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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ What Did Walt Admit To Regarding What Danny Told Him About Tommy?

Posted by: Pickle Jan 7 2007, 09:30 AM

Faillible has raised an issue over here that he raised on Maritime, and I will respond here similar to how I responded over there. The question concerns what did Dr. Walt Thompson admit to and what didn't he admit to in writing to me.

Basically, I claim that since Walt admitted that Danny was his source of information, and since that information was clearly and unquestionably bogus, that Walt **essentially** admitted to me that Danny misled him. Whenever making this claim, I have tried to include a word like "essentially" to make it clear that Walt did not say, "Danny lied to me," and anyone who reads what he wrote and what I've written, as well as Danny's responses, can see very clearly what I've meant.

Faillible, however, claims that I have not been truthful when saying that Walt "essentially" admitted that Danny misled him.

Here are the documents. The poll we have over on Maritime is reproduced here so that you can vote how you feel about the matter. If anyone can think of an option I should have included, let me know and maybe we can add it, if the software allows that kind of thing.

QUOTE(Walt Thompson)

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

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

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

From: Walt Thompson

CC: Danny Shelton

Dear Bob,

The allegations against Tommy were made **about 30 years ago**. They were reported to the proper authorities. No physical actions ever occurred. Tommy apologized to the kids and offered recompence. The DA said there was no case. No restrictions were ever imposed. Tommy is employed by 3abn with full board approval, knowing the facts. ...

...

Thanks for your interest,

walt

Walter Thompson MD

A follow-up question I asked Walt was, Who gave you this information? He stated quite clearly:

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

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

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2006 09:04:53 -0600

From: Walt Thompson

Dear Bob,

Thank you for you attempt to understand my sensitivity and that of 3abn administratin and board.

...

... I was at 3abn at the time and spoke at length with **Danny** about the matter. He shared with me the details as he understood them. ...

[Since mid-August] I contacted the only person from the Chruch of God that I could find that knew about the situation The picture that was painted by that leader of the Church was exactly as portrayed earlier by **Danny**. ... These are the facts as I have been able to sort them out.

...

Sincerely,

Walt

And yet the letter sent to Walt Thompson by certified mail in 2003 had attached Action items which included the following:

QUOTE(Action items attached to 2003 Dryden letter to Walt Thompson)

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**.

Tommy pastored in Virginia from 1995 until around late 2000. The above words alert us to the fact that there were allegations, whether true or false is irrelevant, much more recently than 30 years ago, **contrary to the information that Walt admitted that Danny told him**.

Rereading the above, it becomes apparent that the 3ABN board never knew the facts, or if they did, their actions become even more reprehensible. Yet Walt Thompson said, "Tommy is employed by 3abn with full board approval, knowing the facts."

It has now been more than a month since these discrepancies were brought to Dr. Thompson's attention, and I have yet to receive any reply whatsoever from him that seeks to rectify the mistakes that were made. If he cannot make any sort of appropriate reply to a concerned Seventh-day Adventist church member over such a serious issue after a month, then for the good of 3ABN and the cause of God, he really ought to resign.

Posted by: Pickle Jan 7 2007, 12:13 PM

You probably noticed that the fourth option in the poll should read: "No, just because Walt said that Danny was his source of information, that **in no way** means that Walt said that Danny was his source of information."

Posted by: västergötland Jan 7 2007, 04:42 PM

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I guess the same way that Paul did when he told the Corinthians to judge the man that had his father's wife. And yet in the same epistle Paul said to judge no one before the time.

Look through 1 Cor. and you find Paul saying "Judge," and saying "Don't judge."

The best I can figure is that we aren't supposed to say where someone WILL end up. That's not our task. But we do have a responsibility to deal with open sin, and clear facts.

And this poll is only about facts.

Posted by: fallible humanbeing Jan 7 2007, 10:58 PM

QUOTE(Pickle @ Jan 7 2007, 11:30 AM)

After carefully comparing Walt Thompson's statements and the 2003 Glenn Dryden letter, please choose the most appropriate answer from the following list:

1. Walt Thompson admitted that Danny told him that the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations were 30 years old, when in actuality the May 2003 Dryden letter that Walt received indicated that the allegations were as recent as the year 2000.
2. Walt admitted that Danny told him that the allegations were 30 years old, but you are dead wrong that the 2003 letter asking Tommy to apologize to a church he pastored from 1995-2000 for inappropriate behavior is an allegation more recent than 30 years ago.
3. No, Walt never said that the allegations were 30 years old when he said that the allegations were 30 years old, and you have no business saying that he did.
4. No, just because Walt said that Danny was his source of information, that in now way means that Walt said that Danny was his source of information.

