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Posted by: Observer Jan 24 2007, 01:51 PM

This morning Harold Lance sent out a message stating why ASI withdrew from an attempt to resolve the issues with 3-ABN.

I believe that it contains a number of factual errors. I am publishing Mr. Lance's message, with my comments inserted. My comments will always begin with a "GM:".

January 24, 2007

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GM: Neither Linda nor Danny participated directly in communications with all of us. That does not

mean that she did not participate. She did participate through us, in the same sense that Danny participated through others. ASI did not want us contacting Danny directly. From the same standpoint, Linda did not contact ASI directly. The statement that Linda did not participate is speculative, and without fact.

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- did not accept that ASI was capable of providing a fair forum to decide the issues

GM: This issue was raised. But, it was never discussed. This is where I was personally disappointed in the negotiations with ASI. There were a number of issues that we raised that ASI really never discussed with us. The reality is that in negotiations, each side must be prepared to discuss whatever issues the other side wishes to discuss, as long as they fit within the agreed upon discussion. I was personally willing to accept ASI as providing a fair forum in certain areas of discussion. But, I felt that some discussion was needed on this, and in other areas. As I said, ASI never really responded to our issues. I do not consider the statement by Mr. Lance to be a fair representation of the issue.

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GM: One major issue that we faced was an agreement on the focus of the discussion. ASI, and I were in agreement that certain issues were outside of the ability of ASI to resolve. That does not reflect badly on ASI. It was simply a fact of life. Personally, I believed that ASI could only effectively resolve certain marital issues. I proposed that ASI should be willing to issue a public statement that there were certain issues that could only be resolved in the civil realm, and that people who took those issues to the civil authorities should not be criticized for doing so. ASI never made any substantive response to my proposal. I consider that it is not accurate to say that we insisted upon the inclusion of management and corporate misconduct.

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GM: We raised certain questions and objections to the ground rules, while accepting others. In my opinion, our objections were never substantively addressed. I am not impressed that Danny accepted them. The ground rules need to be developed with input from all parties. All in all, I believe that we only had substantial objections to two of the ground rules. Perhaps others will define it differently. But, ASI should have spent some time in discussing those issues. My perception is that they simply gave us a "take it or leave it" type of ultimatum.

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GM: Please show me where I had any contact with either Danny or 3ABN. I may once have sent an e-mail to Dr. Thompson in which I simply told him that I had prayed for him that morning that the Lord would lead him, and that he would follow. That e-mail was short, and to the point. But, I may have sent it after ASI pulled out. I do not remember.

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GM: Yes, I have been included in the correspondence. Issues of ethics (ethics include conflicts of interest) are important, and must be resolved. The issues that we raised were not substantially addressed. NOTE: I have previously stated that I felt that ASI could play a role.

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GM: Linda has been so "trashed" that it became very important that there be full public disclosure. This was a major issue. Again, ASI, in my opinion, did not properly respond and discuss this issue with us.

~ Issues for consideration needed careful definition and mutual agreement.

GM: I fully agree. Unfortunately, the discussion did not reach this point.

~ Parties would state in advance of the hearing their position on each issue and their expected outcome of each issue.

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GM: Aspects of this remained unresolved. Again, I do not consider that appropriate discussion took place to resolve this. Rather it seemed more to me to be "take it or leave it."

~ The decision of the panel would be based upon the information presented by the parties at the hearing and not from outside sources.

GM: Fine. Appropriate. But, this then requires that outside sources be considered at the hearing. i.e. "Outside" sources should present at the hearing.

~ The proceedings would not be conducted as a trial, with a judge, lawyers, cross examination and typical court-like processes.

GM: Further clarification was needed on this point.

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GM: As I have stated, Linda needed full public disclosure. Further clarification was needed as to what, if anything, would be kept secret.

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GM: Broadcast is a new one on me. Yes, we wanted full public disclosure.

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GM: All of these are issues, in my mind that ASI could not be expected to resolve. Again, I wanted a public statement from ASI that they could not resolve certain issues, and that people should be free to take the issues that ASI could not resolve to the civil authorities.

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GM: The statement that I had interests far beyond the issues ASI agreed to consider is confusing, potentially misleading, and unwarranted.

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GM: O.K. ASI's affirmation does not mean that such concerns should not be discussed.

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necessary for ASI to withdraw. The parties and those concerned are the losers in what could have been a healing clarification of a divisive issue for all who are concerned.

GM: I agree. Resolution of these issues lie outside of ASI, and potentially with civil authorities.

We confess that if we would have known how to resolve the matter we would have done it, but we don't, but God does. We urge that all who have a concern be respectful, restrained and apply the Golden Rule as you would wish it for yourself.

ASI Executive Committee

by Harold Lance

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Posted by: Observer Jan 24 2007, 02:28 PM

It should be noted that Linda currently has certain issues in litigation in a civil court. These are ones that ASI clearly does not believe it can resolve. As an attorney, Mr. Lance should realize that Linda cannot directly involve herself in this.

Posted by: princessdi Jan 24 2007, 02:57 PM

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Posted by: awesumtenor Jan 24 2007, 04:03 PM

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
In His service,
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Posted by: caribbean sda Jan 24 2007, 04:05 PM

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Will YOU be moving on as well? somehow I don't think so... 

It occurs to me that the biblical grounds for divorce and remarriage are what matters, regardless of the position taken (or lack thereof) by ASI. ASI's committee was an exercise in futility...that's just my caribbean opinion...As long as spiritual adultery is not mentioned in the Bible, it matters not to me any position of 3ABN, ASI, or any other acronym of your choosing. As we say here in the Caribbean "Wrong is Wrong."


Posted by: watchbird Jan 24 2007, 04:15 PM

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Yes indeed. The "church" has spoken... essentially washing their hands of the matter. So don't ANYBODY complain about the next steps.... 1) putting everything out for the public eye to see, and 2) utilizing the courts of the land to bring "freedom and justice for all".

Why anyone ever thought... 1) that ASI could possibly be impartial in any matters regarding 3ABN, 2) that it needed anyone to sit down and figure out that the accusations against Linda had no basis in fact, and the harassment of her since the divorce is abominable, AND 3) that Danny ... and others of his household... should be under censure from the church, is more than I can comprehend! 

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Posted by: Nuggie Jan 24 2007, 04:36 PM

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jan 24 2007, 04:50 PM

Excuse me? When did this become a skin color issue?



Richard

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Posted by: Aletheia Jan 24 2007, 04:56 PM

For those of you who prefer to read a letter, as written, before hearing the explanations, justifications, or commentary...

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And when you start www.Cindyshouseofspinaliesanddeceit.com, that opinion will matter...

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: princessdi Jan 24 2007, 05:05 PM

For those of you who prefer to read a letter, as written, before hearing the explanations, justifications, or commentary...

Here you go:

It still says the same thing. As someone always asking for first hand info, I'd think you were glad to here from both sides of the bargaining table

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Didn't you say you are moderator or Admin on another site. It is pinned there, right? Good enough!

ASI letter of explanation for withdrawing...

Posted by: Bystander Jan 24 2007, 05:38 PM

We confess that if we would have known how to resolve the matter we would have done it, but we don't, but God does. We urge that all who have a concern be respectful, restrained and apply the Golden Rule as you would wish it for yourself.

ASI Executive Committee

by Harold Lance

*****Aletheia already posted this sans GM's comments in Post #12. I am deleting that portion of your post along with your less than Christ-like comment. We are not going to do it again Please read before you post*****

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Posted by: Observer Jan 24 2007, 05:59 PM

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Bystander"

Are you not glad that BSDA allows you to freely post whatever you wish. We have no problem with truth, wherever it leads. We are quite willing for people who challenge us to have their say so their position can be considered.

You have opened up some areas. So, now we can be expected to respond. I will probably respond at greater length now. But, later, as I am busy right now.

Gregory Matthews

Posted by: Panama_Pete Jan 24 2007, 06:23 PM

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Posted by: inga Jan 24 2007, 06:55 PM

QUOTE(caribbean sda @ Jan 24 2007, 05:05 PM) □

Will YOU be moving on as well? somehow I don't think so... □

It occurs to me that the biblical grounds for divorce and remarriage are what matters, regardless of the position taken (or lack thereof) by ASI. ASI's committee was an exercise in futility...that's just my caribbean opinion...As long as spiritual adultery is not mentioned in the Bible, it matters not to me any position of 3ABN, ASI, or any other acronym of your choosing. As we say here in the Caribbean "Wrong is Wrong."

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
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QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Jan 24 2007, 04:50 PM)

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Posted by: Panama_Pete Jan 24 2007, 07:07 PM

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Spooky 

Posted by: princessdi Jan 24 2007, 07:09 PM

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Posted by: princessdi Jan 24 2007, 07:11 PM

3ABN has hard evidence? Bring it! It will be posted and weighed along with the rest.....until then let it go! There is no evidence for spritual adultery(because it doesn't exist), and if she committed actual adultery the evidence should have been out long ago. And one more time, with feeling, if 3ABN had hard evidence they would never have had to ensure Linda's silence.

