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### BlackSDA \_ 3ABN \_ Damage Control

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**Posted by: sister Nov 30 2006, 12:04 AM**

It was suggested that I post some information in regard to damage control that has been featured on Maritime. I have chosen not to use Bob's last name. The following emails have been exchanged between Bob and Danny Shelton, and between Bob and Walt Thompson (Chairman of the Board of 3ABN). I will make a number of posts on this topic.

Sister

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

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 08:05:24 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

Hi Danny.

I don't really have any control over what he does, so I don't think I can "see that he abides by [your] following request."

I have been curious about something, though. You write below that "ASI had agreed to hear mine and Linda's situation." That is good. But I hope that they will deal with more than just that, since the rumors out there concern far more than just your and Linda's situation.

I noticed the 3ABN web site announced two rallies last weekend in Oregon. What I was curious about is why it advertised only you and Tommy being there. In your previous reply to Gailon you did not specifically deny that allegations of child molestation have been leveled against Tommy, and I understand that these allegations have been hanging over him for years. I would think it most unwise from a PR standpoint to push Tommy to the front of things until these allegations are resolved.

Is there anything in the works to resolve these allegations, demonstrating either Tommy's guilt or innocence?

Bob

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

To: Danny Shelton

Sent: 11/23/2006 8:15:43 AM

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Danny,

One thing I've noticed, and I think I mentioned this to you before, is that you seem to use a tactic in damage control which in the end can be quite detrimental to your cause. You wrote:

Quote:

"I already knew about you being a convicted embezzler and have more knowledge than you and your group would be comfortable with, of other personal and financial challenges that are open knowledge surrounding you."

Why would this sort of comment be necessary? How is it helpful? All it appears to do is distract from the issues being raised by attacking others. In my opinion, it would be far better to just deal with the issues raised in a transparent, straightforward way.

I realize that's not your gift. But then you really need to authorize and enable someone else to do that.

Of course, Gailon's email did not raise issues with 3ABN, but I have noticed this sort of problem with your previous replies to issues he has raised.

Bob

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

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 08:40:21 -0600

From: Danny Shelton

I will refrain from answering your questions at this time. I'm willing for ASI to do it's work with the facts presented by both sides.

Danny

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

To: Danny Shelton

Sent: 11/23/2006 9:00:28 AM

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Hi Danny.

Think about it: If you'd only be willing to approach these questions transparently and straightforwardly, without attacking others, as if you don't have a thing to hide, ASI wouldn't need to be involved at all.

You have spent so many years building up 3ABN's ministry. Why jeopardize it all by continuing an approach that turns off supporters? In other words, what hinders you from answering transparently and straightforwardly the simple question, "Is there anything in the works to resolve these allegations, demonstrating either Tommy's guilt or innocence?"

Not answering that simple question gives the impression that you are engaging in evasion and stonewalling, and that the allegations really are true. And that impression is detrimental to the mission of 3ABN, and should be avoided at all costs.

But I do take it from your reply that the ASI panel will be investigating the allegations against Tommy as well, and that is good.

Bob

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

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"]

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 09:30:06 -0600

To: Walt Thompson

Hi Walt.

I thought I'd pass along our email interchange to you.

I really think that 3ABN and Danny need better damage control, and have felt that way since

being told by a major 3ABN player in August, simply because I was asking questions, that I was "led of the pits of hell" and was "one sick puppy."

Danny's replies below illustrate yet again the need for better damage control. Tommy has had these allegations hanging over his head for years, and if he has ever been cleared, Danny won't say. And if anything is in the works to either prove or disprove these allegations, Danny won't say. "I will refrain from answering your questions at this time."

Yet while he can't bring himself to answer simple questions, he has no problem whatsoever digging up dirt and using it to attack others with, as he makes clear below.

*This sort of PR and damage control approach, it's beyond me.*

The whole situation comes across as if the more allegations there are, the more the one alleged to have done wrong ends up in the limelight. That's the appearance when Tommy is featured so prominently at rallies and at the MAP Seminar. And that appearance is not helpful to the mission and prosperity of 3ABN.

If 3ABN is going to prosper in the years to come, there needs to be a drastic change in PR and damage control.

God bless.

Bob

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

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 09:38:30 -0600

From: Danny Shelton <danshelton@earthlink.net>

Bob, one last email to you.

Most of the rumors and accusations are based on lies. There are potentially millions of viewers. I nor anyone else can or will ever address all individual rumors with individual people asking the questions. It would be too time consuming.

If the biggest rumors or accusations are addressed by a reputable group like ASI, then people will have more info to base their decisions of whom are they going to believe.

There's a good chance that if ASI decides I have lied about my biblical grounds for divorce, then there is also a good chance that I am lying about other things. If on the other side of the coin ASI decides that Linda has lied about the reasons for our divorce then there is a good chance that the other info she and her friends are feeding the public, may be lies also.

I've been told that you cross one bridge at a time.

good bye.

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

To: Danny Shelton

Sent: 11/23/2006 10:07:36 AM

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Hi Danny.

It just doesn't make sense to me, and I am sure you can understand why. ASI doesn't need to get involved in order for 3ABN to address the huge, mammoth allegation that Tommy molested

children. Why pass the buck?

As far as ASI turning up evidence that you lied or didn't lie about the allegations against Tommy, I am unaware that you have said anything definitive about the matter that could be considered a lie. You certainly haven't said anything definitive in your replies below, which in my mind is a serious problem. Someone at 3ABN needs to be appointed to address these kinds of questions in a transparent, straightforward way.

I'll tell you the very real PR problem this all creates. These allegations against Tommy resurfaced in 2003. Linda had her alleged affair in 2004. Melody had an unwed pregnancy in 2005. Linda disappeared, and Tommy and Melody haven't. One is left to wonder what Linda did that was so far worse than child molestation and unwed pregnancy.

This type of question needs to be addressed in a professional, Christ-like way, and if ASI has to get involved in order for it to be answered, then something is dread wrong.

Bob

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

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 10:40:53 -0600

From: Danny Shelton

Bob,

I'm going to repond to you or Gailon anymore. Thanks for respecting that.

Danny

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

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 10:46:41 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

Hi Danny.

Who then at 3ABN would be a good one for me to ask my question of? Who is responsible for handling damage control regarding serious matters?

It doesn't bother me at all to ask someone else, since your time is valuable. I just need to know who I should be conversing with at 3ABN instead of yourself.

Bob

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

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 10:57:01 -0600

From: Danny Shelton

Bob, Please understand that we are letting ASI deal with this first. Whatever is left we will look at later.

ASI has asked us not to discuss this situation in detail with anyone at this time. We are respecting that request.

Hopefully you will understand, if not I'm sorry, but you'll just have to wait until ASI makes a decision.

No need to respond

Danny

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

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 12:02:21 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

Hi Danny.

Just a quick question to make sure I understand you correctly. You are saying that ASI is dealing with **all** allegations concerning 3ABN and its board, officers, and employees? And that ASI has asked 3ABN not to reply to questions about any allegations, even questions as to why Tommy is being put so much into the limelight while the allegations of child molestation are still unresolved?

Your reply suggests such, but I just want to be sure that that is what you meant.

I should add this real quick: A conference official told me that we could all be in trouble with the authorities if the allegations against Tommy aren't reported. Has 3ABN or someone else reported them? If so, to whom and when? I certainly don't want to get into any legal trouble, and if waiting until ASI finally makes some sort of decision before it all gets reported makes me liable in some way, I think it would be better to make sure it has been reported sooner rather than later.

Bob

**At this point I will break off in the email correspondence and end this first section with a comment from Bob:**

*Consider how powerful an organization ASI is that they can request what has been called the second largest Christian broadcaster in the world not to answer simple questions about anything, and they comply.*

*I suppose then, if this is really an accurate picture of the situation, that if ASI tells a ministry that they need to make certain drastic changes, that ministry will also comply.*

*Thus, if taken at face value, this appears on the part of Danny to be an admission that the recommendations of the ASI panel will be binding. But I'm unsure that we can take his comments at face value.*

**Posted by: sister Nov 30 2006, 12:18 AM**

Part 2: Included in this section are emails exchanged between Bob and Gailon Joy.

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

Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"]

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 13:30:48 -0600

From: Walt Thompson

Hi Bob,

ASI has advised us to discontinue communication with our accusers while they are working. I will wait for the process to occur before commenting futher.

Walter Thompson MD

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

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 14:18:36 -0600

To: Walt Thompson

Hi Walt.

I would imagine that folks who have a few questions would not be called "accusers," and thus I wonder if you might have a few comments about the propriety of putting Tommy in the limelight before the allegations against him get resolved. It just doesn't seem wise to me.

I was talking to a conference official the other day, and they said that anyone who knows about the allegations regarding Tommy who doesn't report them to the proper authorities could be in trouble. I certainly don't want to get into any kind of legal trouble, and so I'm wondering if these allegations were ever reported to the authorities? To whom and when?

Hope your Thanksgiving is going well.

Bob

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Bob prefaces the next email with the following comments: *The following was Gailon's reply to my last email to Danny. Harold Lance is the one coordinating the ASI panel investigation process.*

*Gailon refers to Danny's statement that ASI had asked him not to answer anymore questions. Since ASI is supposed to be neutral in this process, Gailon is wondering why they would be advising Danny.*

*If you believe that Danny is correct that ASI really did advise him in this way, then you might agree that there is a problem. But as always, it is wisest to get both sides of the story before coming to a conclusion.*

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

Subject: Re: "We got a problem"  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2006 15:28:45 +0000  
From: (G. Arthur Joy)  
To: Bob  
CC: (Harold Lance, Esq)

Who, at ASI, would be advising him not to answer questions? Am I all wet in assuming that ASI is completely neutral and would prefer the parties resolve as many issues as possible amongst themselves? Is ASI acting as counsel to 3ABN?

Yes, we have a serious problem...he is suggesting that Harold Lance is representing and counseling Danny and 3ABN. I hope that is not the facts in this case!!!

Also, why would 3ABN not deal with all the issues and avoid the need for a tribunal??? Would not this make much better sense??? And it would show some serious reform on the part of the board...which would avoid some other issues as well.

Gailon Arthur Joy  
AUReporter

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

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2006 08:26:23 -0600  
From: Walt Thompson  
CC: Danny Shelton

Dear Bob,

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

recompence. The DA said there was no case. No restrictions were ever imposed. Tommy is employed by 3abn with full board approval, knowing the facts. The author of a book, "These kind don't change, do they?" was interviewed on 3abn recently. You may wish to purchase that book and read it! (The sad thing about this is that the ones who are loudest in spreading falsehood know this, yet continue to agitate and keep the fires burning.)

Jesus said, he that is without sin, let him cast the first stone. I would echo Jesus statements today. All of us at 3abn are human. All have sinned. But, thank God, He forgives and uses our fallings as stimulants to make us grow. 3ABN is in the work of healing broken people, but we too are still in a sense broken. Almost every employee has a record they would not be proud of. Yet, God takes great pleasure in accomplishing His purposes on earth by people just such as us. No where in the Bible are there examples of people who have fallen who have suffered the wrath of God who have confessed their sins and learned from their mistakes. Yet, for the past almost 3 years 3abn has been bombarded with lies and insinuations. Of course, we know where they come from, and we know that no one ever wins when he enters argument with the devil. Therefore, we have tried to let the Lord fight our battles. We have resisted the temptation to take on the battle ourselves and I am sure have sometimes said too much or too little, but never the less, know in our hearts that we have taken the high road in this battle. Attorneys that have looked at the evidence agree full heartedly. While not everyone may agree with the decisions we have made, we have continued to rejoice with the blessing of our Lord.

Yes, it is wearing. I can only thank God for giving Danny the strength of faith and health to hang on as he has done. I am sure it is only by God's amazing grace that this has occurred. And I must thank our faithful viewers and supporters who by their prayers of intercession have joined the powers of heaven in this battle.

You speak of the need for damage control. Please place yourself in Danny's shoes for just one day and try to imagine how you would respond. Then imagine being the source of bombardment day after day, seemingly unendingly. It has not been easy. Danny is a fighter. Without his determination and resiliency, this ministry would have been taken down long ago. I have no doubt that God chose Danny for this task, recognizing that all of our greatest strengths are sometimes also our greatest weaknesses. Yes, I know he sometimes would be better off to keep quiet, let the Lord fight his battles and relax, but that is not always easy. Most of all is the difficulty of knowing when to speak and when to be silent. God told ancient Israel that they should wait upon the Lord and He would fight their battles, but I find it interesting that they still had to go into battle and fight - Gideon is the classic example. While God took the battle into His own hands, Israel was called to do it's part before God could do His thing. Rather than faulting Danny for his tendencies to defend himself, I find I must lift him up in prayer.

You propose to me "that folks who have a few questions would not be called 'accusers.'" This would ordinarily be true, but when in battle for long periods of time, even good soldiers sometimes develop shell shock. When "friends" turn out to be enemies over and over again, one soon "learns" that he can trust no one. A number of e mails and letters that I have written as private responses have appeared on the Internet forums, "spun" to fit the desire of the "friend" who placed them there.

Thanks for your interest,

walt  
Walter Thompson MD

A note from Bob:

*Notice very carefully that Walt acknowledges that there were allegations, and that something was done to children that had to be apologized for. But what happened and when it occurred is still not clear.*

*Since the above disagrees with the other side of the story, the question arises, what was the source of Walt's information?*

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

Subject: Re: Gallons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2006 12:02:03 -0600

To: Walt Thompson

Thanks very much for your reply, Walt.

[Note: I wrote the following reply before getting two emails from Gailon, and so I want to add this brief note to reassure you: Gailon is NOT getting a blind copy of my reply because, though it may correct false information he has, a few details need to be clarified before it will be effective, and my reply would best not be forwarded hither and yon without those clarifications. No one is getting a blind copy of this reply.]

It is the kind of information that you have provided that is most helpful. I first heard about these allegations around August, and this is the first I've heard that there have not been new allegations for the last 30 years, that no physical actions occurred, and that Tommy apologized. Of course, this puts things in a different light, and it is this kind of information that can go a long ways towards squelching rumors.

And squelching rumors and criticisms is what I like to do. For example, there was a rumor accusing Melody of getting married the day after her new husband's divorce was final, and I was able to verify that his divorce was actually final a year before, and was able to squelch that rumor.

I am a little puzzled about a couple inconsistencies I see. Why in 2003 was it recommended to Tommy by letter sent to you that he issue written apologies when he had already apologized? And if he apologized, how can it also be true that one of the Church of God churches he pastored became split over the issue, some folks taking his side and some folks taking the side of the alleged victims, and that after one of his staunchest supporters died, her son came forward and told his story?

It's possible that the person associated with that congregation was just pulling my leg in giving me these details that make it appear that Tommy did not apologize, and that possibility only appears in light of the information you have given. But on an issue as important as this one I just want to make sure I've got the correct picture. Do you have a suggestion on how to harmonize these two different accounts?

In that 2003 letter you were invited to make contact with some of the alleged victims, their families, and the two associations that had given Tommy his credentials. Of these individuals and parties, how many did you actually contact? I ask that just to verify that the source of your information regarding apologies and no physical actions was not just one-sided. If both sides told you that that was the way it was, then that has to be the way it was, and I can then better use this information to put a halt to some of the rumors circulating out there.

Another possible question might be, if there have not been any new allegations for 30 years, why would the 2003 letter ask Tommy to apologize to the congregation in Virginia where I think he was still pastoring in 1999?

One last, simple request. I can relate to your shell shocked analogy. I think everyone at some point must feel that way. After Hal Steenson told me I was "led of the pits of hell," was "one sick puppy," needed "to get a life," was "sick," and needed "to be born again," and then repeatedly threatened to call security at ASI simply because I was asking a few questions privately in a way that no one else could hear, I tried to excuse his unbecoming behavior by saying that he must have been having a bad day, and must be under strain because of all the attacks. But then when I've gotten no reply whatsoever to my emails asking respectfully and kindly for an apology, when I've gotten no apology whatsoever after asking for one via Joe O'Brien and John Lomacang, and after discussing the matter with Elder Denslow, every month that goes by it becomes increasingly difficult to justify his unbecoming behavior in this way.



It's this kind of thing that is a real problem. Jesus said, "Agree with your adversary quickly while you are in the way." By no stretch of the imagination could I be characterized as an adversary when I chatted with Hal at ASI. If we are to agree quickly with our adversaries, how much more readily with our friends?

So my simple request is that you ask Hal, when opportunity arises, to apologize to me for the insults and threats he gave at ASI.

I have two more issues that trouble me a bit, but this is long enough, and so I'll close for now.

God bless, and have a good Sabbath.

Bob

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End of section 2.

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**Posted by: sister Nov 30 2006, 12:36 AM**

This is the third section of emails:

----- Original Message -----  
Subject: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.  
Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2006 11:07:44 -0600  
To: Walt Thompson

Hi Walt.

I've been thinking about this situation a bit, and I think I see an opportunity perhaps for you to gain some credibility in the eyes of the 3ABN critics. It's an approach I've tried a number of times in various situations, and I get to it near the end of this email.

I'll first say that I am holding off till Tuesday before passing on the information you gave earlier about Tommy so that you can clarify the few points I raised, in order to avoid anyone attacking what you wrote before you have a chance to explain it. In other words, no one is getting a blind copy of this email, and no one will see it till Tuesday.

You wrote:

"The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago." This implies that there have been no new allegations since then.

"No physical actions ever occurred."

"Tommy apologized to the kids and offered recompense."

The letter you received from the Church of God church in question in 2003 contained the following advice (I quote from the attached "Action Items"):

"Tommy should issue written apologies over his signature to all victims and to their parents," indicating that he had never apologized.

"Tommy also should issue written apologies over his signature for his deceit, as well as inappropriate behavior, etc., to ... the congregation of the Community Church of God, Dunn Loring, Virginia," indicating that he had had similar allegations at the church where he was pastoring as late as around 1999.

Some of your critics would likely jump on these discrepancies and use them to accuse you of dishonesty, which I think would be unwarranted and wrong, and which is why I haven't passed this on as of yet. Now since you wrote that "a number of e mails and letters that I have written" ended up being "spun" in a critical manner, I've tried to give some thought as to the best possible ways to spin these discrepancies. I see two other alternatives:

There is a massive, multi-state, Church of God conspiracy to malign the character of Tommy Shelton, or

You based your information on Tommy and/or Danny's word without contacting the other side, even though you were invited in that 2003 letter to contact the alleged victims, their families, and the two associations that apparently revoked the ministerial credentials they had given Tommy. Of these various possibilities, the only one that seems plausible and that puts you in the best light possible is this last one. And that possibility, if it be correct (and I would certainly welcome some other explanation more complimentary to yourself), opens up an opportunity to gain a little traction among the 3ABN critics.

If that's what happened, then it certainly was an error on your part. One can't rely solely on the word of an individual when the allegations being raised against that individual include "deceit," which was the word used in that 2003 letter, especially when the charges are as serious as child molestation. To do so opens up churches and supporting organizations to significant liability if a problem occurs.

What I've found is that if I apologize for whatever I can whenever I have made an error of some sort, folks cut me a lot more slack than they would otherwise. And I feel that if the above is what happened, and if you acknowledge that error and pledge to be more thorough in this and the other investigations, then the tone of some of the critics will soften and mellow a bit, and just might become complimentary.

And that would be a victory for 3ABN.

I sincerely welcome your telling me that you did indeed contact the victims, their families, and the associations referred to, or by giving me any alternative explanation that would better explain these discrepancies.

God bless.

Bob

A note from Bob:

*Dr. Thompson is incorrect in his statements, and I have proved that conclusively.*

*He said that the allegations were 30 years old. But the allegations he received in 2003 referred to alleged problems where Tommy was pastoring just 4 years prior to that.*

*Where then did Dr. Thompson and the board get their information that the allegations were 30 years old?*

*Unfortunately, the answer which he gave me to that question has a bearing on the Danny/Linda question. And thus I do not see how we can't pursue this until we arrive at the truth of the matter.*

*I repeat: Dr. Thompson was led to believe by someone that the allegations were 30 years old when in fact the newest ones were clearly, from the very letter he received via registered or certified mail, roughly 4 years old. Who misled Dr. Thompson, intentionally or unintentionally?*

A second note from Bob:

*...just because there were no charges filed means next to nothing, since most fairly solid cases are that way. Family Services may remove a child from a home because they have enough evidence to do so, but they may not have enough evidence to bring about a conviction. It happens all the time.*

*That's why a pastor's wife who used to do social work told me that when you're doing a background check, you've got to contact social services as well as the court system.*

*And from what I read on a conference website, part of the conference academy operations is*

*supposed to move to Thompsonville. So this topic is definitely important.*

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

Subject: Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.

Date: Sun, 26 Nov 2006 19:10:31 -0600

From: Walt Thompson

Dear Bob,

I am troubled by this whole affair. You claim to be a friend of 3abn and desiring to help, but at the same time you continue to assume that 3abn, its board and its administration are lying, incompetent and sporting a cover-up. That you are also in communication with persons who have already spread rumors and untruths around the world via the Internet bothers me and makes me wonder why I would feel the need to share more information with you. You alledge that by answering your questions I can gain credibility with our critics. This I have trouble believing since it hasn't happened yet. Nothing we have said until now has been accepted as fact, even though presented with ample evidence. Furthermore, it has been spun to suit the purpose of those who refuse to believe. I have been around this world for for a long time, and have often been held up as an example of honesty. You may check with colleagues, church leaders, fellow believers, family - anyone you wish - and though not all will agree with every decision I have ever had a part in making, none will accuse me of dishonesty (accept possibly Linda and Johann!). Likewise, the 3abn board is composed of people with unquestionable characters. The actions that we have taken through the years have not been taken without careful study and deliberation.

I do not understand the responsibility of 3abn to answer the questions of our critics. It is one thing to give answers to people who have honest questions and desire to know the truth, but quite something else to try to convince those who have no desire except to defend their preconceived opinions. If it should be that 3abn had made a mistake, Jesus outlined a path one ought to take in an attempt - privately, not to destroy - but to varify and assist in healing. Instead, a number of those who have come to us seeking information have spread it out on the Internet for the whole world to see and chew on. You see, I do not understand this type of "friend" not this variant of "justice." I may be naive, but this is not how my Bible tells me to do things.

Through the years we have had to make some difficult decisions, not the least of which was the one to let Linda go. Fortunately, most of our viewers and supporters have rallied behind us when we have brought our needs to public attention, and supported us with their earnest prayers and encouragement - doing as I understand all true Christians ought to do. Many, many of our supporters sensed a great loss with the loss of Linda - as all of us have, but they continued to support the ministry and its leadership, knowing that this was the right thing to do until they had ample reason to do otherwise. Fortunately, most of our viewers recognize the burdens carried by the leadership of this ministry, understand that all are human and falible, and love and support us in spite of that, just as God has done. While our "critics" have tried their best to undermine these by spreading lies and rumors, most have been able to "see through" these often vicious efforts and continue their support.

If I sound a bit defensive, please excuse me. I do not doubt your expressed statements to me about wanting to help the ministry. In fact, I appreciate you willingness to do so. But for the reasons mentioned, I fail to understand how your proposals might help the cause. Unless you can give me some very convincing reasons why I should do so, I prefer to merely state that we believe we have done things correctly and above board.

I suppose if I were "smart," I would assume that any and everything I wrote to you would be published for the world to read - even though I fail to understand the ethics of this. In this sense, yes, I am sometimes naive and too trusting. Yes, I know we are living in the age of information technology, but I refuse to believe that makes it right to make private conversations public.

Sincerely,

Walt  
Walter Thompson MD

To: Walt Thompson  
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2006 10:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.

Hi Walt.

If you will re-read my communication, I specifically stated that I was assuming that you were not lying. And I will add that I have had no communication with Linda, except when I wrote her way back and told her I thought she was wrong when she was asking to have her membership *dropped at Thompsonville*.

We do have a definite problem in that allegations have been made publicly on the internet for far too long by far too many people, and they need to be put to rest in some way. The good of the cause demands it, and the allegations aren't going to disappear if we just ignore them. These public allegations must be met just as publicly, if it is possible to meet them.

As far as Matthew 18 is concerned, I am sure you are aware of the fact that Matthew 18 does not apply to public sins. The Spirit of Prophecy is quite clear about that. And since Tommy's conduct, whatever it was, involved at least six boys in two states, and since it split a church, Matthew 18 does not apply in his case. In other words, what I am trying to say is that your and my communications, which are attempting to resolve a publicly-aired and serious issue, for the good of the cause of God cannot be kept private.

I have not read and analyzed all the communications you have sent out, and thus I can't tell you why in each case people haven't accepted what you have said as fact, but I can state why I cannot yet accept as fact what you told me about Tommy: There are still unresolved discrepancies, and your statements disagree with just about the only evidence I have seen, namely, the letter you received in 2003 from the Church of God that made those allegations.

Now if you can assure me that you did talk to the alleged victims, their families, and the two associations that gave Tommy ministerial credentials, and that they stated that the allegations were 30 years old, that there was no physical actions, and that Tommy apologized, then that makes your statements extremely credible. And I would then endeavor to find out the source of what would have to be slanderous lies about Tommy.

However, if the sole source of your information was directly or ultimately Tommy rather than also the other side, then we definitely have a problem. If I were a pastor and I did something like that, getting my information from only an alleged pedophile when invited to do otherwise, I can imagine my conference president having a little talk with me about my needing to be a bit more competent in such matters.

But we all make mistakes, I sure have, and it behooves us all to be kind toward those who err.

