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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Dr. Arild Abrahamsen Speaks Out For Himself And Linda

Posted by: Johann Jul 13 2006, 07:12 AM

Arild Abrahamsen has long prayed sanity and truth would prevail, and that Walt Thompson and/or Danny Shelton would come to their senses. So he has kept silent these past two years. Now that Linda is still being persecuted and she is prevented from pursuing the ministry God has called her to do, he feels obliged to reveal his part of the story.

He has written his long letter, and only a few technicalities prevent these from being copied to this thread.

Stay tuned and watch out for his story right here.

Posted by: Johann Jul 13 2006, 01:29 PM

Many have indicated a desire to hear from Dr. Arild Abrahamsen in person. He has prepared this document, sent it to me, and asked me to post it here for him, with no changes in his wording. I am therefore doing this. Since it is rather lengthy, we are dividing it into small sections, so as to make it easier for any of you who wish to comment or ask questions on any section to do so. I am not adding any comments to his words other than one line at the top of each segment giving the identifying information as to the author and which section of his document is in that post.

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Letter from Dr. Abrahamsen, June 20, 2006, Section One.

Greetings from Norway;

My name is Dr. Arild Abrahamsen. I live in Svindal, Norway. I have been a medical doctor for more than 35 years. I am a member of the Moss SDA Church. I've been the Sabbath School superintendent for 14 years and the head elder for 4 years, which position I am presently serving. I am the Norwegian doctor who has been slandered by Dr. Walt Thompson, chairman of the board of

3ABN, Danny Shelton, John Lomacang and others.

Since I have observed the situation and the slander only getting worse, I feel it best to share my experience. I share my personal experience, what I have seen and heard. Much of this information has been verified by other sources, which include emails, letters and the personal experiences of

others. I share my experience not to attack any individual or organization, but to bring the truth of this situation to the surface.

I have been shocked to observe the events of the last two years. I have made no public statement until now. I had hoped things would resolve themselves.

I visited Johann and Irmgard Thorvaldsson at 3ABN the last week of 2003. The purpose of the trip was to see them and visit the ministry, which I personally had been supporting for some time. I had never been to 3ABN previously, nor had I met the Shelton's. During this visit I discovered from the Thorvaldsson's that Linda Shelton's son, Nathan, was in a dangerous state of health because of an addiction to drugs and working in coalmines. I offered to see him. This visit resulted in an

invitation for Nathan to come to Norway for treatments. Nathan came to Norway around January 20, 2004 along with his friend, Dava Vice. Linda came for a 3-½ day visit to support her son, the first week of February together with Brenda Walsh. This was the last time I saw Linda until the weekend she was fired.

I had a chance to visit with Nathan regularly. I learned from my conversations with Nathan that the roots of his drug problems were the relationships with his father and stepfather. Specifically he told me that Danny had turned his back on him. I shared this information with his mother on the phone. She told me that Danny said he had no responsibility towards Nathan since he was a product of her first marriage, so she felt she had to do what she could to help her son. There was nothing unusual in the occasional phone reports I gave Nathan's mother while he was in Norway. After Nathan returned home, I asked Linda to keep me updated on Nathan's progress.

To Be Continued

Posted by: Johann Jul 13 2006, 02:00 PM

Letter from Dr. Abrahamsen, June 20, 2006, Section Two

I was shocked to discover in early March of 2004 that Danny was threatening to get Linda fired from 3ABN because of some conversations on the phone. In fact, she was threatened immediately with divorce. By this time Nathan had started with drugs again and Linda was seeking advice. I was also shocked to discover that Brenda had started circulating untrue statements as well. (Was it because Danny had admitted to some emotional involvement with Brenda?) I talked to Danny one time on the phone and found him to be unreasonable, unbalanced and very difficult to communicate with. Johann Thorvaldsson, a retired pastor of the SDA Church of 50 years, also was in communication with Danny, both by phone and email. We talked together and shared the same opinion that Danny was acting completely irrational and unreasonable towards his wife. It appeared he was attempting to leave an email trail filled with untruths to verify a position at a later time. The decision was made to stop the communication by phone with Linda.

Some weeks went by. Johann and Irmgard were getting treatments at my clinic and staying in my home during the Easter week in April, so I discovered from them that the situation was not improving for Linda. She was being harassed, threatened, and unreasonable demands by her husband were repeatedly being made to confess things she had not done. By this time, she was also

suspended from her job at 3ABN, an order that was issued and enforced by her husband with no Board action. Things were so bad in the home that she found it necessary to go to her daughter's home in Springfield, Illinois for safety and rest on several occasions. Derrell Mundall, who was traveling often for 3ABN, reports rumors of Linda's so-called "affair" were in SDA churches in April 2004, when Linda was still living with Danny. When he inquired about the source of the rumors, people always pointed to Danny Shelton.

