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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Thompson Responds To Abrahamsen....

Posted by: Clay Jul 23 2006, 10:37 PM

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I have followed Linda's coming and going ever since 2003, and when did she make a trip together with Dr. Abrahamsen just to see the sights of his homeland? Be careful what statements you make, Walt! Irmgard tried to arrange a trip where Linda could see more of Norway, but Linda never went until Linda traveled to Bergen to attend Irmgard's funeral in August 2005. Such plans were never made while Danny and Linda were married.

Watch your chronology of events, Walt!

And what about other travel tickets that were purchased - even though the doctor claims no contacts were made?

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Are you referring to the tickets Mrs. Brenda Walsh bought? How can you blame Linda for Brenda making such travel plans? Watch your details, and chronology, Walt!

Is it proper for one's doctor to give his patient a nice wrist watch?

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Another ridiculous statement. In Scandinavia it is a custom to give one's hostess a gift. So Danny made the claim this was a sign of an engagement, claiming that this was a very expensive watch that Arild had given Linda. Now Walt merely calls it "nice"!

Arild and I received a catalog of things available on the aircraft. There was a rather cheap double-faced watch which interested Arild because it showed two time zones at the same time. So Arild bought it. Later we visited Linda and she gave us some tasty meals at Alyssa's place. So Arild gave Linda this watch as a token of our appreciation for her hospitality. I'm not sure Linda liked that watch very much. It really is not that "nice" and I have never seen her wearing it. But what methods doesn't a man use when he so desperately needs some proof that he has the right to divorce his wife?

Or to make a major loan of thousands of dollars?

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Another ridiculous statement. The gist of it is this: When Danny chased Linda out of their home, Linda bought a mobile home in Carbondale. I was there after she bought it. Elsewhere Walt has made reference to how nicely Danny treated Linda then, helping her improve the house, etc. If Danny had really wanted Linda back, why was he anxious she should move to Carbondale? And why did Danny lend Linda the money to buy this mobile home, if he really wanted to save their marriage? And what was Danny really doing in her house?

There were strong indications Danny made those installations merely to place hidden mikes at her place. Linda discovered evidence that these mikes were hidden around her. Danny wrote me e-mails where he bragged about how kind he was to Linda during this period, he even brought her flowers. . . This is what Danny told others as a play for the gallery. I had several talks with Linda during this period, and I sensed she was horrified at his brutality towards her. I called Walt and asked him if he would take the responsibility for Danny's actions, but he ridiculed me. This showed again that neither Walt nor any others of the counselors would listen to any signals Linda tried to give them. They were all in Danny's pocket.

Linda felt Carbondale was too close for comfort because she was constantly harassed by Danny there. And Alyssa was moving out of the apartment for students as she finished college. So Linda found a comfortable house in Springfield. Her main problem was that Walt and Danny had fired her, and without employment it was impossible for her to get a loan. Neither did she have any health insurance after she was fired, but Walt did not care as long as Danny got his will and a divorce.

Don't forget that Linda did not move to Springfield until September, and Danny succeeded in getting his divorce in June, and Brandy moved to Thompsonville shortly after that. Here an educated Christian steeps so low as to state that because a friend helps her got a loan to buy a home three months after her divorce, then she is unfaithful to her husband!!! And that this justifies the evil actions of that Board!!!

I thought timing was important in surgery, but I dare not risk my life having surgery done by a physician with no sense of chronology!!!

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.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Only a psychopath could convince the board that Linda's behavior was unacceptable.

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.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Walt's words could be stated by a person who is under the spell of a psychopath - and this, according to the experts - is a typical case.

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.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] At least you agree that this is true for the months of April and May. When else should the counseling have taken place?

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.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] I'd like to see your copy of that video tape. Again, I think your chronology is rather faulty. Was this really a live program? I watched that program from Green Bay too, and I watched the hatred in Danny's eyes, and I heard the false statements he made in his so-called sermon!

The words you quote were not, as far as I recall, made in Green Bay. You must be referring to a cooking program where Linda appeared and used similar expressions, but where she never said what Danny and 3ABN now claims she said. That is pure manipulation of facts, and not very Christ-like to produce such things as a base for having Linda condemned by your Board.

Yes, we were anxious to help Linda.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] why didn't you, then? Why did you only listen to Danny and not to Linda? I spoke to you at that time, and I saw no signs in your expressions then that you were willing to listen to 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.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Why? Because Linda had not experienced that any of you were willing to listen to her side of the story. You were just deaf ears, because you knew that Danny would dislike it if you listened to her. This is why you all labeled her a liar.

I also saw the conditions you proposed to Linda at that time. You merely gave her the opportunity to accept the counselor you had prepared for her. The whole program smelled like brainwashing sessions. All that Danny wanted - and I have letters from him that show his sentiments - was for someone to manipulate Linda so that she would admit she had committed adultery, because Danny wanted, as he stated to me, Biblical grounds to marry another woman, something he now has done.

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.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] Calling falsehood truth is nothing but slander. If you did not intend to hurt Linda, why did you? Is that being honest?

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.

[Johann Thorvaldsson] And whose responsibility is that?

