacher in history to use this word *hypocrite* in a religious sense.

It means "actor." As in "performer."

Posted by: awesumtenor Feb 28 2007, 10:22 AM

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Gotta uphold the health message...

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: Noahswife Feb 28 2007, 11:12 AM

My two cents.....

Watchbird and Observer, thank you for your information that adds to the back story of the Liberty article. I had read it after the ALJ's decision and wondered at several things but gave the author some slack for having written it before the decision was issued.

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The statement made in the liberty article:

"But Danny and Linda Shelton, the 3ABN staff, and its millions of viewers all believe God is on their side and will make the difference in their struggle against state and local governmental authorities. "

I think reflects an interesting arrogance that can blind people to seeing both sides of a legal issue. So if I were a reader of Liberty and remembered this statement when the case was decided, what am I to think of what side God is on?

I think that they had no choice but to appeal this decision.

I think it is interesting that in other threads there has been discussion of how important it is for Danny to put money into the community for "good will" while some have argued that some supporters of 3abn might not approve of their donations being used in that way. Does anyone know when he began to do this?

Does anyone know what has happened in succeeding tax years? Have any changes been made and reapplication for an exemption been made?

Also, as was pointed out here at BSDA and in the Liberty article, this decision could have some impact for other organizations. Have ANY of those organizations assisted in the case or filed amicus briefs?

I think it would be interesting to know how often Linda's vote on the board was the same as DSs.

I think that one thing this case and the Liberty article demonstrate is that we all need a better understanding of the concepts of religious liberty and what rights are guaranteed by the 1st amendment.

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Posted by: erik Feb 28 2007, 11:47 AM

QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Feb 28 2007, 08:22 AM) □

s/bacon/textured soy protein and wheat gluten bacon substitute

Gotta uphold the health message...

In His service,
Mr. J

sorry you are correct, they thought god would save the stripples

Erik

Posted by: LaurencED Feb 28 2007, 12:30 PM

QUOTE(Noahswife)

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