But here is the potential problem as I see it: You have, as you likely know, been accused of listening only to Danny's side in the Danny/Linda issue. Whether that is the case or not, I don't know, and I have yet to see convincing evidence establishing either Linda's innocence or her guilt. Because of the situations I've been in, I've been skeptical of Linda's claims of innocence. But here is the problem: If since 2003 you haven't contacted any of the alleged victims, their families, or the licensing associations as invited to do so by that letter from the Church of God, and if you instead ultimately relied on Tommy's word when the information he provided disagrees with the statements as found in that 2003 letter, then that unfortunately makes the accusation that you have only listened to Danny's side more plausible.

In my opinion, if this is what happened, an acknowledgment of error of judgment and a pledge to do better will help the situation, for a refusal to acknowledge such an obvious error would not

benefit 3ABN in the least.

But now let's turn away from you entirely and look at a totally different issue with similar implications as the above. You probably realize as I do that \*\*\*\*\* is definitely not pro-Linda. I was put in contact with \*\*\*\*\* during \*\*\*\*\* because \*\*\*\*\* was trying to locate a copy of the 2003 letter. In our conversation \*\*\*\*\* told me that \*\*\*\*\* because \*\*\*\*\*. Gailon told me that \*\*\*\*\*. I could harmonize those two statements without difficulty.

But then a friend of mine was talking to a 3ABN'er, and they said that \*\*\*\*\*. That was definitely a discrepancy, and so I asked \*\*\*\*\* about it. \*\*\*\*\* replied that when \*\*\*\*\* , Danny had threatened \*\*\*\*\* , and Danny's \*\*\*\*\*. These had then \*\*\*\*\*. The board decided to take Danny's word about it all without investigating \*\*\*\*\* , and \*\*\*\*\*.

\*\*\*\*\* said I could share \*\*\*\*\* side of the story with whomever had heard the \*\*\*\*\* allegation \*\*\*\*\* , and since you obviously know it, I'm sharing \*\*\*\*\* side with you. My guess is that Elder Denslow and you have already discussed this. Since these details are not public knowledge on the internet, unlike the allegations against Tommy, the details of this portion of our communications, given current circumstances, will not be made public.

Consider the implications: Danny is accused of conjuring up evidence against Linda. Someone who is not pro-Linda claims that Danny ordered \*\*\*\*\* evidence to be manufactured against \*\*\*\*\*. What kind of defense can Danny make when a pattern of behavior is claimed by two different parties who aren't on the same page?

Danny is widely accused of financial and managerial improprieties. A non-pro-Linda \*\*\*\*\* claims that \*\*\*\*\* , and was \*\*\*\*\* because \*\*\*\*\*. Again, there is an unfortunate appearance of a pattern of unethical behavior regarding finances and operations.

\*\*\*\*\*. It is quite plain that Linda's side distrusts the board and ASI, and I particularly have been bothered by their distrust of ASI. But \*\*\*\*\*'s story does raise questions about the board's fairness and competence if it is true that no impartial investigation was made into \*\*\*\*\*.

It is possible that \*\*\*\*\* is lying. Of course. It is possible that Danny never threatened \*\*\*\*\* and that the board *did* do a thorough and impartial investigation. I would welcome evidence to that effect.

But when we line up the huge number of people who claim to have personally been affected by the same kind of financial and operational problems, not to mention the moral problems, even totally ignoring whatever Linda and Johann are claiming, it becomes a big stretch to assume that all these people are lying and only Danny and Tommy are telling the truth, especially when all claimed evidence in their favor is carefully kept under lock and key and cannot be seen by anyone, even when promises to the contrary are adamantly made.

There are still a couple issues that personally trouble me, and I guess I sort of started into one of those with the last part of that last sentence, but once again, this is long enough. I will just say that I do not covet your unenviable position, and my prayers and sympathies are with you. I hope that all these issues can be resolved in a way that is as redemptive as possible, and I pray that God will give you an abundant portion of His wisdom that you may best know just exactly how to proceed.

God bless.

Bob

P.S. Whatever clarifications you can make that would explain the discrepancies between your statements about Tommy and the 2003 letter you received would be most appreciated, as I will add your information to the mix come Tuesday. And do let me know if you contacted any of the alleged victims, their families, or the licensing associations in arriving at the information you gave.

And if the Holy Spirit impresses you, please speak with Hal for me when an opportunity arises.

Blessings.

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your attempt to understand my sensitivity and that of 3abn administration and board. We believe we have acted responsibly and wisely, appropriate to the circumstances. While one can always be criticized after the fact and without all of the evidence then available for consideration, often those same critics would have made similar judgments had they been there.

As I recall the events of 2003, I received a call from Brad Thorp from the General Conference telling me of Pastor Dryden's accusations. Brad appropriately told me that it was not his concern, and that it was ours to handle. As I recall, I contacted pastor Dryden and heard his side of the story following which I received the letter that is circulating. I was at 3abn at the time and spoke at length with Danny about the matter. He shared with me the details as he understood them. Whether or not I was aware of what generated the letter at that time, I do not remember. Based upon my understanding that Dryden had had a long standing feud with Tommy over factors unrelated to the above accusations, it did not seem indicated to approach the boys in question directly, having been informed that no case had ever been filed with the courts or legal disposition made. We then discussed the situation with the full board. Given the alleged events had occurred many years before, attempts had been made to make things right, and no legal action had been taken, we did not see any reason to pursue the issue further nor to follow through with his recommendations. In my reply to pastor Dryden I merely thanked him for fulfilling his obligation to us. (I will make this one further comment. Whereas there are many accusations on the Internet alleging that Danny cannot be trusted, I disagree. I have known Danny now since the beginning of the ministry. Now more than 23 years. I have been fully apprised of many of the difficulties that he has faced during that time. While Danny sees things from his perspective, as we all do, he is honest and trustworthy. I have found no reason to distrust his reports to me. Yes, there are occasions when after having spoken with both sides of an issue it has been a matter of he said vs she said, but in all situations where I could know the facts, Danny has proven true.)

Subsequently, after this issue has been brought back to the forefront (I think there is only one person who could have known about this and brought it to world wide attention, and that person was then on the board and voted with the consensus) I contacted the only person from the Church of God that I could find that knew about the situation, and who had been present and witness to the events. (Accept for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records of the allegations) The picture that was painted by that leader of the Church was exactly as portrayed earlier by Danny. Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was out to get him - a jealousy that has continued to the present. I was again informed that the DA knew about the allegations and not finding a basis, refused to act against Tommy. I have been informed that the Church of God is a congregational type or organization with different jurisdictions in different states and that there was no higher authority that I could speak with to resolve the issue further. It was not entirely clear to me how that worked. I was also told that one leader pestered Tommy over and over again until Tommy voluntarily gave up his ministerial license. These are the facts as I have been able to sort them out.

I will not comment regarding \*\*\*\*\* except to say that good people sometimes see things from differing perspectives. We \*\*\*\*\*, We continue to have communication with \*\*\*\*\* and consider \*\*\*\*\* a friend of 3ABN.

Since you have not described the other allegations against Danny, I am unable to know what you are referring and therefore unable to comment on them.

I hope this is helpful to you.

I would like to request that you not circulate this letter, but that you merely summarize and verify its contents.

Sincerely,

Walt

End of section 3.

This is the forth section of emails.

To: Walt Thompson  
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2006 1:47 PM  
Subject: Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.

Hi Walt.

Thanks very much for your clarifications. In hindsight, we can always see how we maybe could have done it a little differently, and learn from that. That's just life.

I'll see what I can come up with regarding an alleged long standing feud between Dryden and Tommy, a feud unrelated to molestation.

How did you get the name of the leader at the Church of God that you spoke to? It would be interesting to know why that person's story differs so radically from that of the alleged victims. If I had to guess, I'd say that maybe they were of the faction in the split church that believed Tommy (a split caused by his allegedly not admitting to the accusations), and that they were not of the faction that sided with the alleged victims. If that be the case, and if you got the name of that person from Danny or Tommy, who certainly would have known who agreed with his version of things, it would explain why that was the person you just happened to talk to, and why you came up with a version of the situation that differs so widely from that of the alleged victims.

If this is how it all happened, if it is true that the allegations are more recent than 30 years and that Tommy did not apologize, then I personally would consider you to be a victim too, but of a different sort. And I think that is a very charitable way to look at it.

How can I contact this person to get their side of the story, and thus verify what you have related?

Do you know who authorized Mike Riva to threaten Pastor Dryden with legal action?

On the other matters I referred to, I'll mention two briefly, and then if we need to discuss details, we can do that.

You referred to Matthew 18, which is a must when dealing with private issues. I'm wondering then why on August 10 on 3ABN Live Shelley Quinn over global television implied that Linda's daughter had lied in her confidential and private testimony about Danny's alleged sexual assault. I found that very troubling, even if Linda's daughter did lie, on two counts: 1) The matter was private and confidential, and 2) repeatedly during that program, the claim was made that they weren't going to defend themselves at all against the lies that were being told about Danny and 3ABN. Yet they did most certainly defend themselves.

In other words, if the matter is a public one, then it should be dealt with in a conclusive way that puts the matter to rest. But to publicly call a lady who asserts sexual assault a liar without providing any conclusive evidence to that effect, and while claiming to not be defending one's self, has the effect of stirring up more concerns in people's minds than what existed before. Such secrecy regarding the evidence while publicly making such insinuations is counterproductive, and gives people the idea that something isn't right.

Secondly, John Lomacang invited folks with questions to call him, so I did on September 1. In that conversation, during which I was listening for something concrete that wasn't based on he said,

she said, he stated emphatically that there were phone card phone records of hundreds of hours of phone calls made to Norway by Linda, records of phone calls made prior to March 9, 2004, records he had personally seen. He promised me that if I came to 3ABN I could see them, and told me that wasn't his decision. Thus, it must have been the decision of the board or of management.

On September 8, October 2, 3, 10, 16, and 17 I emailed him concerning taking him up on his offer on my way back from my brother's wedding on October 23. The only reply I ever got from him was after my email of October 2 in which he briefly stated that I would have to contact Mollie who would decide whether the trip would take place. I accordingly wrote her on October 3, 10, 16, and 17, and finally got a reply from her after my email of the 16th stating that John's promise would not be kept after all.

I mention all these dates for a reason. On the first five dates on which I wrote John, I also asked him a super simple question: Were those hundreds of hours of phone calls actual time spent on the phone, or were they billed units. With phone cards it might cost quite a few minutes for every minute on the phone to Norway. I also asked Mollie this question on the 17th, and I asked them both if John had made a mistake when he made his promise, or, if not, why the sudden change in policy. It has been now more than a month since my last email to them, and I have heard nothing in reply to these questions.

I don't see how we can fault anyone if they think there is a cover-up going on, given such experiences as I have had with John, Mollie, and Hal. I really doubt that I am the only one who has been treated this way. 3ABN's damage control as it currently operates causes more damage than it controls.

Just two more thoughts, and I'll close. It might be good for me to get your side of the story regarding \*\*\*\*\*, since it is a crucial bit of information in trying to sort through everything. It clearly is evidence of fraud on the part of Danny, and something needs to be said to counter that if there is anything that can be said.

As far as passing on your reply, I don't see how I cannot do that and still achieve the goal of getting down to the bottom of things and putting these rumors to rest. If I were to summarize your reply, I would in essence have to quote most of it anyway.

God bless.

Bob

A not from Bob:

*To summarize:*

*Dr. Thompson earlier said that the allegations were 30 years old, that there were no physical actions, and that Tommy apologized to the children.*

*This contradicts the facts as stated in the May 2003 letter he received via certified mail on Church of God letterhead. That letter says that Tommy needed to apologize for child molestation, including to the congregation he pastored as late as around 1999.*

*I then asked Dr. Thompson what the source of his information was, and whether he contacted the alleged victims, their families, and the two associations that issued Tommy's ministerial credentials as he was invited to do. He replied above that he had not, and that he relied on Danny for the information that he gave me.*

*Thus we have Dr. Thompson's testimony that it was Danny that apparently misled him in 2003. (I say apparently because we have to leave open the slim possibility that all these folks in two different states are lying.) Now we must, to be fair, consider the possibility that Danny was himself misled by someone else. And since Dr. Thompson invited me to verify what he has*



*written, I will endeavor to do that in the only way I know how.*

*We have one key question that needs answering. Who gave Dr. Thompson the name of the individual that he contacted since August? Did Danny or Tommy?*

*Any encouragement or sympathy you can give Dr. Thompson I would personally appreciate. Since it appears that he was misled, he in some sense becomes one of the victims too, just of a different sort.*

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

Subject: Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2006 20:21:19 -0600  
From: Walt Thompson

Dear Bob,

Your e mails have revealed your true colors and have convinced me that you do not have the interest of 3abn at heart. I am requesting that you do not post my recent communications ANYWHERE. These have been sent to you as private correspondence and were not intended to be for the public use. I will not be responding further to your inquiries.

Walt

Walter Thompson MD

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

Subject: Re: Possible way to win 3ABN critics.  
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2006 21:45:04 -0600  
To: Walt Thompson

Walt? Why would you respond this way? What's wrong?

Specifically, in what way did I write anything that would give you the idea that I don't have the interest of 3ABN at heart?

Walt, I was gearing up to defend you and your decisions all I could, but how can I do that if you react in this way?

As far as not posting your communications, how can I not do that without perpetuating this horrendous he said, she said situation we presently have? It's this super secrecy policy that has created the crisis 3ABN now finds itself in. Only by humbly acknowledging wrong wherever wrong has been done, which as you know is our Christian duty and is a requirement for divine forgiveness wherever sin is involved, can confidence in 3ABN be restored.

You acknowledged that you made the mistake of not contacting the alleged victims, their families, and the associations when invited to do so in 2003. It takes a real man to do that. And people need to see that you aren't afraid to do that. And if anyone is inclined to be harsh toward you for that mistake, then I will do what I can to stop their unkind criticisms.

In what way is that not having 3ABN's interest at heart? What specifically in your communications are you ashamed for people to see?

Bob

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End of section 4.

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**Posted by: sister Nov 30 2006, 01:31 PM**

Section 5:

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

Subject: Verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.

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

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Greetings, Danny.

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

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

*Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson*

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

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

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

*Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson*

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

I was chatting with a pastor's wife Sabbath before last about this, and she told me something I had never heard before, based on her experience as a social worker. While social workers may be able to get enough evidence of molestation to warrant removing a child, the burden of proof for that is different than for criminal convictions, and thus many cases that social workers act on never have charges filed in them. It was her recommendation that whenever background checks are in order, that social services be contacted as well as the court system, since they know more. Thus it is a fallacy to think that just because no case was filed that there are no grounds for further investigation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

At any rate,

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

When I first heard of that, it just sounded so foreign to the types of things I've heard Conference officials say about how these kinds of things need to be handled in order to avoid possible liability.

Walt also wrote:

*Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson  
"We then discussed the situation with the full board."*

Question 3: Was a copy of the 2003 letter, along with the suggested "Action Items," given to each board member?

Finally, here is one more bit of information that Walt provided, dealing with the further investigation he conducted recently:

*"Subsequently, after this issue has been brought back to the forefront (I think there is only one person who could have known about this and brought it to world-wide attention, and that person was then on the board and voted with the consensus) I contacted the only person from the Church of God that I could find that knew about the situation, and who had been present and witness to the events. (Except for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records of the allegations.) The picture that was painted by that leader of the Church was exactly as portrayed earlier by Danny. Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was out to get him - a*

*jealousy that has continued to the present. I was again informed that the DA knew about the allegations and not finding a basis, refused to act against Tommy. I have been informed that the Church of God is a congregational type or organization with different jurisdictions in different states and that there was no higher authority that I could speak with to resolve the issue further. It was not entirely clear to me how that worked. I was also told that one leader pestered Tommy over and over again until Tommy voluntarily gave up his ministerial license."*

My understanding is that a church became split over this issue because Tommy denied the allegations, some siding with Tommy and some siding with the alleged victims. If the individual referred to above was of the faction that sided with Tommy, I can understand why his or her account would differ so drastically from that of the alleged victims, their families, and the two licensing associations that Tommy is not in good standing with.

Yet on the other side of the question, Gailon, who had not talked with Pastor Dryden as of yesterday sometime, says that he had no problem finding alleged victims and others who also were witnesses to the events and who tell quite a different story. Thus one is left to wonder why Walt just happened to be only able to locate this one individual who tells such a different story. And that leads up to,

Question 4: Who gave Walt the name of this individual to contact, or how did he get their name, and how can I contact that individual to get their side of the story?

Certainly Tommy would have known who sided with him in the church split, and thus I want to make sure that the reason Walt could only locate this single individual was not because that was the only name that either Tommy or you provided to Walt. And/or, by getting his or her side of the story, it is always possible that I might be able to get information that could be used to vindicate Tommy, such as that he really did apologize.

But as far as proving that there haven't been any allegations for 30 years, I just don't know what I can do about that, given what the 2003 letter plainly states. I welcome your suggestions.

Lastly,

Question 5: What exactly did Tommy apologize for?

I'm guessing that one possible explanation for the discrepancy might be that Tommy did apologize for something, but not for what certain ones wanted him to, and thus it might be helpful to know what he felt he did do wrong that did need apologizing for.

As I told Walt, I have been very concerned that such serious allegations have been on the internet for so long in such a public way. And I am firmly convicted that such public allegations have to be dealt with in a public way. So do think through your responses and try to come across as courteous as possible, so that I can use them to do that without embarrassing anyone connected with 3ABN.

I think it is such a blessing that we can get this one behind us now, if it is possible to do so. You certainly don't need these kind of unresolved issues as the ASI panel process gets in motion.

God bless.

Bob

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A few notes from Bob:

1. *I only was doing what Walt suggested I do. He suggested that I verify his information. And since the sole sources of his information were Danny and some unnamed person, I had no choice but to write Danny if I was going to do what he said to do.*

*This is a smoking gun. We have Walt essentially saying in writing that Danny misled him regarding a super serious issue. He said that Danny told him that the allegations were 30 years old when in fact the 2003 letter from a Church of God church to Walt in May 2003 indicated that the allegations at that time were as recent as 1999.*

*It's black and white, cut and dried, as far as I can tell.*

*Listen: If they had only been up front on this and many other issues instead of stonewalling, evading, digging up dirt, and attacking others, none of this would see the light of day. Resolution and reconciliation could all be done in private. And that would be ideal.*

*2. Danny has clearly indicated that he doesn't want ASI to look at everything, just his and Linda's situation. And he has stated in an email that that is the only issue anyone cares about.*

*This is one of his damage control tactics: Divert the attention to just Linda.*

*When I gave Danny plenty of opportunities to clearly assure me that ASI would be dealing with the Tommy Shelton case, he refused to do so. So we are left to speculate whether or not the 3ABN board will buck Danny and agree to let ASI look into everything.*

*As far as Dr. Thompson goes, you will note that I have given him the benefit of the doubt, and clearly I have done so. The problem we face is that others have accused him of lying. So how do we vindicate Dr. Thompson of these accusations?*

*The only way I know is to have asked him the questions I did, and now to ask Danny the questions that I did. The only way to clear Dr. Thompson is to conclusively show that someone else lied to him, intentionally or unintentionally, and thus that he didn't know that the information he was conveying was false.*

*If we can prove that he didn't know, that still doesn't excuse his gross error in not contacting the alleged victims of child molestation, their families, and the two licensing associations when invited to do so. But like I've said before, let's not be too hard on him. He made a serious, serious mistake, but we all have made mistakes. Let's just learn from them, acknowledge them, and move on.*

*Unfortunately, if the information Gailon has conveyed to me is correct, the situation is not as simple as I have stated it.*

*3. One more thing. As Gailon pointed out in the emails I posted earlier, ASI really has no authority to order Danny not to write.*

*ASI is supposed to be an impartial entity in order to hear this case. If they are acting as Danny's attorney, giving him counsel as to whether or not he should respond to questions, and if Danny is directing all questions to ASI, then ASI is no longer impartial and cannot hear the case.*

*They could then appropriately serve as counsel for the defense in a hearing arranged by some other entity.*

End of Section 4.

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**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Nov 30 2006, 03:01 PM**

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**QUOTE(sister @ Nov 30 2006, 02:04 AM) □**

It was suggested that I post some information in regard to damage control that has been featured

on Maritime. I have chosen not to use Bob's last name. The following emails have been exchanged between Bob and Danny Shelton, and between Bob and Walt Thompson (Chairman of the Board of 3ABN). I will make a number of posts on this topic.

In an effort to maintain all transparency and fair balance, wouldn't it be better to leave Bob xxxxxxxx last name in? Should he be any more secret than Mr. Joy, or Danny, or Linda, or Johann, or Arvid, or Dr. Thompson?

- fhb

**\*\*\*\*We will respect everyone's request for anonymity, FHB, especially as you have neglected to tell us who you are, and choose as many others to use an ID. It is not your job here to "out" anyone. Please refrain\*\*\*\***

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Understood (though it wasn't neglect on my part but a decision). However, there seems to be a double standard as it is obvious that Dr. Thompson made it unquestionably clear that he was communicating with Bob \*\*\*\*\* in a personal and private manner. He was more than generous in his communications with Bob \*\*\*\*\* and yet there seems to be a lack of respect or integrity there in what was done with those personal correspondences. At the very least it adds to the seemingly disingenuous nature of Bob \*\*\*\*\* correspondence with Dr. Thompson. Gregory Matthews made it clear a week or so ago that the "Linda Camp" was going to be transparent in their public communications - which is why he dealt quickly and effectively with the issues surrounding Galion A. Joy. How is this any different?

On a related note, <http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=11132&view=findpost&p=155131> was "outed" at a point a few months ago (to much anger and hand-wringing) and it wasn't edited out. Also, there is no indication that Bob \*\*\*\*\* asked that his name not be posted. "Sister" merely states that she decided to leave it out - not at his request or requirement.

- fhb

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**Posted by: sister Nov 30 2006, 07:18 PM**

Fallible Human Being,

Rather than trying to side track the issue in an attempt to out the identity of Bob, why not discuss the main content of the emails? What comments do you have to make in regard to the issues involving Tommy Shelton? It is difficult for me to believe that your primary concern, after reading all the emails, is to know the family name of the individual involved in the correspondance...

I have had contact with Bob after posting his emails and he does prefer to protect his identity by not having his last name posted on an open internet forum.

Sister

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**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Nov 30 2006, 07:30 PM**

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Sister

Sister,

I will respond to your questions, as you are right the discussion should be about the main point, but they will take a little longer. I addressed what I saw as an immediate issue/concern that arose on the initial reading of the emails. I was not fishing for Bob \*\*\*\*\* last name by throwing out what I thought it might be, but rather indicating that I was sure of who the author of the emails was as his name is readily available over on Maritime. It would seem that if Bob \*\*\*\*\* would like his name kept from the open discussion taking place here then he should have honored Dr. Thompson's explicit request to not make private communications public. The same request did not occur in his exchanges with Danny Shelton.

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That being said I will engage in a discussion of the main concern presented in the email exchanges.

- fallible human being

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Nov 30 2006, 09:46 PM**

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**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Dec 1 2006, 11:33 AM**

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- fhb



**Posted by: sister Dec 1 2006, 12:06 PM**

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**Posted by: awesumtenor Dec 1 2006, 01:00 PM**

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That ship sailed a long time ago... I'm beginning to think he has a patent for that whole " not see the forest for the trees thing"....

In His service,  
Mr. J

**Posted by: princessdi Dec 1 2006, 01:23 PM**

I think the problem is PB, that besides trying to reationlize or at least minimize Danny's actions (when he does address the issue(s), that is), FHB has been on a constant mission to ascertain the identities of Sister( to the point of actually calling her Linda, remember?) and others.....without revealing his own, of course. That is what she means about him beating a dead horse.

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Redfog you would be correct, however it seems FHB enjoys red herring..... 

**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Dec 1 2006, 06:11 PM**

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it is a board run by Christian people.... the board itself is neutral..... you can submit your request to Calvin via PM as he is the owner... the question is to whom did Thompson make his request? As a rule we do not delete anything, we may however close threads that are deemed inappropriate...

**Posted by: princessdi Dec 1 2006, 07:31 PM**

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I agree. Dr. Thompson should not have answered Bob via email (my opinion). If I remember (correct me if I'm wrong), Bob told Dr. Thompson that he would share this information or he never promised not to share this information.

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**Posted by: sister Dec 1 2006, 07:49 PM**

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**Posted by: calvin Dec 1 2006, 08:08 PM**

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Request denied....and this should be no surprise to most of you. First, the Dr. did not make the request of me and even if he did, I have no obligation to honor such request. Second as Di stated, it was already published elsewhere, that puts it in play.

Please man, not the Christian guilt trip....ain't working.

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**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Dec 1 2006, 08:38 PM**

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It is always easier to welcome questions from someone you plan to lie to from the beginning. On that same token, it is difficult to answer questions from someone that doesn't believe you from the beginning.

Let me spell it out a little more clearly...

First side of the token...3ABN planned to lie to anyone and everyone from the beginnning. If you know Dan at all then you know that he rambles on and on...and on when he lies. He has never had any problem talking or answering questions...

Other side of the token...you came to this board already believing what you believe and it has shown. So, yes, I'm sure it is difficult for you to get answers here or avoid "resistance."

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**Posted by: Clay Dec 1 2006, 08:43 PM**

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done, what difference will it make for your quality of life?

Lastly, are you operating under the delusion that people "must" tell you "the truth" when you ask for it?

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<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=11633&view=findpost&p=161979>

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**Posted by: sister Dec 1 2006, 09:16 PM**

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**Isn't it time to stop playing games and get to the real issues?**

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**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Dec 1 2006, 10:05 PM**

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**QUOTE(sister @ Dec 1 2006, 11:16 PM) □**

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Mr. T. Shelton is accused of behaving inappropriately with a minor (I do not know to what extend the accusations go - simply that the basic idea is that).