Frankly, I don't think either "side" can claim to be innocent. Joy has something going on with embezzlement, and Tommy molest boys and young men.....by his own admission. So that kind of mudslinging can be let go. The whole lot of you cannot stand the most cursory investigation. IWO, ALL have sinned and come short, ok? For the record, Joy past embezzlement definitely pales in my eyes to Tommy's past of molestation, and still being allowed to work with children in any compacity at 3ABN. He is supposed to be registered and watched, monitored, somethin'. That is just criminal.

ASI has at least \$100,000.00 worth of ulterior motive. Plus continued association with 3ABN. Is DAnny not going to be at their annual meeting, I ask again? They had no business even attempting to investigate anything. The investgation was a sham, and if Linda was msart enough

to see that, along with others, then good for her! I wouldn't have talked to them either. Not everybody is easily led. I never thought the should do it. They are already biased.

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This team stays, we have home court advantage.....Next!

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Posted by: Clay Jan 24 2007, 07:14 PM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Jan 24 2007, 07:11 PM)

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you can step off anytime....



Posted by: princessdi Jan 24 2007, 07:15 PM

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Posted by: jene Jan 24 2007, 07:18 PM

QUOTE(Clay @ Jan 24 2007, 04:54 PM)

you first..... cya cya.....

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Posted by: Clay Jan 24 2007, 07:22 PM

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I am talking also about the fact that I am sure that someone somewhere within the network of sister churches someone should have been able to employ her so she would not be at Danny's mercy.... Linda's situation may even be a representation of what women in this church have to face if their husbands put them out, or divorce them without cause....

Posted by: Observer Jan 24 2007, 08:45 PM

Re: "Because ASI declined to consider issues beyond those of divorce and remarriage Art, Bob and Greg believed they were free to continue contacts with Danny, Dr. Thompson and others associated with 3ABN. Though couched in spiritual language their messages were persistent, confrontational, argumentative and harassing. Our efforts to stop their direct communications were unsuccessful."

I have made a comment as the above pertained to me. Now, let us consider it as it pertained to Bob Pickle.

According to Bob:

Danny initiated an email exchange with him on November 23. He did not initiate that email exchange with him. That exchange resulted in a contact with 3ABN board chairman Walt Thompson, who on November 27 requested that Bob verify the information about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations that he had given Bob.

The only possible way that Walt gave Pickle to do that was to ask Danny about those very allegations, since Danny was the only source for the information that Walt had named. To this day Walt has never informed Bob that Harold's request countermanded his request.

Perhaps Harold Lance did not have all of the facts when he made his comment regarding Bob and I.

Well, that is probably just an inattention to detail, which can happen to all of us.

Posted by: Observer Jan 24 2007, 09:03 PM

As many of you know, I spent 18 years of my life as a U. S. Army chaplain. During those years, I had to negotiate the religious rights of many soldiers (to include SDA) who faced problems due to military requirements. In that process, I learned much:

- 1) To negotiate well, I had to talk to the "enemy."
- 2) I had to treat the enemy respectfully.
- 3) I learned to attempt to identify the core issues on each side. e.g. The commander needed someone to perform certain duties on Saturday. The soldier needed Saturday off. If I could find a solution for each, I could find resolution on the other issues, and solve the problem. e.g. The soldier would be willing to work two (yes two) Sundays in return for Saturday off. NOTE: duties were not the same on Saturday and Sunday, and that was fair.
- 4) The central issue was that I had to talk to the enemy.

Unfortunately, I did not see the process with ASI taking place in that manner. In my perception of what happened, ASI pulled out before it ever sat down and discussed certain of our core issues. I

am personally disappointed that such happened.

What could have happened? I think that I suggested what could have been a basis for us and ASI to agree on some limited objectives. I clearly do not think that we could have agreed on all. I agree with ASI that some issues simply could not have been fairly resolved by us to either Danny, 3-ABN, or Linda. But, I do believe that something could have been accomplished. I would have liked for the discussion to have continued so that we could have determined if something could have been accomplished.

Unfortunately, ASI pulled out as I believe prematurely. So, Harold, I have a slightly different perspective on all of this.

By the way, Harald's message, going to a group of people, I will suggest allows us to now release, as we believe to be appropriate, more information (documentation) as to what actually happened in the process.

Posted by: inga Jan 24 2007, 09:21 PM

QUOTE(Observer @ Jan 24 2007, 10:03 PM)

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Please do. The Save3ABN web site needs more material too, IMO.

Posted by: Lee Jan 24 2007, 09:24 PM

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Posted by: Clay Jan 24 2007, 09:28 PM

QUOTE(Lee @ Jan 24 2007, 09:24 PM)

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Posted by: Rosyroi Jan 24 2007, 09:43 PM

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Posted by: Fat Burns Jan 24 2007, 10:36 PM

QUOTE(Clay @ Jan 24 2007, 05:22 PM)

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You have to remember that the President of the conference was on the 3ABN Board. That closed any possibility of her getting into any white church in the Illinois conference. Praise God for a loving Black church. They are under different leadership.

Posted by: Johann Jan 24 2007, 10:56 PM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Jan 25 2007, 01:38 AM)

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This is the strangest statement imaginable. If 3ABN has solid evidence against Linda that gives reason for the divorce and her dismissal, why have they never shown such evidence? Three years later we are still without it.

QUOTE(Rosyroi @ Jan 25 2007, 05:43 AM)

Where may I "Read it for myself"?

If you don't find his letters here on BSDA they are on MSDAOL. All Bob did was asking questions why

there were discrepancies in their former letters.

Posted by: husbandoftheyear Jan 25 2007, 12:41 AM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Jan 24 2007, 06:38 PM) □

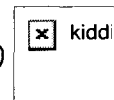
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by Harold Lance

I don't know about everyone else, but I learned the the "Golden Rule" as

"He who has the gold makes the rules."

(Would Dan have entered into this had he not been 100% sure of it going in his favor?)



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Huh? It's funny that you could "predict" something that has already been discussed here.

You must have "missed" it in your "thorough" perusal of the 3ABN threads.

Posted by: inga Jan 25 2007, 02:27 AM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Jan 24 2007, 08:11 PM) □

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Yup! I've been noticing that too.

Posted by: Observer Jan 25 2007, 04:43 AM

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Harold:

I remain dumbfounded by the above. NOTE: I have stated that I sent Dr. Thompson a message once in which I stated that I had prayed for him that morning that God would lead him, and that he would follow. I have stated that I do not remember the exact time I sent him that message, but that it might have been during the time that we were asked not to make direct contact.

Prior to the beginning of our discussions with ASI, we got into discussions with a Woman who I think was named Gloria. Perhaps my memory is faulty, and she had another name. Anyway, she attempted to propose a venue to resolve the issues. Her proposal was deeply committed to all parties spending time in prayer together. In fact, she made it a requirement that certain parties pray together, with rare exceptions for people who might not have been Christian.

ASI entered the picture after Gloria dropped out. She had claimed to have been in contact with ASI, as I recall. In our discussions with you, I perceived an element in your plan for the respective parties to pray together. My one comment to Dr. Thompson was in that spirit.

As I reflect your statement, which I regard as misleading, confusing, and false by implication about me, I am now questioning whether we could have prayed together. My one comment, to Dr. T., was sincere. Evidently you did not see it that way. So, why would I think that you sincerely would have been able to pray with us?

The Lord tells us to pray for our enemies. That seems to apply as you seem to see us as enemies. Would you have been able to pray with us? I am wondering!

Re: ". . . their messages were persistent,. . . "

That is false as it is applied to me. My message was once.

Re: ". . . their messages were . . . confrontational,. . . "

Your statement is false as it is applied to me.

Re: ". . . their messages . . . argumentative and harassing."

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O. K. In this small citation you have made three statements that are false as applied to me. Of course, I do not know about the others. But, if your statement about me was based in faulty information, why should I (or anyone else) assume that it was any more accurate as applied to the others?

Harold, I am not challenging your integrity. I am simply challenging your factual basis. You seem to have made some statements that were not based upon fact. I am surprised that an attorney would do such. It calls into question your understanding of the process. It calls into question your ability to have facilitated such. Faulty information, where did it come from. Clearly not from anything that I did, as you have applied it to me.

Harold, it appears that ASI pulled our from the process, based in part upon information that you seemingly received from another source. That appears to give justification to those who have

questioned the ability of ASI to be fair and impartial.

Well, at least I thank you for your openness for sharing with us more of the dynamics that went on.

By the way, can you assure us with 100 per-cent surety that during this process people from 3-ABN did not come to these Internet forums, under pen names, and post material of the type that you claim we sent and put on the Internet?