It is not because she was not forewarned - by a number of people who cared for her.
[Johann Thorvaldsson] How can you claim such evil actions are based on care?

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
[Johann Thorvaldsson]I'd hesitate stamping your evil actions with the name of my Savior. The angels must be weeping because of what you have done to Linda.

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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Jul 23 2006, 10:54 PM

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Posted by: 4reneyonly Jul 23 2006, 11:25 PM

Hurt? Maybe, but what if that hurt comes from the revelation that he was an active participant in the plan to rid 3ABN/Danny of Linda and the coverup of the same? That would be some kind of hurt/

Other than that, it is evident that the 3ABN machine is reving up to shut down the latest attempt to clarify this sordid biblical tale. Fasten your seatbelts, it's gonna be a bumpy ride

Posted by: beartrap Jul 23 2006, 11:52 PM

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If indeed he is hurt, it will still be nothing compared to the hurt that he has helped impose on others.

Posted by: Jvat Jul 24 2006, 09:00 AM

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Posted by: rwelchcrs Jul 24 2006, 09:27 AM

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It seems that Thompson and others have decided they've burned the bridges behind them. Like a Kamikazee pilot, once committed they will go all the way.

Posted by: calvin Jul 24 2006, 11:43 AM

The fact that 3abn felt a need to respond to Dr. A's letter is proof the letter is circulating and folks are asking questions, and not just us BSDAers seeking answers because 3abn can brush us off, but their core constituents who impact their continue viability as a going concern. 3abn is hoping that with each broadcast response to these allegations that that will settle it, but it won't. It continues to raise more questions.

Posted by: Jvat Jul 24 2006, 11:55 AM

Calvin, I am glad that you are optimistic about these developments. Because what I actually see happening, correct me, if I am wrong, is that 3ABN broadcasts a response, then gets quiet again, then their boat is rocked again and they broadcast another response and so it goes. I do not see their responses actually raising questions for the other side. But I am very much opened to correction here.

Posted by: Panama_Pete Jul 24 2006, 02:53 PM

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http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?
cmd=Retrieve&db=PubMed&list_uids=15121555&dopt=Abstract

Division of Reproductive Health,
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion,

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
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"OBJECTIVE: **To describe the pregnancy rates among women whose husbands underwent vasectomy.** METHODS: Between 1985 and 1987, 573 women aged 18-44 years whose husbands underwent vasectomy in medical centers in 5 U.S. cities were enrolled in the U.S. Collaborative Review of Sterilization, a prospective cohort study of male and female sterilization. Women were interviewed by telephone at 1, 2, 3, and 5 years after their husbands underwent vasectomy. RESULTS: Among the 540 eligible women at risk for pregnancy, there were 6 pregnancies occurring from 6 to 72 weeks after vasectomy. The cumulative probability of failure per 1,000 procedures (95% confidence interval) was 7.4 (0.2, 14.6) 1 year after vasectomy and 11.3 (2.3, 20.3) at years 2, 3, and 5 [corrected]. ***CONCLUSION: Couples considering vasectomy should be counseled about the small, but real, risk of pregnancy following the procedure and that men are not sterile immediately after vasectomy.*** "

So, the answer to Dr. Thompson's question about rightness to purchase, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is (drum roll please): **YES, IT'S RIGHT**

Also from a Medical Web site:

http://www.umm.edu/patiented/articles/when_chances_an_unexpected_pregnancy_after_a_vasectomy_000037_7.htm

"WHEN ARE THE CHANCES FOR AN UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY AFTER A VASECTOMY?

Reasons for Unexpected Pregnancies

Pregnancy rates after a vasectomy are estimated to be very low, about 1 in 2,000. There are two primary reasons for an unexpected pregnancy:

* Residual sperm were still alive when the partners had unprotected sex. This is the most common reason for an unexpected pregnancy after a vasectomy.
* Failure of the Procedure. In some cases it is due to a technical error, but most often it is due to ***recanalization*** -- when the cut ends of the vas spontaneously reconnect.

Men should have a follow-up examination a year after the procedure to be sure that there are no residual or new sperm. Although physicians urge men to return for such follow-up testing, in one study only 3% did so."

Posted by: vonessa Jul 24 2006, 04:07 PM

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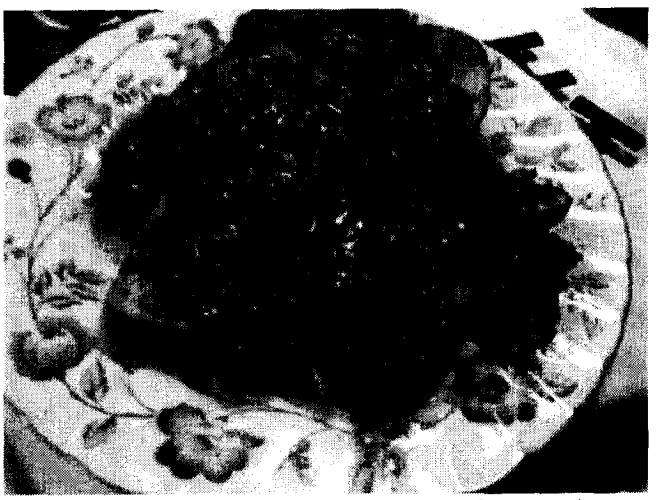