I could see from my 35 years of experience as a physician that Danny was a psychopath. Accusations were directed at me that I had done "mind control" over Linda. (Walt Thompson made the same accusations in his letters.) Linda was accused of sending "secret messages" to me over the television. Danny's emails and communications with Johann were completely crazy, and his reasoning often conflicted with his previous emails. Danny targeted Linda's few inner circle

onfidants and slandered her to the point that even they backed away from her at this critical time. (Linda's "friends" did not want to lose their television privileges.) Johann and I concluded this was a man

who was determined to get rid of his wife. We also concluded that Linda was in danger.

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Posted by: Uncle Sam Jul 14 2006, 02:32 AM

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Posted by: Observer Jul 14 2006, 03:23 AM

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This is mighty powerful, first-hand information. Thanks for posting it, Johann.

Linda denies ever having a relationship with Dr. A, of the nature of which she has been accused. As to the other questions regarding Melody, and her ex-husband, Johann knows more about that than I do.

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jul 14 2006, 07:28 AM

Yes, this is indeed mighty first hand information!

Posted by: calvin Jul 14 2006, 07:55 AM

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Posted by: September Jul 14 2006, 07:55 AM

I'm SO glad the truth is coming out! Keep it coming, Dr. A!

Posted by: Denny Jul 14 2006, 08:00 AM

When the gag is lifted Linda's story will be just as interesting. I have a feeling she may not say anything for the *good of the 3ABN ministry* but then maybe her friends can persuade her to defend herself and counter the other stories. We have this attitude in our church of not showing our dirty linen and those who dirty the linen get away with it over and over again. I'm going to show this to the people I know watch 3ABN up to now I haven't said anything

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I doubt it will make any difference most of them are older conservative West Indian Adventists (generally that mind set finds it hard to find anything connected to Adventism to be at fault)

Posted by: watchbird Jul 14 2006, 09:15 AM

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PRAISE GOD! PRAISE GOD! Finally, we are hearing Dr. Abrahamsen's voice. I look forward to reading more of the truth. The truth will prevail!

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jul 14 2006, 09:38 AM

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Posted by: Johann Jul 14 2006, 09:56 AM

Letter from Dr. Abrahamsen, June 20, 2006, Section Three.

Considering the urgency of the situation I allowed the conversations to resume. Linda knew, with her high profile status, that confiding with local people regarding these issues would be very bad for the ministry. I had given counsel to people in difficulty in the past and felt I could be helpful from a distance in this situation. I encouraged Linda to fight for her marriage and ministry many times. This she really did, but she often had to leave her home to find refuge at her daughter's apartment in Springfield, even in the middle of the night because of Danny's behavior. At times like these she was afraid of him. She always returned to her home after a couple of days seeking to try to mend the marriage, but Danny would not allow this.

During the spring of 2004 Danny called my pastor in Norway. Danny tried to get me kicked out as an elder and as a member of the church. My pastor told me about the conversation and he said, "He is mentally sick, he needs professional help."

I find it very disturbing that Walt Thompson defended and continues to defend Danny although he was a witness repeatedly to the emotional and mental abuse that was taking place. At one point he witnessed Danny "trashing" his wife for five hours. I also find it disturbing that John Lomacang, Linda's former pastor, claims to have counseled extensively with Danny and Linda when this was far from the truth. During the months of April and May of 2004, when most of the activity was occurring in this situation, Linda NEVER saw John, who was supposed to be her pastor.

Coincidentally the handful of people supporting Danny and defending his actions has gained either power, position, airtime, homes, public endorsement or all of the above.

Stay Tuned for another section - or more
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Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jul 14 2006, 10:31 AM

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When Linda was fired by 3ABN she suddenly was without any medical insurance. Before the divorce she went to see a physician together with Danny, and he discovered something that had to be taken care of. Since she had no insurance Dr. Arild Abrahamsen offered to give her treatments without any charge. So Linda, and my wife, Irmgard, were often together in his treatment room - and Linda was also present at her funeral in the Adventist Church, Bergen, Norway. On that occasion Linda came forward and expressed her gratitute for Irmgard remaining a friend when all others abandoned her.

As for Danny's ex-son-in-law, there is coming something about him in another section. His story is so sad that he might not feel comfortable if I tell too much. I'll ask him privately how much he will let me give you of his story and encounter with the Shelton family.

Posted by: sister Jul 14 2006, 10:39 AM

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Dr. A has stated, "I could see from my 35 years of experience as a physician that Danny was a psychopath." Bipolar disorder and being a psychopath are two very different conditions.

I would say the following is a better discription of Danny Shelton's condition than biopolar disorder:

"The standard clinical test for psychopathy, Robert Hare's PCL-R, evaluates 20 personality traits overall, but a subset of eight traits defines what he calls the "corporate psychopath" — the nonviolent person prone to the "selfish, callous, and remorseless use of others." What environment is conducive for the attributes of a "corporate psychopath" to combine with those of a "charismatic psychopath"? "Charismatic Psychopaths are charming, attractive liars. They are usually gifted at some talent or another, and they use it to their advantage in manipulating others. They are usually fast-talkers, and possess an almost demonic ability to persuade others out of everything they own, even their lives. Leaders of religious sects or cults, for example, might be psychopaths... often they come to believe in their own fictions. They are irresistible." Unfortunately, independent ministries, without external accountability, can become the ideal environment for this type of individual to prosper.