Posted by: Aletheia Jan 25 2007, 06:00 AM

QUOTE(Observer @ Jan 25 2007, 05:43 AM) □

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Harold:

I remain dumbfounded by the above. NOTE: I have stated that I sent Dr. Thompson a message once in which I stated that I had prayed for him that morning that God would lead him, and that he would follow. I have stated that I do not remember the exact time I sent him that message, but that it might have been during the time that we were asked not to make direct contact.

Prior to the beginning of our discussions with ASI, we got into discussions with a Woman who I think was named Gloria. Perhaps my memory is faulty, and she had another name. Anyway, she attempted to propose a venue to resolve the issues. Her proposal was deeply committed to all parties spending time in prayer together. In fact, she made it a requirement that certain parties pray together, with rare exceptions for people who might not have been Christian.

ASI entered the picture after Gloria dropped out. She had claimed to have been in contact with ASI, as I recall. In our discussions with you, I perceived an element in your plan for the respective parties to pray together. My one comment to Dr. Thompson was in that spirit.

As I reflect your statement, which I regard as misleading, confusing, and false by implication about me, I am now questioning whether we could have prayed together. My one comment, to Dr. T., was sincere. Evidently you did not see it that way. So, why would I think that you sincerely would have been able to pray with us?

The Lord tells us to pray for our enemies. That seems to apply as you seem to see us as enemies. Would you have been able to pray with us? I am wondering!

Re: ". . . their messages were persistent,. . . "

That is false as it is applied to me. My message was once.

Re: ". . . their messages were . . . confrontational,. . . "

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O. K. In this small citation you have made three statements that are false as applied to me. Of course, I do not know about the others. But, if your statement about me was based in faulty information, why should I (or anyone else) assume that it was any more accurate as applied to the others?

Harold, I am not challenging your integrity. I am simply challenging your factual basis. You seem to have made some statements that were not based upon fact. I am surprised that an attorney would do such. It calls into question your understanding of the process. It calls into question your ability to have facilitated such. Faulty information, where did it come from. Clearly not from anything that I did, as you have applied it to me.

Harold, it appears that ASI pulled our from the process, based in part upon information that you seemingly received from another source. That appears to give justification to those who have questioned the ability of ASI to be fair and impartial.

Well, at least I thank you for you openness for sharing with us more of the dynamics that went on.

By the way, can you assure us with 100 per-cent surety that during this process people from 3-ABN did not come to these Internet forums, under pen names, and post material of the type that you claim we sent and put on the Internet?

Greg, you, Bob Pickle and Gailon Joy were a team. You win or lose as a team. A player is not justified in saying I didn't lose, I am not part of the team and accountable, I didn't make those fouls or errors!

In this case it looks like you lost because you didn't want to play by the rules, but wanted to make your own. Nor did you want to just address Linda's and Danny's divorce and yet what are all the accusations and public exposure of Linda, that started all this about? What has everyone been so consistantly outraged about? The issue of Linda's adultery!!! And the public knowledge of that!

It seems to me if you had really been interested in that, you could have done so. It seems to me if Linda had really wanted to clear herself and could prove herself innocent, and Danny the liar and adulterer instead, then she had the perfect opportunity to do so, and instead she said nothing?

Have you considered that you may have been played? For it very much looks like she is the puppetmaster, and instigator behind all of the accusations against 3ABN, and yet she alone doesn't fall with those here, or you Bob and Gailon. She says nothing publically and so doesn't have to be accountable for what's said. And as long as you all continue to speak for her, protect her, and accuse others for her?

She'll never have to in this life...

I think you are not doing her any favors.

Posted by: Observer Jan 25 2007, 06:20 AM

Re: "** Linda's team -- did not accept that ASI was capable of providing a fair forum to decide the issues."

Let us look at this a little more:

I recieved my graduate training in counseling psychology from a graduate school connected to a religious denomination, but it was not SDA. Their course work required training is ethics. Part of that was specific class instruction. In addition, in our clinical work we were challenged to consider

the ethical implications of what we did. The instructor who taught the fundamental class in ethics was a Phd. who specialized in working with psychologists who had committed ethical lapses of judgement and behaviour. I believe that I was trained well.

Two of the fundamental ethical issues that are commonly problems for people relate to either conflict of interest, or dual role/relationships. Of course there are many other issues. But, in my mind these are two of the more common ones that result in problems.

I assume that Harold Lance has had training equal to mine. As such, he should be clearly aware that when one raises an ethical question, it must be considered. Consideration does not imply what the decision will be. But, it must be considered. The ethical questions raised in regard to ASI were clearly of the conflict of interest and dual role/relationship nature. It is not appropriate when such are raised to simply affirm that there is no problem. They must be discussed, and the respective parties must agree on the answer to the question.

Unfortunately, it appears to me that there are some who simply expect us to accept ASI's affirmation that there was no problem, and then expected us to accept that without any further in-depth discussion. That was ethically inappropriate.

I will point out that I personally have stated that I believe that it might have been possible for ASI to have played a limited role in resolving this mess. But, they pulled out and chose not to fill that role. In any case, regardless of my belief that they could have played a limited role, the ethical issues raised should have been discussed in detail with full disclosure of the relationships to all parties.

NOTE: There is another ethical issue that is important here. When one is accused, either privately or publicly, of misconduct, confidentiality goes out the window, so to speak. One can not make an accusation, and then claim confidentiality for material that the accused needs to defend. Harold has, in my opinion, made charges of misconduct against GAJ, Bob Pickle, and myself that we are entitled to defend against. By doing so, I believe that we are released from all constraints of confidentiality in regard to what went on. I believe that GAJ, Bob Pickle, and myself may properly defend ourselves with material that might otherwise have been considered confidential.

As a professional, as an attorney, I assume that Harold Lance knew such when he sent his version of events, that contained false comments about me, to a group of people.

NOTE: I have stated that Harold has made false comments about me. I do not challenge his honesty in any way. Rather I believe that he posted false information that came from others. e.g. His comments regarding messages that I am implied to have sent to others.

Posted by: Observer Jan 25 2007, 06:34 AM

Re: "In this case it looks like you lost because you didn't want to play by the rules, but wanted to make your own. Nor did you want to just address Linda's and Danny's divorce . . . "

Alethia, you were not directly part of this discussion. Your statement misrepresents the reality.

1) Harold Lance came to us from quite a formal background. He came as a representative of ASI. He came from formal votes of the ASI Board. He formally spoke for ASI. Alethia, if I am wrong in this please correct me. But, Harold represented ASI, not himself, not anyone else.

2) None of the three of us came from that background. We simply came to the table as three independent people who advised Linda. Yes we worked together. But, we also advised Linda independently.

3) I proposed to Harold, and the others (GAJ & Bob Pickle), in a joint communication, that ASI could properly fill a role that was limited to the marital issues. In my proposal, I stated that I agreed with Harold that there were other issues that needed to be resolved, but that ASI could not fill that role. In my proposal, I asked that ASI issue a statement that such issues existed, and that as these could not be resolved by ASI, but only in the civil realm, no one who took such issues to the civil authorities should be criticized for doing so. I also went on to say that one aspect of this was that ASI could not resolve such issues in a manner that was fair to either Danny, 3-ABN, or Linda. That was one of the reasons why ASI should not be involved in such. I made comments in regard to this more than once.

At no time did either Bob Pickle or GAJ reject my proposal. All of us waited for a response from Harold as to whether or not ASI would agree to making such a public statement. That response never came, as I recall it.

Alethia, you are simply wrong. But you were not directly part of the discussion. I was. I do not challenge your honesty, just your knowledge and facts.

Posted by: Observer Jan 25 2007, 06:55 AM

Re: "ASI HAS GIVEN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO ALL KINDS OF MINISTRIES THROUGH THE YEARS, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY COULD NOT HOLD A FAIR HEARING INVOLVING ANY OF THOSE MINISTRIES."

Bystander:

Perhaps ASI could have been fair? Perhaps they could not have been? In any case it was appropriate to address it, and in the context of a full disclosure of the relationship.

I sit on a hospital ethics committee. We deal with ethical issues brought to us by physicians, other staff, families, and patients. When we make a recommendation, that recommendation is followed.

Let me give you a real case:

A physician requested that our ethics committee and a hospital administrative board give him permission to be the holder of a power of attorney over a patient. He gave us reasons why that would be in the best interests of the patient, and stated that he would never provide medical care to that patient.

Our ethics committee agreed with the hospital administrative board. We told the doctor that if he became the holder of a power of attorney over the patient, he must resign his position as a physician in our hospital.

Bystander, you simply do not understand ethics. Sometimes the children of the world set the example for the children of God.

Regardless of the decision, it was appropriate to raise the question of whether or not ASI could be fair.

Re: "In this case it looks like you lost because you didn't want to play by the rules, but wanted to make your own."