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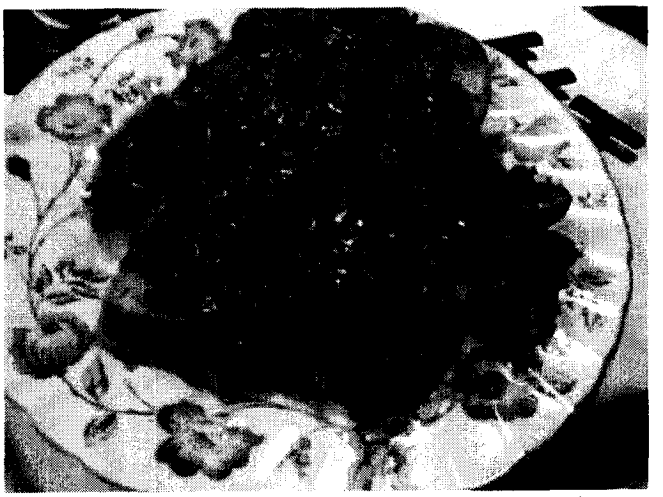

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Actually to me the liver on toast looks good.... I know I'm a mess too!

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Posted by: Hersheys99 Jul 24 2006, 10:27 PM

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Posted by: beartrap Jul 24 2006, 11:04 PM

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Aaaaackkkk!!!! You two are completely gone! Stop!!! rofl (Doodoo! There are no smilies for laughing and gagging at the same time.)

Posted by: Johann Jul 24 2006, 11:50 PM

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Perhaps some of you sense what agonies we have suffered during the past 2½ years. Just picture us, Dr. Arild Abrahamsen, Beartrap, and I, entering the 3ABN auditorium on Thurday evening, May 28, 2004. Soon Danny Shelton announces to the audience that demons have joined the assembly, but measures are taken to have them removed. Some in the audience shout AMEN!

While something else is going on up front, Danny comes down to us, his own face appearing like a demon. It unsettled him when I greeted him with,

- Hi Danny, where is Linda?

- I don't know, but you must know, was his surprised reply. Then Danny left.

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Then I asked Danny what proof he had against Linda. He immediately replied,

- The pregnancy test!

From this you can see that the surgeon Walt Thompson still throws his medical knowledge over board to honor Danny Shelton's claims to be the wise, all-knowing man who can prove everything. This is the attitude we have had to encounter all the time in dealing with this issue.

How would an independent investigation consider this?

Posted by: Freedom Jul 25 2006, 05:29 AM

Wow!
All these posts regarding 3ABN and gag orders on Linda and other 3ABN workers sure would make a GREAT DR. PHIL Show.

I can just hear him say, "GET REAL"!

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Posted by: Jvat Jul 25 2006, 07:00 AM

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lol.... well some men have the operation so they can ummmm play around and never worry about paternity problems.....

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This is exactly what I want to know. An acquaintance of mine recently revealed that her husband had a vasectomy without her approval (she alleged that he forged her name). Her reasoning was that he wanted to sleep around, thus experience sexual "freedom". What was Danny's reasoning for such a procedure?

Posted by: Freedom Jul 25 2006, 09:29 AM

RE: Dr. Walter Thompson releasing medical information to the public!

Hey, Dr. Thompson are you aware of the HIPPA laws that you have broken by posting Danny's meidcal information?

HIPPA laws are very very strict and carry huge fines, possible jail time and even possible loss of license/censure, etc.

Umm, I wonder ... as any reported him to the medical board, HIPPA, etc?
I would not want to be one of his patients if he so blatany releases and publishes medical information!

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Posted by: Spike Jul 25 2006, 09:32 AM

I have been doing a lot of reading on the 3abn topics and the treatment of Linda and others and it is so sad and so wrong.

What I would like to know is where are the people that Linda has gotten to know over 20 yrs of ministry? I'm sure she has some who have stood by her and of course they are not at 3abn any more. But where are the others and have any of them tried to contact Linda. They can get in contact with her through her web site. So do they know the truth or are they sticking their heads in the sand but still spouting that the message needs to get out while they walk on past their sister in Christ as she bleeds by the side of the road.

Walt Thompson has a web site on end time events and all the different ministies are all busy running around doing Gods work or so they think, but you can go about doing all kinds of meetings and hold as many church offices as you can but when christ comes and says "what have you done unto the least of these" what will their answer be. It's "by beholding that we become changed" and if they were beholding Christ then Linda and the others that Danny, Walt, Kay, Brenda, John and many others have spit on and kicked as they walk on by would not still be bleeding and hurt. You cannot call yourself christian and act the way they have. They care more about whats in it for them then about whats right or really finding out what the truth is. But it all comes down to who's producing those vidios and publishing that book or cd.