Posted by: Johann Jul 14 2006, 10:50 AM

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Posted by: September Jul 14 2006, 11:48 AM

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Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jul 14 2006, 11:48 AM	
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I agree with Calvin, that it is your decision, Daryl, ultimately. However, I still think there are good people in the Adventist Church who cannot participate in perpetuating a lie.	
In addition, <u>non-adventist</u> Christians must also wonder what happened to that Adventist woman with that dog, Fluffy.	
I hope they have not walked away, disillusioned, believing absurd things happened that never happened.	
Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jul 14 2006, 12:18 PM	
QUOTE(calvin @ Jul 14 2006, 02:50 PM) []	
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Uniqueness is overrated......

your forum and CA use the same or similiar software for the board? Your forum and CA choose to hide

the info on 3abn so the "public" won't see it... while those two things don't make carbon copies, it is interesting....

Maybe its an adventist thing to hide the flaws and not discuss those issues unless they are glaring... otherwise deny, deny, deny,.... just an observation..

Posted by: Panama_Pete Jul 14 2006, 12:45 PM

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There would be no reason to waste your time on the **3ABN Board of <u>Followers</u>**. They are <u>followers</u>, Johann. They direct nothing that I can see.

The Chairman of the 3ABN Board of Followers is, most likely, at the point where he can no longer entertain any other versions than the ones he has allowed to be published under his name.

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A copy, signed by Dr. Arild Abrahamsen, should be mailed to the Adventist Today mailing address.

Posted by: Johann Jul 14 2006, 03:27 PM

Letter from Dr. Abrahamsen, June 20, 2006, Section Four

At one point I had a conversation with Walt Thompson, Chairman of the Board of 3ABN. He asked me to stop all communication with Linda. This had also been communicated to Johann and Irmgard Thorvaldsson and others. I told him that it was obviously Danny's plan to isolate Linda from everyone at a time when she needed help. To me it was the Christian thing to answer her phone calls and the only humane thing to do for someone who was in crisis. Others did not come

to Linda's aid because they did not want to lose whatever benefit they gained from 3ABN, whether it be a job, programming, promotions, etc. Walt was also the one who phoned Linda when she was suspended from the ministry by her husband. He instructed her that she must not come to the ministry (which she co-founded) without calling ahead of time because she must be supervised when at 3ABN. Danny broke into a locked bathroom to forcefully take her keys to 3ABN from her. Her hard drive of her computer was confiscated, her contact information taken and even her filing cabinets ravaged, all without any kind of Board action.

Linda was living in an impossible situation. Danny was "in her face" on a regular basis. At times he would say, "If you don't say you're a pathological liar, the marriage and 3ABN is over. If you don't say you're an adulterous woman the marriage and 3ABN is over for you. If you don't say you've given your heart to another man and that he is a demon the marriage and 3ABN is over..... etc." It even reached the point when he demanded her to say "Repeat after me." Johann and I received a couple emails, which said they were from Linda, but they were written by Danny. Linda saw her ministry being destroyed one day at a time. All of this was dehumanizing and terrifying to Linda, who was trying to hold things together. She very much realized what was at stake.

An "investigative committee" was put together by Walt Thompson to look into this situation. They were Walt Thompson, Bill Hulsey, Nick Miller and Kay Kuzma. Danny talked privately at length with each of these people. Linda did not. The committee as a whole never met with Linda at all. In one brief phone conversation with Kay Kuzma she told Linda, "The Board is not interested in you and Danny's personal problems. It is only interested in the fact that the President no longer wants his Vice-President." Johann Thorvaldsson testifies that he spoke with Kay the following day. She told him she was instructed to get Linda used to the idea of not being at 3ABN anymore and to try to get her involved in another ministry.

It's interesting that at the time Danny accused Linda for speaking on the phone to me, that he was in the practice of speaking regularly with Brenda, Linda's "friend." He also visited often with her in her 3ABN apartment in the night. A worker at 3ABN states that Brenda even went golfing with Danny behind Linda's back while she was working. As soon as Brenda saw where the tide was turning, she was no longer Linda's friend. She became an accuser as well.

About May 1, 2004 instructions were given to the production staff to wipe Linda's face off of the network by June 1, again with no Board action. All CD's, videos, literature and photos of Linda were stripped out of the Call Center. She was sent a document a few days later specifying that she was advised to get 30 days of counseling by counselors of "their" choice. If she did not agree to this in writing within 24 hours, her employment could be gone. She requested time for an attorney to look at the document. This was refused. Mail was flooding into the network with Linda's name on it. They were all returned to sender. Her scheduled speaking appointments for women's ministries were sabotaged by those in leadership at 3ABN.

Danny told those who worked for Linda that she was a pathological liar and to stay away from her. (He did not want them to hear the other side of the story.) At one point Linda told Walt that Dan was purposefully ruining her reputation and that she was not willing to be a martyr for 3ABN. Walt's response was "How else are we going to save the ministry?"