Alethia:

In this context, rules cannot be imposed upon anyone. They cannot be imposed upon ASI. They can not be imposed upon us. They can only be discussed and agreed upon.

Unfortunately my impression was that it was a take it or leave it proposition, and ASI pulled out

because they did not want to develop a set of mutually agreed upon rules.

Posted by: sister Jan 25 2007, 07:57 AM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Jan 24 2007, 08:11 PM)

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"Response to ASI

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Introduction:

Overall I was encouraged by the outreach that Harold Lance has made to us. It is a good start. It reflects a good tone (spirit). In many ways it reflects where I am. Of course, I am going to think a document is good when it agrees with me. J

It seems to agree with my assessment of what must be accomplished if ASI can establish a panel that can achieve some degree of resolution. If he has read what I have previously posted on the Internet, he knows that I have stated that the following are the critical issues that the respective parties must agree upon if this panel is to be effective:

- 1) They must agree upon the issues to be considered.
- 2) They must agree upon the aim of the panel, or to put it another way, what the expected results are.
- 3) They must agree upon the process.

NOTE: In my previous public posts, I have expanded upon the above slightly.

In my understanding of what Harold has written, he also sees the above as critical issues.

I have reflected upon his document overnight. Without detracting from what I consider to be an excellent document, I will suggest that it contains a number of issues that need further clarification, and agreement by the parties. It is my intention in my response to identify those and to comment upon them. Any references that I may make to "critical issues," unless otherwise identified, will reference the three listed above. To identify my point for discussion, I will quote from Harold's document with a "Re:" followed by either the quotation, or a brief summary of a point in his document.

Discussion:

a) Re: ". . . request to ASI [by 3-ABN] that it establish a commission to evaluate and determine Danny's' [sic] legal and moral right to remarry."

This falls under my critical issue # 1.

This request seems to limit the issues that are to be considered by this commission. Perhaps that is O.K., if the respective parties agree to this. In my mind, the marital issues, which have some importance, are much less important than other issues. Again, what do the respective parties want, and agree to?

A larger issue is that this wording restricts the marital issues to Danny and Linda, their divorce, and Danny's remarriage. I will suggest that the marital issues are much larger than this focus. Danny has been charged, rightly or wrongly, I do not know, with sexual misconduct, during the time that he was married to Linda, and following the divorce, prior to his marriage to Brandi. These issues are clearly marital issues, yet they lie outside of the narrow focus as requested by 3-ABN.

I acknowledge that this commission cannot be expected to consider every one of the issues that

are considered important by everyone. But, I think it is important that this commission issue a statement of such limitations, and that therefore interested parties are free to pursue redress in other venues, to include the civil authorities. After all, God established civil government, and directed all of us to submit to its rule, when not in conflict with God. This all is related to my critical issue # 2.

Re: "ASI has no jurisdiction. . . [and is without} authority to make orders and awards that disputants are required to follow."

I agree wholeheartedly with the above. ASI is very limited in what it can accomplish. To place what Harold then states in words of my own: ASI can only make findings of fact, and recommendations. Again, this is related to my critical issue # 2. With this perspective, ASI cannot require binding resolution. There must be an acknowledgement that the parties are free to reject, and to see other venues for resolution. If any of the parties should do so, the findings of fact, and recommendations of the Commission would play a role as to how the SDA public perceived this situation. From this perspective, I believe that the parties would carefully consider such findings and recommendations, before rejecting them. I believe that this would be helpful.

c) Re: The Biblical appropriateness of the divorce and the remarriage.

We are on uncertain ground with this one, as important as it is. Regardless of the CHURCH MANUAL, we as a denomination do not agree with what constitutes Biblical grounds, and remarriage following divorce. In my personal opinion, as applied to this situation Biblical grounds must be limited to sexual misconduct, and what is commonly considered to be adultery. This presents us with a problem. Danny and 3-ABN (Dr. Thompson) have clearly stated, many times, that they have no proof that Linda violated what I have just laid out above. From this standpoint, by the thinking of some, with this admission from Danny and 3-ABN, the Commission can only find that Linda did not provide Danny with Biblical grounds for divorce. I agree with that position, until it is proven to me that she did commit adultery.

NOTE: In my mind, and that of many conservative SDAs so-called "spiritual adultery" and adultery in one's thoughts are not Biblical grounds. ASI will clearly, in my mind be off the conservative platform if it suggests any such do constitute Biblical grounds. Any such opinion coming from it will highly disturb its conservative base of support.

[NOTE: I have removed six lines of text as it was quite personal in regard to an issue with one individual. I do not believe that these six lines need to be published to the world at large at this point in time. If I later change my mind, I will publish them--GM.]

There is also another issue here that is raised due to the fact that the SDA church is divided in regard to what are Biblical grounds for divorce and remarriage. It is a fundamental issue under law that people be treated equally. It is likely that people are not treated equally in this issue, and are treated according to the congregation in which they find themselves. The ASI Committee should consider not only Biblical grounds, the CHURCH MANUAL, but also the typical way that people are treated today in SDA congregations. I.e. They should not treat either Danny or Linda

more strictly than they would be treated in the typical local congregation. This is required by basic fairness.

Retention in a position of spiritual leadership is an appropriate consideration. I.e. A person might be retained in church membership, yet removed from a position of major ministry. When such is done, there is an obligation to treat all in the same manner. E.g. If Linda is to be examined as to her conduct, and whether or not she should be retained in a position of spiritual leadership, so also should Danny be examined. And, her treatment should also be examined in relation to other people who may also have been charged with sexual misconduct.

d) Re: Issues of Danny and Linda's employment:

ASI can only recommend. It cannot enforce. ASI potentially could recommend that Danny be relieved from all employment at 3-ABN, if this was thought to be appropriate. However, it is a stretch of the imagination to believe that such would happen if ASI were to recommend it.

As to Linda: Realistically, she could not effectively return to 3-ABN unless there was a major change in leadership to include the Board. She simply would not be allowed to effectively work there, and would likely be marginalized.

e) Re: Issues regarding Linda's membership:

Linda is presently a member, in good standing, in a SDA Church recognized by a recognized SDA Conference. Her membership should not be an issue.

Should ASI consider how she was treated by her church of former membership? Perhaps? Maybe? I am not certain? What would be accomplished? Within the denominational rules that are supposed to govern such, local congregations have the authority, right or wrong. Perhaps the best that could be said might be so say that the relationship between Linda, the local congregation, the Conference and its leadership, and 3-ABN, was of such a nature that denominational rules in existence did not provide the guidance that was needed, and that therefore issues of potential ethical conflicts arise out of this situation.

NOTE: I am not attempting to prejudge the case, or to suggest that there is only one conclusion that the Committed may make. I think that there are many aspect of this case that present very hard questions and I am not certain that ASI can resolve them. Perhaps, however, they can raise issues that may be resolved for future situations should they rise again.

f) Re: Fundamentals as outlined by Mr. Lance:

He has listed a number which are of value.

g) Re: Selection of the Panel, # 10:

More is involved than just selecting people who are fair, intelligent, spiritual, and without preconceived opinion. I will suggest that the panel should have members who may have expertise in some areas. E.g. [NOTE: I have removed three lines her for the reasons stated above-GM.]

If the ethical standards of Dr. A. come into question, the panel should have someone on it who can discuss the professional ethical standards for a person in Dr. A's position in Norway, where he lives. There may be some common ethical standards that are present everywhere. But, ethical standards are often determined in part by local law and culture. I.e. If it is unethical for a physician in the US to give a specific gift to a patient, one cannot say that such would be unethical in Norway.

h) Re: Items A - F, on page 3, in regard to legal practices that Mr. Lance does not think apply.

I think a so-called "judge," or someone who can direct the panel, might be helpful under some situations, if carefully chosen.

I also believe that there may be situations where it might be helpful to take depositions, such as dealing with women who have charged someone with sexual misconduct.

The issue of a record is important. There must be enough detail to provide a historical record for the future.

i) Re: Balance between privacy and openness.

There is a clear place for privacy. Women who accuse someone of sexual misconduct must have some expectation of privacy. Society in general recognizes such.

However, society distinguishes between common people and public figures. Danny and Linda are both public figures. Both have been accused publicly of major sins. Neither rightly has the expectation of privacy that a common person might have. In any case, with the publication of their alleged sins for the world to read, privacy is not the answer at this time. In fairness to both of them, a final report should report findings on the accusations that have been made against them. As public figures, the SDA public needs to know such findings. If this is not done, these issues will not go away. They will remain in public view and under public discussion.

j) One final note, although not brought up in this document by Mr. Lance: ASI must accept the decision of the respective parties as to who represents that party before ASI. ASI cannot automatically exclude anyone."