I was told that when Danny was at Andrews a while back that when he introduced Brandy as his new wife he tuned to her and said " isn't she cute". What they didn't show on camera was a bunch of the old people getting up and walking out. (I don't remember when this was but my sister saw it on tv and was turned off by it)

We each have a part to play in helping the truth get out and I thank blacksda for letting the truth come out here. I've run out of ink copying stuff but people that I have spoken with want to know the truth and they believe it as they read it.
Thank you
Spike

Posted by: watchbird Jul 25 2006, 08:14 PM

In the letter from Walt Thompson posted by Clay, Walt Thompson merely mentions the now infamous "pregnancy test" by asking the question:

QUOTE(Clay @ Jul 23 2006, 10:37 PM)

> [Walt Thompson] Is it right for a married woman to purchase a pregnancy test kit when she knows her husband is sterilized?

In another letter dated June 13, 2006 which Walt sent out to a variety of persons this June, he waxed much more eloquent in his description of the event. Here is that paragraph:

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> And as you might expect, Danny was by this time checking things out pretty carefully. One night she came home all cheery. While she and Danny were getting ready for bed, she left to do something else (I have forgotten what). While out, Danny found a sack of things in the closet. Upon opening it, he found a pregnancy test kit. (He is "fixed" so he cannot have more children.) When she found out that he had discovered it, she was at first angry because he had "snooped" in her things, and then told him she had just purchased it to see his reaction.

Actually, the bare facts of Walt's story are very close to what I heard from Linda's own lips, as I mentioned in the other thread, sometime in the winter of 2004-2005 time period, though the motive behind it and the use to which it was put are as different as day and night.

And what started out to be a practical joke was forged into an instrument of torture.

But before I tell the story, I'd like to make one other comment.

It is an accepted maxim in serious "goal setting" circles to point out that within a persons strong points lies the potention for their "weakest" points. While I don't know Linda personally, face to face, yet in the phone contacts I have had two things came through very strongly, and others who know her better have confirmed that these indeed are her very strong traits--even too strong at times. One of these is her ability to see good in everything and everyone--which is what sometimes causes her to not take a realistic look at people around her, or even of the danger she is in. And another is her exhuberant sense of humor--that can break out at the most unlikely times, again, even in the face of things at which it was really not wise to laugh.

With that in mind, let's turn to the story:

As Walt noted above, Danny had gotten into the habit of going through everything Linda had purchased whenever she came home from shopping -- as though he were looking for something, but doing so surreptitiously so as to partially conceal that he was doing so.

On this day when Linda and Alyssa were out shopping, Linda suddenly saw a display of pregnancy tests, was instantly struck with this really bright hillarious idea--and said to Alyssa, "Danny keeps 'looking for something'. Let's give him something to find!" So laughing like a couple teens, they bought one of the pregnancy tests and left it in the bottom of a shopping bag when they "put away" the things they had bought. They then pretended to go away, but watched like a couple kids with a big secret while Danny rooted around in their shopping stuff.

Now I must admit, my memory is a bit fuzzy here. I am not sure whether Alyssa was actually there when Danny found the pregnancy test and waved it in Linda's face or if Linda was alone and laughing at Danny for making such a big deal of a pregnancy test (when he knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that she didn't need any such thing at the time). and it was later when she told Alyssa about it that they laughed over it together. What I do recall distinctly is that even then, some six to eight months after things had come crashing down on her head, she still saw humor in the whole experience, and still burst out laughing as she described Dan's reaction.

Obviously at that time she did not realize the extent to which Danny would go in order to get rid of her, and she also didn't realize that the very worst thing one can do to a man is to laugh at him.

For Danny, as both Walt and Johann noted, from then on claimed that he had "proof". And Linda described how he would say to others, "and I have the receipt to prove it" -- which she still thought was hilarious, and she repeated it several times -- "an unused pregnancy test -- and the receipt which showed she bought it. This was his "proof".

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> - The pregnancy test!

So ends the tale of the mysterious, unused, never intended to be used, infamous "pregnancy test".

But not the after effects.

Posted by: calvin Jul 25 2006, 09:00 PM

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Posted by: watchbird Jul 25 2006, 09:20 PM

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Posted by: Clay Jul 26 2006, 08:57 AM

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Posted by: Spike Jul 26 2006, 04:46 PM

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Posted by: Panama_Pete Jul 26 2006, 06:23 PM

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You are saying that human beings have 20/20 hindsight.

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You are quite correct. As I have said before, I too thought it was stupid--and I don't think that it would take hindsight to say that. I think I have a sense of humor--but I also think that many "practical jokes"--especially those played between husbands and wives and even other family members are most always stupid, and sometimes even cruel. I think it helps others to see that it was what it was claimed to be from the beginning--an intended practical joke--when they see the atmosphere in which this was done, that of being the butt of Danny's "jokes" through the years (which is why Summertime's observations are so important a background for understanding this experience.) I've seen such atmospheres--the "jokes" almost always have "barbs" in them and are often more cruel than funny. And the one who is most often the victim eventually learns the game and takes their own turns at least occasionally.