There is investigation and the DA determines that based on the evidence there is no case to be pursued.

Mr. Shelton makes his apologies and what ever else is needed to make the situation right.

He is out of church leadership for awhile and eventually enters it again in Virginia.

The jealous contemporary discovers this and attempts to dredge up the old accusations in hopes that it will lead to creating an aura of ill repute around Mr. Shelton and there by disrupt his life.

The church where he is working must address the issue (as one would hope they would).

The church experiences a split over this highly emotionally charged issue.

In an effort to not cause any more disruption in the church, Mr. Shelton leaves.

In other words there wasn't a secondary incident. This would be a fact readily discovered by contacting the church in VA, a task Mr. \*\*\*\*\* could do for himself.

So then, we are back to a situation where an individual made an egregious error thirty years ago, repented, offered apology, and never again made that mistake. Yet, continues to pay for his mistake by having his life played out in public over and over.

I am not sure at what point I made any comparison of the wrong doings of either act. I wouldn't portend to put myself in a position to do so. I do unequivocally agree that child abuse (of ANY kind) is immoral. Does the negate the fact that I think Mr. \*\*\*\*\* acted unethically and disingenuously - absolutely not.

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1. Why did the DA determine there was no case to be pursued?

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**QUOTE**

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From my read I have to disagree on this point. I believed Mr. Bob truly was trying to find a resolution but then saw claims that didn't match the evidence that he had gleaned elsewhere. In trying to get clarification he has opened an important dialogue that, when all of the loose/incongruous ends are tied up should help the truth - whatever that ends up to be - become clear.

PB

I just want to add that, as egregious a crime as molestation is, everyone has the opportunity to repent and find forgiveness from God. I also believe that there are Biblical standards of restitution that must be made in situations of molestation before one can truly be forgiven by God. I'm not

necessarily talking monetary, just making it right with one's victims. If this isn't done, can there be true repentance?

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**Posted by: Fran Dec 2 2006, 02:55 AM**

**QUOTE(fallible humanbeing @ Dec 1 2006, 02:39 PM)**

PB,

... When doing research and evaluating information in the process of forming an opinion one needs to use a heuristic. I ask a series of questions and seek the answers before analyzing the content.

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2. What is the author's purpose?
3. What is the author's motivation?
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This is where I run into trouble here...

- fhb

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How is that for surmising?

If Tommy "COULD" be a pedophile, he should be put on administrative leave until the investigation is complete. PERIOD! This is not a subject to sweep under your damage control rug.

It is time to get real and step up to the plate so to speak. If my opinion makes me un-Christ like in your eyes, so be it. It is my opinion that the outside world needs to see all this mess. I am willing to say I am sorry if my opinions are wrong. Is Danny? Are you?

**Posted by: Lee Dec 2 2006, 10:26 AM**

Fran, your post does not make any sense. FHB is not being investigated--3ABN is. Just because FHB does not agree with everything makes him fair game for attack? Please, let's not forget we are Christians...

We ARE Christians, aren't we?

I do not know ANYONE on this site. So if you are going to pick on FHB, then do it to everyone!

**Posted by: watchbird Dec 2 2006, 10:52 AM**

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Lee.... you are the one who "does not make any sense". You have not been on here very long, but you have been here long enough to have read more than what it appears that you have read. I would suggest that you read a lot further back than merely those things that have been posted since you joined us. Especially it would be helpful if you were to read everything that Sister has posted AND everything that FHB has posted.

FHB makes himself "fair game for attack" because of the fact that he consistently goes into attack mode whenever something significant is posted on BSDA. He does NOT address the specific information that is being shared... but he instead attacks those who share the information. Those who have information to share.... whether on one side or the other, are treated respectfully and their viewpoints taken into consideration. Those who do nothing but attack the "messenger" will indeed find themselves the object of attack.

And I might add.... which of this kind are you. I just now went to your profile and read everything you have posted since you joined. It all suggests that you have not really come here for information .... or you would not be demonstrating such a lack of knowledge of what has been previously posted here as what you have and do.

Frankly, we consider these types of attacking the messenger rather than joining in the search for truth as diversionary rather than helpful. When one comes on and supports those who are the most diversionary rather than those who bring the most information.....

Well..... guess who gets classified with whom. □ ..... Yeah.... I'm sure you can figure that out.....

□ ..... □ .....

**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Dec 2 2006, 11:05 AM**

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Addison Whithecomb

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**Posted by: Panama\_Pete Dec 2 2006, 11:55 AM**

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Lee,

I understood all of Fran's points quite well. I agree with Fran that FHB is making significant efforts at damage control. It does not take much effort to understand Fran's reference to it.

Pete

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 2 2006, 12:39 PM**

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**QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Dec 2 2006, 10:05 AM)**

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Yes indeedy. Ad hominem is rarely an effective strategy.

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**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Dec 2 2006, 01:08 PM**

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WB,

In the course, thus far, of this thread I think I am yet the only one to respond to the issues of "sister's" original series of posts beginning this thread. To claim I have never engaged in a discussion about "the topic" is simply disingenuous. Just prior to Thanksgiving I provided my thoughts on the tax property case that 3ABN has appealed, check it out at the end of the "Investigator of 3ABN" thread. There is simply no truth in your claim that I have -never- addressed specific information. As proof, read a few posts above where I talk about the specific point of the email exchange between Mr. \*\*\*\*\*, Mr. D. Shelton, and Dr. Thompson.

As far as attacking the messenger, well, I don't see how scrutinizing the messenger should be considered an "attack." Do you really want everyone to come here and read your material and not be discerning? If so than only the naive will accept without questioning. The messenger should always be able to withstand scrutiny - otherwise it calls into question their information (old Bill said it this way, "me thinks thou doest protest too much.")

What it seems you would like is for no one to ever question the information that you, "sister", and others from Linda's camp provide here. If what you have said is the unadulterated truth then you should welcome the inspection and let others present alternative ideas and possibilities. If your truth is solid it will withstand the reasoned exploration.

I mentioned back when I first arrived that if in the end I find I am wrong, I will not fight that reality and will admit such.

- fhb

**Posted by: sister Dec 2 2006, 01:12 PM**

The following post has been copied over from Maritime:

*Two comments:*

*1) In my opinion, 3-ABN has potentially placed itself at grave financial risk in regard to a Shelton possibly molesting children, and whatever the other ramifications of this are.*

*It is clear to me that the explanations that Dr. T. has given are not satisfactory for the legal climate in which we live today. I can assure you that if any future charges came up, lawyers would make mincemeat of the defense that Dr. T. has posted.*

*2) Based upon the present relationship that 3-ABN has with the IL Conference, and the people who sit on the Boards of the Conference and on 3-ABN, this situation may potentially place the IL Conference at risk. In the case of a future problem, any good attorney would clearly attempt to entangle the IL Conference in liability on the basis that these charges have been currently brought to the attention of IL Conference officials and those officials, as (a) member of the 3-ABN Board failed to take effective action to re-visit them and to take steps to protect children.*

*3) This potential liability is enhanced due to any Conference sponsored school that is now or may later be associated with 3-ABN, should such be involved in any future problem.*

*E.G. I am acquainted with a case where a part-time teacher at a SDA School recruited victims of sexual molestation from that school.*

*4) On another point:*

*I have personally been involved with posting material that Dr. T. sent me. When I requested information from him, I clearly stated that I would post any answer that he made to me, or his lack of answer. I advised him not to respond if he did not want his answer posted. But, if he did*



*that, I would post that he had failed to respond to me.*

*Dr. T. responded, gave me permission to post, and then went on to say that he was telling me nothing that he had not already stated to others.*

*After I posted his response, exactly as he gave it to me, Dr. T. had a change of heart, and stated that he was disappointed that I had posted it without his permission.*

*When I sent him a copy of his written permission, he replied that he had forgotten that he had given me permission.*

*Based upon the above, in my experience with Dr. T. he does not always remember what he has said in regard to permission to post. This may lead to misunderstandings. All of us may do that at times. He may change his mind, which we also do. But, I believe that Bob was clear in his intent to post Dr. T's response. From his experience with me, Dr. T. should have learned that if he does not want something posted, he should not write it, and send it to us.*

**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Dec 2 2006, 01:29 PM**

Fran,

You see, the process even worked for you. Now the problem is that you surmised rather than gathered the actual information. Let me help you out a little . . .

**QUOTE(Fran @ Dec 2 2006, 04:55 AM)**

Thank you for these points! I consider these things also. Maybe you can help me as I consider your posts.

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I am not making the accusation. Mr. \*\*\*\*\* is and via "sister" is making his personal research public. This requires that it be evaluated. The mere fact that I say, "I am not sure that I buy that." makes me damage control? I have a job and children to raise, can't add damage control for 3ABN to my schedule.

**QUOTE(Fran @ Dec 2 2006, 04:55 AM)**

Your motivation must be money. Danny has lots of that.

Raising children and just trying to pay the cost of fuel these days, sure money could be a motivation. However, since no one at 3ABN knows where I live it would be tough to get me a payment. I realize

your obsession in this are the financial issues as you see them, but sorry you can't add payments to me to your list. Haven't gotten one, wouldn't take it.

QUOTE(Fran @ Dec 2 2006, 04:55 AM)

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Sorry again, never been there . . . ever.

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Well, let me see, maybe you are a lawyer and you have had much practice in intimidation.

Now, when I entered college I considered law, but as a junior I decided that I would go another route for a career. So never having attended law school it would be tough for me to practice law.

QUOTE(Fran @ Dec 2 2006, 04:55 AM)

If Tommy "COULD" be a pedophile, he should be put on administrative leave until the investigation is complete. PERIOD! This is not a subject to sweep under your damage control rug.

So Fran, have you checked to fully understand the original accusation? Have you checked to see if the second "instance" that Mr. \*\*\*\*\* insinuates in the emails at the start of this thread is just a rehashing of the original complaint or a new one?

And on last wondering outloud, if there was a incident thirty years ago, and nothing since should Mr. T. Shelton be banned from doing the Lord's work? How long does it take for forgiveness and a changed heart to occur? 20 years? 25? 30? 50?

- fhb

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**Posted by: Observer Dec 2 2006, 05:02 PM**

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To set the record straight, I wrote the piece posted in MSDAOL that sister has copied here.

To respond to the item that I have quoted above: Forgiveness is not the issue. Legal liability and the protection of children is the issue. Yes, anyone involved in child molestation, as an adult, should be banned from working with children forever. That person may be able to "do the Lord's work," but I will suggest that the Lord will call that person to work somewhere that does not involve children.

NOTE: I am not making any specific charge as to what Shelton may or may not have done.

In any case, 3-ABN, and potentially the IL Conference, is subjecting themselves to grave legal liability by not putting Shelton on administrative leave, investigating it thoroughly, and regardless of the determination of the facts, probably relieve him of all contact with children.

Those who advise our denominational institutions are telling us that we cannot afford to ignore such charges because there was not legal trial and conviction. They are telling us that in many cases the allegation is enough to forever remove the accused from all contact with children.

As I said in the quote that Sister copied from MSDAOL, in my opinion, both 3-ABN and the IL Conference has placed themselves in grave legal liability should any future incident arise.

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**Posted by: sister Dec 2 2006, 10:36 PM**

*This is posted on Maritime. Pastor Dryden is the author of the letter that was sent to 3ABN in regard to Tommy Shelton and his history of involvement in child molestation.*  
Sister

The following is from the author of the 2003 letter.  
Bob

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

Greetings from Pastor Dryden,

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Glenn Dryden

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 2 2006, 11:38 PM**

**QUOTE(sister @ Dec 2 2006, 09:36 PM)**

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Dear Pastor Dryden,

Since you are one who holds the information that could set much of the record straight on this matter, are you willing to state for us answers to any of the following questions:

1. How many children were alleged to be victims of Mr. T. Shelton?
2. IN what decade(s) did these incidents take place.
3. Has any district attorney considered filing charges in these matters?
4. Has any district attorney determined that charges are not appropriate in these matters?
5. Has Mr. T. Shelton asked for forgiveness from any of the alleged victims or made any apologies?
6. Has Mr. T. Shelton offered to reimburse or pay for counseling for any of his alleged victims?
7. Dr. Thompson has characterized the one incident from 30 years ago as one that did not involve touching. Is this an accurate characterization?
8. Is there a long-running feud between you and another of your church members that is behind the allegations of molestation, as Dr. Thompson suggests?

Any and all information you are willing to share with us will be appreciated.

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**Posted by: sister Dec 3 2006, 11:53 AM**

*The following is posted on Maritime. This email was sent to the receiver in August 2006. The original document that was attached was sent to Walt Thompson, Chairman of the Board of 3ABN in May 2003. At this time permission was given for the document to be posted publically. Sister*

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

Subject: Re: 3ABN special request  
Date: Mon, 14 Aug 2006 14:00:00 -0400  
From: Glenn Dryden

Following is the text of my letter on Ezra Church of God letterhead to Dr. Thompson as well as "Action Items" suggested for Tommy Shelton by the congregation I formerly served. These were sent to Dr. Thompson by certified mail and I suppose it was his wife who signed for the letter on May 16, 2003.

Pastor Glenn Dryden

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May 14, 2003

Dr. Walter Thompson  
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\*\*\* \*\*, \*\*

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Greetings in the holy name of our Lord Jesus!

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

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

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

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

In our Lord's service,

Pastor Glenn Dryden

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#### ACTION ITEMS SUGGESTED FOR TOMMY SHELTON

Expediency recommended :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Posted by: Clay Dec 3 2006, 12:24 PM**

**Please note that in the absence of an arrest and court trial, these are ALLEGED reports of molestation.....**

**If there was a conviction please share, otherwise let's call it what it is..... an allegation of abuse.....**

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**Posted by: Observer Dec 3 2006, 12:50 PM**

Exactly, these are allegations of abuse.

It should be noted that people who work in this area do not require a legal conviction to move them from allegations to confirmed abuse. One event that would do such would be a confession.

In addition, the legal experts who advice SDA agencies as to how to relate to people with such *allegations*, advise them that steps must be taken to protect children when there is no legal trial and conviction.

Therefore, in the legal climate in which we live today, I will say that both 3-ABN may assume some legal liability, even without a trail and conviction, if they do not follow accepted standards to protect children.

I do not pass judgment on the individual involved in these allegations. However, I am deeply concerned regarding legal liability for both 3-ABN and the IL Conference.

Pastor Dryden has offered to supply contact names of people who he says can verify the facts.

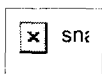
As a minimum, due to the potential liability of the IL Conference, denominational officials must convene a committee that will obtain those contact names, and that committee must interview those people. That is a minimum first start. Follow-up will come after such.

Denominational authorities have done this in the past. I am personally acquainted with one Conference that paid the travel expenses for an accuser and a support person for her, to travel to the Conference and be interviewed by such a committee.

In that case, the Conference acted on the matter that satisfied the accuser.

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**Posted by: PrincessDrRe Dec 3 2006, 01:34 PM**



So alleged abuse and nothing done about it...yet young people allegedly abusing/found guilty and placed on registries for life now.....

What's wrong with this picture?



**Posted by: sister Dec 4 2006, 09:20 PM**

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

Subject: Re: blackstda.com POSTING

Date: Sat, 02 Dec 2006 18:17:05 -0600

To: Glenn Dryden

Thank you so much for your encouragement, Pastor Dryden.

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

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

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

Bob

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A Note from Bob:

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

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

Subject: FROM PASTOR DRYDEN

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

From: Glenn Dryden

Statement of Pastor Glenn Dryden

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

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

Note: Pastor Dryden has served from Dec. 2, 2005 to present as Senior Pastor of the Community Church of God, Dunn Loring, VA

The following email will give you a brief chronology of Pastor Dryden's duties and where he was serving as a pastor. Please note that he and Tommy Shelton both served as Pastors of the Community Church of GOD , Dunn Loring, VA and the Ezra Church of God, West Frankfort ,IL; but at different times.

Sister

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

Subject: Re: Quick question on '80's chronology of your state of residence  
Date: Sat, 2 Dec 2006 20:37:54 -0500  
From: Glenn Dryden <glenn.dryden@gmail.com>

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

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

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

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

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

Hope this helps.

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**Posted by: sister Dec 4 2006, 09:42 PM**

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

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

Pastor Dryden,

*I could use some clarification on these points:*

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

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

Thanks so much.

Bob

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

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

Tommy vaguely alluded to the allegations in Illinois at times in his preaching when invited by our founding pastors to minister at the Community Church of God in the late 1980s. He did so by



speaking not of the allegations but of the "persecution" he and his family suffered as a consequence. He was successful in drawing sympathy thereby as he spoke of hardship suffered by he and his family. Also in the late 1980s there was mention of "allegations" at the time of his receiving ministerial credentials from the Ministerial Council of the Church of God, Inc., but assurance was given by Council leadership that there was no substance to these allegations. No indication of their nature was given either - not to me at any rate. In the summer of 1993 as my wife and two teenage sons and I were preparing to relocate from Northern Virginia to West Frankfort, Illinois, Tommy Shelton again was visiting in Virginia and asked to meet with my wife and I. During this meeting he alerted us that we may "hear some things" when we got to Illinois. He also informed us at this meeting that he had been caught in a lie during his pastorate at the Ezra Church of God, intimated extenuating circumstances and said he had sought and received forgiveness. Indeed we did hear some things after arriving in West Frankfort, Illinois, in mid-1993, including the circumstances surrounding the lie (He was found alone with a young man in a home to which he had access and when challenged said the young man [who was out of view] was his son when in fact he was not. The individual who came upon him confirmed this by immediately driving to the church school Tommy's son attended and finding his son there.). It was not until another victim's mother spoke with me in early 1996 that I fully realized that not only was sexual abuse of adolescent boys the nature of the allegations but that there was substance to these allegations as well.

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

Pastor Glenn Dryden

Note from Bob:

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

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

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

Roger Clem gave me permission to use his name.

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

Subject: Re: blacksda.com POSTING  
Date: Sat, 2 Dec 2006 20:25:25 -0500  
From: Glenn Dryden

Dear Bob,

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

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

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

Too many for too long in too many venues have feared reproach and negative effects. The number of victims has increased as a consequence. Though a foul path, we should shod our feet appropriately and march forward and attack the issue head-on! Ultimately, less will be lost by a full disclosure and honesty than by cover-up and deceit. Not the path of least resistance, but does not this path seem more like the one Jesus would take?

...

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

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

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

Pastor Glenn Dryden

**Posted by: sister Dec 4 2006, 10:04 PM**

*This is the letter that Pastor Dryden refers to in his last posted email as having received from D. Michael Riva, Tommy Shelton's Attorney. It is interesting to note that Mr. Riva that the same D. Michael Riva listed as appearing for 3ABN in the Illinois Tax case.*

*Pastor Dryden recently faxed this letter to Gailon A. Joy with the following cover page:*

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

The following is from the cover sheet.

Bob

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

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

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

I urge you to counsel Tommy to take the initiative by making a full disclosure of all victims and details to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and by pursuing the additional "Action Items"

enclosed. Doing so would put him in a far better light and more advantageous position than would circumstances similar to the scenario contemplated above.

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

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June 13, 2003

Pastor Dryden  
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Dear Pastor Dryden:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

D.Michael Riva

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Board Member

A note from Bob:

Three points may be considered:

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

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

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

**Posted by: Clay Dec 5 2006, 08:17 AM**

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 5 2006, 08:50 AM**

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It is possible that the statute of limitations has passed on the earliest allegation referenced by Mike Riva but are we certain that this is the case with any of the other allegations?

By current events do you mean allegations that occurred since the forming of 3abn or do you mean events that are happening at this present time?

I believe that the posts that sister is providing are establishing a time line that is consistent with

alleged events occurring during the period 3abn has been in operation. It is my understanding that this is the time frame we are to be working with on the 3abn forum, correct?

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**Posted by: Clay Dec 5 2006, 09:00 AM**

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**QUOTE**

Illinois has a special statute of limitations for survivors of childhood sexual abuse. As amended in 2003, Illinois Statutes § 13--202.2(B) provides:

An action for damages for personal injury based on childhood sexual abuse must be commenced within 10 years of the date the person abused discovers or through the use of reasonable diligence should discover that the act of childhood sexual abuse occurred and that the injury was caused by the childhood sexual abuse.

The limitations period of section 13-202.2(B) does not begin to run until the alleged victim has attained the age of 18 years. The previous version of the statute has been applied to perpetrators and non-perpetrators. *Hobert v. Covenant Children's Home*, 309 Ill. App. 3d 640, 723 N.E.2d 384; 243 Ill. Dec. 352 (Ill. App. 3d 2000).

The statute is a statutory codification of a judicially created common law rule. *D.P. v. M.J.O.*, 266 Ill. App. 2d 1029, 1032 (1994). The common law discovery rule required both knowledge of the injury and of its wrongful cause before the statute of limitations began to run. *Withereil v. Weimer*, 85 Ill. 2d 146, 155-56 (1981). "Knowledge" means sufficient information to put the victim on notice and does not have to be actual or full knowledge.

Several Illinois courts have held that the discovery rule applies to childhood sexual abuse cases where the plaintiff repressed her memory of the abuse. See, for example, *Pedigo v. Pedigo*, 292 Ill. App. 3d 831, 839 (1997); *D.P. v. M.J.O.*, 266 Ill. App. 3d 1029, 1033-34 (1994); *Phillips v. Johnson*, 231 Ill. App. 3d 890, 893 (1992). While the Clay court recognized that the validity of repressed memories has been found to be "controversial and of suspect nature," *Doe v. McKay*, 286 Ill. App. 3d 1020, 1025 (1997); it nonetheless remanded the case for further proceedings, leaving it for the trial court to determine the legal and scientific sufficiency of the plaintiff's claims.

Although by its language the statute appears to be a "realization" discovery type where the statute of limitation does not begin to accrue (run) until the victim realizes the connection between the abuse and the injury, the Illinois Supreme Court has not accepted a pure realization approach in the past. In a case where the victim was aware of the abuse but failed to make a connection between the abuse and her injuries and therefore failed to bring a timely action, the Supreme Court was unwilling to toll (extend) the statute of limitations. *Clay v. Kuhl*, 2000 Ill. LEXIS 6, \*; 189 Ill. 2d 603; 727 N.E.2d 217; 244 Ill. Dec. 91 (Ill. 2000). See also *Benton v. Vonnahmen*, 679 N.E.2d 1270 (Ill. App. [5 Dist.] 1997).

In an eloquent decision, the Fifth District Appellate Court applied the doctrine of estoppel and legal disability to a childhood sexual abuse victim to extend the statute of limitations under a compelling set of facts. *Parks v. Kownacki*, 305 Ill. App. 3d 449, 711 N.E.2d 1208; 238 Ill. Dec. 547 (Ill. App. 5th Dist. 1999)

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**Posted by: simplysaved Dec 5 2006, 09:10 AM**

Thank you Steve for adding that...

**QUOTE(Clay @ Dec 3 2006, 01:24 PM)**

**Please note that in the absence of an arrest and court trial, these are ALLEGED reports of molestation.....**

**If there was a conviction please share, otherwise let's call it what it is..... an allegation of abuse.....**

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My added thought is if the families are willing to cooperate in collaboration of their testimony here, why have they not pressed formal charges on behalf of their allegedly victimized children?

**Posted by: sister Dec 5 2006, 09:13 AM**

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

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

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

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

Bob

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Mr. Shelton,

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

Roger W. Clem

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**Posted by: Clay Dec 5 2006, 09:17 AM**

I am not liking this... not sure if these letters are legit.... closed for the moment....

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**Posted by: September Dec 5 2006, 09:24 AM**

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Okay, Clay. Here it goes.

There have been been a lot of allegations made against Danny that are based on he said, she said, or the testimony of hostile witnesses, parties that are anything but neutral or positive toward Danny. And that makes what they say less credible.

*Dr. Thompson, on the other hand, is very credible since he is on Danny's side. And we have him in writing that Danny misled him, intentionally or unintentionally. Hate to say it, but it is a possibility that we have caught Danny in an obvious lie, one that the average person can understand and feel repulsed about, and thus people that have a hard time believing that everything isn't right in Thompsonville are led to consider the possibility that that just might be the unfortunate case.*

But in order for the argument to be convincing, the discrepancies between his account of things and reality must be adequately demonstrated, if they exist, as well as the claim that he pressured the alleged victims, their families, and their pastor into silence.

Here's where it gets rough: A conference secretary said that if this happened in his conference, his conference couldn't survive. I'm certain he meant financially. Imagine the lawsuits Danny has potentially opened up the Il. Conf. to if this is all true.

A retired conference secretary and pastor yesterday told me that this issue, if genuine, should be pushed all it can be pushed, for it will pave the way for all other issues to finally get resolved.

This is anything but fun.

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 5 2006, 04:36 PM**

**QUOTE**

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

Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"

Date: Fri, 24 Nov 2006 08:26:23 -0600

From: Walt Thompson

CC: Danny Shelton

Dear Bob,

The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago. They were reported to the proper authorities. No physical actions ever occurred. Tommy apologized to the kids and offered recompense. The DA said there was no case. No restrictions were ever imposed. Tommy is employed by 3abn with full board approval, knowing the facts. **The author of a book, "These kind don't change, do they?" was interviewed on 3abn recently. You may wish to purchase that book and read it!** (The sad thing about this is that the ones who are loudest in spreading falsehood know this, yet continue to agitate and keep the fires burning.)

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Thompson claimed that Danny told him that Dryden was to blame because of some unrelated feud. Blame for what? The 30-year-old allegations? The two men hadn't met yet.

My two letters to Danny outline such problems. I have now given him 15 questions regarding this affair in those letters, and he opted not to answer one in his reply today.