January 25, 2007: Folks, the above was an early response to Mr. Lance. Note my three listed critical issues. Without agreement on those, the attempt by ASI would fail. I do not believe that ASI discussed those appropriately with us. Over time, and with further reflection, my positions became clearer, and I was able to state them with more specifics. But, this was an early response to Mr. Lance. You-all can judge for yourselves what it tells about my willingness to participate in a process and a willingness to come to a place where ASI could assist. I will suggest that there is nothing here that reflects an agenda that precludes resolution. I participated in a manner to facilitate the process. But, the process failed.

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This is the Best I can do. Have you any other ideas? There has to be some thought if there is to be reconstruction. I read there is no desire for any that are there at 3ABN now. So who is in the running. Oh, come on let us all in on the plans.

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Posted by: Spike Jan 25 2007, 12:26 PM

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Posted by: caribbean sda Jan 25 2007, 12:30 PM

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Sheesh...everyone's a comedian these days... □ you're too kind, Clay

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I agree 100%. She does need our prayers. Her cry is of desperation. She does seem to be holding on for dear life. We should all pray for her in a special way.

I have been in a corner where there seems to be no way out. This is not a bad place to be. Only God can help.

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She is grabbing at straws out of desperation. We need to pray that God will protect all of the innocent and expose only the guilty.

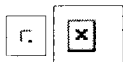
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Posted by: jene Jan 25 2007, 01:22 PM

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Posted by: wwjd Jan 25 2007, 04:11 PM

QUOTE(sister @ Jan 25 2007, 07:57 AM)

Does it take the great prophet of 3ABN, the man exalted by John Lomacang, Shelley Quinn and Mollie Steenson? Whom they have compared to the great prophets of the Bible, including Moses?

Now that is a joke! Having worked with Dan Shelton, in my personal opinion, his behavior is akin to a hick, red-necked, Southern conartist who steals the nickles and dimes from old ladies on fixed incomes, while using God as his frontman.

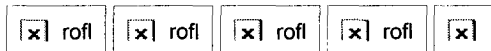
Sorry Di and Clay, but enough is enough. It is getting so deep around Bystander that even waders are not high enough to keep out of the muck. It must be all those years Dan spent on the "Honey Truck", I can still smell the aroma in these posts.

Sister

Then why did you marry him? Could it have been for the mone..I mean ministry?

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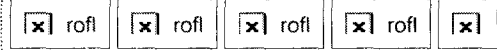
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Posted by: sister Jan 25 2007, 04:24 PM

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EXCUSE ME, OR RATHER EXCUSE YOU. I personally am not a divorced woman. I have married to the same loving Christian man for many a day, who by the way is much more attractive than Danny Shelton in every possible way.

Steve, where is your picture of that big old red herring? Please insert it here _____ or any other place that will get WWJD's attention.

Posted by: caribbean sda Jan 25 2007, 04:45 PM

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Oh...the horror!

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Girlfirend you've got issues.....this post sounds a bit desperate. I am sure there is someone you can talk to about these anger issues. Will be keeping you in prayer. Seriously.

Hey Girlfriend, say to your High Horse "Giddy Up"

Posted by: Ralph Jan 25 2007, 06:35 PM

QUOTE(Observer @ Jan 25 2007, 07:55 AM) □

Harold Lance has distributed a message that makes certain claims about me, and my participation in the process with ASI. I am posting here a response that I made to Mr. Lance on December 3, 2006. This was early on in the process. My thoughts were still developing. With the passage of time, I became more clear in my mind as to what needed to be done. Here is my early response to Mr. Lance:

Thanks, Observer for putting so much effort into this difficult project.

As I read Harold Lance's report on Maritime, I saw some points that concerned me. When there is a document of this importance, I would expect that both parties would check it over very carefully and ask for some revisions.

From all indications either Danny did not do any serious reading, or it was so favorable to him that he was happy with it as it read. That raised a big red flag.

Observer, when you first announced that there had not been an agreement, you did not blame anyone; you just said that negotiations had failed. I appreciated your statement as it gave the facts without attaching any blame to anyone.

Maybe Harold Lance has not had your ethical training, but for whatever the reason, his comments appeared to cast blame. That was not wise, as any discerning reader would suspect that Danny was assured that he had ASI in his pocket. That casts an unnecessary shadow on ASI and on you and others of Linda's representatives.

So it looks like we are again left with the shadow on 3ABN of alleged improprieties. The more we learn, it appears that this shadow has substance. Let us not get sidetracked by the smell of red herrings.

Posted by: husbandoftheyear Jan 25 2007, 08:18 PM

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
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
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
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
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Posted by: Johann Jan 25 2007, 09:40 PM

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Erik, the Lord is good, and we must never forget to give Him praise and thanks!

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jan 25 2007, 10:55 PM

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EXCELLENT analogy! □

(I dig analogies!) □ sig

Posted by: Johann Jan 25 2007, 11:06 PM

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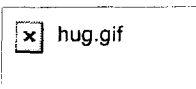
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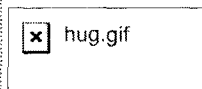
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
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Welcome, welcome, PT.... I've been wondering how you are.... so glad you are back. Here... have a nice warm blankie and cosy up with us.....  

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Have you married again? IF sok who?

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FYI:

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Congratulations, and the best to your future.

Posted by: awesumtenor Jan 26 2007, 08:23 AM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Jan 26 2007, 04:21 AM) □

No one. I was told when I came to this forum to do my homework, ask questions, call 3ABN to confirm some things posted here ect ect.. I have. My pursuit of truth makes me wonder why you are here.

You also said you found it unbearable here and that you were leaving and never returning... the first of many lies from you...and you came to the forum to obfuscate and disparage and to lower the level of discourse to such a point that actual discourse becomes impossible... when someone comes in lying and then claims to be in pursuit of the truth that makes people wonder if you'd recognize the truth if you tripped over it... and given the witness you've presented here, the answer is unequivocally "no".

QUOTE

rumor has it (and rumor is gospel here) that you could not stand working under LS and several others that worked there then, but are on here now...Obviously you have an ax to grind with the present administration but at the same time shouldn't you be totally truthful in how you and your colleagues felt about LS when she was VP? Or are you afraid you will be attacked by the people on this forum if you do? Just a thought.....

still trying to make it about linda... and still failing...

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jan 26 2007, 09:15 AM

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Posted by: PaperTigers Jan 26 2007, 10:06 AM

I have never even tried to pretend that I am completely on the Linda bandwagon, I didn't like some of the things that she did, but that doesn't mean that I think that she was treated fairly and that is the reason that I started posting on this site. So don't try to act like you know who I am or what I am about.

Posted by: sonshineonme Jan 26 2007, 10:20 AM

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I saw your post, Sonshineonme, and found the letter. However, Harold Lance's long, chiding letter didn't seem to merit any comment.

All Harold Lance really says is that "Linda's team did not accept that ASI was capable of providing a fair forum, and adds, "We believe ASI has no jurisdiction to consider internal issues of 3ABN management...."

Had ASI said ASI did have the right to make inquiry over 3ABN's internal issues, due to the amount of money ASI donates to 3ABN, most likely, it would have been Danny Shelton who would not have accepted the ASI process.

Posted by: princessdi Jan 26 2007, 11:52 AM

Bystander, please see posts # 68 and #73. if it is still unclear to you, or if you have any other questions about an Admin action, please PM, Calvin, Clay, or myself.

QUOTE(Bystander @ Jan 26 2007, 01:09 AM) □

Di, I have read your posts to wwd and eyewitness and am not making any sense of it. What did I miss. I went to the page before this and thought wwd was addressing sister not you. Then you said *no need to be nasty*. What was nasty? The very nastiest thing I saw last night was sister calling Danny S. a hick, redneck, conman taking money from old ladies ect. ect. I didn't see where she got a warning...mmm. coulda missed it I guess....

Posted by: Observer Jan 26 2007, 02:36 PM

Questions and comments have been made in regard to the motives of the so-called Linda's Team as they related to the attempt of ASI to mediated the issues. In response to that, I am posting here a letter that Mr. Joy sent out on September 24, 2006. As it is a long letter, I have left out the first three paragraphs. Those three essentially expressed confidence in Linda, her Christian spirit in her time of trouble (my words) and other support. Well, we all know that Mr. Joy supports Linda. So, there is no need to post those three paragraphs. With the exception of removing a couple of names, I am posting the rest of the letter, as written.

It was written to a minister in the General Conference, and his name will not be given at this time. Here is the rest of the letter, beginning with paragraph four:

"However, keep in mind, we have three clear and distinct avenues of potential authority that must be each allocated it's due process under law; civil, criminal and canonical law, in order to fully restore Linda to the level of integrity and public faith she once enjoyed, and even these have overlapping concerns:

Civil - issues of public interest that would include the hypocrisy of proclaiming the "un-diluted Three Angels Messages" while allegedly living as charlatons and philanderers in a virtual modern day Peyton Place, Dallas and James Bakker ministry all rapped into one profit for Shelton, Non Profit institution;

Criminal - issues that must be ultimately resolved by federal, state and even international governments relating to alleged criminal conspiracy to defraud constituents, consumers and donors of the various gifts granted or lent and and alleged conversion of some of those assets by various direct and indirect means to the use of primarily Sheldon Family members or those who

constituted close personal or business acquaintances, some employees and others non-employees allegedly virtually at Danny's choosing and direction.