So yes, as much as admire Linda for her obvious good points and believe totally in her innocence of the charges, I still think this was a stupid thing to do, and not only for the reason that it played into Danny's desires of making false accusations against her. It was also stupid from the fact that there

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But back to your comments on what your own reactions would have been. I can understand your reaction--but also I cannot see you playing the kind of stunts on your wife that Danny had pulled on Linda through the years--and in situations in which she had no choice but to take it gracefully and with "good humor". You impress me as one who would have a LOT more respect for your wife than to go out of your way to embarrass her by stupid "practical jokes" at her expense. So when you are evaluating this strange episode, it would be well to remember that Linda had had 19 years of training in this type of prank--that the perpetrator sees as funny but neither the victim nor the bystanders can even comprehend, much less think is ha-ha funny.

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Exactly. It is only the innocent person who would do something like this. If one had the slightest bit of guilt they would definitely NOT have taken any chances on Danny finding something like this that might expose their guilt. Don't forget that Alyssa by now had her own apartment and that Linda was spending some time there. If the pg test had been bought for actual use, it would have been used on one of Linda's visits to Alyssa's apartment.

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Posted by: inga Jul 28 2006, 02:10 PM

QUOTE(calvin @ Jul 28 2006, 09:39 AM)

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Yes, I have to agree on that one.

I think God gave us a sense of humor to get us over the rough places in life, but IMO there are several subjects which are **never** appropriate subjects for a joke in a Christians life. Among these are the nature and characer of God and His Word and marriage.

Having said that, Linda's joke was no more stupid than most of the ones Danny told on screen in front of millions. Many were put-downs of Linda.

The way Watchbird tells it makes it evident that Linda had **no idea** of the seriousness of Danny's hunt for evidence and that he was *really* planning to get rid of her. As co-founder of the ministry she probably didn't even consider the possibility that she could be so easily ousted. However, with 20/20 hindsight, I'm quite sure Linda wouldn't do the same thing again if she could go back and do things over.

But how many of us have foresight that's as good as our hindsight?

Posted by: Observer Jul 29 2006, 03:49 AM

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The comments made to me, and from some who have been strong supporters of Linda, are that it was a stupid thing to do, and Dr. Thompson has scored a point. There are fair-minded people who will think that there is more involved than a simple practical joke. So, let us look at the possibilities:

As claimed, it was a joke: If this is the case, Linda made an error in judgment. She did something that really was not funny, and it has now come back to hurt her. Hindsight is often better than one's thinking at the time of the action. Probably, all of us reading this thread can testify to times when we have made poor decisions.

This gives credence to the charges that Linda was unfaithful: O.K. Some will likely take this position. This is about much more than the divorce. If Linda was guilty as charged, should she at this point in her life be trashed as is happening to her? Should she not be allowed to get on with her life? As others have suggested, the continued attacks on her in an effort to stop her from getting on with her life is feeding the fire that continues to burn at the gates of 3ABN. But, this is more complex. Charges have been implied against Danny and others at 3ABN. Does not simple justice require that if Linda is treated one way, that same standard should be applied to those others, if proven to be true?

To those who support Linda: you have been injured, but it is not a deadly wound. Continue on.

To those who support the position taken by Danny and 3ABN: Truth has not yet been revealed in its fullness, justice has not yet been accomplished. This saga will continued to unfold. Stand-by for more.

Posted by: lurker Jul 29 2006, 07:11 AM

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ummm that could give a guy an inferiority complex.... almost immediately.....

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Jul 29 2006, 01:02 PM

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She (S) - No baby - you know I ain't cheatin on you....

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S - I've been at work. I work from 8 am to 5pm...and It's only 5:06pm now....

H - What you been doing since 5pm?

S - You know what....I'mma admit it. I was cheatin' for 1 minutes. Although it takes me 5 minutes to get home, we did it in one minute, I sped home and yes. I'm cheatin on you.

H - I knew it!

S - You stupid!

H - I knew it. Guess what? I've been cheatin on you too?

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H - You jes admitted it!

S - Dummy! Can you add up time....only one person in the world can do something in one minute ....you.

H - Ohhhhh. Now you're jes being mean....

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H - Huh?

S - Nevermind....I gotta go pack a bag...

H - Where you going?

S - Duh! Where are you going.....

Posted by: Hersheys99 Jul 29 2006, 04:43 PM

Good one Re!! [x] rofl

Posted by: Just a Guy Jul 29 2006, 09:22 PM

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Who do you think the evil angels who left with Lucifer are supposed to be? [x] rofl

(You have three guesses, the first two don't count.)

Posted by: tall73 Jul 30 2006, 10:05 PM

I don't post a lot here, but have been reading through the letters. I have a lot of folks in my churches who support 3ABN and it is on both of our local cable networks. So the fall-out here if there is a scandal would be quite large.

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Thanks for these additional details, Johann. I, too, recall her describing how tired (frustrated) she was getting with Danny's continual snooping and how the "Let's give him something to find" thoughts were dominant in their mind as they embarked upon that "fateful" shopping trip.

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But .....

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http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=10074&st=45&p=142808&#entry142808

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You say "these threads were started to make judgements." Wrong again. These threads were started to give people opportunity to tell their sides of their stories and place them in a place where every passerby who wanted to could stop and see and read and think. There are no demands made on anyone to come forward and tell their stories. There are no prohibitions on anyone coming and disputing what they see. You are free to believe or disbelieve the testimonies of those who speak.