Anyone reading those letters can clearly see there are some problems with accuracy, and many have concluded that there are problems with honesty as well.

One thing that Walt claimed that Danny told him was that there was no physical action. Is that claim believable in light of the 2004 Roger Clem letter? I think not. And that is why people need to be able to read his letter and make their own judgment about who is telling the truth.

How's that for a brief unpacking?

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Dec 5 2006, 07:08 PM**

PB thanks for having the courage to tell your story. It does shed relevent light on what goes on in the mind of a victim of sexual abuse.

Richard

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One does not require a heterosexual to get to the place where he feels no attraction for the opposite sex before he can claim that he has overcome temptation. Neither should one require that a homosexual comes to the place where his orientation... the direction from which his sin comes... changes so that it comes from the other direction... or doesn't come at all. The homosexual is an overcomer when he ceases to allow temptation to lead him to sin.

Another mistake you are making here... and one which is extremely hurting to the homosexual who is not even tempted in THAT area... is that of equating homosexuality with pedophilia. They are NOT the same... BOTH heterosexual males and homosexual males can be pedophiles... the only difference is whether they molest and abuse little girls or little boys.

And experience has taught us that pedophilia is not something which we can ever conclude has "gone away". And thus to protect our children the laws have been made which say that no matter how long a man stays "clean" he should NEVER be allowed around children. Period.

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I understand your point, Di, however IMO homosexual men who take every opportunity to "turn out" young boys are sexual predators in homosexual clothing. I would be very interested to hear the author's view on this situation.

*I grew up around a plethora of homosexual men. Many were kind and respectful members of society others were not. One who lived with us for awhile was booted out by my mom after she found a stack of child porn pictures on his bedroom desk.*

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WAtchBird,  
Beautifully said!

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**Posted by: princessdi Dec 5 2006, 09:12 PM**

Not a problem, WB. I was only stated that which is commonly believed, not that which I believed. My only point is that they are both not given the benefit of a doubt to overcome their sin. they best they can do is to "manage" it with the help of God. I don't think I quite buy that, though. It seems to infer that there is some sin that is beyond God's forgiveness. I don't think that pedophilia or "practicing" homosexuality is beyond God's forgiving or restoration power. Just like it takes the power of God to overcome sin, any sin, we also need the power of God to place in us His forgiveness.

I definitely agree with the fact that anyone recovering from anything should avoid areas of great temptation.

**QUOTE(watchbird @ Dec 5 2006, 05:49 PM) □**

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**Posted by: Chez Dec 5 2006, 09:21 PM**

[quote name='PeacefullyBewildered' date='Dec 5 2006, 08:53 PM' post='162324']

I understand your point, Di, however IMO homosexual men who take every opportunity to "turn out" young boys are sexual predators in homosexual clothing. I would be very interested to hear the author's view on this situation.

But, taking your point a step further should a recovering homosexual frequent gay bars? Should a recovering sexual predator be unsupervised around his target demographic? Should a recovering alcoholic keep alcoholic beverages at home?

Great point! Thanks PB for your courage in telling your story. I'm just feeling weepy over the pain and suffering that has been and is currently being intentionally inflicted on people young and old.

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**Posted by: sister Dec 6 2006, 04:31 AM**

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Date: Tue, 05 Dec 2006 06:14:06 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Greetings, Danny.

I trust that you received my email attached at the end, which was sent six days ago as a follow-up to the suggestion of Dr. Walt Thompson, your board chairman, that I verify what he had told me. As I have pondered it all, I see some further questions that I need clarification on in order to do just that, and so I will add below to my original five questions what I wrote out over the weekend.

I'll first say that I really hope to hear from you soon, since there are many, many people eager and anxious to hear your side of the story, and see you and Tommy cleared of these allegations being brought by a pastor and members of the Church of God, by members of your own community, and, not maliciously and a bit indirectly, your own board chairman. It is highly critical that there be as little delay as possible.

Dr. Thompson wrote:

**QUOTE(Walt Thompson)**

"The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago."

Frankly, this was the first time I had heard of any allegations of 30 years ago. The oldest allegations I

have heard about were the ones that led to the revoking of Tommy's ordination in Illinois in or around 1985, which I have thought were therefore about 20 years ago rather than about 30. Thus,

**Question 6:** What exactly were these 30-year-old allegations that Walt referred to, and when and in what locality or localities did the alleged events take place?

I have one more chronology-related question. One of your employees, one of the O'Briens, informed me indirectly, maybe a month ago or so, that Pastor Dryden's May 2003 letter to Walt was a rehashing of something that had already been hashed around in the '90's. At the time I thought that someone must have gotten the dates mixed up somewhere, and that the '80's was really what was intended to be or what should have been said, but something Gailon told me last week makes me wonder if there might be another possibility. Gailon wrote:

**QUOTE(Gailon Joy)**

"Bad news...the 3ABN board in the mid 90's took up the issue of Tommy Shelton as he was working in production at the time. The board clearly determined it was best that Tommy not be working at 3ABN based upon an investigation of the allegations against Tommy at the Ezra COG. Shortly after this decision, Tommy received a call to the Dunn Loring COG and moved to Mannassas, finally into the parsonage."

I wouldn't even mention this at all since I have no evidence of myself to this effect, but since one of the O'Briens indicated, unless something got garbled in transmission or recollection, which is always possible, that there was some sort of discussion in the '90's, I'll ask the following:

**Question 7:** Did the 3ABN board determine in the mid-1990's that it was not best for Tommy to work at 3ABN; and if so, on what basis was there a later reversal of their position; and if not, how can I get copies of the board minutes leading up to Tommy's departure so that I can post them and put to rest once and for all this allegation?

You may be tempted to pick out some sort of trivial detail that isn't quite absolutely correct and concentrate on that to the exclusion of everything else, so I would simply suggest that, while you may need to correct some minor errors, you also ensure that you put to rest the major points of concern as well.

Walt wrote to me the following:

**QUOTE(Walt Thompson)**

"Based upon my understanding [obtained from Danny Shelton] that Dryden had had a long standing feud with Tommy over factors unrelated to the above accusations, it did not seem indicated to approach the boys in question directly, having been informed that no case had ever been filed with the courts or legal disposition made."

I think it would be extremely helpful to know more about Dryden's alleged feud with Tommy. This is especially true given the following facts:

- Walt said that the allegations were about 30 years old.
- Pastor Glenn Dryden says that he did not meet Tommy until somewhere around the early '80's or about 1985 when Tommy's ordination was revoked.
- Dryden says that he first became associated with the Dunn Loring, Virginia, church in 1974, served as an assistant pastor from 1983 until 1993, at which time he moved to Illinois.
- He claims that he had a good pastor-to-pastor relationship with Tommy after meeting him.

**Question 8:** Did Walt mean to say that Dryden was the cause of the original, 30-year-old allegations; is it true that Tommy did not meet Dryden until at the earliest the early '80's; and if both these points are correct, how is it that the allegations were caused by a feud between two men who



had not yet met; or, if this is not what Walt meant, what exactly did he mean?

Since I have no evidence at this point that would indicate that either Tommy or Dryden had achieved celebrity status, I think the following question is in order.

**Question 9:** Are Dryden's details regarding his states of residence correct (as well as the date of the revoking of Tommy's ordination), and if so, what was the nature of their feud that would have motivated Dryden to promote allegations of child molestation against a pastor who lived 800 miles away from him?

Walt wrote:

**QUOTE(Walt Thompson)**

"The picture that was painted by that leader of the Church was exactly as portrayed earlier by Danny. Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was out to get him - a jealousy that has continued to the present."

Here is an area that becomes a little more nebulous, for it gets into the area of he said, she said, something I prefer to avoid. But it should be mentioned that Dryden denies that this was the case, and claims that there has been no opportunity for jealousy to arise. And frankly, since Dryden arrived in Illinois in 1993 and Tommy left for Virginia in 1995, according to Dryden's chronology, it would seem that there was precious little opportunity for jealousy to arise. Thus,

**Question 10:** What exactly about Tommy was Dryden jealous of, and during what periods of time and in what ways was this jealousy manifested?

Dryden also claims that Tommy has used this jealousy argument as a smokescreen, but with this variation: He claims that Tommy told the folks in Virginia that allegations had been raised against him because churches around him were jealous of both him and the success he was having. Thus,

**Question 11:** Is it true that Tommy told the folks in Virginia something even remotely akin to this and if so, what was the nature of the success that Tommy had that surrounding churches of his own denomination would make false accusations against him of such a serious thing as child molestation?

Dryden also claims that Tommy never informed the folks in Virginia regarding what the nature of the allegations against him were. Thus,

**Question 12:** Who specifically in Virginia did Tommy tell about the exact nature of the allegations against him, and how can I contact them to obtain a signed statement to this effect?

Walt wrote:

**QUOTE(Walt Thompson)**

"Except for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records of the allegations."

Dryden claims that in early 2003, Roger Clem of West Frankfort confided in him that he had been victimized by Tommy, and that Roger subsequently shared openly about this in his church and about the community.

**Question 13:** Is it true that a member of your small community did indeed share openly his claim that your own brother had victimized him, and if so, a) when did you first become aware of these new allegations,  how did Walt arrive at the opinion that there are no other accounts of these allegations than Pastor Dryden's, and c) how is it that you never corrected Walt on this major discrepancy?

Dryden claims that after Roger came forward, that,

**QUOTE(Pastor Dryden)**

"It was within a week or less that Tommy called me."

In that conversation Tommy told Dryden, according to him, something along the lines of, "I have something to read to you. Maybe you don't want to even talk to me. It's difficult." Dryden, thinking this was part of Tommy's damage control efforts and that there might be an attempt at manipulation, told him their conversation would need to be face to face and in the presence of another member of the congregation. Dryden had prayer with him, and he claims the meeting never took place.

Dryden then claims that Tommy called up someone who was a pillar in the church and read his statement to them, which convinced them of his guilt.

Dryden says that Tommy has made statements like, "I made some mistakes," and "I have regrets," and has said such for damage control purposes, but has never made a meaningful apology to his knowledge, nothing like Ted Haggard's confession, and that Tommy has been unwilling to be subject to church discipline. Thus,

**Question 14:** Did Tommy in fact call Dryden and the other individual in the church in early 2003 and make statements to this effect, and if so, how can we get a copy of what he wrote and read at that time, and if not, what evidence or testimony to this effect can be produced?

**Question 15:** Is it true that Tommy was unwilling to be subject to church discipline even though Walt claims he did apologize for some unspecified thing; and if so, for what reasons was he unwilling; and if not, who can I contact to confirm that he indeed was subject to church discipline?

I would want nothing more than to see you personally vindicated, and to see some sort of plausible explanation for not just one or two or three of the perceived inconsistencies, but for every last one of them. This issue of the allegations against Tommy is only one of many swirling around you and/or 3ABN, and I would take great delight in seeing each one of those issues decided in favor of you.

But I think we clearly need to get the air cleared of this one as soon as possible. It is absolutely crucial that we demonstrate that your word is utterly dependable, or else the court of public opinion as well as that of ASI will be less inclined to accept solely your testimony and the testimony of the 3ABN board about Linda's alleged guilt of the sin of adultery.

And, as a loyal Seventh-day Adventist church member, a member in the middle of nowhere who is but a lone voice without any actual say-so, I must say that I am a bit concerned because of the potential liability issues that could arise if there ever was a problem in the future. I certainly hope that the apparent way this was all handled would never be used in a court of law as a justification for compromising the financial security of the Illinois Conference, which I understand, from websites affiliated with the church or its leadership, voted to move part of their Academy operations to Thompsonville.

Perhaps this is what concerns me most of all, that somehow in all of this God's cause and my church could be brought into reproach, and we as a people could be blamed for the very type of things that we so ardently oppose, through no fault of our own or because of innocent mistakes on the part of some, all because of the not-so-innocent mistakes on the part of others.

Danny, in all sincerity, I pray that God grant you clear discernment of what is right and what is wrong, and what He wants you to do at this hour. May you stand for the right though the heaven's fall, whether it be for the first time or the millionth time.

And may 3ABN and its ministry be truly blessed by the Spirit of God in the days ahead in proportion to its fulfillment of the conditions laid out by the Lord for the reception of the latter rain

Bob

P.S. I really need ASAP the name and contact info from the Church of God leader Walt referred to but did not name. I don't know who else to contact to hear another side of the story, and talking to him or her may help quite a bit.

Also, Pastor Dryden has expressed personal concern for Tommy, indicating that he wishes that we would all pray for his health during the stress of all this, and that he do the right and appropriate thing.

God bless.

Bob

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 6 2006, 08:52 PM**

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 Date: Wed, 06 Dec 2006 08:13:19 -0600  
 To: Danny Shelton  
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Hi Danny. Thanks so much for your initial reply, which appears below my reply to you.

I must say that I am a little surprised by your reply. I will point out in this email a few difficulties that I see, and why it is extremely difficult for me to use it to clear you of any of the allegations out there, as well as ask some additional questions.

First of all, you will recall that I initially wrote to you a week ago at the suggestion of your board chairman, Dr. Walt Thompson. On Monday, November 27, he gave me some information and said,

**QUOTE(Walt Thompson)**

"I would like to request ... that you ... verify [this letter's] contents."

Now Walt gave me only two sources for his information other than Pastor Glenn Dryden. The only one of those two that he named was yourself, and therefore the only way I can fulfill his request is to write to you. And yet you write:

**QUOTE(Danny Shelton)**

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As you know quite well, Walt has been accused of being a "lemming" and your "surrogate," language I disapprove of. Yet in light of the fact that you as president can so easily disregard the wishes of your own board chairman, I think it fair to ask,

**Question 16:** How can you demonstrate that Dr. Walt Thompson and/or your board have any definite, real, and actual authority within the 3ABN corporate structure as it currently operates, authority unrelated to whatever you may choose to delegate to them or what is merely described on paper?

I think this question is vital since it does indeed affect perceptions of how the divorce and remarriage were handled, as well as how the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations were handled, and perhaps even the success or failure of the appeal of the tax case I understand 3ABN has pending.

In light of the fact that it is now one week since I requested the name of the other source so that I can verify Walt's information, I think it fair to ask,

**Question 17:** What might be the reason or reasons why there is such hesitancy to provide that name, as well as the name of the person who gave that name to Walt Thompson?

You write:

**QUOTE(Danny Shelton)**

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I believe the term "smokescreen" would be more appropriate than "scapegoat."

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By referring to only two "sides" when you full well know that there are many more parties than two, and by pitting ASI's conclusions regarding your divorce and remarriage against all the remaining allegations, you again demonstrate that you have chosen not to allow ASI to review all the allegations, a fatal mistake in my opinion.

In other words, while claiming to be false the perception that you are trying to use the Linda issue as a smokescreen, you then go on to prove that that perception of the situation is correct. Thus,

**Question 18:** Will you and/or the 3ABN board make a formal request in writing to ASI that they examine all allegations of financial, operational, and personal misconduct, and will you provide us a copy of that letter as soon as possible, and if not, could you please list whatever you are afraid of that you might lose from such a process, and why?

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**Question 19:** How did Linda, Derrell, Johann, and Barbara manufacture the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations a year before Linda's alleged affair; what sort of ax to grind against 3ABN would Church of God member Roger Clem have in 2003 that he would come forward and accuse Tommy, not 3ABN, of child molestation; and what sort of ax to grind against 3ABN would motivate members/attendees of the Church of God congregation Tommy pastored in Virginia to accuse Tommy, not 3ABN, of sexual misconduct before he ever returned to Illinois around 2000 and began working at 3ABN again?

Lastly, you write:

**QUOTE(Danny Shelton)**

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- Tommy's ordination with the Church of God, Anderson, was revoked around 1985 because of allegations of child molestation arising from his pastoring the Ezra congregation in West Frankfort, Illinois.
- Roger Clem claims that he was molested at the age of 16, which would be about 1988, while Tommy was pastoring the breakaway Ezra congregation that had sided with him and against the previous alleged victims.
- Tommy pastored a Church of God congregation in Dunn Loring, Virginia, from 1995 to about 2000, and then left apparently because of the surfacing of some sort of sexual misconduct allegations against him.
- Just now in late 2006 we have <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82082&page=1&part=1#Post82091> coming to light in Virginia at the Church of God congregation where he used to pastor.

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**Posted by: Chez Dec 6 2006, 09:17 PM**

**QUOTE(Pickle @ Dec 6 2006, 10:07 PM)**

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Date: Wed, 06 Dec 2006 11:48:57 -0600

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CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

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Chez

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 6 2006, 09:56 PM**

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 6 2006, 11:08 PM**

[For the first part of this letter, see above at my last post.]

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anything. He takes 150 Signs and distributes. He has done more missionary work alone the past year than the whole Fresno Church together." (*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 6, pp. 150, 151)

May God grant you, Tommy, and the rest by His grace the courage to right every wrong, whether that wrong be small or great.

Bob

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Then if Danny evades and stonewalls and claims that he's going to let ASI look into it all, it would be reasonable to assume that the counselling never took place. And no one except someone whose integrity is compromised would fault you for arriving at that conclusion.

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**Posted by: Ed White Dec 7 2006, 08:56 AM**

After reading the letter of Roger W. Clem & his offer to Tommy to make things right while there is still time if appears as if Tommy legal bills will be more than all the money he has received over the years that by-passes the 3ABN coffers on this video 3ABN shows often asking for money to the people down a Haiti where the rats had ate up their supply of drugs. Anyone remeber the years & the giggle sessions of Danny and Rick O. saying with their hand to the mouth "Confession is good for the soul, but bad on the reputation"?

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That I did before asking, several times... It's not pinned. With your help though

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<http://www.blackstda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=10836&st=0&p=151446&#entry151446>

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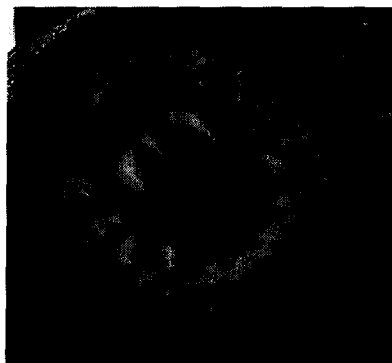
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It's always good to find more of the brethren.

Blessings,  
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P.S. I'm having problems with quoting posts, as in the code appears around the words, but they aren't enclosed in a quote box. Does that have something to do with my computer or ignorance, and is there something I might not be doing right? So far it works only half the time???

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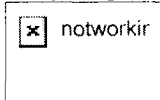
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There are reasons why this must be so... and they have been given over and over again, so I'm sure you'll run across them as you keep going. But briefly they fall under some distinctive categories.... some of which are legal, some sensitiveness to the personal lives of others, particularly those who have been in a victim category, and some because of the danger some would be put in if they spoke publicly.... or even privately.

It is hard for those of us with an inquisitive mind to stay patient while information comes out very slowly and incompletely. But if you stick with it here, you will find a LOT of pieces of the picture... and they will make more sense when you fit them together than they do separately and as you fit them together you will also get a feel for how to draw the lines between the dots... and also whose reports to give the most credence.

And along the way you will develop your own sensitivity as to what kinds of things can be (or should be) mentioned on the forums... and which should rightfully be held "off camera" as it were.

**Posted by: Chez Dec 7 2006, 02:13 PM**

**QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 7 2006, 02:17 PM)**

This I understand., having read all. I am trying to figure out, if anyone but Glen Dryden has said this, as far as the recent allegations go, and how do we know it's the truth? He wasn't even around when any of this happened, if it wasn't for him, and Bob talking to him. What else do we have to go on?

A victim? I do know that after Pastor Dryden persisted a Lawyer from 3ABN contacted him regarding slander.

It seems to me if this Pastor can prove what he claims, that lawyer, and 3ABN have egg on their



face.

~ Aletheia

Welcome Aletheia. You've asked several questions about proof. How much proof do you want? There are people who have said that they have been victimized by Tommy Shelton. Should they reveal to you their physical and emotional scars? Do you want records from their psychiatrists along with the amount of medication that they are on because of this horiffic experience(s)? Tommy Shelton has not even apologized to some of his victims as stated by the victims themselves. Shouldn't you ask why hasn't he apologized for and/or acknowledged his predatory behavior?

I have seen how the possible revelation of sexual assault can affect a person (especially males) who has been victimized. I had a young man working for me who seemed to be somewhat normal until the revelation of sexual abuse by Catholic priests was in the media. He had been an altar boy and had close connection with his priests. His mother thought highly of their respective priests. However, this young man was so afraid that his mother would find out that he had been victimized. [He did not want to hurt or embarrass his family.] He tried to prolong his graduation because he knew that it was going to be painful to face his demon(s). I created a temporary position to buy him some time; however, the funding ceased for that position. Therefore, his departure was painful for him, my staff, and me. We wanted to heal him, but were powerless to face his situation for him. We were always and have continued to be a support mechanism for him and others.

When someone abuses/assaults an individual, the victim is scarred for life. It is an even greater insult when the perpetrator doesn't acknowledge or even apologize for their predatory act(s). When the predator states that he preys on children because he was a victim [I am not saying that he was not abused], but does that give him the right to ruin the lives of other people? He should get help. Remember Mark Foley. Mark Foley was not excused by the media or the American public for his inappropriate behavior toward boys (the pages on Capitol Hill); so why should Tommy be excused for his behavior?

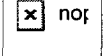
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**Posted by: Aletheia Dec 7 2006, 03:00 PM**

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**QUOTE**

Since you say you have read all of the pinned stuff... (including following all of the links in the "guided tour"? ) then you know that we often refer to what can be posted as merely the "tip of the iceberg". Many before you have prodded and poked to try and get the rest up to the surface... but it is the nature of icebergs, that even if you chip away all that is above water level when you start, there is still the bulk of the berg left below.

There are reasons why this must be so... and they have been given over and over again, so I'm

sure you'll run across them as you keep going. But briefly they fall under some distinctive categories.... some of which are legal, some sensitiveness to the personal lives of others, particularly those who have been in a victim category, and some because of the danger some would be put in if they spoke publicly.... or even privately.

It is hard for those of us with an inquisitive mind to stay patient while information comes out very slowly and incompletely. But if you stick with it here, you will find a LOT of pieces of the picture... and they will make more sense when you fit them together than they do separately and as you fit them together you will also get a feel for how to draw the lines between the dots... and also whose reports to give the most credence.

And along the way you will develop your own sensitivity as to what kinds of things can be (or should be) mentioned on the forums... and which should rightfully be held "off camera" as it were.

So ya all keep playing your games, and insinuating and acting mysterious and making stabs with the tip of your iceberg, and hinting at more, and expect that other's will just take your word for it, (obviously some will)but I never saw Jesus act like that, nor anybody honest.

I don't know you from Tommy Shelton. Anyone with an axe to grind can say anything on the internet, or pretend to be a legion, and do so. That proves nothing.

He may or may not be quilty, but it's obvious the truth isn't to be found in this anonymous he said-she said drama.

Thanks anyway. I'll look elsewhere.

~ Aletheia

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**Posted by: Observer Dec 7 2006, 03:06 PM**

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I understand.

I do not expect you to be convinced.

These forums exist for a major reason where people involved in this situation can share. There is a tremendous lot going on behind the scenes, as it should, that you are not aware of. But, I am not attempting to convince you.

No one has forced you to come here. If you do not like what you read, you do not have to read it.

It is as simple as that.

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**Posted by: princessdi Dec 7 2006, 03:20 PM**

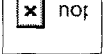
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mean it goes both ways, we don't know you either. Why should that information be given to you just because you asked?

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edited to remove personal info

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**Posted by: princessdi Dec 7 2006, 04:23 PM**

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 7 2006, 04:54 PM**

**QUOTE(princessdi @ Dec 7 2006, 09:10 AM)**

No child molester, molests children in front of anyone. I am sure you know this. However, a major portion of pedophiles have been those who work with children. Thus, when they are caught the provisions that they are never alone or work with children.

Point is, until he is cleared of all allegations, precautions should be taken. It doesn't seem it has been settled one way or the other. He was just removed from the situation. If they are found to be untrue, he can go back to his duties with the children. If they are found to be true, however, they are opening themselves up another can of worms. People will not take kindly to their children being exposed to a child molester on or off camera.

You are correct. However, a child molester/predator very often will "groom" the intended victim(s) in many ways in full view of all. Also, just the fact that a person is holding a place of authority builds a sense of trust in that person by those who are vulnerable.

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**Posted by: princessdi Dec 7 2006, 05:02 PM**

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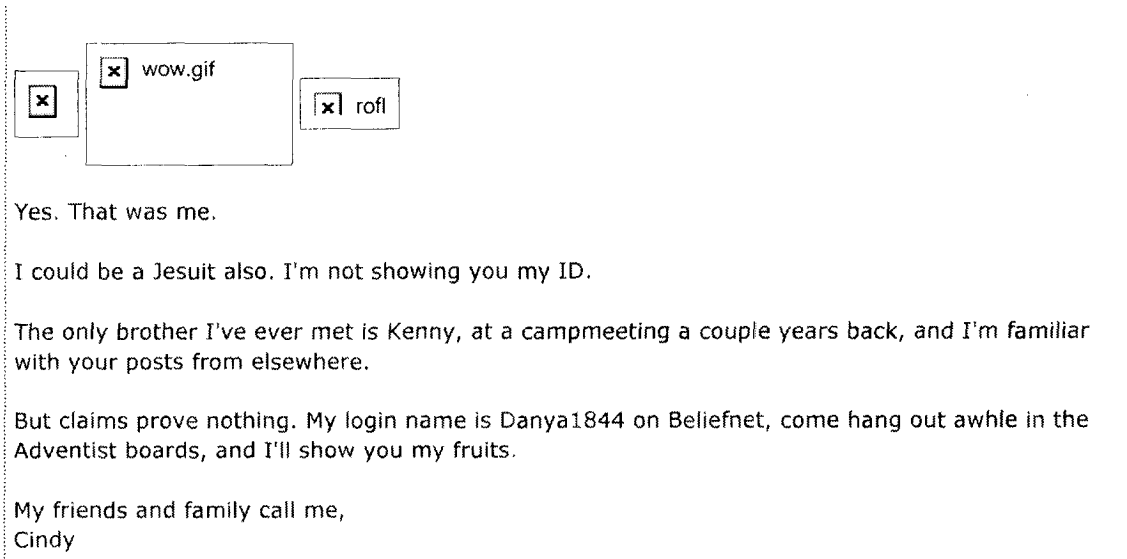
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If you truly are in search of truth then carefully read this particular thread from the very beginning. I find it a little hard to believe you have done so as yet when I read your most recent comments.