Cannonical or Ecclesiastical Authority - in the SDA church we have a near federalist system with a quasi-congregational system as the local community given powers in out-reach, community services, education and invariably church discipline. However assets and the regional or state administration processes are given over to the conference corporation which also grants credentials to ministries and ministers and manage a host of departments, including education and ministerial supervision. The association of churches gives and can take local church charters. Union, NAD and GC really serves as sources of experience and wisdom and has taken certain specialty concerns, such as hospital, colleges, universities and other major assets of the corporation. However, the potential use of heirarchical authority within the Union, NAD and GC cannot be ignored by the conference leadership lest they find their careers stagnated or ended. And the issue of large sums of money either as tithes, gifts, loans or trusts being transferred into non-ecclesiastical lines with little or no accountability to the church entities, constituents, donors or trustators that made these sums available to the alleged corrupt organization also must ultimately be addressed as part of this very serious challenge to the church. In fact, if the allegations prove to be reasonably accurate, this could be the largest challenge to the Seventh-day Adventist church since John Harvey Kellogg.

Given this reality, for Linda to regain a status of acceptability to get back into the churches, there must be a process of clear and ecclesiastically acceptable exoneration for her to pursue the ministry that she wishes to get back to. Therefore, we must logically address ecclesiastical concerns as well as civil and criminal.

Criminal has a momentum of it's own and all anyone can do is provide appropriate documentation or point investigators in the direction they need to search to find meaningful evidence. This process has begun, for better or for worse, but will invariably take time.

Civil issues are already being investigated and researched and reports will be made available as the sources and stories are verified and, whenever possible, documented. They can be released to a variety of media designed to give the widest possible circulation for those that need to be aware and to make educated decisions as to how they will Tithe, donate, gift, loan or trust to the entity known as 3ABN.

In addition I have become aware of at least two books that are being prepared for publication that will address various issues relating to the allegations currently under research and investigation. These will most probably be given very wide circulation and go far toward defining the various charges and counter-charges.

Since the current clear allegation from [deleted] has hit the streets, 3ABN directors have expressed they would like proof that [deleted] was the source of the allegation and then, if she is the source, they would like to ask her to meet and discuss the allegations.

Since these are no longer the only allegations on the table for discussion, I am proposing that we accomodate the entire series of allegations by empanelling a panel to look at the [deleted] allegations; the Pastor Dryden allegations against Tommy Shelton; the allegations that Linda had an inappropriate relationship with Arild Abrahamsen; the issue that prior to, during and after the Linda/Arild allegations that Danny was clearly being observed having multiple inappropriate reationship; and other inappropriate financial allegations; that there have been several open and notorious inappropriate inter-staff relationships, some by allegation and some of which were clearly "caught" or "confessed"; all of which the local church has failed to discipline or the institution has failed to equally apply due process or any process at all due to clear and obvious conflicts.

The panel should be given all the powers of a tribunal / arbitration panel with appropriate counsel for both sides present to conduct direct and cross-examination of the witnesses, with the tribunal to have authority to make direct inquiry of the witnesses, with as broad a rule of evidence as the tribunal feels is neccasary to find the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Provision

needs to be made to allow the introduction of witnesses in executive session such that not only are witnesses protected from the peering eyes of various leadership, but can give open and honest and unimpeded testimony as Witness x, y, z et siq. I am proposing that the original parties, the 3ABN board and Linda [and deleted] each be allowed to have two observers sworn to protect the witnesses from retaliation by Leadership and others to observe the proceedings and to be able to certify the process as fair and appropriate.

The panel would be convened for a period of up 5 days (or longer at their determination) at a sight to be determined in southern Illinois, would take testimony, would look at each allegation separately and distinctly, would issue a report of the allegations and their conclusions, would make those conclusions available to the various churches or church affiliates that become involved in allegations against individual parties or institutions and even recommend the convening of appropriate business sessions to deal with the discipline required.

Since certain allegations directly import the agreement with the GC and with ASI and it's bylaws for participation, it would be expected they would act expediently to protect the church or it's affiliates from any ongoing harm. Perhaps the panel would issue an issues specific report on the caliber of the "Issues..." reports of the 1990's.

If the church or church affiliate fails to convene appropriate business sessions or refuses to administer discipline, then the panel would be empowered to approach the appropriate conference committee with a copy of the report and to seek a special constituency to determine if the offending church body should be disbanded from the brother-hood of churches. Since the Illinois conference is of particular focus, then we would expect the officers and conflicted directors to recuse themselves and to allow the Union President to preside over these particular proceedings. Of course any appeal would be to the Union, NAD or GC.

I trust this would clarify why I feel we need to also address the ecclesiastical authority. I assume the fairest of panels would clearly exonerate Linda and Arild, although this is obviously not assured, and this goes without saying, the fastest way to open the gates of churches to welcome her deeply Spiritual Ministry back into the churches. I will leave the results relating to Danny, et, al, 3ABN, et siq, to your various imaginations.

Thank-you for your inquiry and please let me know if you have further questions as this discussion helps to mold the process into a clear basis for pursuit of the issues within the Remnant Church.

Gailon Arthur Joy"

What do we see in this letter to the General Conference.

- 1) Yes, as we already knew, Gailon speaks with emotional force.
- 2) He was clearly calling for a pannel, somewhat of the nature of that proposed by ASI.
- 3) Yes, he did ask for a more complete review of the issues and the alligations.
- 4) You will note that this clearly stated that the ultimate resolution of certain issues could only come by civil authorities. Folks, we were in substantial agreement with ASI that some issues simply could not be resolved by ASI. But, the details needed to be worked out. That was where things broke down in my perception.

I will suggest that this letter by Mr. Joy to the General Conference may have resulted in the GC putting out "feelers" to 3-ABN and ASI to see if ASI could get involved. Folks, the Linda Team, wanted things to work. But, we did not beleive that ASI could resolve all issues, and we agreed with ASI on that point.

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jan 26 2007, 03:25 PM

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I thought you were referring to the Save 3ABN site, not the 3ABN one itself.

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Posted by: inga Jan 26 2007, 07:05 PM

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Indeed! Note that **only** the issue of Dan's right to remarry was supposed to be addressed. **And** it also seems that only the "findings" were supposed to go public -- not all the evidence presented.

They wanted an obviously rigged process. Failing that -- since Linda wanted complete transparency -- they are blaming Linda as though she didn't want to cooperate because she had something to hide. They are claiming Danny's exoneration by default.

Thats not exactly what Lance's letter says, but that's the spin 3ABN folks on this board have put on it. (And we have good reason to believe that these folks are major players at 3ABN.)

Posted by: Hawk Jan 27 2007, 01:33 AM

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Hawk, I LIKE YOU!! Tell it like it is!! Keep it up!! It's GREAT to have you hear!! It's a breath of fresh air to have another person here from T-ville who knows how to tell the truth! Guess there's some hope for S. Illinois!

 welcome.gif

Posted by: sister Jan 27 2007, 01:42 AM

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Wait a minute! In this case it is REALLY true!



Posted by: Hawk Jan 27 2007, 02:32 AM

Also, Kaiser, another representative of 3ABN and the Sheltons, came here and spouted a flurry of racist comments directed against people of color. Again, representative of 3ABN/the Sheltons.

Posted by: Pickle Jan 27 2007, 07:38 AM

Last night a pastor called me, having found an email he received on September 19 from Gailon that specifically states that Gailon had spent two hours talking with the church leader who got the ASI panel review process going in the first place.

And then we have an email from Gailon CC'ed to that same church leader written September 24 that spells out the allegations that needed to be addressed, allegations which they certainly must have discussed in the two-hour conversation referred to above. And some of those allegations were the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, which were a major factor in getting the ASI panel review process going.

That being said, Harold Lance's statement puts him in the awkward position of appearing to be either lying or in the dark when he says that Gailon was unknown to ASI leadership prior to October 3. Frankly, I prefer the latter option.

It also puts Harold in the awkward light of appearing to be participating in a cover up of the

Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, since even when I pointed out that the child molestation allegations were a major factor in getting the ball rolling, and that Danny had made it very clear to me that he intended to use the findings of a restricted ASI investigation as a smokescreen to make all the other allegations go away, Harold wouldn't budge one bit from his position that only the divorce and remarriage issue could be considered. (Personally, I think there are more charitable explanations for this problem than that he was intentionally trying to cover things up.)

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As for publishing the various communications.... I think it should, of course, all go on the save3abn site... and of course that they should all be posted here. From that others will doubtless pick them up and send them out by various means... including email, snail mail, and perhaps even other web site locations or news media.