I did not choose to tell the story of the pg test merely to "present evidence". Both Johann and I refrained from mentioning it so long as the accusations remained vague about the so called "evidence" that Danny claimed he had. Once that became specific in the last letter from Walt's mass mailings that was posted, it was time to tell Linda's side of that story, which both Johann and I did, and others confirmed was the same as what they had heard from Linda's lips. When you attack that story it does not matter whether you approve or disapprove of the action or not. In that sense it doesn't matter if you can "think like a woman" enough for it to appear rational to you. The only question that should concern you is whether or no it is true that Linda said this, and that she did this, and that she gave her reasons as we have reported them.

Frankly, your disbelief in the truthfulness of all of that would also not stand in a court of law merely on the grounds that it "didn't make sense to you". You would have to produce proof in order to show that Linda was lying about both the act and the reasons she had for doing the act. And hind sight 20/20 vision as to wether it was a wise move on her part simply won't "cut it" either. Her wisdom or the lack thereof is not the question. The only question is her truthfulness in what she told her friends, and her friends truthfulness in the way they related what they were told.

Now how about simmering down and taking a look at the other side, and analysing this with the same scrutiny that you have given the statements about Linda.

Danny and Walt's story differs only in one particular from that of Linda's..... so that is the only one we would need to examine. And that is the motive behind the act. Now how can Danny and Walt be considered accurate judges of another person's motives..... even if that person is the wife of one of them? Unless THEY can produce substantiating evidence.... really hard evidence..... that their interpretation of her motives is right and her own statements of what they were is wrong ... what right do you have to take their word for it rather than hers? Would THAT kind of judgement stand up in a court of law?

Posted by: Clay Aug 1 2006, 11:06 AM

part of being a compassionate person (which is what a pastor ought to be) is one's ability to put themselves in another's shoes as much as is possible.... we call it empathy.... while I am 100%, I can imagine what it must be like to have been Linda in that situation...and as I said earlier, I can see myself doing something to yank the chain of the one who was tormenting me..... but... that's just me....

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As to you evaluating me perosnally, I am judging what you wrote of the situation. You are judging me because I disagree.

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You mention the matters of financial support. This topic was covered in great depth in a number of threads in the past. Just because our focus is elsewhere now does not mean that there has not been enough said on this board for many to make up their mind whether or not they should continue to send their money to 3ABN. That still may not be convincing to you. So be it. But if it is not, there is little likelihood that anything more we could say would be convincing.

All evidence has weight in the final picture. I cannot dismiss this evidence because of other things you have said. It may be that in the end it is determined that one side outweighs the other. But that does not mean that everything one side says is to be dismissed while the other side's take is always accepted.

QUOTE

And lastly..... stop worrying so much about those poor sheeple who depend on you to do their thinking for them and tell them what to think and where to send their money. If you are an SDA pastor, then you should be telling them to send it to the church coffers and supporting HOPETV no matter what the evidence on 3ABN. If you are not, then it is certainly none of your business to intersperse yourself between "your people" and the SDA church. Give them the BSDA 3ABN forum url, tell them you have seen things there that have made you wonder, and encourage them to all go and see for themselves.

Most of them don't have the internet. I am likely going to give them the letters. Of course they already have the ones from Danny. But I might not even do that if I don't think thereis a convincing

reason to do so.

And no I don't tell them to just give to the church and Hopetv. God can use people outside of the church.

QUOTE

So far, whenever I see a post from you, the thing that comes immediately to mind is the warning given by Ellen White to and about those who are not patient enough to unravel the difficulties themselves (or to wait for the Lord to unravel them) but attempt to "cut through the knot of difficulty", and in do doing make things much worse than they would be other wise.

I am sorry you see it that way. But then you know even less of me than I know of Linda and Danny. So if it is possible that I am confused about this situation, i certainly leave open the possibility that you are wrong about me.

It boils down to this. You are trying to get people to do something based on your testimony. But we must evaluate your testimony. Telling me that I am impatient and don't deal with difficulties, and saying I am condemned by EGW etc. will not help you make that case with me.

If you don't want what you said evaluated then don't put it.

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And if that is somehow seen as a disqualification then all the men in this post need to stop reading.

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Posted by: Clay Aug 1 2006, 11:20 AM

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Posted by: tall73 Aug 1 2006, 11:41 AM

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That's OK ... your credibility just dropped another notch. You admit you cannot think like a woman.... then don't presume to sit in judgement upon a woman. There is no requirement that truth, to be truth, must "seem credible". There is more than one place in the saga of Danny Shelton that people (including lawyers) have exclaimed, "Truth is stranger than fiction".

If I do not sit in judgment on the case then I cannot do what you hope I will do by ceasing to support 3ABN.

This was my whole point. The poster was making a point that because I am not a woman I can't judge this case. That is simply untrue. If that were the case then you can't judge Danny, not being a man. But certainly no one is making that statement.

QUOTE

You say "these threads were started to make judgements." Wrong again. These threads were started to give people opportunity to tell their sides of their stories and place them in a place where every passerby who wanted to could stop and see and read and think. There are no demands made on anyone to come forward and tell their stories. There are no prohibitions on anyone coming and disputing what they see. You are free to believe or disbelieve the testimonies of those who speak.