The investigation that is going on here and behind the scenes, as Observer stated, is not about *inventing slanderous things or slinging mud*, it is about seeking to reveal the truth to protect those at risk, help those who have been victimized to heal, and salvage our very respect as a denomination who claim to follow the commandments of God.

When a ministry, such as 3abn, portrays its mission as taking the undiluted truth to all of the world but then appears to be lying about and covering up the past actions of an alleged child molester and putting other young people at risk in the process, someone needs to step up and demand accountability.

PB

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Dec 7 2006, 05:34 PM**

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**Posted by: Observer Dec 7 2006, 06:01 PM**

There is an additional reason why we do not post all that we know. Believe it or not, there are people working very hard behind the scenes to bring some resolution to this mess. There are people on both sides of this issue who are so working. Of course one could never resolve issues if one did not talk to the so-called "other side."

Folks, such efforts would never succeed if they were done in private. Those discussions must be conducted in privacy, behind closed doors, in order to have any hope of success. Those who are engaged in such discussions cannot comment on them at this time. In fact, most will probably not acknowledge that they are engaged in such discussions.

IF those discussions succeed, the time will come for public comment on their success.

If those discussions fail, the time will come for some public comment on their failure.

What will be accomplished, and what will be posted is only speculative, and people must wait to see.

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I agree with you. We don't need to accuse Cindy of anything.

The letter from the young man who alleges he was molested is on this thread as well. If one carefully reads and considers the other information posted here as well, one will be hard pressed to remain skeptical that the allegations are anything but true.

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**Posted by: Aletheia Dec 7 2006, 06:41 PM**

**QUOTE(princessdi @ Dec 7 2006, 06:54 PM)**

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There are 100's of boards on \*\*\*\*.. I'm not on all of them.

P.B.wrote:

" I find it a little hard to believe you have done so as yet when I read your most recent comments."

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You don't have to believe me, either I am a bold faced liar and didn't spend the last couple of days



reading every single post having to do with 3ABN, even the ones I had already read months ago, or I told the truth.

I think perhaps we just have different ways of proving things, and different standards of judgment??

If I submit a story from your sister saying how you lied, and are involved in a conspiracy to destroy another, will all here believe that? What if I go find three more to expose you even more and bear their witness against you. Will you confess and repent? Will all here join in to condemn you?

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And for those who apologised. Thank you, but it's not necessary.

~ Aletheia

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 7 2006, 06:43 PM**

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Roger Clem, author of <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82082&page=1&part=2#Post82108>, a letter which also implicates Danny and a 3ABN attorney in a cover up, told me that Tommy would pick out kids who were quiet, so they wouldn't tell on him, and who liked music.

Is that letter here? Anyone can copy it to over here who wants to.

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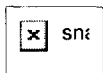
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Spare me the emotional appeal, and cool your jets please. I'm not in a rush to judge one way or another, and won't, until I can see the facts and evidence and weigh both sides.

There is enough to investigate, there is not enough to render a verdict. I have said all along He may be guilty, he may not be.

As far as "victims" plural goes, you have one letter, from one alleged victim. So please stop acting like I'm ignoring all the alleged victims. I don't even know that there actually are any. Dryden claims that, but also doesn't supply anything concrete. I asked for specifics, which I could verify, and was accused of wanting to expose and plaster the names of the victims all over the internet.

Actually there is one letter purporting to be from one victim, with nothing to verify it's authenticity, or anything that is claimed.

Therefore I don't give it much weight, yet...

I'm sure it's not a revelation to anyone that the posts here and the accusations are all partial and one-sided, all being Linda's friends, and supporters. That's fine, they need to be heard, but they aren't the whole story. They claim there are reasons they can't even tell what they do know for the most part. So what are we left with? A group claiming "believe what I say, cause i said it" The whole

attitude that comes across very loud is "if you aren't for us , you're against us"

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I'm nether for or against either Danny or Linda. I don't know them, nor do I know all the facts. I'm quite sure the lord does, and the truth will prevail. That's enough for me.

Regarding these child abuse allegations, many of the members of BlackSDA have in this very thread asked some very good questions, looking for answers, (P.B.'s post earlier comes to mind, and even Bob's post asking for specifics) unfortunately none of those questions have been answered.


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~ Aletheia

"That's all I have to say about that" " stupid is as stupid does" 

**Posted by: sister Dec 8 2006, 09:29 AM**

Has anyone noticed that when Fallible Human Being is silent, someone new comes in with the same approach: **give us the names!** One brave soul has stepped forward and given his name and made a statement, but is that enough for the questioner? Obivously not, then their next step is to try and discredit the testimony: **how do I know this is genuine?** And the cycle repeats itself on and on and on...

Lets refresh our memories again:

1. Pastor Dryden did not only make a statement, but supplied Walt Thompson with a list of victims and how they could be contacted, in 2003. The decision to do this was made in concert with his church board. Walt Thompson and the 3ABN board choose not to investigate.
2. Based solely upon the word of Danny Shelton, no investigation was made.
3. An individual, Bob, was not satisfied with only second hand information concerning the allegations of molestation against Tommy Shelton, but choose to investigate the situation personally. He contacted both side of the issue and investigated the situation for himself. He has shared the process (emails, letters, phone calls) and the results of that process here.
4. Anyone who is interested can contact Walt Thompson, Danny Shelton and the 3ABN Board and ask their own questions in regard to this issue.

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**Posted by: Chez Dec 8 2006, 10:02 AM**

[quote name='Aletheia' date='Dec 7 2006, 04:30 PM' post='162532']

**Without my testimony, and the evidence there wasn't a case.** [/quote]

How do we know that your testimony was credible? You are only one person. How do we know that the evidence was solid? Did "two or three" people witness this abuse simultaneously?

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**Yeah it's disappointing.** [/quote]

You must not be an Adventist. The above statement is applicable to Danny Shelton and his cronies who made "accusations without proof and evidence to back up their words". They trashed a woman (Linda Shelton) before the world. They had no credible evidence and have not produced it when asked. They've tried to create evidence, but not evidence that unequivocally states that Linda Shelton and Dr. Aril Abrahamsen committed adultery.

I'm sure that you have communicated that with Danny Shelton and his 3ABN Board and staff. It is disappointing when men and women "profess godliness, but deny the power thereof".

**Posted by: seraph|m Dec 8 2006, 10:41 AM**

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**Posted by: simplysaved Dec 8 2006, 10:57 AM**

\*\*\*CLINICAL HAT ON\*\*\*

As long as there are no legal charges pending, there is nothing to prevent this, especially if the "alleged perpetrator" is not responsible for direct supervision of children.

\*\*\*CLINICAL HAT OFF\*\*\*

**QUOTE(sister @ Dec 7 2006, 09:27 AM)**

**The next 3ABN Rally:**

3ABN LIVE Rally: December 8-9, 2006

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

Location:

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

Phone: 954-584-1734

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

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

Kids Time Sabbath School w/Brenda Walsh

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

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

**If you live in this area, this would be your opportunity to speak with Danny and Tommy**

personally and ask them some questions...

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

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Well this is new... here comes the big guns...

I certainly wasn't trying to be a whiner.. nor do I want cheese to go with that wine...

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This should be interesting...

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**Posted by: Chez Dec 8 2006, 01:46 PM**

**QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 8 2006, 02:32 PM) □**

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I certainly wasn't trying to be a whiner.. nor do I want cheese to go with that wine...

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Now don't you sound friendly, hospitable, and Christlike. □

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 8 2006, 02:05 PM**

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**Posted by: Chez Dec 8 2006, 02:12 PM**

**QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Dec 8 2006, 03:05 PM) □**

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You are right. I wouldn't want anyone to say that we were negligent in protecting our children along with standing for truth even in the face of adversity. Read this latest piece of news:  
<http://www.cnn.com/2006/POLITICS/12/08/foley.ethics/index.html>. I don't want God to say that we didn't do our best to protect our people from predators.

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**Posted by: Aletheia Dec 8 2006, 05:21 PM**

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**QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 7 2006, 10:36 AM)**

It's not pinned. With your help though  I located the letter I was looking for.

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=10836&st=0&p=151446&#entry151446>  
So I have sent some e-mails, with questions, and I'll let you all know what I find out, IF anything.



~ Aletheia

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Thanks, but I'm ok.  You are right, the link does work,, it just doesn't go to the copy of the e-mail I'm talking about, anymore??? Possibly I'm an idiot...

But thank God, I made a copy of the e-mail (from Walt Thompson to to September as it was was posted by her), so I could e-mail it out with my questions to Thompson and others.

Because of that I had a copy and paste of both this forum and the letter, so I could repost it here with a request for it to be pinned.

You can find it on the "Topics And Letters To Be Pinned?, Submitted documentation and letters from all involved" thread:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=11731&st=0&gopid=162664&>

**added 12/09/06 or here also:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=10845&st=0>**

I also sent a personal message to September, as I am sure she has the original.

Air is good. :-) Our God is awesome!

Sabbath blessings to you an yours.

**Posted by: sister Dec 8 2006, 09:56 PM**

The following was posted on Maritime by Bob.

**QUOTE**

This was the appeal I sent to Danny Wednesday night.

I wish I could say that the reply I got back was not defiant. That reply will not be posted at this time.

Bob

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

Subject: Truce?

Date: Wed, 06 Dec 2006 19:41:51 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

Hi Danny.

This is more of a pastoral letter than anything else.

You know, before I sent that last email, I was really beginning to feel bad for you. It looks like such an impossible situation, with no good solutions, like a bad dream. I would not want to be in your shoes just now.

I've been in bad situations before (nothing like this, though), and it sure wasn't fun. It can be so devastating. And I truly do feel bad for you.

What do you think would bring the most glory to God, and be truly the best for 3ABN? Would it not be to step aside after doing what you can to facilitate the immediate implementation of some of the

structural reforms Gallon has had in mind, where there are proper checks and balances to prevent this kind of thing from ever happening again?

I just thought I would try to reach out to you before, well, before whatever happens next.

Did you have opportunity to read that story from the SOP I attached to the end of my last letter? What did you think of that? I honestly could not read it without breaking down and crying. Praise God for His mercy, power, and grace!

Long ago I had a sermon entitled, "Mercy for Manasseh." Too many people think they have sinned too much to be pardoned, forgiven, cleansed, and saved. Well, Manasseh was a preacher's kid of sorts, offered his own kids up as sacrifices, sawed Isaiah in half, and filled Jerusalem with blood, and the Bible even says that God sent Judah into captivity because God couldn't forgive Manasseh's sins.

Yet in spite of all that, when Manasseh was in a dungeon in Babylon, he turned to God and prayed, and God forgave him personally even though He could not forgive the nation as a whole for those sins, and Manasseh was restored to his throne.

Then he immediately went about trying to undo all the damage he had done. Of course he couldn't succeed in that entirely, but he tried, and that's all that God is looking for.

Now if God could pardon Manasseh, he most certainly can pardon you and me. Praise His name!

Do you believe that? That's the first and biggest step, to believe. Would you take that step just now?

Bob

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**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Dec 8 2006, 11:40 PM**

**QUOTE(sister @ Dec 8 2006, 11:29 AM)**

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Could you cite examples where the limited facts that have been made available by both sides don't mesh well? From my read of this thread some very large holes have been poked in the email from Dr. Thompson stating the 3abn version of the date of occurence and the number of alleged victims of alleged predator Tommy Shelton. How is this merely he said/she said? Dr. Thompson said, Danny said, Bob said, Pastor Dryden said, Roger Clem said.

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Where has it been written that ASI has admonished a curtain to be drawn around the process? I know that Danny has been advised not to say anything. But, at this point I don't think anyone even knows what issues are going to be addressed by ASI.

The discussions in this thread will, hopefully, result in this issue being made public to the point that:  
 1. If the allegations are true the secrecy cycle can finally be broken, other young men will be protected and past victims will be given the assistance they need to heal as much as possible.

2. If the allegations are false Tommy Shelton can once and for all be vindicated and move on with his life.

Perhaps you could list for me what posts here have taken the form of accusations - other than the obvious one accusing Alethia of being your alter ego - sigh.

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Dr. Thompson said in writing that Danny had essentially lied to him. Danny has had 10 days now to explain the discrepancies, and he has declined to do so.

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Unquestionable things on both sides? I disagree... when the divorce action was initiated what had Linda done.... or better yet look at it this way, even IF she had done every thing she was accused of doing, as a christian man Danny Shelton should NOT have responded as he did..... period... so to me he was wrong from the beginning for not taking the christian high road.... the only thing this other

info has shown is that maybe Danny has no idea where the christian high road is..... or if he does he choses not to take it.....

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**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Dec 9 2006, 11:02 AM**

**QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 9 2006, 10:53 AM) □**

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Yes, they are the ones hearing the evidence. Here are the comments from both Mr. D. Shelton and Dr. Thompson from earlier in this thread:

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Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 08:40:21 -0600  
To: Bob \*\*\*\*\*  
From: Danny Shelton

*I will refrain from answering your questions at this time. I'm willing for ASI to do it's work with the facts presented by both sides.*

Danny

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Subject: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"  
Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 10:57:01 -0600  
To: Bob \*\*\*\*\*  
From: Danny Shelton

Bob, Please understand that we are letting ASI deal with this first. Whatever is left we will look at later.

ASI has asked us not to discuss this situation in detail with anyone at this time. We are respecting that request.

Hopefully you will understand, if not I'm sorry, but you'll just have to wait until ASI makes a decision.

No need to respond

Danny

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Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: Gailons last email to me. "We got a problem"]  
Date: Thu, 23 Nov 2006 13:30:48 -0600  
To: Bob \*\*\*\*\*  
From: Walt Thompson

Hi Bob,

ASI has advised us to discontinue communication with our accusers while they are working. I will wait for the process to occur before commenting futher.

Walter Thompson MD

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So, if one believes that this process is formal (and there is every reason to do so), then it is simple logic that both sides have been given the same set of expectations. If 3ABN has been told not to talk during the process - which would be necessary for the highest level of integrity possible - then I have not a doubt that Linda and her camp have been directed the same way. I believe the individuals from ASI are working as hard as is humanly possible to insure the highest level of professionalism in this process.

One can read the material here and come to very logical conclusions that do not support the rancor or some of the accusations.

Enjoy your Sabbath experience!

- fhb

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**Posted by: no\_cults Dec 9 2006, 11:47 AM**

**QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Dec 5 2006, 04:44 PM)**

If many teenagers feel like a pimple on the face is flashing their abnormality in neon, can you imagine how hard it would be for them to make public that they fell for the wiles of a predator?

Then weigh also how the crafty predator can misdirect adults with his superior sophistication and the implied sanctity of his position and easily get them to take his side over the testimony of immature adolescents.

In my own experiences:

1. At 4 I tried to tell my parents that a family member was doing things to me that scared and hurt me but they couldn't or wouldn't understand. So the abuse kept happening for 5 more years. It became "normal" to me and I didn't question if it was wrong until decades later. When I tried to address it in my 30's I was shocked by the denial that was still in play.
2. At 13, when a step-grandfather assaulted me I had a stronger voice and my parents believed me but the rest of the family got angry and called me a liar. That all changed when he nearly killed my grandmother then fled the country. The police told her that he was a wanted serial child molester that had victimized many children.
3. At 17, on a church youth campout when a married youth pastor isolated me in a beautiful valley, hugged and kissed me like he was my date I was embarrassed, scared and never said a word because I knew no one would believe me.

Perhaps these experiences can help some of you understand why these things sometimes go unreported. In recent years the victims are more likely to be listened to and believed but it is still an uphill battle especially where the predator is "a man of God" sometimes with a dauntingly large institution standing behind him.

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At his point in time, *nothing more may be said publicly.* If this effort succeeds, that will be announced, and information will be given on further steps to be taken to resolve the issues. If this effort fails, that will also be announced. If something else is accomplished, that will also be announced.

In the mean-time, we shall just have to wait.

Gregory Matthews

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Dec 9 2006, 05:55 PM**

It seems to me that if ASI is advising people what not to say they are acting more the part of the persons lawyer than investigator. So unless they have truely told all parties to keep quiet, then ASI's so called investigation is a bit suspect IMO.

Richard

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Cindy,

I'll reply to the above which at the same time will be a reply to FHB.

- 1) Bob \*\*\*\*\* is not a member of "Linda's party."
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If they really did advise Danny to not answer questions about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, then they are acting sort of as legal counsel to Danny, and thus are negating their ability to facilitate an impartial review process.

If they really didn't advise Danny to not answer questions about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, then we have another example of Danny lying.

3) The question has been asked whether Linda has agreed to the ASI review process. If one reads what has already been publicly posted regarding the proposed foundation for those hearings, one can easily discern or conclude a few facts:

- a) Someone proposed initial rules which were then modified by a Gloria Wilson.
- b ) Gailon Joy on behalf of Linda then proposed changes to that proposal.
- c) In other words, neither side had, at the point Gailon's/Linda's counter proposal was made, agreed to the ASI review process because the ground rules had not yet been determined and agreed upon. At that point not even Danny had agreed to it.
- d) Yet it is very clear from the initial proposal that 3ABN/Danny was endeavoring to narrow the scope of the review to just the question of Linda's guilt, and to shroud everything in permanent secrecy. I have repeatedly told Danny that both of these strategies are, in my opinion, horrendous mistakes.

QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Dec 9 2006, 05:55 PM)

It seems to me that if ASI is advising people what not to say they are acting more the part of the persons lawyer than investigator. So unless they have truly told all parties to keep quiet, then ASI's so called investigation is a bit suspect IMO.

Richard

Right on. They certainly haven't asked me not to answer questions about any of the allegations, I can vouch for that. And if they had asked Linda to not answer questions, I would think that someone would have told me that by now, especially since Gailon reacted so strongly over this issue about two weeks ago.

Two weeks ago he sent out two emails pointing out exactly what you did, and if they had advised Linda too to keep silent, then certainly Danny or someone would have corrected Gailon on that point.

So it is fairly certain that **IF** they asked anyone to keep silent, it was only Danny et. al.

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**Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Dec 9 2006, 06:38 PM**

Just an off topic note ,for those here who are wondering, that Maritime is having problems that I am presently trying to correct.

As they relocated the core router earlier today, that may be a part of the problem.

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Dec 9 2006, 07:42 PM**

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 10 2006, 04:02 AM**

I'd like you to compare very carefully the following with the reply that came.

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

Subject: Truce?

Date: Wed, 06 Dec 2006 19:41:51 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

Hi Danny.

This is more of a pastoral letter than anything else.

You know, before I sent that last email, I was really beginning to feel bad for you. It looks like such an impossible situation, with no good solutions, like a bad dream. I would not want to be in your shoes just now.

I've been in bad situations before (nothing like this, though), and it sure wasn't fun. It can be so devastating. And I truly do feel bad for you.

What do you think would bring the most glory to God, and be truly the best for 3ABN? Would it not be to step aside after doing what you can to facilitate the immediate implementation of some of the structural reforms Gailon has had in mind, where there are proper checks and balances to prevent this kind of thing from ever happening again?

I just thought I would try to reach out to you before, well, before whatever happens next.

Did you have opportunity to read that story from the SOP I attached to the end of my last letter? What did you think of that? I honestly could not read it without breaking down and crying. Praise God for His mercy, power, and grace!

Long ago I had a sermon entitled, "Mercy for Manasseh." Too many people think they have sinned too much to be pardoned, forgiven, cleansed, and saved. Well, Manasseh was a preacher's kid of sorts, offered his own kids up as sacrifices, sawed Isaiah in half, and filled Jerusalem with blood, and the Bible even says that God sent Judah into captivity because God couldn't forgive Manasseh's sins.

Yet in spite of all that, when Manasseh was in a dungeon in Babylon, he turned to God and

prayed, and God forgave him personally even though He could not forgive the nation as a whole for those sins, and Manasseh was restored to his throne.

Then he immediately went about trying to undo all the damage he had done. Of course he couldn't succeed in that entirely, but he tried, and that's all that God is looking for.

Now if God could pardon Manasseh, he most certainly can pardon you and me. Praise His name!

Do you believe that? That's the first and biggest step, to believe. Would you take that step just now?

Bob

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

Subject: RE: Truce?

Date: Wed, 6 Dec 2006 23:18:59 -0600

From: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson

Bob,

If you really are a pastor I feel sorry for you. You should know better than to listen to rumors and false accusations and judge those are doing the work of God. It seems your time would be better spent winning souls than trying to destroy people.

Please don't feel sorry for me. I am very happy. I have spent the last 22 years of my life doing what God has called me to do.

God's word does not tell us that serving Jesus will be easy. Look what happened to the Son of God when he walked among people. They wrongly judged Jesus just as you and Gailon and others are doing with me and the 3ABN board and others as you see fit. You are a pawn in Linda's hand and you apparently don't even know it or maybe it's just that you don't care. I don't know.

You might want to ask yourself how you would have stood had you lived on earth when Jesus was here. Would you have judged Him also and found Him wanting?

I feel sorry for you and Gailon and others who have fallen for lies. I am very confident that an unbiased ASI group will see truth when it is presented to them.

You and Gailon have judged me based on rumors and lies. The ASI group will judge me and Linda based on evidence. I have told you all along that I have evidence that I have not presented to you because I didn't need to. I was saving it for the right time if necessary. I believe that now is the time to present eye witnesses and evidence at the ASI hearing.

3ABN has always had check and balances. Our financial records are in perfect order. We have nothing to hide. It's just that we don't have to show every one who comes along all our records just because he thinks he is a Sherlock Holmes as you and Gailon seem to think you are.

You have bought Linda's lie hook line and sinker because you have believed a few people who claim to "know" certain things.

You will ultimately find you are wrong even tho you may never admit it.

Linda knows all the bad seeds she has planted about the management of 3ABN is not true. It is all a smoke screen. If all this wrong doing had been going on all these years then she would also be accountable as she was the VP of 3ABN. Yes, she was privy to all facets of this ministry. No secrets were kept from her.

Why is she now "spilling the beans". If she honestly saw such terrible mis management why didn't she do the right thing and bring glory to God by

giving everyone a chance to correct *wrong doing* or as a last resort "spill the beans" to the right authorities. We are supposed to love God more than father mother sister or brother. I realize all this is going over your head, but for some reason I'm writing it anyway.

3ABN is God's ministry. He will take care of us as He has for the last 22 years.

I'm amazed that if those of us in leadership are so crooked and such awful liars as you and your group seem to think, that God would continue to bless us in every way.

This has been our best year ever financially. Our wills and trust department has brought in more money this year than ever before also. Virtually every day I hear from or about people around the whole world who have given their life to Jesus by watching 3ABN and others who have already joined the SDA church because of the ministry of 3ABN.

The bible says we will know people by their fruits. The fruit of 3ABN's labor under the direction of our 3ABN board, with God's added blessings, has been wonderfully successful in the last 22 years. But the truth is we have never grown so fast as we have the last 2 1/2 years.

Bob, you are trying to look at the physical side of the controversy between good and evil. Satan is the prince of the flesh. Those who follow after flesh will/have been deceived. You will only make it through to the kingdom of God when you begin to live in the spiritual world

If I lived in the physical realm I might be troubled and discouraged and might even want to quit. But because the picture that God shows all of us when we look at the spiritual realm is,,, that God has us in the palm of His hand! He will never leave us or forsake us. In the spiritual realm one praises God for trials and tribulation thrown at him. This is the Jesus treatment. We all deserve this kind of treatment. It purifies us as gold in the fire.

No Bob, the last thing on my mind right now is resigning from 3ABN. I will resign when the Lord is ready for it.

Most of the complainers are not the prayer warriors and financial contributors to 3ABN. You have a few people following the deception road you are traveling, but for the most part, people support those who are giving them spiritual food.

You can believe Gailon and Linda if you choose. But I know first hand about their lies they have told. Barb Kerr just wrote me and told me that Gailon is voicing that he has uncovered at least 8-10 affairs that I have had since I married Linda. God knows and I know that is lie. There has never been one!

I have talked to church leaders who tell me that Gailon Joy could not be Christian. They judge him by his fruits, his emails he sends them. He is not making an impact on responsible SDA's for the good. Quite the contrary. To the spiritually discerning Christian, it is easy to read Gailon's arrogance, his pride, his hatred towards me and any who oppose his views. In the long run, I'm predicting that he will be no help to Linda's cause.

I shocked that you as a pastor, if you are one, would rally behind someone with so un Christian of a spirit. It seems it would be easy for you to see. Most people I have talked to that he has sent emails to them, say things like "This guy is a nut". Some have said he is obviously led by the Devil, ect, ect. When you wake up outside your little chatroom world you will find he has no credibility. People finding out that he is a convicted embezzler has helped your little group also.

You don't need to answer this email to you.

Ps. I didn't read the last two emails from you. I just deleted them so I don't know what story you are talking about, but you don't need to bother

to re send it.  
Thanks,

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It's hard to think of everything, but did you notice the following?