Posted by: Clay Jan 27 2007, 10:29 AM

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Posted by: Lee Jan 27 2007, 10:36 AM

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jan 27 2007, 10:45 AM

I'm not Clay but on #1 I agree with you. I know my kids used to claim I lied to them when I simply changed my minds on something.

#2. How could ASI be trusted to have a fair investigation when they have such a vested intrest in 3abn? Their members have given countless dollars to Danny and many of their members sit on the 3abn board which has publicly supported Danny's divorce and remarriage.

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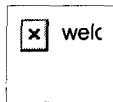
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I guess it might be wise to prepare for a huge wave of truth-seekers here at the 3abn forum!

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Posted by: husbandoftheyear Jan 27 2007, 08:08 PM

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Yes, it really is.

When the 3ABN school/gym was built, it was announced as a "community center."

All it needs now is a community audience...



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Lee, there is more than one level of lying, some gentle, some not so gentle. Around here, we're still dealing with Levels 1 and 2 (mostly 2), with some things reaching into Level 3 - Statistics(!). I'm thinking Steve's mostly less than impressed with all the Level 2 stuff (and worse) currently ongoing. He's just being inclusive.

Regards,
Norm

Posted by: Lee Jan 27 2007, 08:38 PM

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I was amazed at the response right there, and even by Danny Shelton himself. It was "They all hate us!"

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Posted by: wwjd Jan 27 2007, 09:09 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Jan 27 2007, 11:15 AM) □



Hawk, welcome to BSDA! It's so nice to have someone else from Thompsonville who demonstrates such clarity of thought.

I'm curious about something. What is the general view of 3abn in the Thompsonville area?

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I have lived around Adventist institutions... some call them ghettos... all of my life. I have never yet lived in one where the community closest to them did not have the highest respect for them... even though they might ridicule their "strange" eating habits or some of their doctrines. I have also heard stories of Ellen White all of my life, and I have never yet heard of any place that she lived where she was anything but loved and respected. (With the possible exception of Battle Creek where she had to endure the coldness of some of her "brethren".... but that was not the community itself.)

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Thank you for your confirmation of what I have heard from previous sources about the way the people of Thompsonville feel about 3abn. This is so sad. On the other hand, I am glad they are able to separate the 3abn cult from the true SDA church!

Posted by: rwelchcrs Jan 27 2007, 09:57 PM

Watchbird, yours is the first posting I've read which refers to 3ABN as a "cult". I've been wondering how long it would take for someone to start using that kind of language. The more I read and learn about the situation there, it seems to me that it certainly is a cult.

Posted by: Clay Jan 27 2007, 10:46 PM

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Posted by: Rosyroi Jan 28 2007, 12:13 AM

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QUOTE(Rosyroi @ Jan 28 2007, 01:13 AM) □



Posted by: Rosyroi Jan 28 2007, 12:37 AM

QUOTE(Lee @ Jan 24 2007, 07:24 PM) □

I read Pickles letters to Danny. They were harassment at its worst. Both Dr. Thompson and Danny let him know they could no longer communicate with Bob Pickle and yet Pickle just kept hounding them with emails. Read it for yourself....

That IS harassment!!

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Posted by: NormF Jan 28 2007, 03:05 AM

QUOTE(Observer @ Jan 24 2007, 01:51 PM) □

This morning Harold Lance sent out a message stating why ASI withdrew from an attempt to resolve the issues with 3-ABN.

I believe that it contains a number of factual errors. I am publishing Mr. Lance's message, with my comments inserted.

[balance deleted for the sake of brevity]

To return to the beginning of this thread for a moment

Questions of why Mr. Lance has said some of the things he has, and why he seems to be taking the tack he has, have been asked during the last few days. While I don't know him from Adam, and concede that what I'm about to say may or may not apply to him, nevertheless, there are some background matters related to it that all of us, just generally, should take into consideration when, for example, a person reads material such as we have here.

Jurisprudence in the American tradition is based on something called adversarial confrontation. When a lawyer sets out to represent a client professionally, anything that will achieve a favorable outcome for his client at the end of the legal process becomes an acceptable tool or procedure along the way. In essence, the end justifies the means. You may also have noticed that lawyers are never required to take an oath of truth-giving, only witnesses do that. Same reason. (The system did not come to be the way it is by accident or coincidence.) If it will help his client's position, and unless he fears that getting called on it by the opposing attorney or the judge will undo his advantage, for most lawyers, the first choice is "do it." In fact, even if he does get called on it and it's then disallowed, it is often still useful and effective from his point of view. (I love that *post hoc* judicial admonition to jurists after one of these *faux pas* been said, "Don't use that in your deliberations." Yeah, right, quit thinking, dudes, about all those elephants in the room!) Additionally, there is no Hippocratic oath in this profession stating that the first rule of conduct is to do no harm. Instead, the first rule is maximize your client's benefit.

While there are many lawyers who do hold to a high personal ethic of practice and general deportment despite all this, the fact that they do has little to do with the profession's direct influence. Such an ethic simply is not deeply ingrained into it's core as a fundamental value ... which is one of the major reasons why lawyers in general, and politicians, are not high on lists of approval in the eyes of the general public. This is why it's expecting too much to assume at the outset that a given lawyer is moved by the same rules that we feel guide us. (Happily, I'm glad to note there are some excellent exemplars of the good guys, and gals, here in BSDA; and to you, my salute for rising above your "handicap." Peace, my friends, OK?) □

So ... should we expect Mr. Lance to be a truth teller? Not necessarily. He may be; but if so, that has little to do with the fact that he's a lawyer. If he is, that's more likely to be so in spite of it, not because of it. And then in this case, adding to this background context, considering who his client is, it does become harder to believe that he's completely free of the influence of his profession. As usual, of course, time will tell.

'Nuff said.

Regards,
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Posted by: Pickle Jan 28 2007, 05:43 AM

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Posted by: sister Jan 28 2007, 08:56 AM

QUOTE(husbandoftheyear @ Jan 27 2007, 09:08 PM) □

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
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
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

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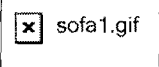
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

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
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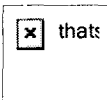
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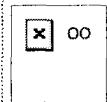
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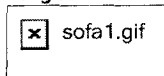
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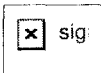



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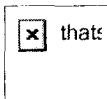
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QUOTE(PaperTigers @ Jan 26 2007, 10:06 AM) □

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Ok, I won't

QUOTE(Hawk @ Jan 27 2007, 01:33 AM) □

Danny came on this forum and lied. Bystander said he was leaving and lied. Eye Witness bore false witness and lied. 3ABN couldn't even tell the truth in something as small as the names of four little children and lied to all of their viewers. How can anything you'uns say be given any credibility? Reminds me of a joke. "How do you know when a televangelist is lying? His lips are moving."

If you are referring to the Mundell children No One from 3ABN told that their name had been changed. Not only did they not say it, no one there even thought it...I ask

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Posted by: Bystander Jan 29 2007, 03:45 AM

QUOTE(Ralph @ Jan 25 2007, 06:35 PM) □

Thanks, Observer for putting so much effort into this difficult project.

So it looks like we are again left with the shadow on 3ABN of alleged improprieties. The more we learn, it appears that this shadow has substance. Let us not get sidetracked by the smell of red herrings.

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Posted by: Johann Jan 29 2007, 04:55 AM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Jan 29 2007, 11:13 AM)

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Ok, I won't

If you are referring to the Mundell children No One from 3ABN told that their name had been changed. Not only did they not say it, no one there even thought it...I ask

Mr. 'bystander'. This post of yours is a strong indication that you, just like Queen Esther, have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. You have provided us with a remarkable demonstration of what truth is and isn't. You don't know the arguments so you make a call to Thompsonville for instructions, and not even then do you get an accurate count of the number of apartments available. This is the first clue that not all of the other tales you get are accurate. But there is much more. . .

You acknowledge that the truth can hurt. So when you face it, it might even seem nasty, when you don't have the whole truth.

Your faulty information on the Mundall issue demonstrates that you have been connected to a fallible source. When that program was first broadcast the Mundall children were all listed as Firestone.

When the children's father called 3ABN and protested to Mr. M, he was told it could not be changed without the approval of the BOSS.

When we pointed out right here on BSDA that it was illegal what they were doing, and that they might be sued for it, then they changed it, so on the re-runs of the program the children's names were listed as Mundall. The information you received shows that they would lie in order to protect them against the consequence of their former lie. This we have seen again and again in our dealings with 3ABN. Truth, to 3ABN, can be swayed in any direction to protect themselves against the results of earlier issued falsehoods. Back in 2004 Mr. Danny Shelton demonstrated this so clearly right here on BSDA, and this is one good reason why the words of 3ABN no longer are accepted without a good verification.

So, Mr. whatever your real name is, we must be grateful to you for providing yet another proof beyond doubt that our perceptions are correct.