Stay tuned for another section of this letter - later

Posted by: Chez Jul 14 2006, 04:09 PM

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My husband and I were talking about this. He mentioned the times that Linda was allegedly attacked by a dog. He was speculating about possible physical abuse from Danny.
This man (Danny Shelton) sounds EXTREMELY DANGEROUS! He appears to be a BULLY and those who are his verbal and silent supporters affirm his behavior or his misbehavior. They are co-conspirators or bystanders (supporters) of this madness.
I'M FURIOUS!!!!! □ 2n
Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jul 14 2006, 05:17 PM
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Posted by: beartrap Jul 14 2006, 06:14 PM
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From all I have read and heard I would do a stab diagnosis as follows:

Axis I - [Clinical Disorders/other Conditions that may be of Clinical Attention] Bipolar NOS-296.80;

Axis II - [Personality Disorder] Borderline Personality Disorder - 301.83; R/O - Mental Retardation/Aspergers Syndrome;

Axis III -[General Medical Conditions] Deferred -(without medical records);

Axis IV -[Psychosocial/Environmental Problems/Issues] Divorce; Adultery Issues; Sick Child/Relative; Employment Problems; Interpersonal Relationship Problems

Axis V- [Global Assessment of Functioning] (GAF) -31

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QUOTE(sister @ Jul 14 2006, 07:06 PM) 🗌

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This is not the only true account that Johann has posted. He has also shared his personal interactions with Danny in other threads. Like a tapestry all the information woven together give a more complete picture of the reality of life under the absolute rulership of Danny Shelton, behind the scenes at 3ABN. Linda is only one victim, there are many more. And I am sure, if she were allowed to speak at this time, she would desire to see all Danny's victims vindicated.

...and it's free to all @ BSDA.....

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Posted by: Clay Jul 14 2006, 06:43 PM

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I am personally glad you did that, as I personally dislike this one at a time, and particularly delayed sectional postings.

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Daryl, Gregory Matthews, Atoday, you need to point your members here to this story or get Johann's permission publish it at your place.

Johann, thank you for choosing BSDA as the media to get this side of the story out. My heart goes out to anyone who has been wronged and abused. Glad BSDA could help.

Club Adventist has been publishing this letter all along in their 3ABN section.

Posted by: Johann Jul 14 2006, 10:01 PM

For those who like to read the whole letter in one setting, here it is again:

June 20, 2006

Greetings from Norway;

My name is Dr. Arild Abrahamsen. I live in Svindal, Norway. I have been a medical doctor for more than 35 years. I am a member of the Moss SDA Church. I've been the Sabbath School Superintendent for 14 years and the head elder for 4 years, which position I am presently serving. I am the Norwegian doctor who has been slandered by Dr. Walt Thompson, chairman of the board of

3ABN, Danny Shelton, John Lomacang and others.

Since I have observed the situation and the slander only getting worse, I feel it best to share my experience. I share my personal experience, what I have seen and heard. Much of this information has been verified by other sources, which include emails, letters and the personal experiences of others. I share my experience not to attack any individual or organization, but to bring the truth of this situation to the surface.

I have been shocked to observe the events of the last two years. I have made no public statement until now. I had hoped things would resolve themselves.

I visited Johann and Irmgard Thorvaldsson at 3ABN the last week of 2003. The purpose of the trip was to see them and visit the ministry, which I personally had been supporting for some time. I had never been to 3ABN previously, nor had I met the Shelton's. During this visit I discovered from the Thorvaldsson's that Linda Shelton's son, Nathan, was in a dangerous state of health because of an addiction to drugs and working in coalmines. I offered to see him. This visit resulted in an invitation for Nathan to come to Norway for treatments. Nathan came to Norway around January 20, 2004 along with his friend, Dava Vice. Linda came for a 3-½ day visit to support her son, the first week of February together with Brenda Walsh. This was the last time I saw Linda until the weekend she was fired.

I had a chance to visit with Nathan regularly. I learned from my conversations with Nathan that the roots of his drug problems were the relationships with his father and stepfather. Specifically he told me that Danny had turned his back on him. I shared this information with his mother on the phone. She told me that Danny said he had no responsibility towards Nathan since he was a product of her first marriage, so she felt she had to do what she could to help her son. There was nothing unusual in the occasional phone reports I gave Nathan's mother while he was in Norway. After Nathan returned home, I asked Linda to keep me updated on Nathan's progress.

I was shocked to discover in early March of 2004 that Danny was threatening to get Linda fired

from 3ABN because of some conversations on the phone. In fact, she was threatened immediately with divorce. By this time Nathan had started with drugs again and Linda was seeking advice. I was also shocked to discover that Brenda had started circulating untrue statements as well. (Was it because Danny had admitted to some emotional involvement with Brenda?) I talked to Danny one time on the phone and found him to be unreasonable, unbalanced and very difficult to communicate with. Johann Thorvaldsson, a retired pastor of the SDA Church of 50 years, also was in communication with Danny, both by phone and email. We talked together and shared the same opinion that Danny was acting completely irrational and unreasonable towards his wife. It appeared he was attempting to leave an email trail filled with untruths to verify a position at a later time. The decision was made to stop the communication by phone with Linda.