**QUOTE(Unknown Author)**

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Know anyone on Danny's side that sends out emails that sound as if they are filled with arrogance, pride, and/or hatred, and that exhibit an unchristian spirit?

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

Subject: Re: Truce?  
Date: Sat, 09 Dec 2006 20:41:13 -0600  
To: Danny Shelton  
CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Greetings.

I hesitate to send a copy of this to Elder Denslow too, since some of the points seem less important than the major, major issues we have been discussing the last ten days, but since he is the conference president and a member of the 3ABN board, I do think I need to keep him abreast of all of this correspondence. Particularly, I think he needs to see the pastoral appeal I wrote to Danny late Wednesday, as well as your reply to it, both of which appear at the bottom of my reply to yours.

You'll have to pardon me, but I'm not exactly sure who to address this reply to. I can see at least five internal clues in your reply that Danny Shelton was not the author. And a couple others who have read it are likewise absolutely positive that Danny didn't write it. So I will address you as the author, but speak of Danny in third person.

You write:

**QUOTE(Unknown Author)**

"It seems your time would be better spent winning souls than trying to destroy people."

You will be happy to know that just last Sunday afternoon, I spent four and a half hours in a Bible study in a home of a family of ten. Wasn't sure what to expect since the idea was for them to share with me where Adventists could improve in their doctrines. We ended up covering the topics they chose such as the Spirit of Prophecy, the scapegoat, the investigative judgment, the perpetuity of the law of God and spiritual gifts, law and grace, Christ in the Old Testament, and the Sabbath. We



parted with them asking for literature about the Sabbath.

We didn't discuss the state of the dead, though. My daughter had covered that last time we met.

You write:

**QUOTE(Unknown Author)**

"I feel sorry for you and Gailon and others who have fallen for lies. ... You and Gailon have judged me based on rumors and lies."

I am not sure what to make of this. Since our current discussion began Wednesday a week ago because of Dr. Walt Thompson's written statement that Danny had essentially misled him regarding the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, are you trying to say that Danny's trusted board chairman and staunch defender was lying to me?

You write:

**QUOTE(Unknown Author)**

"I am very confident that an unbiased ASI group will see truth when it is presented to them. ... The ASI group will judge me and Linda based on evidence."

In my opinion, Danny's persistent refusal to allow ASI to review all the allegations, including the elaborate fabrication Dr. Thompson indicated that Danny told him in 2003 in order to cover up the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of his brother's child molestation allegations, that persistent refusal is a fatal mistake. And that fact is obvious to nearly everyone who knows about it.

You write:

**QUOTE(Unknown Author)**

"Our financial records are in perfect order. We have nothing to hide. It's just that we don't have to show every one who comes along all our records just because he thinks he is a Sherlock Holmes as you and Gailon seem to think you are. You have bought Linda's lie hook line and sinker because you have believed a few people who claim to 'know' certain things."

Maybe Danny didn't tell you that I didn't believe outright what Gailon wrote about his trying to hide during his distribution of marital assets case the amounts that he pocketed from the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* last spring. That's why I wrote Danny on Oct. 31 and asked him if he was indeed trying to hide that, and I also asked him how much royalty was paid by whom and to whom. Did he really get 11 cents a book x 4.5 million books = roughly \$500,000?

Since in Danny's four replies he evaded all attempts to clarify that figure, he thus led me to believe that his personal profits from that free distribution must have been substantial. And on Nov. 3 he did say:

**QUOTE(Danny Shelton)**

"The info Galon or whomever, gave you about royalties and costs of books ect. is a lie also. ...  
"I will not at this time divulge any more info about this book at this time. I may when mine and her settlement case is over."

And as I made very clear in my next reply to Danny, I took these words to mean that he was indeed hiding how much he had profited from the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*

during the distribution of marital assets proceedings. Correct me if I am wrong, but Danny did not correct my perception in his replies of November 4 and 5, and still today, I am at a loss to take his words in any other way.

In other words, I have come to believe that Danny did make a killing on the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*, and that he was trying to hide the amounts of those profits during his distribution of marital assets proceedings, I have come to believe that because of Danny's own testimony, not because of what Gailon or any of Danny's critics have said.

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This has been my concern almost from the beginning. I have been concerned that Danny might try to take anyone and everyone down with him, including the totally innocent and those who have simply made some innocent mistakes.

Whether Linda falls into that category, I cannot say and do not know. But I would advise Danny that it will not be good PR for his cause if he starts trying to drag a host of others into the midst of this.

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I am a bit puzzled at this. The book of Job; Mat. 5:45; Luke 12:16-20; 16:23-25; Rev. 3:17; and other passages all tell us that material blessings are not necessarily evidence that we are in the Lord's will, and Seventh-day Adventists have always believed and taught that. Are you suggesting that Danny no longer believes this?

You write:

**QUOTE(Unknown Author)**

"No Bob, the last thing on my mind right now is resigning from 3ABN. I will resign when the Lord is ready for it."

I think any unbiased onlooker to our discussions the last ten days would say that the Lord is ready for it. Shall we take a poll?

**QUOTE(Unknown Author)**

"Most of the complainers are not the prayer warriors and financial contributors to 3ABN."

This may in part be due to the fact that Danny apparently ensures that those who don't personally agree with his course are removed from or prevented from being on 3ABN's email lists. I only suggest that because I signed up a long time ago and have yet to receive a thing.

And of course, anyone who finds out that Danny's own board chairman has essentially admitted that Danny misled him regarding the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of the Tommy Shelton

child molestation allegations would likely hesitate to continue financially supporting 3ABN, until these extremely serious issues are resolved. Most folks probably do not want to contribute to a ministry if they think their contribution just might possibly get diverted from the Lord's work and be used instead to defend and settle cases of alleged child molestation. And with the apparent negligence that Danny has shown in this matter, one can only dream of the amount of punitive damages a jury just might award.

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**Posted by: watchbird Dec 10 2006, 06:33 AM**

**QUOTE(Pickle @ Dec 10 2006, 05:02 AM) □**

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 10 2006, 06:59 AM**

**QUOTE(watchbird @ Dec 10 2006, 06:33 AM) □**

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Good to know that, WB.

Here's the rest of my reply to Danny and whoever wrote the reply I received.

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For the record, I am basing what I believe to be fact upon what Danny, Dr. Thompson, Hal and Mollie Steenson, John Lomacang, Melody Firestone, and the O'Briens have said.

As far as how many affairs Gailon said that Danny has had, Gailon's actual wording in his email of Nov. 26 states that Danny has had "inappropriate relationships," not "affairs." I would very much appreciate Danny writing back and stating unequivocally that he has not had one single inappropriate relationship in the last 22 years.

Regarding Barb Kerr's main reason for writing Danny:

**QUOTE(Barb Kerr)**

"I am writing once again to ask you to donate the master copies of all of my cooking videos to my ministry. I now have my non-profit 501©(3) status and would be happy to give you a receipt for your donation. I would also like, in writing, a statement that gives me the rights to use the programs as I see fit. I appreciate so much your generosity towards my ministry since you are no longer airing the programs or selling them."

Will Danny be donating the master copies of and rights to Barbara Kerr's cooking programs that she put so much effort and time into, and if so, when, and if not, why not?

**QUOTE(Unknown Author)**

"I have talked to church leaders who tell me that Gailon Joy could not be Christian."

Which church leaders have told Danny that? How can we be sure that this statement is any more factual than the fabrication that the child molestation allegations against Tommy Shelton are all 30 years old?

**QUOTE(Unknown Author)**

"People finding out that he is a convicted embezzler has helped your little group also."

Yes, as he explained in detail to Danny, Gailon did convert to his own use money that he had an interest in, which according to Vermont statute constitutes embezzlement. In laymen's oversimplified, imprecise, and not quite accurate terms, he stole his own money. This sounds just a tad more serious than the charge that Ellen White plagiarized since she didn't use quotation marks and cite references in every instance where she copied from her own writings.

**QUOTE(Unknown Author)**

"Ps. I didn't read the last two emails from you. I just deleted them so I don't know what story you are talking about, but you don't need to bother to re send it."

Here is something which one of Danny's friends pointed out to me when he called the other day. Danny wrote on Tuesday:

**QUOTE(Danny Shelton)**

"According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat. ... Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not 'scapegoat Linda' ...."

I replied in my next to last email:

**QUOTE(Bob)**

"I believe the term 'smokescreen' would be more appropriate than 'scapegoat.' "

And in this email you write:

**QUOTE(Unknown Author)**

"It is all a smoke screen."

Danny's friend thought that this indicated for sure that either you or Danny had indeed read my next to last email, contrary to your assertion. Or, as someone pointed out, instead of reading them, maybe Danny had someone read my last two emails to him. Thus, he could have known their contents without actually reading them.

Thanks so much for passing on this reply to Danny.

Bob

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 10 2006, 09:06 AM**

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

Subject: Re: Truce?

Date: Sun, 10 Dec 2006 09:03:58 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Sorry to bother you again, Danny's penman, but I think the following should be added to my reply to your reply.

Romans 2:1 says, "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."

You wrote:

**QUOTE(Unknown Author)**

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Arrogance, pride, hatred toward anyone who opposes his views, an unchristian spirit. If that really is the correct way to characterize Gailon Joy's emails, then perhaps you[, Danny,] and he have a few things in common. Take, for example, the emails Danny sent Johann on May 31 and June 3, 2004, or some of the ones Danny has sent me. "It seems it would be easy for you to see."

Truly hoping that you both might surrender all to our Lord Jesus at this eleventh hour,

Bob

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**Posted by: summertime Dec 10 2006, 09:22 AM**

**QUOTE(Observer @ Dec 9 2006, 04:28 PM)**

My response:

There are people on both sides of these issues, who are working very hard with others, in an attempt to determine how resolution may be achieved, ether in part, or in whole. These are honest and sincere people who are devoting a lot of energy to this effort.

At his point in time, nothing more may be said publicly. If this effort succeeds, that will be announced, and information will be given on further steps to be taken to resolve the issues. If this effort fails, that will also be announced. If something else is accomplished, that will also be announced.

In the mean-time, we shall just have to wait.

Gregory Matthews

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I have a good friend who is an ASI member who asked someone high up if the ASI members were going to be informed of ASI's role in all of this. I don't think they had been informed as of Friday evening.

Based on what he has told me, I'd say that it must be the folks at the top who have been in the know

up till now.

*But remember, based on the publicly posted Proposed Foundation I referred to before, as of that being posted, no one, not even ASI, had committed themselves to a definite process since a definite process had not yet been decided upon.*

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**Posted by: Observer Dec 10 2006, 10:36 AM**

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ASI is a group of business people who are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and have formed an association in which they can fellowship together, and support the work of the SDA Church through their business interests. 3-ABN is a major player in ASI.

An attempt is being made to see if ASI can play a role in bringing resolution in some manner to this mess.

This can only happen if the respective parties agree that it shall happen. It does not have the authority to compel any person or group. However, it is thought by some that it may have moral authority which can persuade.

The specifics as to who, what and how, can not be disclosed as those questions can not be answered prior to the parties agreeing on those questions. I.E. I do not know the answers to some parts of those questions as they have not been determined by an agreement of the parties.

Several of the people involved in these early discussions do not wish to have their identities revealed at this time.

Speaking in generalities, I will simply say: Major players on both sides of this issue are kept informed. They provide input to people who represent them in these discussions. This, as you might expect, is critical. Without agreement by the major players, there can be neither agreement nor resolution.

I am encouraged by the fact that those participating in the discussions are personally relating well, as I would phrase it, to each other. Dialog is taking place. At the same time the discussions are frank, and open. There are difficulties which must be overcome before resolution can be attempted. It remains to be seen if this can happen. I do not predict the final outcome.

I am posting these comments because:

1) I believe that even with the privacy that must take place during these discussions, the public can be told some things.

- 2) I believe that it is helpful for the public to be told that honest, sincere, people who do differ on some of the involved issues are working very hard to effect some kind of a resolution.
- 3) I think that it is helpful for people to know that the task is not easy. It may succeed. It may fail. That can not be predicted at this time.
- 4) If it fails, it may be due to complex issues, and fault can not be laid on specific people.

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**Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Dec 10 2006, 06:47 PM**

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**QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Dec 9 2006, 09:42 PM) □**

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Maritime SDA OnLine is up and running again after a near fatal crash of all the posts data.

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**Posted by: Johann Dec 11 2006, 12:42 AM**

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cool beans... that does my heart good.... thanks for sharing...

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I feel a little bit guilty because it is very easy to sit back and arm chair quarterback. But it seems that the things going on at 3abn are a snapshot of the entire Conference as a whole. This whole thing could be ended if Danny and the board would simply step down but it is evident that like the Seventh-day Adventist Church to which I am a part of has long since lost respect for the members. This is not only Danny's battle but leaderships battle the Hierarchy against the little nobodies in the pew. Looking at this just from face value (man gets rid of wife marries lady younger than daughter) board pronounces it as a act of God is completely crazy or weird or cultic. And yet they sit there on television and smile like everything is okay, how sick. The circumstances surrounding this whole affair is statanic in nature. Mending broken people and yet the board removes the vic-president without even a public prayer. It is much bigger than linda having a affair it revealed the unkind unloving uncaring nature of the people at 3abn. Selfish, would be much to weak a word for the way they acted. And as I remember just before Linda was band I remember seeing Danny and Her holding hands looking toward the sky.

I Dont think that the leadership gets it they think it is all about who is quilty and who is not. But what they fail to remember is that we are all guilty and that no one in their right mind guilty or innocent would want to be treated the way they have treated Linda. They seem to think that if they prove Linda was in a affair that that justifies the things they have done. What they dont understand is that they had a responsibility to represent Jesus not themselves and their self righteousness. People dont want Love to cease when they have done wrong even if they deserve it (now that is the true gospel) For God soooooo Loved that He gave His only begotten Son. All of us are guilty of the same thing Linda is accused of and that includes the board members.

I can think of a many other ways to have solved the problem without doing it the way they did.

Danny step down and finally show the love for the people that Jesus would show, the gospel is not about the carpenter Danny but the real carpenter Jesus.

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**Posted by: Clay Dec 11 2006, 08:02 PM**

good points Mystery Man...

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**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Dec 12 2006, 10:56 PM**

**QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 8 2006, 09:23 AM) □**

Spare me the emotional appeal, and cool your jets please. I'm not in a rush to judge

This is my last post on this thread, unless or until something new, concrete and verifiable is posted.

~ Aletheia

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Bye bye...

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 13 2006, 06:57 PM**

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

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

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

Thus, we cannot simply rely on either Danny's or the board's word regarding Danny's divorce and remarriage. We need something more.

This thread will examine just such material, and we invite both sides to provide as much as possible for posting here.

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

The incident being described concerns a watch given by Dr. Arild Abrahamsen and/or Johann Thorvaldsson, which Danny found while rummaging through Linda's car. But since both sides give different accounts of the cost of the watch, the reason for the gift, and the circumstances of its discovery, we ignore those details and concentrate on just what is easily provable and

indisputable.

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

From: Danny Shelton  
To: Walt Thompson  
Sent: 10/8/2006 12:13:14 PM  
Subject:

Gailon,

Walt copied me your email to him.

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Anyway, let me give you just a few things to think about,  
You claim that Linda passed your truth test. Are you not aware that any one who is a polished liar will not wiggle or squirm when being questioned about their lies, ESPECIALLY if they are confident that the person who is questioning them has already bought their lies hook, line and sinker?

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

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She told me that she was going to go lay out by the swimming pool. I decided to go look in her car for any evidence to support the PI's claim that had not been mailed to me yet. Our car door was locked. **Yes, I'm aware that she claims it was her car but I have proof that it is titled to both she and I even unto this day.** She didn't apparently remember that I too had keys to this Toyota Sequoia. I opened the car door and opened the glove compartment. What did I see? Yes, I saw the same watch described to me by the PI.

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I then pulled the picture of the watch from underneath my shirt and showed it to her at which point she yelled out, **"I can't believe you broke into my car and got into my personal belongings!** This is abuse!"

I said to her that rather than talk about abuse, I thought we should talk about the lie of the whole thing. A few minutes later she left the house.

I'm only giving you the tip of the iceberg. This is not my proof for adultery. I'm only telling you why your truth test on her has Zero credibility as she is apparently in a different league than you as you bought her stories hook line and sinker.

...

Danny

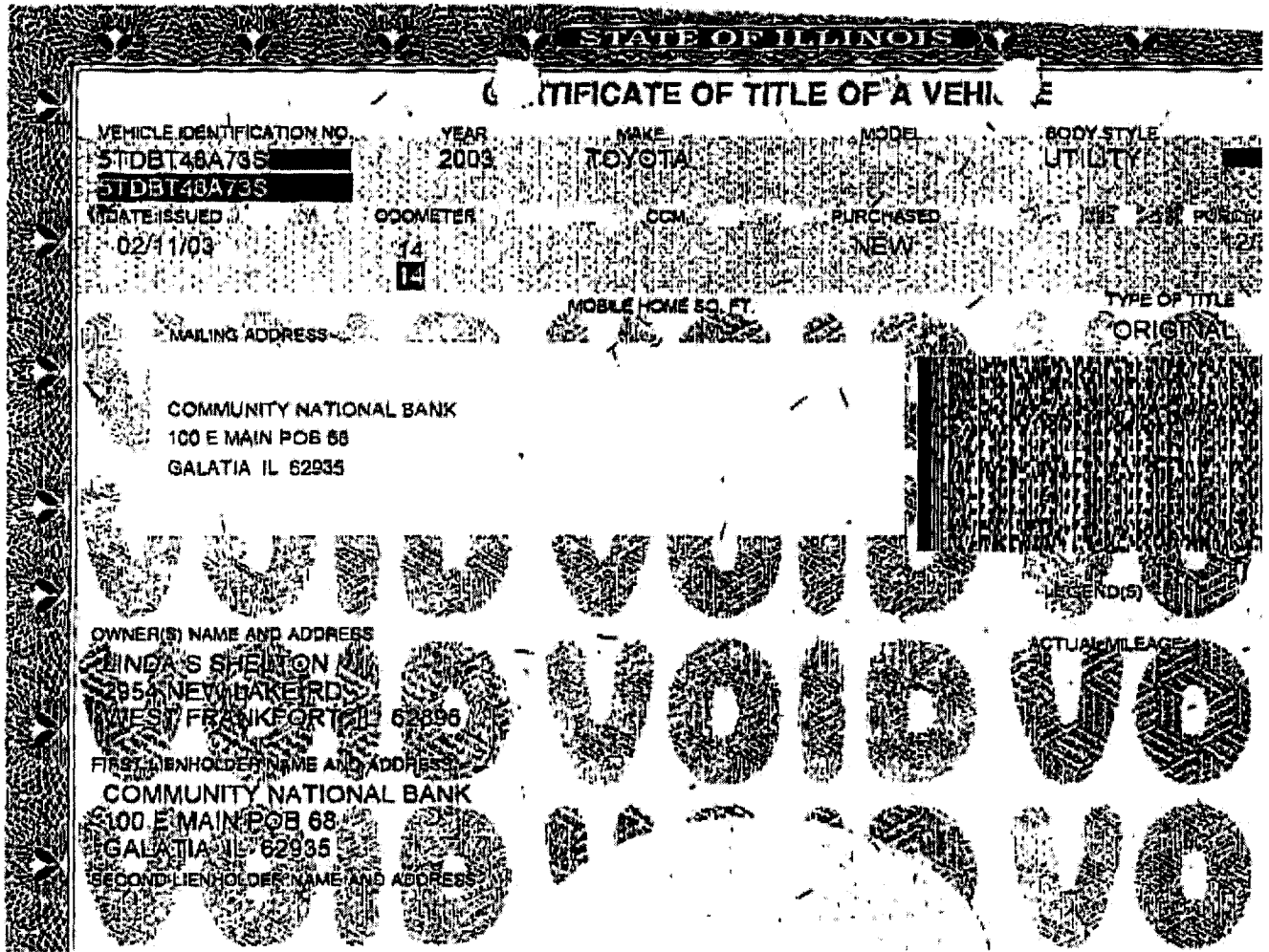
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What we have below is a copy of the title to Linda's car. The VIN does indeed belong to a Toyota Sequoia. It was purchased on December 30, 2002, and the title was issued the following February 11.

It is titled only in Linda's name.

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

Perhaps Danny has an explanation for this discrepancy.



Posted by: Pickle Dec 15 2006, 08:02 AM

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

Subject: Question on discrepancy regarding automobile title.

Date: Thu, 14 Dec 2006 09:44:17 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Greetings, Danny.

I came across a discrepancy yesterday, and was wondering if you could help me out with it. I'll write this as if I'm tacking it on to the four emails I sent at Dr. Walt Thompson's suggestion (he had written me and said, <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82117&page=1&part=4#Post82149>), even though the topic is a little different.

For the last four months I've tried to avoid digging through the details regarding your divorce and remarriage. It just hasn't interested me; I haven't been on a mission to exonerate Linda. But it does seem appropriate to finally look into the topic a little.

What I'm trying to do is avoid any and all details that are based merely on your or Linda's word, and stick with concrete facts that can be irrefutably proven using legal and other documents. Thus, your statements to Gailon in your email of October 8, 2006, caught my attention.

You will recall that in <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82487&page=1&part=1#Post82490> you went into a bit of detail about how good a "liar" Linda is, and then described the watch incident. Since you and she dispute the cost of the watch, the reason for the gift, and the precise circumstances of its discovery, I want to ignore that and just touch on the following:

**QUOTE(Danny Shelton)**

"She told me that she was going to go lay out by the swimming pool. I decided to go look in her car for any evidence to support the PI's claim that had not been mailed to me yet. Our car door was locked. **Yes, I'm aware that she claims it was her car but I have proof that it is titled to both she and I even unto this day.** She didn't apparently remember that I too had keys to this Toyota Sequoia. I opened the car door and opened the glove compartment. What did I see? Yes, I saw the same watch described to me by the PI.

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I received a fax of Linda's automobile title from her bank yesterday. You can view the title's top half, the half that contains all the details, at <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82501&page=0&part=1#Post82491>. The VIN on the title did check out as belonging to a Toyota Sequoia (4 dr. wagon/sport utility with a 4.7 V8), so you are correct about that. I'll put below the portions that concern the date of purchase, the date the title was issued, and the owner(s) listed on the title:

PURCHASE DATE  
1-2/30/02

DATE ISSUED  
02/11/03

OWNER(S) NAME AND ADDRESS  
LINDA S SHELTON  
2954 NEW LAKE RD  
WEST FRANKFORT IL 62896  
FIRST LIENHOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS

**Question 31:** Can you explain how Linda's title has had only her name on it since February 11, 2003, when you claimed that your name was also on the title, or do you have any other explanation for this discrepancy?

It would not surprise me if Linda has difficulty telling the truth, and so if you do have irrefutable, concrete evidence similar to the above that Linda has indeed lied, please send it to me at your earliest convenience.

Regarding my previous <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82114&page=1#Post82114> containing questions about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, I do hope you can soon provide either some answers to explain the discrepancies or at least issue an apology for how those allegations were handled. I think it is absolutely vital that you give some sort of response as soon as possible that either directly addresses those discrepancies or makes an apology, for each day that goes by without this, it just seems that your credibility is called more and more into question.

Trusting that your day will be filled with the peace that passes understanding, peace that comes from the presence of the Spirit in a heart renewed and cleansed by divine grace,

Bob

**Posted by: Brother Dec 15 2006, 11:39 AM**

Sorry, mistake in posting.

**Posted by: sister Dec 15 2006, 11:47 AM**

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**Posted by: princessdi Dec 15 2006, 12:03 PM**

Mercilliations!

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**Posted by: princessdi Dec 15 2006, 02:48 PM**

Uh Sarah, Sister staed her purpose quite clearly here:

**QUOTE**

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QUOTE(simplysaved @ Dec 15 2006, 10:42 AM)

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3ABN has no obligation to show any evidence publicly or privately. It is a private company, they can hire and fire who ever they want to.

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**Posted by: sister Dec 15 2006, 06:06 PM**

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 15 2006, 07:35 PM**

To answer my own earlier question, the program sister is refering to appears to have been from last year or before. I know this because it had the older style intro and Danny's hair was still reddish and not the more brunette color of recent times. Only the address roll appeared to have been updated with Melody's new last name.

Since we aren't onmiscient we can't know if any of these folks have truly repented of their sins so it's a bit risky to state otherwise, IMO.

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Dec 15 2006, 07:47 PM**

Good point Ed. Most of us try to surround ourselves with people who have the same intrests as us.

Richard

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**QUOTE(Ed White @ Dec 15 2006, 04:49 PM)**

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
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Something worn out and tired? So are the effects of sin and evil in this ancient world of ours. Does that mean that we forget about it and reject the Balm in Gilead?

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Lurker: You are so right. It is hard to believe that they are putting fear of division of leadership in place of honesty and truthfulness. I have full faith in the foundation beliefs of the SDA Church but I have no faith in the honesty and Christianity of the leaders who know the truth and are willing to forfeit their own honesty and Christianity in regards to the whole 3ABN Saga. In other words, I don't go there anymore.

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**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Dec 17 2006, 11:53 AM**

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I can't say for sure because they use some from the archives as well as new. But I know that they just taped the holiday music special last week.

**QUOTE(sister @ Dec 15 2006, 03:51 PM)**

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**Posted by: summertime Dec 19 2006, 07:41 PM**

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Would the EPA really be interested?

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 19 2006, 09:49 PM**

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

Subject: Question on Linda's vacations with the doctor.

Date: Sun, 17 Dec 2006 21:44:00 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson

Hi Danny.