For this matter, with which you have now been contaminated, there is a clear way out. Fall on your knees before the Cross of Jesus Christ in confession, and you will experience the power of divine healing because there is a Balm in Gilead. And it is the cleansing in the Blood that we pray for that the administrative staff of 3ABN will experience, so that the Gospel and Advent Message may be proclaimed with power of the Holy Spirit to a dying World. Thank you, Mr. Bystander, for your part in making this possible.

May God Bless You,

Johann Thorvaldsson

Former Director of European Development for 3ABN
Until fired for refusing to tell the lie demanded by the boss.

Posted by: sister Jan 29 2007, 09:18 AM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Jan 29 2007, 04:13 AM) □

Make some calls, you can find out easily...You are correct Inga. Dr. Thompson spends several days a month there and stays in one of the apartments when he does. what is incorrect, is the implication that it sets empty while he isn't there. It doesn't. They are for whoever comes to do music, programming, cooking ect ect. The guest that are on all the shows that we see have to have somewhere to stay while they are making their programs. Some are there just a few days and some are there for several weeks depending on their program schedule. The apartments may or may not have been meant for low cost housing in the beginning but the need for guest rooms became priority. There are 6 or 8 (didn't get clear on that) apartments that 3abn built and there are several homes where volunteers live that have small apartment quarters in their basements. According to those in charge of scheduling they say that many times throughout the year, they are filled up and really need several more.

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Danny Shelton, himself, on one of the Behind the Scenes programs and on other occasions, made the statement that the apartments were being built as employee housing. **THAT IS A FACT.**

Bystander, unless the situation has changed recently, Walt Thompson has permanently had an apartment in that complex (four studio apartments and four 2 bedroom apartments with a small coin operated laundry building) since it was built. He has clothing and other personal items in there all the time, I know, I have been inside his apartment. On occasion he has allowed personal guests of his to use it. Personally, I can remember whole months or more when it was vacant ready for Walt's return. **THIS IS FACTUAL.**

Secondly, I assume that the the houses you are referring to with apartments in their basements for volunteers are Bob and Bea's place and Tammy Larson's parents home. Their homes were built with the understanding that the basement apartments were to be used for guests accommodations. These homes were built on 3ABN property and paid for by the individuals that live there, with the understanding that the "owners" could remain living there until their death, upon which time 3ABN becomes the sole owner and the entire house becomes guest housing.

Dee also had a home with a number of guestrooms and an apartment in the basement. Unfortunately, Danny made a deal with Dee to exchange her large home for the double-wide trailer that Melody lived in on 3ABN property. Which really surprized me since Dee loved that house, but Dee's whole life is 3ABN and she wouldn't know where to go if she was not working there. So the reason there is not enough guest rooms at 3ABN is because Danny has authorized a change in usage of what was once available.

I must admit that you are correct in that it was my post you quoted and I continue to stand behind that statement and it's accuracy, in my opinion. I do believe that I am on the top of your list, but for reasons other than you have mentioned. I believe I am on the top of your list because I continue to

pull back the curtain and reveal the truth in regard to the Shelton family and 3ABN.

Sister

Posted by: sonshineonme Jan 29 2007, 11:16 AM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Jan 29 2007, 01:45 AM) □

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More of the SAME O SAME O



(for the sake of argument, lets pretend that smiley is a SPINNING smiley)

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jan 29 2007, 03:00 PM

QUOTE(wwjd @ Jan 27 2007, 08:09 PM) □

In looking at many of your posts it seems fairly obvious that you know just the right questions to ask that will have negative answers. **You do it so innocently but yet anyone that goes back always can see you have a nice little pattern to what you are doing.** You already know the answers to the questions you ask and you are secure they will be answered in a negative way, which is why you choose those particular questions. I notice that you have never ask a question that I can find, that would be answered in the positive towards 3abn. Good Strategy but game over.

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Posted by: PaperTigers Jan 29 2007, 03:46 PM

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Posted by: husbandoftheyear Jan 29 2007, 06:50 PM

QUOTE(sister @ Jan 28 2007, 09:56 AM) □

I remember that, HOTY.

When the 3ABN Worship Center (Thompsonville SDA Church) was begun, it was funded specifically to be a life-size Sanctuary Exhibit and announced as such. WHERE is the Sanctuary Exhibit?

When the guest apartments on Angel Lane were built it was announced it would be decent, affordable housing for employees. Well, Walt Thompson has a permanent studio apartment there.

And the list goes on and on...

And don't forget that Brenda has one set aside for her "use."

Posted by: Observer Feb 5 2007, 07:21 AM

[quote name='Observer' date='Jan 24 2007, 07:45 PM' post='172333']

Re: "Because ASI declined to consider issues beyond those of divorce and remarriage Art, Bob and Greg believed they were free to continue contacts with Danny, Dr. Thompson and others associated with 3ABN. Though couched in spiritual language their messages were persistent, confrontational, argumentative and harassing. Our efforts to stop their direct communications were unsuccessful."

In a previous statement I mentioned that I had sent Dr. Thompson an e-mail once. I stated that e-mail stated that I was praying for him, and was brief. I have since located that e-mail. I sent it to Dr. Thompson on December 3, 2006. It was longer than I had remembered. It did interject a second subject of concern in regard to 3-ABN. To further clarify the record as to what I sent Dr. Thompson, I post that e-mail in full below:

"Dr. Thompson:

In my prayers this AM I asked that God would lead you. You are in a tough situation that does not get any easier with the passage of time. I simply felt it appropriate to ask that God would lead you, that you would know the will of the Lord, and that you would follow it as you understood it. You and I may see and understand other things differently. But, that does not mean that all of us need to the above prayers.

FYI the following has been posed in an Internet forum, which greatly concerns me. I believe that I places both 3-ABN and the IL Conference in grave legal liability. As I would hate to see either 3-ABN placed in such a situation I am contacting you. I will explain my concerns after I post the message that is now on the Internet. Here it is:

" May 14, 2003

Dr. Walter Thompson

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Dear Dr. Thompson:

Greetings in the holy name of our Lord Jesus!

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

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

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

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

In our Lord's service,

Pastor Glenn Dryden

ACTION ITEMS SUGGESTED FOR TOMMY SHELTON

Expediency recommended :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tommy also should issue written apologies over his signature for his deceit, as well as inappropriate behavior, etc., to the congregation of the Ezra Church of God, West Frankfort, Illinois, the congregation of the Community Church of God, Dunn Loring, Virginia, the state office

of the General Assembly Of The Church Of God In Illinois and to the Ministerial Council of the Church of God headquartered in Virginia."

You will note that the suggestion has been made that TS be places on the registered sex offender list. You will also note that there are some clear statements that this was not a single incident, but involved six or more people. If in the future, there were to be any kind of a question in regard to TS, the above statement in the hands of any attorney would clearly place 3-ABN, and possibly the IL Conference in grave liability.

That is my professional opinion, as a trained counselor, and one who has worked in this area.

While you and I see things differently in regard to the issues that 3-ABN faces. I do not want either 3-ABN, or the IL Conference to suffer any harm. I felt that I needed to bring my thoughts on this aspect to your attention.

NOTE: As you well understand. We live in a time when everything is being posted on the Internet. I do not expect that you will respond to my e-mail. But, you need to be aware that not confidentiality is implied with either this message to you, or to any response that you may or may not make to me.

Gregory Matthews"

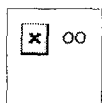
Dr. Thompson did not respond to my e-mail, and I did not expect him to do so.

While I did interject a second subject, which I did not remember when I posted my first comment regarding my e-mail to Dr. Thompson, my second comment was actually brief. In essence I encouraged him to act in a manner that would reduce the potential for 3-ABN to suffer harm.

Now, if some would construe the above message to Dr. Thompson as inappropriate, O.K. The above is what I sent.

Posted by: seraph|m Feb 5 2007, 04:35 PM

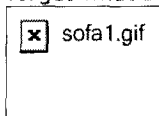
QUOTE(watchbird @ Jan 28 2007, 01:52 PM) □



OOPSIE big time.... But come back.... Hands off the Bible.... I'll confess... I goofed....

WWJD is for Jacob the deceiver.... and stop right there... forget what I said about Esau... so sorry...

so embarrassed.... where is that couch to hide behind....

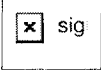



... or the hole... that's it...

I'll dig a hole and hide in it....




.... OTOH....


.....  sig ... for correcting me..... there... I feel much better now....  (.....

WB, it is said that "confession" is good for the soul. 

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 5 2007, 05:15 PM


If so my soul is wonderful, fantastic, so far above average as to not been seen. 

QUOTE(seraph|m @ Feb 5 2007, 05:35 PM) 


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Posted by: Observer Feb 6 2007, 06:13 AM

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Posted by: seraph|m Feb 7 2007, 09:32 AM

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That may be so, and it may not be. □

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