Here is what you said:

QUOTE(watchbird)

Our role here is to expose enough information in a publicly accessible place so as to warn against investing money in an organization that has been at best wasteful with what were intended to be the Lord's funds, and what appears from what has been learned to be serious misappropriations of funds from 3ABN as a ministry to the pockets of the owner of 3ABN--actions which are certainly not expected by donors, ones which they would consider unethical if they knew about them, and some of which may even be shown to be outright illegal fraud.

You said that you were here to warn those who would invest money. That is demanding a judgment. Even the idea that they are to come and read and think is asking for a judgment.

And you say there are no prohibitions on anyone disagreeing? Yet when I did I was called

impatient
inconsiderate
controlling
jumping to conclusions

and it was implied that I was less than compassionate, and thereby going against my calling.

Now which of those things addressed the actual facts of the case? None of them that I can see. So it comes across to me that disagreement leads to personal attacks against the one who disagrees.

QUOTE

I did not choose to tell the story of the pg test merely to "present evidence". Both Johann and I refrained from mentioning it so long as the accusations remained vague about the so called "evidence" that Danny claimed he had. Once that became specific in the last letter from Walt's mass mailings that was posted, it was time to tell Linda's side of that story, which both Johann and I did, and others confirmed was the same as what they had heard from Linda's lips. When you attack that story it does not matter whether you approve or disapprove of the action or not. In that sense it doesn't matter if you can "think like a woman" enough for it to appear rational to you. The only question that should concern you is whether or no it is true that Linda said this, and that she did this, and that she gave her reasons as we have reported them.

I am sure you would prefer not to tell it at all. Because it is indeed compromising evidence at face value.

And it is also right for you to give Linda's side of it. But if you say the concern is whether it is true or not, how do you expect us to evaluate that? We have to determine whether it sounds plausible, whether it fits the rest of the story, and whether those telling us sound credible. Again, that is a judment, and not everyone will agree with you. I also take into account the fact Danny did not in fact bring out this evidence right away. You all said he was hiding the evidence so he produced this. Either he was actually trying to protect Linda or he was grasping at straws and settled on this. But again, we have to evaluate.

QUOTE

Frankly, your disbelief in the truthfulness of all of that would also not stand in a court of law merely on the grounds that it "didn't make sense to you".

Of course it wouldn't. But in this discussion board we are in the place of the jury. And the jury is not on trial. And what the jury concludes from the evidence does stand in a court of law. They are the ones who decide the case. The difference is in a court of law you wouldn't know what they are thinking until the sentance was given. You couldn't go back and comment on their personal traits or try to convince them by other means. They would simply decide what they think.

QUOTE

You would have to produce proof in order to show that Linda was lying about both the act and the reasons she had for doing the act.

There is only one piece of uncontested evidence in the pregnancy test, and that is that there was one and that Danny found it by snooping. Anything else must be proved by those claiming it. You are one of those claiming something.

QUOTE

Now how about simmering down and taking a look at the other side, and analysing this with the same scrutiny that you have given the statements about Linda.

I have taken what you said with scrutiny, and have read the other posts too.

QUOTE

Danny and Walt's story differs only in one particular from that of Linda's..... so that is the only one we would need to examine. And that is the motive behind the act. Now how can Danny and Walt be considered accurate judges of another person's motives..... even if that person is the wife of one of them? Unless THEY can produce substantiating evidence.... really hard evidence..... that their interpretation of her motives is right and her own statements of what they were is wrong ... what right do you have to take their word for it rather than hers? Would THAT kind of judgement stand up in a court of law?

If I were on the jury I would have every right. And since you are presenting it for us in defense of Linda we have every right to form our opinion.

And if we can never judge a motive or try to determine whether something is truthful then we can never decide anything. And therefore your goal of discrediting 3ABN is hopeless.

Gotta go for a bit. I will check this later if I get time.

And Watchbird I have not at all said that I agree with Danny. His remarriage to me was sickening. It does seem as if he married someone that he had on the back burner for a while who was much younger. I didn't watch 3ABN much anyway because I just now got it in my area. But I can't watch at all now when he is on. This whole dispute came from me saying that I thought one point was strong for Danny. Perhaps you could evaluate that as well. I am not your enemy.

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Clay, if I have read the information what more is there to do? Not everyone who reads posts.

What gives me the right to make a statement?

How long do I have to be here?'

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This whole thing blew up from one statement that I made that said I thought this was a strong point for Danny's case. I don't see why it needs to be more than that.

Posted by: sonshineonme Aug 1 2006, 11:47 AM

QUOTE(tall73 @ Aug 1 2006, 10:18 AM)

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First of all, thanks for the welcome.

I agree, we should not assume. I agree we should put the pieces together and accept what we see.

As to telling the rest they are wrong, I didn't. I said I don't agree with it.

And pages of "hot mess on toast" posts have been made taking one side over the other. Why is it wrong to express my view on it?

There are already letter writing campaigns etc. If there is still information to come why are we encoraging that? Is there or is there not enough information to decide yet? And is there only enough information to decide one way but not the other?