I noticed that in your email to Gregory Matthews on Oct. 27, 2004, that you got very specific about the number, location, timing, and duration of vacations that Linda took with the doctor, and that you stated that you had proof of these things. If you do have such proof, I would definitely consider joining your camp. What sort of proof do you have?

It's been two and a half weeks since I wrote you at Dr. Walt Thompson's request. Have you been able to find any explanations for the discrepancies regarding your brother's child molestation allegations?

Did you get my last email about the automobile title discrepancy? If so, have you been able to find an explanation yet for that discrepancy?

Bob

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 21 2006, 06:27 AM**

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

Subject: Questions pertaining to conversation with Hal Steenson

Date: Wed, 20 Dec 2006 22:29:36 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Greetings, Danny.

In <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82912&page=0&part=1#Post82229>, I left you hanging a bit at the end, and I don't think that's fair. So I thought I'd write you again and fill my comment in a little. In that email I wrote:

**QUOTE**

"On November 4 <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82208&page=0#Post82213> and said, among other things,

**QUOTE(Danny Shelton)**

" 'I will just say this, ... I have done nothing legally wrong in my administration with 3ABN.'

"According to what Hal Steenson and John Lomacang told me, I'm uncertain that this is true. But I won't go into that now."

It isn't fair to you to keep you hanging forever on that one, so I will touch on it now. On August 3 or 4 (most likely 4), 2006, at the ASI Convention, I had opportunity to privately ask Hal Steenson a few questions without anyone overhearing us. One of those questions was simply when your daughter Melody got married. Hal diverted the conversation to that of you and Linda, a topic I wasn't even going to touch, and gave me as proof of Linda's guilt three things:

- Since the only Bible grounds for divorce and remarriage is fornication, and since you got remarried, Linda has to be guilty.
- Since the board is composed of godly people and they went along with it, Linda has to be guilty.
- There is a recording that is so bad, conference presidents have listened to it and after 30 seconds they say, "Turn it off," it is that convincing.

As of late October, your conference president had not yet heard it. Thus,

**Question 32:** Who all has heard this recording, and which conference presidents have heard it, or did Hal get his details mixed up?

I found the following at <http://www.rcfp.org/taping/consent.html> and <http://www.rcfp.org/taping/states/illinois.html>, information that is particularly relevant to reporters. I would imagine that under the statutes individuals would be treated roughly similar, but I'm not an attorney, and so I do not know for sure. The actual state statute appears <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs4.asp?DocName=072000050HArt%2E+14&ActID=1876&ChapAct=720%26nbsp%3BILCS%26nbsp%3B5%2F&ChapterID=53&ChapterName=CRIMINAL+OFFENSES&SectionID=60651&SeqStart=25300000&SeqEnd=26500000&> 2E, and I'll quote just a little from it as well.

**QUOTE(Info on legal implications of recording conversations.)**

"**Criminal purpose.** Federal law requires only one-party consent to the recording and disclosure of a telephone conversation, but explicitly does not protect the taping if it is done for a criminal or tortious purpose." (<http://www.rcfp.org/taping/consent.html>)

"720 Ill. Compiled Stat. Ann. 5/14-1, -2: An eavesdropping device cannot be used to record or overhear a conversation without the consent of all parties to the conversation under criminal statutes. An eavesdropping device is anything used to hear or record a conversation, whether the conversation is in person or conducted by any means other than face-to-face conversation, such as a telephone conversation.

"In addition, it is criminally punishable to disclose information one knows or should know was obtained through an eavesdropping device. Offenses of the eavesdropping law are punishable as felonies, with first offenses categorized as lesser felonies than subsequent offenses. 720 Ill. Compiled Stat. Ann. 5/14-4. Civil liability for actual and punitive damages is authorized as well. 720 Ill. Compiled Stat. Ann. 5/14-6." (<http://www.rcfp.org/taping/states/illinois.html>)

"Sec. 14-2. Elements of the offense; affirmative defense.

"(a) A person commits eavesdropping when he:

...

"(3) Uses or divulges ... any information which he knows or reasonably should know was obtained through the use of an eavesdropping device." (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs4.asp?DocName=072000050HArt%2E+14&ActID=1876&ChapAct=720%26nbsp%3BILCS%26nbsp%3B5%2F&ChapterID=53&ChapterName=CRIMINAL+OFFENSES&SectionID=60651&SeqStart=25300000&SeqEnd=26500000&>)

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You'll notice that Illinois law appears to cover the recording of any type of conversation, while federal law seems to specifically concern just telephone conversations.

**Question 33:** Is Hal correct that such a recording exists and/or was made, and if so, how many parties were there to the conversation and how many of those parties gave their consent to being recorded?

**Question 34:** Assuming that the recording does exist and/or was made, to whom, besides myself, and by whom was information from that recording divulged, and can you demonstrate that the taping was not done for a tortious purpose?

Out of everything that Hal told me, this recording was the one thing that was concrete, not merely based on someone's word. I therefore told him I wanted to hear it. At that point he proceeded to say, "You are led of the pits of hell." "You are one sick puppy." "You are sick." "You need to get a life." "You need to be born again." He then repeatedly threatened to call security. It was quite an unnerving experience.

**Question 35:** Do you have any explanation for the stark contrast between the relative ease at least one 3ABNer manifested when talking about evidence of Linda's infidelity, and the apparently extreme paranoia manifested when asked to actually give proof that such evidence really exists?

That's it for this one.

Have you found anything to explain the <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82875&page=0#Post82574> yet? Or anything that would explain <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82875&page=0&fpart=1#Post82114> that Walt said you told him regarding your brother's child molestations allegations, and which Walt wanted me to verify? Did you get <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82875&page=0#Post82875> I sent Sunday about the proof you said you have about Linda taking a number of vacations with the doctor in the U.S. and Europe between May and October 2004?

Hope to hear from you soon.

Bob

**Posted by: Panama\_Pete Dec 21 2006, 11:52 AM**

**QUOTE(Pickle @ Dec 21 2006, 06:27 AM)**

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

Subject: Questions pertaining to conversation with Hal Steenson

Date: Wed, 20 Dec 2006 22:29:36 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Greetings, Danny.

There is a recording that is so bad, conference presidents have listened to it and after 30 seconds they say, "Turn it off," it is that convincing.



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Bob,

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**Posted by: Chez Dec 21 2006, 11:03 PM**

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Pete,

If what you are implying is true, Danny and 3ABN have not thought about the consequences. God said that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. Think of the examples in the Bible. Look at David and God's response to his evil act. Consider God's response to others who have acted in a way contrary to his Word. In addition, consider the fall out. When God says enough, watch out!

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 31 2006, 04:38 PM**

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

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

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

Just to make it crystal clear, I did not receive this letter from Pastor Glenn Dryden, Roger Clem, or Gailon Joy. I was told that this letter received a wide circulation in southern Illinois because Tommy's supporters circulated it in order to generate letters of support in favor of Tommy.

If he wishes to address any of the allegations referred to in this letter, he would be most welcome to do so.

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 31 2006, 04:51 PM**

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

Phone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX

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

October 25, 1985

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

Dear Tommy :

On October 25, 1985, the Illinois Ministerial Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois met in regular session at the Church of God State Office building at 4225 South Camp Warren Lane, Decatur, Illinois at Camp Warren. In concern for your best interest and the Church of God, the following action was taken:

"The ordination of Tommy Shelton has been suspended immediately until further notice pending the results of the official police investigation concerning criminal sexual abuse charges against him. This action is effective this day, October 25, 1985."

This action was taken for the following reasons:

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1. Improper counseling procedures followed by you and admitted by you.
2. Numerous charges of misconduct reported to this committee.
3. We have been advised that an investigation is underway by the West Frankfort Illinois Police Department concerning criminal sexual abuse charges against you.
4. Controversy surrounding your ministry and personal lifestyle.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

[signed]

George L. Newton  
Executive Secretary

[signed]

Tom E. Smith  
Committee Chairman  
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"Wants Ministry... Seeking for Evidence"

Posted by: Pickle Dec 31 2006, 05:11 PM

On November 27, 2006, 3ABN Board chairman Dr. Walt Thompson <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82117&page=1&part=4#Post82149> and said:

**QUOTE(Walt Thompson)**

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

The natural assumption is that everything in the above came from the unnamed source, not Danny,

but that could be wrong.

Four questions remain:

- Who was this unnamed source, and how did Walt just happen to get that particular name?
- Did Walt contact the General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois and get his information from them, something he was invited to do in <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82082&page=1#Post82083>, or was this unnamed source not even a past or present officer of the General Assembly?
- Who led Walt to believe that "**one** leader pestered Tommy" when the letter announcing the suspending of Tommy's ordination was signed by **two** individuals, and was the result of an action taken by **an entire committee**?
- In what sense at all can these circumstances be considered a "**voluntary**" surrender of his ministerial license?

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

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**Posted by: Aletheia Dec 31 2006, 07:07 PM**

Fair enough, good job.

I'm thinking we can get somewhere with this.

Aletheia

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 31 2006, 08:00 PM**

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 31 2006, 07:07 PM)

Fair enough, good job.

I'm thinking we can get somewhere with this.

Aletheia

Why thank you.

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**Posted by: lurker Dec 31 2006, 10:11 PM**

Tommy Shelton just resigned/retired from his job as production manager at 3ABN. He was praised by his coworkers for having done a good job and being pleasant to work with. He was invited to come back from time to time.

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**Posted by: Pickle Dec 31 2006, 10:44 PM**

QUOTE(lurker @ Dec 31 2006, 10:11 PM)

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As pointed out at <http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=11955&view=findpost&p=166852>, it would be helpful to find out what sort of retirement package he will receive, if any. According to Gailon, the decision of the board to terminate Tommy was circumvented in the early 1990's by hiring Tommy on a contract basis.

Also, I think it would be helpful to get a transcript of the actual remarks made.

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**Posted by: Pickle Jan 2 2007, 04:20 PM**

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

Subject: Questions on John Lomacang's claims.

Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 14:09:31 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow, Pastor Lomacang, Mollie Steenson

Hi Danny.

Before getting to the subject of Pastor Lomacang's claims, I'd like to review just a little bit. This series of communications was initiated by yourself when you wrote me on <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82117&page=1#Post82119>. That email exchange led to Dr. Walt Thompson's emails to me of <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82117&page=1&part=3#Post82139> and <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82117&page=1&part=4#Post82149> in which he gave me information about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, and your handling of those allegations, at the end of which Walt wrote:

**QUOTE(Dr. Walt Thompson)**

"I would like to request that you ... varify [this letter's] contents."

Since Dr. Thompson, your board chairman, had given me only one named source out of two sources for his information, and since you were that single named source, the only way I could fulfill this part of Dr. Thompson's request was to contact you further. I therefore wrote you on <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82114&page=1#Post82114>, <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82114&page=1#Post82116>, <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82114&page=1#Post82228>, and a second time on <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82114&page=1#Post82229> seeking verification for the information Dr. Thompson had given.

Yet to date I have received nothing at all from you that makes any attempt whatsoever to verify Dr. Thompson's information. With that in mind, please note the following from Judge Rowe's opinion in <http://www.revenue.state.il.us/legalinformation/hearings/pt/pt04-1.pdf>:

**QUOTE(Judge Barbara S. Rowe)**

"I must conclude from the evidence of record, that applicant is controlled by Danny and Linda

Shelton, and all final decisions are made by them and not by a disinterested impartial board of directors" (p.36).

I think it very important to make some sort of reply to the questions raised as soon as possible, for each week that goes by just raises more questions: If the wishes of the 3ABN board chairman can so easily be ignored by yourself over such serious issues as the alleged mismanagement and cover up of child molestation allegations, is Judge Rowe correct in her assessment after all? And could that potentially be used to undermine a future appeal of her decision?

Toward the end of my <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82114&page=1#Post82229> of December 6, I wrote:

**QUOTE**

"On November 4 <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82208&page=0#Post82213> and said, among other things,

**QUOTE(Danny Shelton)**

" I will just say this, ... I have done nothing legally wrong in my administration with 3ABN."

"According to what Hal Steenson and John Lomacang told me, I'm uncertain that this is true. But I won't go into that now."

In my email to you of <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82114&page=1&part=3#Post82913>, I explained to you what Hal Steenson had told me, but I made no comment about what John Lomacang had told me. I will do that now.

On or before August 24, 2006, [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/advertism\\_prophecy/message/7672](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/advertism_prophecy/message/7672) a gentleman named Jonathan the following, which was posted on the [advertism\\_prophecy@yahoo.com](mailto:advertism_prophecy@yahoo.com) email discussion list::

**QUOTE(John Lomacang)**

"If you honestly want to know the truth you can call me. Sorry for the misrepresentations that you have read and heard. When we talk on the phone you can ask me any questions that you wish. I am leaving my home number. Please call me. If there is anyone who is willing to hear what they are not being told you can have them call me there also."

Taking Pastor Lomacang up on his invitation, I called him on September 1. In that conversation he referred to a concrete piece of evidence against Linda, namely phone card phone records. According to him:

- These phone card phone records amounted to hundreds of hours of phone calls made by Linda to Norway.
- Regarding how these records were obtained, John stated that there is a phone number one can call to get them.
- When asked whether he had personally seen these records, John replied, "Yes."

I either was told by or got the impression from John that these phone cards were purchased from Wal-Mart. Linda agrees with this detail:

**QUOTE(Linda Shelton)**

"I do not remember everything precisely, but I do know I purchased phone cards from Walmart."

Wal-Mart's web site presently lists three Wal-Mart branded, AT&T prepaid phone cards. I therefore called AT&T and spoke to multiple customer service representatives to ensure that I was getting the correct information. These representatives told me:

- Anyone who has access to both the phone card and the PIN number can obtain the following information for 60 days after a call is made:
  - The called-from and called-to area codes and/or country codes, but not the actual called-from and called-to numbers.
  - The date and time of the call, the duration of the call, and the amount of total "minutes" or billed units the call cost.
- These records are available verbally over the phone. They are not available in writing or through the mail, a policy that has been in force for at least several years.
- The only way to obtain written records and actual called-to and called-from numbers is by subpoena.

In light of the recent Hewlett-Packard scandal, it seems appropriate to ask,

**Question 36:** Did you or anyone else obtain a subpoena to obtain these records, and if not, were these records either obtained illegally or forged, or was John being less than truthful when he said he had personally seen these phone card phone records, or is there any other explanation for this major discrepancy?

Since according to AT&T call-to and call-from numbers cannot legally be obtained without a subpoena,

**Question 37:** How exactly did you determine which calls were made by Linda, and which calls were made to Dr. Abrahamsen, which ones to Pastor Thorvaldsson, which ones to Irmgard Thorvaldsson, and/or which ones to some other individual in Norway?

As far as phone card phone records actually existing, it would be nice to chalk this one up to an innocent mistake, but that does not appear possible, as will be seen later.

Here are a couple other details from Pastor Lomacang's conversation:

- John promised that I could see for myself the same phone card phone records that he had seen if I came to 3ABN.
- He promised that I could bring anyone I wanted to with me, and we could all see these phone card phone records.
- When I told him that it was unrealistic to ask someone to travel all that distance (there are less expensive ways to obtain such documentation), he said that that wasn't his decision, and that if it were up to him, he would have nailed the coffin shut a long time ago.

Thus, according to Pastor Lomacang, since it wasn't his decision and since if it were up to him these records would be more freely available, it must have been the decision of the 3ABN board or 3ABN management that this piece of evidence could be seen if one traveled to 3ABN. Therefore,

**Question 38:** Whose decision was it that these phone card phone records could be seen by whomever came to 3ABN and asked to see them?

This phone conversation with Pastor Lomacang was September 1. By September 8 it had dawned on me that if I went to my brother's wedding, I would be returning home right by 3ABN on October 23. That fact led me to pursue taking John up on his offer to see these phone card phone records. I accordingly communicated with him via email on the following dates:

<http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83361>  
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[http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83373&page=0#Post83373.](http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83373&page=0#Post83373)

Why I wrote that many times may be apparent shortly.

The only reply I ever got was on <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83363>:

**QUOTE(Pastor John Lomacang)**

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

It did sound a bit strange that Mollie would decide whether I could go to my brother's wedding, but it is likely that John just made a poor choice of wording.

I accordingly wrote Mollie on:

- [http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83366.](http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83366)
- [http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83368.](http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83368)
- [http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83370.](http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83370)
- [http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83373&page=0#Post83372.](http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83373&page=0#Post83372)

The only reply I have ever received came on <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83373&page=0#Post83371>, before the final communication listed above:

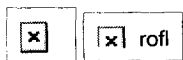
[Because of software limitations in the number of quotes, the rest of this letter will be posted separately.]

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**Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Jan 2 2007, 04:23 PM**

**QUOTE(Pickle @ Jan 2 2007, 04:15 PM) □**

It did sound a bit strange that Mollie would decide whether I could go to my brother's wedding, but it is likely that John just made a poor choice of wording.



Thanks, I needed that laugh.  
I know you weren't trying to be funny, but I still enjoyed it

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**Posted by: Aletheia Jan 2 2007, 04:27 PM**

Bob,

Considering the number of time's you have been asked by Danny Shelton to stop e-mailing him until the ASI process is complete, and yet you continue to do so.

And that you were told that ASI would be examining the phone records by Mollie Steenson:

**QUOTE**

Subject: RE: Appointment to see phone records  
Date: Tue, 17 Oct 2006 09:33:21 -0500  
From: Mollie Steenson

Hi Bob,

Rather than making the evidence available to individuals, which 3ABN has that validate the basis for the actions we have had to take in this matter, we have turned this matter over to a group of respected church leaders who will be looking at all the evidence, not just portions of it, and they will publicly give their findings in the near future.

At this point I believe what you are doing here is just flat out harassment.

My opinion.

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**Posted by: Pickle Jan 2 2007, 04:37 PM**

[Here's the rest of the letter posted above.]

**QUOTE(Mollie Steenson)**

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Out of the eleven emails I sent John and Mollie regarding seeing these phone card phone records as promised, the phrase "phone card(s)" occurs ten times, and that does not include when a previous email was attached to a new one for reference purposes. Not once in the two replies I got from John and Mollie did they indicate that there had been some mistake, and that these phone card phone records were really something else or did not exist after all. Thus it is difficult to assume that there

has been some sort of misunderstanding.

I also mentioned in <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83366> on October 3:

**QUOTE**

"[John] indicated that that wasn't his decision. So I assume that it was 3ABN's board or management that determined that those interested in seeing this evidence can indeed see it if they come to 3ABN."

Mollie thus far has made no correction to this conclusion that it was a decision by the 3ABN board or 3ABN management that anyone who wished could see these phone card phone records if they came to 3ABN.

Now for the next troubling discrepancy. John explicitly said on September 1 that these phone card phone records documented hundreds of hours of calls. I used the phrase "hundreds of hours" 15 times in my eleven emails to John and Mollie, not including the number of times that this phrase appeared in the previous emails I attached. Not once did John or Mollie indicate that John was mistaken in his claim.

But here is information from Wal-Mart and AT&T that raises questions about this claim:

- Wal-Mart currently sells Wal-Mart branded AT&T prepaid phone cards in denominations of 150, 500, and 1000 minutes.
- 1000 minutes would be the equivalent of 16 hours and 40 minutes if the calls were domestic calls that were billed at that flat rate with no surcharges, and thus "hundreds of hours" would require a minimum equivalent of 12 phone cards.
- Each minute of actual time to a land line in Norway currently costs 7 "minutes," and thus "hundreds of hours" using 1000-minute cards to a land line in Norway would require a minimum equivalent of 84 phone cards, assuming that there were no surcharges.
- Each minute of actual time to a cellphone in Norway currently costs 20 "minutes," and thus "hundreds of hours" to a cellphone in Norway using 1000-minute cards would require a minimum equivalent of 240 phone cards, assuming that there were no surcharges.

Since every phone card has different PIN numbers, in order to legally obtain information for "hundreds of hours" of calls, one would need to get a hold of a lot of Linda's phone cards, and she does admit that you did borrow one and refused to return it. Thus,

**Question 39:** How many of Linda's phone cards did you in actuality get a hold of, and how many hours of time do they really represent, including and not including recharges?

In my eleven emails to John and Mollie, I asked the following question a total of six times beginning with September 8, and though it is rapidly approaching four months later, neither of them has had the courtesy to give any sort of reply. Thus,

**Question 40:** Did John's statement that there were hundreds of hours of phone calls by Linda to Norway refer to a) actual time spent on the phone or b) billed units; in other words, did "hundreds of hours" really mean 10 to 30 hours of actual time spent on the phone, since we must divide the value of the phone card by a factor ranging from perhaps 7 to 20?

John also stated on September 1 in our phone conversation that his involvement in this whole matter began on March 9, 2004. In trying to figure out the details about these phone card phone records, I asked him whether these calls were made prior to March 9. He said that they were. Thus,

**Question 41:** Over how long a period of time do these phone card phone records cover, and over that period of time, how many days was Linda actually in the States and Dr. Abrahamsen actually in Norway, and according to these phone card phone records, what was the total amount of time Linda

spent on the phone to Norway (allowing us to calculate an average amount of time per day and per week)?

To make it easy to follow everything, here is <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83373&page=0#Post83371> again from October 17:

**QUOTE(Mollie Steenson)**

"Rather than making the evidence available to individuals, which 3ABN has that validate the basis for the actions we have had to take in this matter, we have turned this matter over to a group of respected church leaders who will be looking at all the evidence, not just portions of it, and they will publicly give their findings in the near future."

There were a total of four questions in <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83373&page=0#Post83372> of October 17 to the above:

**QUOTE**

"1) Has there been a change of policy since September 1, when Pastor Lomacang promised that we could see the phone card phone records if we came by? He indicated that that wasn't his decision. Or was he somehow totally mistaken?

"2) Pastor Lomacang indicated that these records showed hundreds of hours of phone calls, but I have thus far been unable to confirm from him that these hundreds of hours are actual time spent on the phone rather than billed phone card units. Can you confirm this?

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

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

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

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

"This is even more so the case since I asked him on <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83361> and <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83362> and <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83364> and <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83367> and <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83369> whether the hundreds of hours were actual minutes or billed minutes, and though I did get a short reply from him on <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=83368&page=0#Post83363>, he has yet to answer that simple question. The definite impression being given is that there never were hundreds of hours spent on the phone."

Since it is now two and a half months later and still no reply from Mollie, I will ask the following of you:

**Question 42:** Who made and authorized the dramatic change in policy between September 1 and

October 17 regarding who could see these phone card phone records, and why did it take from September 8 (one week after John promised they could be seen) until October 17 to be informed that there had indeed been a change in policy?

**Question 43:** What group of respected "church leaders" has the matter been turned over to, have they agreed to investigate the matter and is it certain that they will do so, and if so, what specific issues have they agreed to investigate, and if not, why have they not agreed and/or why is it not certain?

**Question 44:** Have they agreed to examine the question of whether the phone card phone records or any other evidence, such as the recording <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82114&page=1&fpart=3#Post82913> exists, was legally or illegally obtained, and if not, will evidence of this sort even be allowed to be considered?

**Question 45:** Will both the findings of, and the evidence considered by, these respected "church leaders" be released, and if not, what sort of process is in the works to assure Seventh-day Adventists everywhere that the findings will not constitute yet another attempt at evasion, stonewalling, and/or cover up?

Trusting that this new year will be much more pleasant for you than last year has been,

Bob

**Posted by: Pickle Jan 2 2007, 05:08 PM**

Aletheia,

- This isn't the first time I've asked Question 44, and I've yet to get an answer. But then, given everything else, three weeks isn't all that long to wait for an acknowledgement that you even asked the question.
- I asked the question about billed units vs. actual time on September 8, and I was told that I could see the phone card phone records on September 1. ASI was not involved at that point, as far as I know.
- I think it was around November 12 that I first heard something definitive about ASI.

In other words, to claim "ASI" as an excuse for not answering legitimate questions when those questions were asked or in the works prior to ASI getting involved, if they really are getting involved, it really makes no sense.

Especially is this so when Danny has absolutely refused to give any assurance whatsoever that he will allow ASI to examine the question of the authenticity and legality of these alleged phone card phone records.

ex3ABNemployee,

Glad to lighten your load today.

**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jan 12 2007, 12:33 PM**

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**Posted by: watchbird Jan 13 2007, 06:36 AM**

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
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It does indeed seem as though this is a "fair, reasonable, and common sense approach".... or at least a typical and expected response by WWJD.... .... if one considers the question of who WWJD is... and that the acronym most likely stands for "What Would Jacob Do"... rather than the usual, thus

expected, Christian meaning of the letters.  

**Posted by: Pickle Jan 13 2007, 08:06 AM**

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Well said.

It is the obvious inconsistencies and allegations without demonstrable evidence that cause a person with an open mind to wonder what is going on.

Obviously, in a court of law credibility determinations are critical and outside the courtroom, it is wise to be cautious in evaluating such emotionally charged allegations as have been made against both Shelton brothers.

Here though what I find telling and supportive of the credibility of the accusers of Tommy is that the alleged events happen at different times and places and there seems to be no reason to think the accusers are in collusion or on a witch hunt. I suppose that one might argue that the accusers are after some type of payoff or secondary gain but I have seen nothing that would support that suggestion.

Although I have read comments that Tommy might now be headed for jail, is there any indication that any of these accusers have gone to a prosecutor with their allegations? IF they have not, I doubt any prosecutor has time to take up the cause on his own. IF they have not, it does not make me question the claims because of the number of people who have come forward from different places that could not know each other. These allegations together with the letters from the churches where he pastored appear to be consistent (and I assume that the letters were not manufactured and the people who signed them would be available to attest they signed the letters in question).