Some weeks went by. Johann and Irmgard were getting treatments at my clinic and staying in my home during the Easter week in April, so I discovered from them that the situation was not improving for Linda. She was being harassed, threatened, and unreasonable demands by her husband were repeatedly being made to confess things she had not done. By this time, she was also

suspended from her job at 3ABN, an order that was issued and enforced by her husband with no Board action. Things were so bad in the home that she found it necessary to go to her daughter's home in Springfield, Illinois for safety and rest on several occasions. Derrell Mundall, who was traveling often for 3ABN, reports rumors of Linda's so-called "affair" were in SDA churches in April 2004, when Linda was still living with Danny. When he inquired about the source of the rumors, people always pointed to Danny Shelton.

I could see from my 35 years of experience as a physician that Danny was a psychopath. accusations were directed at me that I had done "mind control" over Linda. (Walt Thompson made the same accusations in his letters.) Linda was accused of sending "secret messages" to me over the television. Danny's emails and communications with Johann were completely crazy, and his reasoning often conflicted with his previous emails. Danny targeted Linda's few inner circle confidants and slandered her to the point that even they backed away from her at this critical time. (Linda's "friends" did not want to lose their television privileges.) Johann and I concluded this was a man who was determined to get rid of his wife. We also concluded that Linda was in danger.

Things eventually progressed from emotional and mental abuse to physical abuse. In the midst of all this harassment Linda asked Danny, 'Why are you treating me like this?' He answered, 'Because I want you to get out.'

Considering the urgency of the situation I allowed the conversations to resume. Linda knew, with her high profile status, that confiding with local people regarding these issues would be very bad for the ministry. I had given counsel to people in difficulty in the past and felt I could be helpful from a distance in this situation. I encouraged Linda to fight for her marriage and ministry many times. This she really did, but she often had to leave her home to find refuge at her daughter's apartment in Springfield, even in the middle of the night because of Danny's behavior. At times like these she was afraid of him. She always returned to her home after a couple of days seeking to try to mend the marriage, but Danny would not allow this.

During the spring of 2004 Danny called my pastor in Norway. Danny tried to get me kicked out as an elder and as a member of the church. My pastor told me about the conversation and he said, "He is mentally sick, he needs professional help."

I find it very disturbing that Walt Thompson defended and continues to defend Danny although he was a witness repeatedly to the emotional and mental abuse that was taking place. At one point he witnessed Danny "trashing" his wife for five hours. I also find it disturbing that John Lomacang, Linda's former pastor, claims to have counseled extensively with Danny and Linda when this was far from the truth. During the months of April and May of 2004, when most of the activity was ccurring in this situation, Linda NEVER saw John, who was supposed to be her pastor.

Coincidentally the handful of people supporting Danny and defending his actions has gained either power, position, airtime, homes, public endorsement or all of the above.

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Posted by: Jewel50 Jul 15 2006, 07:00 AM

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RH, May 2, 1899 par. 6

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Posted by: beartrap Jul 15 2006, 02:16 PM

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Posted by: princessdi Jul 15 2006, 02:58 PM

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Letter from Dr. Abrahamsen, June 20, 2006, Section Three.

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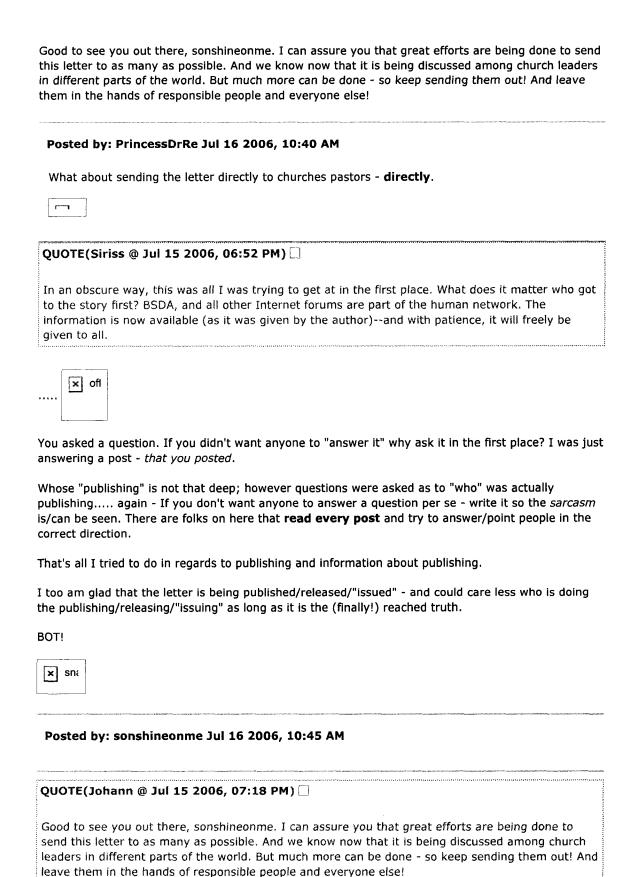
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Stay Tuned for another section - or more

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Graceful, the whole letter is here - go up to post #44.	