Alright, signing off...this time for real hopefully.

Posted by: simplysaved Aug 1 2006, 12:45 PM

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the picture on my profile? I think that is my serious face.... being the head heathen takes its toll you know..... [x] rofl

Posted by: Brennen Aug 1 2006, 07:47 PM

"Let me repeat: Linda was getting so tired of Danny searching through everywhere for evidence against her, and she knew he would not find anything. He was not having much success with his accusation of spiritual adultery, as attested by 3ABN, and Linda knew he had nothing."

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Posted by: sister Aug 1 2006, 08:16 PM

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Posted by: watchbird Aug 2 2006, 07:12 AM

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Yes ..... **yes..... YES!!**..... ....

Especially put together the two sentences in red above....."**Now this is the golden thread of truth hidden in the midst of this discussion.**" and " **it's much bigger then just Linda.**" The issue is not just about "proving" Linda innocent nor judging her wisdom in the things she did. The searchlight needs to be taken off of Linda, the victim, and turned on the one who victimized her.

But not only that, the issue is much bigger than merely how Danny has treated Linda. she gains our attention and our sympathy (and it is right that she should) but WHY do we see her in the spotlight? Who is it that continually turns it on her ..... and why do they do so? Is it not so that we will be blinded to the one who keeps it focused on her? Is it also not so that we will not see what else there

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The Televangelist is still the most concise document we have that surveys these many other areas. since it gives a "bird's eye view" of the whole territory, giving only glimpses of specific "trees" in the forest and allusions to action seen below both past and present at the time of writing. And also iit can be compared to a "bird's eye view" in that it is in some ways "non-verbal"-- especially when it comes to giving specific names. But taking that along with Sister's "Unauthorized History" and other threads over the past two years, one can keep one's perspective of the whole at the same time one is focused on the details of one part, and one can find and insert specific names into the original document.

Essentially, the things put out by Walt Thompson and said by Danny cn be compared to "smoke screens" or magicians "mirrors" which are slanted in ways so we do not see **what is**, and we think we see **what is not**. Let's not be fooled by the "smoke and mirrors" used on the 3ABN set(up), nor let them drive nor lure us away from turning our own spotlights on the persons and areas who are standing behind the curtain or concealed in the shadows.

Posted by: tall73 Aug 2 2006, 10:46 AM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Aug 2 2006, 08:12 AM)

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The finances are a different matter. But you tied them in with your response when you said that it was your role to inform people of what they were like so that they would stop supporting them.

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It is well and good to investigate their finances, and from the details it looks troubling. But supporters

would have equal pause in giving if they failed morally again and again and did not repent, and kept on appearing on television. So no, they are not separate. The question of **financial support** is the one I brought up and it is directly related to the marital saga, and in that respect to exhibit "A". I have made no comment that I recall on their financial dealings yet, but only on the goal of interrupting support.

Posted by: PprincessDrRe Aug 13 2006, 09:47 PM

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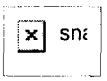

Posted by: sonshineonme Aug 13 2006, 09:59 PM

QUOTE(PrincessDrRe @ Aug 13 2006, 08:47 PM)

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Princess di said it well in the http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=10422 Post #14

Posted by: watchbird Feb 26 2007, 10:35 AM

QUOTE(Panama_Pete @ Aug 1 2006, 08:25 PM)

That's right. Anything "usable" would have worked. It really had nothing to do with any box in Alyssa's shopping bag.

I think any item would have worked if met his goals.

Time to bump this up to the head of the list where it will be handy for those who love to root around in shopping bags hidden in out of the way places for stray bits of evidence..... errrrr.... 'scuse the mixing of metaphors .....

BUT... while it's title doesn't seem to fit the topic, nor the final posts above seem to be about it, this is, in fact, the thread where the majority... though not all.... of the discussion went on about the now *infamous pg text.... though never used.... or used in strange and curious ways ... however one* wishes to look at it (double entendres intended where ever detected, or even suspected).....

Have at it folks... dig in and share with your neighbors..... 

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Posted by: LaurenceD Feb 26 2007, 11:53 AM

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Posted by: watchbird Feb 26 2007, 02:55 PM

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You're welcome. Actually it's been awhile so I'm not sure how much is here either. I know there is some discussion elsewhere that helps paint a picture of how humor was used in their house... which also would be a factor in why she did what she did.

Posted by: Johann Feb 27 2007, 08:03 AM

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Danny Shelton once described what was going on between him and Linda as a spirituial warfare which he insisted he had a patent on understanding. I agreed with him that it was a spiritual warfare, but I feared that he was on the wrong side of the fence.

What you say here, Laurence, I believe is a truth that some people do not perceive. I noticed that God was no longer in that marriage as far as Danny was concerned already when we all - Danny, Linda, Tommy, and I travelled together through Europe several months before the break. Already then I breathed a prayer, Lord save this marriage! But a marriage needs two people to be in agreement to stay together.

Posted by: Clay Feb 27 2007, 08:46 AM

Danny had NO grounds for divorce.... none biblically that is..... so he contrived a story and some people have believed it from day one.... However the fact remains.... he had NO grounds for divorce....