Did Linda's daughter ever file charges? Without action, in all fairness, I cannot find her allegations by themselves enough to condemn Danny on that point and are worth about as much as some of the things this forum finds objectionable in what has been said about Linda. Together with other accusations of misconduct the accusation might show a pattern of unethical or even illegal behavior but her allegations alone prove nothing. One could argue it would be his word against hers. I just don't believe in making statements without "putting your money where your mouth is" if you will allow me a cliché.

Lastly, does anyone know if Linda intends to make any statements prior to the conclusion of any current pending legal proceedings she is involved in with Danny (unless I have missed something I assume she currently has none pending against 3abn or its board of directors). If the only current issue is division of marital property, is there a reason why she should not make a statement or allow an interview instead of allowing some of the speculation to continue about certain issues. Does anyone know if she has ever listened to the alleged recording and considered legal action over its very existence?

just thinking online.....

noahswife

Addendum: I also realize that some causes of action are barred by the statutes of limitations in the states of Virginia and Illinois.

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**Posted by: Snoopy Jan 13 2007, 03:01 PM**

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**QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Dec 1 2006, 05:18 PM)**

It seems to me that the concern about Bob's last name is almost red herringish in nature.

It kind of puts us in a pickle, so to speak, between a side issue and the main issue.

Redfog

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OK - I've been lurking for only a week and this is my first post... And even I got that one!!

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**Posted by: Johann Jan 13 2007, 03:11 PM**

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**Posted by: Johann Jan 24 2007, 11:46 PM**

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**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Jan 24 2007, 11:50 PM**

**QUOTE(Johann @ Jan 25 2007, 12:46 AM)**

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How right you are - I hadn't noticed!

**Posted by: Johann Jan 25 2007, 04:43 PM**

**QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Jan 12 2007, 08:33 PM)**

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And where do we have the Damage Control now?

**Posted by: Ozzie Jan 26 2007, 02:40 AM**

**QUOTE(Johann @ Jan 25 2007, 03:46 PM)**

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**Posted by: Fran Jan 26 2007, 04:03 AM**

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I would lay odds that the Son does shine on her. Are you wanting to share?

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I understand your point about age, especially if it concerns legal ramifications, but questions of age can be a red herring when it comes to Christian standards.

Ted Haggard's alleged companion, <http://www.theage.com.au/news/world/preacher-admits-drugs-sex-shame/2006/11/04/1162340095912.html> Jones apparently helped Haggard get a methamphetamine connection, among other things. So, as far as the 14,000 members of Haggard's New Life church were concerned, age was not a deciding factor in getting rid of Haggard.

It's also noteworthy to say that beyond the 14,000 members of his church, there were 30 thousand members of the National Association of Evangelicals fooled, where Haggard served as President. That's 44,000 Christians who looked and listened to Pastor Haggard and saw nothing that seemed aberrant to them.

However, many people think that their own powers of observation are keen when they watch television evangelists, and that they can safely judge the sincerity of those TV actors, and steer their own courses based on what they see, no questions asked. These TV viewers cannot learn from the mistakes of 44,000 other people? These viewers say, "This will never happen to me. The leaders I

follow are cut from different cloth." And right off the narrow path these TV viewers all go, the blind having been lead by the blind.

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**Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Jan 26 2007, 03:50 PM**

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To which Bystander replied:

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In addition, Bystander states:

**QUOTE**


You stated that you are trying to find out guilt or innocence on your own away from this forum. So am I. What I have found so far is that some of the members here will be shocked if and when the agenda's of some of the letter writers are exposed. I wished that I had the authority and the OK to do that, but I do not.

I am one of the letter writers, and you have asked me NOTHING. I'm calling you out right now. What is my agenda? Furthermore, what is your real identity? You have mine, now I want yours. If you

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**Posted by: princessdi Jan 26 2007, 04:15 PM**

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**Posted by: Noahswife Jan 26 2007, 04:36 PM**

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Duane, thank you for your post. I am still a newbie and trying to sort out the lies and insinuations from what is factual and alleged. Hiding behind pseudonyms makes it hard for those of us too new to guess who the players are to weigh the evidence properly.

I commend you for your courage.


It is so easy for some here to make comments but then never be held accountable for them despite requests to do so by moderators as well as the general posters.

Have you received any recent threats from Mr. Riva?

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**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Jan 26 2007, 04:38 PM**

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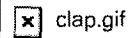
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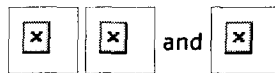
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Duane, I'd like to reach out my arms across the Atlantic ocean to embrace you in pure Christian love. You are so precious. Throughout all of this we have sufferend with you. I thank Jesus for giving you the courage to step out. I pray that now a real cleansing proess will prevent more such evil in the name of a Christian Institution!

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jan 26 2007, 05:52 PM

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Duane, I must echo everything that PrincessDi, NoahsWife, HOTY, Seraphim and Johann have said. I would love to be able to give you a big Mom hug and tell you how proud I am that you took the risk to allow your testimony to be shared and now to confront the statements you know to be lies. I know it is hard to come forward as you did, but look at the results! Other victims are finding their voices as well!

PB

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**Posted by: Clay Jan 26 2007, 06:33 PM**

Duane, high five bro..... no need to suffer in silence anymore... thank God as he continues to give you the strength and wisdom to do what you need to do..... 

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**Posted by: Spike Jan 26 2007, 06:34 PM**

Daune, Thank you for sharing I realize that none of this can be easy for you and the others that have told what happened to them, but maybe this will help the others that have been hurt by TS to come forward and put a stop to what he is doing. God be with you.

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**Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Jan 26 2007, 06:34 PM**

Thanks to all of you for your support. Yes, it has been and still is hard, but with Christian friends such as yourselves and others who have been writing and calling, it makes it bearable at least.

Noahswife: No, I haven't been threatened by Mr. Riva or anyone else. I'm not ruling it out, but it hasn't happened as of yet.

Now let me attempt to encourage YOU! I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the SDA church is better represented by folks such as yourselves than some of what we've seen previously. I've been around enough SDAs to know that the church as a whole doesn't tolerate this kind of foolishness, and I'll be sure to let people know that when the need arises.

Thanks again to all of you!

Duane

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**Posted by: Pickle Jan 26 2007, 06:54 PM**

Thanks in advance, Duane, for telling the media that if they come a calling. If we all do that, this whole fiasco will not sully the reputation of the Adventist Church.

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**Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jan 26 2007, 07:09 PM**

Yes, Duane, I also applaud on your courage to identify yourself here as well as to post what you posted.

This adds to the credibility of what is being said regarding the actions of TS.

If you ever decide to register at Maritime SDA OnLine, you will be given access into the hidden forum there containing discussion topics regarding all of this.

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jan 26 2007, 07:16 PM**

Godspeed Duane. You will be in many a prayer as you make yourself known. You have more courage than most men. Thanks and may God give you the peace that only He can.

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Noahswife: No, I haven't been threatened by Mr. Riva or anyone else. I'm not ruling it out, but it hasn't happened as of yet.

Now let me attempt to encourage YOU! I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the SDA church is better represented by folks such as yourselves than some of what we've seen previously. I've been around enough SDAs to know that the church as a whole doesn't tolerate this kind of foolishness, and I'll be sure to let people know that when the need arises.

Thanks again to all of you!

Duane

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
**Posted by: JustTana Jan 26 2007, 07:41 PM**

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**QUOTE(Johann @ Jan 26 2007, 06:23 PM)**




Duane, I'd like to reach out my arms accross the Atlantic ocean to embrace you in pure Christian love. You are so precious. Throughout all of this we have sufferend with you. I thank Jesus for giving you the courage to step out. I pray that now a real cleansing proess will prevent more such evil in the name of a Christian Institution!




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


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When a person does a reply, it drops the original quotes, thus Bystander's quote did not appear and it caused the confusion. -- Ralph

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**Posted by: Johann Jan 26 2007, 08:38 PM**

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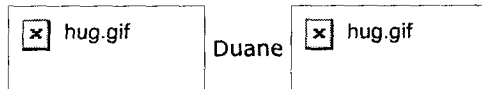
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Thank you, JT. I had merely left Duane's post as it was without deleting his references to BS. Now these are deleted.

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**Posted by: roxe Jan 26 2007, 09:27 PM**




Duane, i'm giving you my gg hug!!

you DA MAN 

gg = groovy grandma...

**Posted by: September Jan 26 2007, 10:06 PM**

Duane, I too want to commend you for coming forward. May God bless you and continue to heal your heart of your wounds.

I too was molested--by my father in law. Reading what TS has done has brought back some painful memories for me. Then, when Bystander was picking at age of consent, how old TS's victims were, I was like  I was 20 when my father in law took advantage of me when my husband was not in the room. I didn't tell mother in law because I knew she'd never believe me. It wasn't until 2 years ago that two other of his victims came forward that I felt I could share what happened to me. Thank GOD she believed me and the other two and divorced him immediately.

Bystander has nit picked about age of consent ad nauseum. Well, I'm here to tell you that I was 20 years old--past the age of consent but I DID NOT CONSENT to what happened to me!! I do not care if you're 8 or 88--it doesn't matter when someone has been perpetrated upon. Why Bystander even makes that an issue is beyond me. The Good Samaritan of the Bible stopped to help the wounded man on the side of the road, who had been taken advantage of. But there were others who walked away or were BYSTANDERS and the Lord doesn't have much to say about them in any kind of positive light.

Once again Duane, I am grateful that you came forward--perhaps it will pave the way for others as well. I didn't mean to make this post about me...just wanted you to know that there are folks out there who understand--who can lift you up and help bear your burden.

Your sister in Christ.

**Posted by: PrincessDrRe Jan 26 2007, 11:29 PM**

Duane Clem - You know my stance. I've been hollerin' it since I came here.

You know my feelings. I too have been in the same boat; trusting someone and then being betrayed in this ultimate fashion.

I'm glad that you could come forward and be a witness/survivor of this crime.

There's a saying that GOD don't like ugly...and I'm tellin' you - he really ain't liking it right now.

Prayers of peace goin' up for you right now..... \*hugs\*

**Posted by: sister Jan 27 2007, 01:01 AM**

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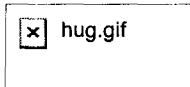
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Duane, too many of us have been in that same boat... God bless you, my brother, for the courage you have shown in the face of such terrible sin.

Just another sista lining up with a big hug for you.



Sister

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**Posted by: sonshineonme Jan 27 2007, 01:34 AM**

**QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Jan 26 2007, 01:50 PM)**

This is Duane Clem. I am putting you on notice right now. If you decide you're going to twist my words and create suspicion about my motives or sexual orientation, you are facing legal action against yourselves. I will NOT tolerate it at all.

I am one of the letter writers, and you have asked me NOTHING. I'm calling you out right now. What is my agenda? Furthermore, what is your real identity? You have mine, now I want yours. If you people aren't willing to discuss this with me personally, you had better stop the insinuations and accusations right now. I WILL NOT be intimidated or threatened into silence. The more of this kind of posting I see, the more it convinces me I haven't been vocal enough. You can ask Bob Pickle, I agonized over releasing my statement. Now that it's out, we have people who don't have the fortitude to identify themselves who are making statements that they cannot possibly back up, designed solely to damage the reputations of myself and others. It WILL NOT go unanswered. That's not a threat, it's a promise.

To the moderators: I'm sorry if I'm out of line, but I have suffered for years in silence, and I'm not putting up with this kind of garbage.

Duane, I am so proud of you and your courage! I admire your spirit and your fight to stand up against those that would try to discount you! God will not fail you, He will give you all the strength you could possibly need! Truth can not be buried! God will use you (and I'm sure He has already) to help others who have been down the same path you have and to be an encouragement to those that need liberation and justice! Consider yourself safe here! These people are awesome, aren't they!

Keep your head high and your eyes on Jesus! Keep speaking out! It's time to shut the lions mouth!!  
God bless you brother!!

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**Posted by: Hawk Jan 27 2007, 01:53 AM**

Think about this Duane. On average, less than 10% of the victims of sexual predators ever come forward. You have spoken with Bob Pickle and you attended Ezra. Multiply what you know by ten. That is a minimum number.

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**Posted by: Grace Jan 27 2007, 07:48 AM**

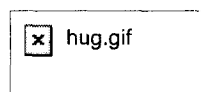
Dear Duane,

God bless you my brother! I'm so sorry for what you went through, for all your suffering. I'm also very angry at that man, Tommy Shelton, and at all the people around him, whom I see as accomplices, for covering his crimes.

Being a mother myself, my heart bleeds for you and all the other victims. May that stop!!!

Good for you to have broken the silence. You'll be in my prayers from now on.

Your sister from France



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**Posted by: Green Cochoa Jan 27 2007, 08:45 AM**

Duane,

Such actions by a "man of God" are repugnant. They would have merited the death penalty in God's government in Israel. Considering the damage it causes to others, I, for one, would fully support the idea of you pressing charges. If I were you, I think I would ask him for a public, ON-AIR confession of his evil deeds (with certain criteria to ensure he didn't just gloss it over, and paint it in a different light), or I WOULD press charges, no second chances. He's had already too many of those. He's had opportunities to confess and repent, but his greatest problem right now is in not seeing that he has a problem. The Bible is clear that those who try to cover their sins will not prosper.

I know someone quite well who, as an adult, was confronted with Tommy's repulsive behavior in propositioning him. Danny's response was something like "Shhh! Just don't tell anyone!"

With that mentality, no healing will ever take place. It would be a BLESSING to all involved, including Tommy, to expose his sin and allow him the opportunity of realizing that he DOES have a problem. Unrecognized problems don't usually fix themselves.

(Then again, maybe the public confession would not be such a good idea....just press the charges--then he will have a police record and others will not so easily fall victim, since he would have to register as an offender, and be unable to get jobs with children, etc. in the future. Think of all the others this might save.)

I will pray God gives you wisdom to do the right thing. Take courage! God is always there for you.

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**Posted by: watchbird Jan 27 2007, 09:46 AM**

First of all, Duane, I want to join others in appreciation for your coming forward and identifying yourself in such a public manner. I know that was not easy to do, but with others, I think that it will be an important step in your own inner healing.

I just now took time to read again the full accounts of your correspondence with Pickle over this matter, that begins at <http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-victim-duane-clem-background.htm>, and it was of interest to see how your initial reaction gradually changed in a relatively short time once you faced the things that you had kept buried all of these years.

I believe that you will find yourself going through even more changes as you come to realize that you are only one of many.... and that your obligation as a minister yourself is to warn others to the full extent of your capability, without any shred of defense of Tommy in it. Tommy MUST be brought to justice... he MUST live with the stigma that he has created... and that stigma MUST be a matter of public record so the power and authority of the civil government is on the side of protecting all of those who come in contact with him... or who might put him in contact with the type of persons he has previously stalked like the predator that he is.

Private forgiveness, and a releasing of him to God so far as salvation is concerned, is one thing, but it should never color our spoken attitudes to him in such a way as to lessen by one iota the wall that MUST be erected around this man for the protection of the innocents... whether they be young or old.

I think one of the things that was most shocking to me as I read this with increasing attention to details, was the implications that Tommy is still a minister... having received credentials from "another church group" after his original ordination was revoked. Is that correct? Or did you mean by ""It is my opinion that he needs to be out of the ministry right now..." only his role in the "ministry" of 3abn... rather than the inference I have made of what you meant by "the ministry"... that it was to be taken in the context of holding ministerial credential and being "the minister" in some church?

I have often, in the past two and a half years since I have been cognizant of the problems at 3abn, wondered why God did not step in and bring closure to the evils that we had learned about. Each time that my patience with God seems strained to the breaking point, some other evil was newly exposed. So finally I learned to assume that God was waiting until all had been revealed before He stepped in to say, "Closing time". I think you, Clem, are an important part of these revelations. I am sure God will richly reward you and give you not only wisdom to discern but courage to continue to call evil by its right name and thus be an instrument in God's hands who will help to clean up the mess that currently dominates the scene at 3abn.

And now to comment on Greenie's post....

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This is not the place for either/or actions, Greenie. There needs to be BOTH/AND civil prosecution... civil registration of a type that follows him WHERE EVER he might move... AND public acknowledgement of his evil ways. Not an on-air confession.... a forced confession is never a genuine one... and not only is it nobody's business, really, whether Tommy is repentant or not, but there would be no way of knowing whether a "confession" was from genuine repentance, or whether it was just one more day in the life of a TV actor. But I agree that he does need to make a written statement acknowledging the truth of the allegations against him. No frills. Just a one paragraph statment is sufficient. This needs to be read on the air... by someone who is NOT or HAS NOT BEEN a party to the cover-up and shielding of Tommy through the years. And along with that statement, there needs to be written statements of from EACH of those who HAVE publicly supported Tommy... acknowledging that their protection of him... and especially that their utilizing him in public minstry as though he were a pure man at heart was a grievous error on their part and an affront to the listeners of 3abn.

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I also know someone with an experience which could be described in the same way.... we shall not indulge in speculation as to whether or not it might be the same person.... but rather it would be more appropriate to apply the "one in ten" rule to this circumstance and conclude that if we each know one, then that means there were many others who would fit the same description.

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Agreed.... see above.

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I will pray God gives you wisdom to do the right thing. Take courage! God is always there for you.

And I will also pray that others whom Tommy has molested through the years... whether such molestation took the form of pedophilia or of pastoral abuse... will take courage from your stand and join with you.... for where many stand together they are stronger than the sum of their strength standing individually. Until now the "strength in numbers and solidarity" has been on the side of the concealers and protecters of perversity. Hopefully, as the victims find each other and band together with such support as we who hear of them can give, that ratio will change, and truth and righteousness will prevail.

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**Posted by: inga Jan 27 2007, 07:03 PM**

Duane, I applaud you for your courage in making what must have been an agonizing decision to come forward with your testimony. I suspect it still isn't easy, but I also suspect that it gets a bit easier with time, since *evil withers in the presence of light. And exposure is light.* Your testimony gives others courage to come forward, and that will, in the end, ease their burden too

Thanks again, Brother, and may God bless you. 


And I believe what "Hawk" said below is true.

The sad thing is that many abused feel it is **their fault** that they were abused. **They feel they asked for it!** I know, because I have a good friend who was abused by her Bible teacher when she was 17. She simply thought she "had an affair" with the Bible teacher. It did not occur to her that his position of authority and her vulnerability in coming from a home in which she was physically abused (not sexually) did not provide the equal footing to equate "an affair." I still remember the day I told her "Katie, that was sexual abuse." And she looked at me with big eyes and was quiet for a long time before saying, "I guess you're right, but I never thought of it that way." (Katie is not her real name.) Many victims only feel the shame. However, when they start understanding the situation and confront it, realizing that they were abused, they can start to heal and let go of the shame. And that healing often starts with anger.

**It's okay to be angry with your abuser!** Only after some genuine, cathartic anger is it possible to forgive. After all, can you "forgive" someone for something he didn't do?

So thanks, again, Duane. Your testimony may help set other victims free. And we hope that it may prevent others from being abused as well.

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**Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Jan 27 2007, 10:27 PM**


Bystander, I ask you again, what is this "agenda" of mine that you speak of? Either elaborate on your statement, or I would like an apology. Otherwise, I'm afraid your credibility here will suffer greatly.

Duane Clem

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**Posted by: Whtz Happenin Jan 28 2007, 12:52 AM**

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**Posted by: Johann Jan 28 2007, 01:33 AM**

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Welcome on board, WH!

So here we have Reverend Tommy Shelton, revivalist preacher in a Baptist church in October 2006. No wonder he was indispensable at 3ABN!!!

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jan 29 2007, 04:05 PM**

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**Posted by: Johann Jan 29 2007, 04:24 PM**

**QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Jan 30 2007, 12:05 AM)**



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People would trust a revival preacher, wouldn't they?

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**Posted by: Pickle Feb 16 2007, 09:02 AM**

Guess it's time to post a few more, since the last one appears to have been  
<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=11633&view=findpost&p=167173>.

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

**Subject:** 3abn developments Tuesday night

**Date:** Fri, 05 Jan 2007 13:52:55 -0600

**From:** Bob

**To:** Mollie Steenson

**CC:** Elder Ken Denslow

Hello Mollie.

Some interesting developments occurred on Tuesday night that I think I need to alert you to, as it could have an impact on 3ABN.

Now that ASI has decided last night that "it is not appropriate for ASI to be involved" in the various issues surrounding 3ABN, it might make it easier for 3ABN management and personnel to deal with some of these things, since everything was on hold until after the ASI review process was completed.

No one, if they have any Christian experience at all, enjoys seeing anyone connected with 3ABN being embarrassed. I certainly don't. It would be wonderful if this could all be brought to a swift conclusion. Many are praying to this end.

A former conference official called me today. He intends to speak up publicly now, for the first time. He was outraged, he calmly said, by the fanfare given to alleged pedophile Tommy Shelton as his alleged retirement was announced for alleged health problems due to alleged stress arising from his duties at 3ABN. He called it despicable.

If folks did not hear correctly what was said in that broadcast, I would appreciate knowing the truth of what was said so that I can correct their error on this. We certainly don't need anymore misunderstandings to complicate things further.

That broadcast did indeed come across as despicable. If Danny wanted to give Tommy a lot of fanfare, he could easily have done so privately among the employees of 3ABN, but to do it publicly over global TV just seemed so brazen given the fact that it hasn't even been one month since brand new allegations of child molestation in Virginia were publicly announced.

Now for the developments on Tuesday, just one and two days after the broadcasted tribute to Tommy was shown and re-shown. A seventh victim of Tommy in Illinois came forward for the first time that night, and is getting his thoughts together to put down on paper.

What we have here, unfortunately, is a situation in which people are outraged and are becoming unafraid to stand up and speak out, unafraid to be known by name, unafraid of any intimidation or threats Danny might bring to bear upon the situation. The political risk of speaking up has become nil. For the sake of the cause of God, this really needs to be brought to a swift conclusion before the chorus becomes louder than it already is.

Now for why I am writing you. I want to do what I can to save the reputations of anyone and everyone possible. Anyone connected with this sordid affair is in danger of having their reputation utterly destroyed, and it is so sad and unnecessary. I would hate to see you, the 3ABN General Manager and a member of the board of directors, become a casualty in all of this.

You were one of the ones who paid glowing tribute to alleged pedophile Tommy Shelton on that broadcast. Did you do that willing or did Danny force you to do it? Not that it matters a huge amount, for regardless, God is able to forgive if we turn to Him.

If by the grace of God you can take a stand just now, a stand for morality and decency, for obedience to the 10 Commandments, if you ask for pardon for your mistake to those who foot the bills, mercy should and must abound in the hearts of all, even as mercy fills the heart of our heavenly Father.

Danny's favorite distraction whenever any criticism has been brought up is Linda's alleged affair. But whereas we have a growing list of documents supporting the child molestation allegations against Tommy, we have yet to see any evidence supporting the adultery allegations against Linda. There may be some evidence out there, but if there is, it thus far has been kept secret, despite Linda's expressed desire more than a month ago to see all the evidence brought forward.

If 3ABN can send an alleged pedophile off with such fanfare after roughly a decade of service, making it clear that he would be back, why would 3ABN send an alleged adulteress off in such disgrace after roughly two decades of service, making it clear that her name would never be heard again over the airwaves? It makes no sense. It raises questions about what the real reasons were for her demise.

What we need just now for the good of the cause of God, for the good of 3ABN, for the good of our eternal destiny, is for you, the 3ABN General Manager, and each of the members of the 3ABN board, including Danny, to stand up for righteousness and truth, lest the name of God be brought into any additional reproach.

Would you feel free to respond and share your thoughts? I think a lot of people out there would be encouraged to hear that the 3ABN General Manager has taken a stand for right.

**QUOTE(Elle White)**

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men--men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." (Education, p. 57)

We will lift you up in prayer that God will give you courage, strength, fortitude, and determination to do His will in this hour of crisis.

Bob


**Posted by: caribbean sda Feb 16 2007, 09:09 AM**

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It would be interesting to see if you get a response to your questions. Wouldn't hold my breath if I was you. 


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**Posted by: roxe Feb 16 2007, 12:12 PM**

Bob,  
i see the date of that email was 05 January, 2007.  
  
have you received any reply to date??

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**Posted by: watchbird Feb 16 2007, 12:33 PM**

**QUOTE(roxe @ Feb 16 2007, 01:12 PM)** 

Bob,  
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I think she has already responded... very publicly... and more than once.... the latest being last night when she looked directly at the camera and addressed the very issues that Bob mentioned.... each time affirming her solidarity and support of Danny and all other directors and board members of 3abn.

There is no doubt but what in court, the transcripts of these public verbal affirmations will be laid alongside the letters and emails that have been sent to a much smaller group of people than the verbal and visual messages have been sent. And the results of that could be very interesting.... interesting and surprising to some.... and interesting and expected by others.

In the meantime.... we wait patiently on the Lord....  (.....

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**Posted by: Pickle Feb 16 2007, 01:13 PM**

No reply whatsoever, roxe.

And no reply to the email I re-posted at <http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=12493&view=findpost&p=177545> that had the following headers:

**QUOTE**

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

**Subject:** Verification needed for statement by Walt Thompson

**Date:** Fri, 09 Feb 2007 16:26:16 -0600

**To:** Pastor Lomacang, Mollie Steenson, Tommy Shelton, Joe Smith, Fallible Human Being

**Posted by:** PrincessDrRe Feb 16 2007, 05:30 PM

This part of the letter is really the "kicker" for me.....

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**To:** Mollie Steenson

**CC:** Elder Ken Denslow

If 3ABN can send an alleged pedophile off with such fanfare after roughly a decade of service, making it clear that he would be back, why would 3ABN send an alleged adulteress off in such disgrace after roughly two decades of service, making it clear that her name would never be heard again over the airwaves? It makes no sense. It raises questions about what the real reasons were for her demise.

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