I will do what I can. If everyone does what they can, it will be critical in the effort - only I still believe God will be the one multiplying things over and over - and if you were asking me (ok, ask me...) I would include Johann's account along with the Dr. and some others (you know who you are) in a small "info package" to all pastors, all conferences prez's, all other independant ministries, and the GC officials (all of them). And, I know someone who may have the mailing list of 3abn, and that would also be a good group to send "info package". People need to know. It's much much bigger then just what happened to Linda - what was done to her was the unbelievable boldest embracement of SELF that has to be what pushes this over the top. There is a very big picture here. This situation is

symbolic of the mark of the beast to me - maybe we get a trial run?
Posted by: PrincessDrRe Jul 16 2006, 10:48 AM
QUOTE(PrincessDrRe @ Jul 16 2006, 12:40 PM)
What about sending the letter directly to churches pastors - directly .
What about also sending the letter directly to other churches too! I mean - just like someone else said NOT JUST SDA's WATCH 3ABN!
Posted by: watchbird Jul 16 2006, 11:24 AM
QUOTE(sonshineonme @ Jul 16 2006, 10:45 AM)
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It is usually recommended that such information sheets should be no longer than one page--other wise they don't get read--and they need to look like individual, personal contacts rather than a "mass mailing"--even if they are, for the majoritysimply toss things aside rather than reading them. So for most, probably a very short summary or "teaser" type questions would work best, then giving BSDA as an information source and urging people to go there for answers.

Others might respond best to a "headline" type announcement that highlights Abrahamson's announcement, giving only a sample, but again giving the BSDA source for the full document.

And yes, I would agree that Johann's account of things is important, and also some others. The more different styles these communications are and the more directions that they come from, the better.

Posted by: Siriss Jul 16 2006, 11:51 AM

QUOTE(PrincessDrRe @ Jul 16 2006, 11:40 AM)
What about sending the letter directly to churches pastors - directly.
You asked a question. If you didn't want anyone to "answer it" why ask it in the first place? I was just answering a post - <i>that you posted.</i>
Whose "publishing" is not that deep; however questions were asked as to "who" was actually publishing again - If you don't want anyone to answer a question per se - write it so the sarcasm is/can be seen. There are folks on here that read every post and try to answer/point people in the correct direction.
That's all I tried to do in regards to publishing and information about publishing.
I too am glad that the letter is being published/released/"issued" - and could care less who is doing the publishing/releasing/"issuing" as long as it is the (finally!) reached truth.
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QUOTE(PrincessDrRe @ Jul 16 2006, 06:04 PM)
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Speak the truth and shame the devil!!!!! Posted by: icedragon Jul 17 2006, 09:52 AM QUOTE(Panama_Pete @ Jul 14 2006, 01:45 PM) There would be no reason to waste your time on the [b]3ABN Board of Followers . They are followers, Johann. They direct nothing that I can see. The Chairman of the 3ABN Board of Followers is, most likely, at the point where he can no longer entertain any other versions than the ones he has allowed to be published under his name. A copy, signed by Dr. Arild Abrahamsen, should be mailed to the [b]Adventist Today mailing address.[/b] I have just sent a copy of an email of the letter to "Adventist Today" Posted by: Denny Jul 17 2006, 10:03 AM QUOTE(icedragon @ Jul 17 2006, 04:52 PM) I have just sent a copy of an email of the letter to [b]"Adventist Today" I doubt they will publish and be damned Posted by: Rand856 Jul 17 2006, 12:04 PM QUOTE(beartrap @ Jul 15 2006, 04:27 PM) In most cases it is part of the evangelism budget. I would think that contacting your own pastor, and then the office of the President at the local conference, the union, the division, and the GC with your objections would be the proper, and most effective way to make a difference. I would put it in writing and be reasonable, yet persistent.

And if the Conference Officials don't wish to listen, mention "Mission Catalyst". The new Adventist Church growth outreach started by former Church Planter, Ron Gladden, where 90% of the tithe funds stay with the local church to further the work. You can bet those tithe funds aren't being allocated to 3ABN for Danny Shelton to fly around in a jet.
Posted by: Johann Jul 17 2006, 05:14 PM
QUOTE(icedragon @ Jul 17 2006, 05:52 PM)
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God bless you, Icedragon! We need more people like you!
Posted by: summertime Jul 17 2006, 06:03 PM
QUOTE(Johann @ Jul 15 2006, 09:18 PM) 🗌
Good to see you out there, sonshineonme. I can assure you that great efforts are being done to send this letter to as many as possible. And we know now that it is being discussed among church leaders in different parts of the world. But much more can be done - so keep sending them out! A leave them in the hands of responsible people and everyone else!
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I now return you to your regularly scheduled programming
In His service, Mr. J
Posted by: Jvat Jul 17 2006, 07:44 PM
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Posted by: denisebyers Jul 18 2006, 08:01 AM	

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Thanks y'all, as they say it down south! I lave a lady I spoke with in church that is waiting for i The last she heard was that Linda left Danny for someone else. I told her that was not so, and she is waiting to see that letter. Thanks again! Denise
Posted by: awesumtenor Jul 18 2006, 08:10 AM
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That part is not in dispute; my point is that while those who started MCN had been Adventists, it, as an entity, is not part of the Adventist church.
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Posted by: awesumtenor Jan 24 2007, 05:00 PM
QUOTE(Johann @ Jan 24 2007, 05:30 PM) 🗌
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Posted by: roxe Jan 25 2007, 01:13 AM
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Posted by: betrayed Jan 25 2007, 08:55 AM
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I remember Danny making comments about Brandy during the Christmas holiday special before they were married. She was a cutie, etc. I think he also mentioned that she was new to 3abn
If one was to watch it again, they would hear the comments and notice Danny's infatuation with her at that time.
I knew then that he was going to marry her, then yep a couple of months later it was announced for all, that they were getting married.
Posted by: eye witness Jan 25 2007, 10:16 AM
QUOTE(inga @ Jan 24 2007, 07:09 PM) []
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Linda refused to want her marriage. AND DANNY HAD NO OTHER INTEREST! Linda had another interest. There was only one Doctor for Nathan and only one Doctor that would accomodate her staying at his house. Her cooking for him and so on and so forth. Tell me Inga, would any man on the face of this earth tolerate his WIFE staying with another man, in his house, in his motel room ect. ??????? I think it was gracious that Danny laid out the grounds as "Spiritual Adultry", this according to the Bible is , Linda had left her first love. Now it looks like someday there will be a great revealing and then Linda may be labeled the term that she applied to HERSELF the "_______ of Revelation".

And where is that 'beauty gueen' now?

The 'possible beauty queen' did not come along until two years after the divorce. What do you think, Danny should remain without wife and companion because His Wife (Linda) choose to dump him, (for a promise of Pardise in Norway, her favorite discription)? It was sometime after the divorce she was wearing a wedding band at the General Conference Session. Is she married? Oh by the way this was way before the New Wife of Danny's!

See Linda made mention that all Danny would ever get to replace her was "a worn out dish rag". Linda really thought she was the one and only beauty queen. I think that was because for so many years Danny went on and on about her beauty, she got a bigger redder head. Inga there is so much, so much that anyone that gets on here and makes some sort of conclusion

Inga there is so much, so much that anyone that gets on here and makes some sort of conclusion must understand. There is more. You can't base your opinion on just this stuff.

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Inga the possible beauty queen was mentioned (whom is not the one Brandy, because she was not in the picture yet!) because Linda really seemed to believe that Danny would never get over her (Linda). Linda was sure that what she had choosen to do with the Doctor would tear Danny down, kill his self esteem and crumble him. BUT SHE WAS WRONG!! Praise God for the peace that God gave to Danny. I tell you the man has been hurt, and torn apart by her. No one seems to have any compassion for him, its always poor Linda. Well to some degree I do feel for poor Linda because now she sets with no doctor, no companion, no ministry (3ABN), and at this point knows that its all gone. What she saw in the Doctor, The doctor did not see in her! I don't know which caused the thinking of better, the Doctor or Linda or may be it was both. Now her only system of bitterness is to tear down the entire ministry. So I do feel for poor Linda in her state of being now.

I'm also wondering who chose this 'beauty queen' to take Linda's place? Did Dan choose, or did someone choose for him?

Inga really what do you mean by this statement?

Posted by: Chez Jan 25 2007, 11:40 AM

[quote name='eye witness' post='172421' date='Jan 25 2007, 10:16 AM']

You actually shouldn't feel sorry for Linda. She is out of that "hell hole". You really should feel sorry for poor Brandi who is currently in that "hell hole".

Posted by: sonshineonme Jan 25 2007, 12:05 PM

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The fact that you are here working diligently to discredit, disavow, disrupt and disrespect any and every one who does not join in with your danny worship says something else entirely...but I suppose if you continue to repeat this lie, eventually you will start believing it yourself.

As for this forum becoming "pro Danny" and "pro 3ABN"... you should really lay off smoking dust; it's making you delusional.

In His service, Mr. 1

Posted by: Clay Jan 25 2007, 09:32 PM

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Posted by: Fran Jan 25 2007, 09:48 PM

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You guys are desperate for Linda to start talking aren't you. You already know that Sister is not Linda, but since she has the most information, you must discredit her.

Actually, if she were Linda that would really give her high credibility. Every time you accuse Sister of being Linda, you are actually taking Sister's testimony even more credibility! Think about it!

Linda is not going to allow her buttons to be pushed. That is why she does not even read these threads. She has more important things to do.

Linda has shown everyone that she is better than the 3ABN group. She stands tall and silent. While, on the other hand, the 3ABN group exhibits total hatred towards Linda. Who do I believe? I believe Linda and her continued silence.

Why would I believe a group of people who are bent on destroying Linda? The venom is overpowering. Eye Witness, think about what you are saying. Linda wasn't that bad. Danny lived with her for 20 years. He used to even talk about her in the positive.

I believe Linda lived a life of abuse. I believe Danny is an abuser. Danny has to discredit her so no one will see the true Danny.

It is too late. Our vision is 20/20 about his character. I believe he is a liar, an abuser, an adulterer, embezzler, and all around fake.

I realize your loyalty is in Danny. Maybe you even helped him in his financial dealings. Maybe you got rewarded for your participation. Have your bank accounts been investigated? Especially those accounts that 3ABN has that bear your name.

If you are not Tammy and are Brenda, You need to fall on your knees and ask God to forgive you for being such a large part of this mess by telling your lies.

If you are Brandi, please go home to your family. Things are about to get really ugly. You will be dragged through the same mud Danny will get pulled through. Brandi, Mistakes are easy to make. Things seem to be a dream, but as you can now see, things are not as they seemed. Take a vacation and get away from it all. Get Trinity away from all this mess. She is innocent. Above all, keep Danny away from her. This man you married is not what he seems.

If I am wrong on your identity, I apologize. If you are Shelley, get out while you are ahead. The Danny mud is smeared all over you too. If I have no clue who you are, my advice for you is to get as far away from this mess as soon as possible.

In all actuality you have greatly increased Linda's credibility. I would be proud to stand by Linda's side. She stands in a very good place. Now you have destroyed your credibility. I am still praying for you. Mothers can be vicious when it comes to their young. I pray that this mess will not harm you or your children, who ever you are.

Posted by: eye witness Jan 25 2007, 09:57 PM

QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Jan 25 2007, 09:27 PM)

The fact that you are here working diligently to discredit, disavow, disrupt and disrespect any and every one who does not join in with your danny worship says something else entirely...but I suppose if you continue to repeat this lie, eventually you will start believing it yourself.

As for this forum becoming "pro Danny" and "pro 3ABN" you should really lay off smoking dust; it's making you delusional.
In His service, Mr. J
DITTO
Posted by: Johann Jan 25 2007, 10:35 PM
QUOTE(eye witness @ Jan 25 2007, 06:16 PM)
Inga really what do you mean by this statement?
Now you are revealing where your information comes from, Dr. eye witness! You see I was together with Linda all the time she was at the General Conference session at St. Louis. Both of us shook hands with a certain Mr. Danny Shelton while we were there. I can tell you that you are completely misinformed, because Linda never wore any kind of a ring while we were there. On the other hand I saw the ladies who repeatedly tried to get to talk to Linda alone, offering her that she could come and stay at some mountain resort. The only condition was that she would take counselling for four hours each day. When Linda still refused their generous offer on the third day, one of them burst out telling her that she must realize that since Eve sinned first, any divorce is the woman's fault, and that she needed counelling to learn that biblical principle! So somebody made up the story she was wearing a wedding ring there? Almost as much rubbish as much of the other stuff you are claiming you saw as an eye witness! Does it all come from the same source as that one with the wedding ring?
Posted by: erik Jan 28 2007, 11:13 AM
QUOTE(Johann @ Jan 25 2007, 08:35 PM) 🗌
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well how about it if she was wearing a ring then did you get photos?	
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Posted by: Rosyroi Jan 28 2007, 12:10 PM	
QUOTE(eye witness @ Jan 25 2007, 07:01 PM)	
OH my lands, I am not jealous or have an underlying spirit of guilt. Why, oh why would I want to be where Linda is? Would you? By now she has used most of the 250k on court case after court case, with her own lawyers telling her that she don't have a case. She crys to all you people about poor Linda was treated unfair and all of her problems is the result of her own choices. The Board of ASI was willing to hear about Pooooor Linda's side but HELLO Linda was not there. Reality she had no case once again. What she had was fear of truth that would put this chat forum in the reverse direction. Pro Danny and Pro 3ABN. Sorry for her. Linda is exposed again.	
Since I am a regular member of BSDA now, do I assume you are talking to me also about Linda crying to me about how she has been treated unfair? Sorry to disappoint you. I am still waiting for proof of all those accusasions Danny and family had sent out via email about all the terrible things Linda had been doing. For all the bad things I had heard (there are more I heard that have not been addressed in this forum yet and will not mention them here) she would have been a pretty busy woman being in so many places at the same time. Still trying to figure it all out. But am leaning to Linda since I haven't had any positive feed back from Danny's camp yet. Guess I entered a lot of threads here. Sorry about that folks.	
Posted by: inga Jan 28 2007, 02:04 PM	
QUOTE(Rosyroi @ Jan 28 2007, 01:10 PM) 🗌	
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Go right ahead! That's the only way to learn.	
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