Your choices are simply laughable. The only real option, and it isn't present, is:

"No, Walt never "admitted" - as Bob Pickle attributes it to him - that Danny lied to him. Nor does he insinuate that this happened. Additionally it is evident upon reading the emails that Bob Pickle believes that Danny lied and realizes that it would be more powerful if he placed those words in the mouth of someone closer to the 3ABN situation and chose Dr. Thompson as his victim."

If you had that as a choice then you would have a legitmate poll.

- fhb

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jan 8 2007, 12:48 PM

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Posted by: Ed White Jan 8 2007, 04:48 PM

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Speaking of taking a pole, maybe Danny Shelton should become an open member here on BSDA forum and conduct a pole and ask his own questions. That way we would know, however we should be careful if he does, as he is good at one-sided questions/reporting that only make him look good. Like the Russian press once gave an account of a foot race, saying this about their Russian star. "Ivan came in second place & the American was next to the last place finisher." The press reporter told the truth, but he failed to say that only two people were in the race. Poles can say nothing at times, as we all know.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jan 8 2007, 05:17 PM

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FHB, I would second that and I will gladly vote if there is at least one choice that I can agree with.

Posted by: roxe Jan 8 2007, 08:15 PM

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FHB,

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i agree, fallible, do your own with your own wording, giving us all the options possible which you understand...

i REALLY hope you do!

i'll be watching for it, cuz i really want to vote in it

Posted by: Treniece Jan 12 2007, 06:24 PM


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Posted by: watchbird Jan 12 2007, 06:43 PM

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Sounds like you missed the next chapters.... yeah he retired... was given a gala party on worldwide TV... now the word we get is that he will be back to 3abn for taping in a couple weeks.... so... nothing has been accomplished there other than he has been eulogized around the world. 

Posted by: lookin4truth Jan 12 2007, 06:43 PM

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Treniece,

Although Tommy did retire for "Health Reasons", on the Retirement Special broadcast, Danny Shelton stated over and over again that Tommy would be back, and would continue to do work for 3ABN.

On the program, the first man to pay tribute to Tommy spent much of his time telling how the person who held the job before Tommy mistreated the employees. I wonder who he could have been speaking about...Just one of those things that make you say, "hmmm".

I found the video at <http://www.save3abn.com/>. Note, I said I found it there, I did not put it there.

Posted by: Pickle Jan 12 2007, 06:45 PM

Treniece,

Actually, during Tommy's tribute Sunday before last, it was repeatedly promised that he would be back. Repeatedly.

But even if that were not the case, Danny still needs to explain why, according to Walt, he told Walt that the allegations were 30 years old when he knew full well that they weren't.

You can't have the head of a ministry as powerful as 3ABN, a head that markets a book about keeping the 10 Commandments, the head of a ministry dedicated to preaching the 3rd angel's message which calls people to obedience to the 10 Commandments, you can't have that head breaking the 9th commandment in order to cover up grievous and extreme violations of the 7th commandment.

Posted by: howdy Jan 12 2007, 07:06 PM

I just watched the video clip that was referred to above. Sickening!!

howdy

Posted by: lookin4truth Jan 12 2007, 09:53 PM

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Just a point of interest on this vein:

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 says

9 I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. 11 But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.

12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?

13 God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked man from among you."(from Deut.17:7)

Posted by: awesumtenor Jan 12 2007, 10:40 PM

QUOTE(wwjd @ Jan 12 2007, 11:17 PM)

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If the statement you make below is true, then you are not in a position to truthfully make the one above.

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Re-read you initial statement in this post and then try this again. That statement and this one are mutually exclusive.

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Physician, heal thyself...

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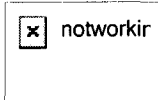
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Again... it's just



In His service,
Mr. J

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First of all, this is a forum where discussion takes place. If you wish to just post and run, that is certainly your prerogative but you will miss out on really interacting with the rest of us here.

How much time have you spent reading what is posted here? If it has been minimal, as you suggest, then it would be hard to support such a claim that "if you are looking for the truth""It doesn't appear that you should look here". I came here looking for truth and am certain I have found some.

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You seem to be inferring that what is posted here is slander. The Free Online Dictionary defines slander this way:

slan·der (slndr)

n.

1. Law Oral communication of **false** statements injurious to a person's reputation.
2. A **false** and malicious statement or report about someone.

There is plenty posted here that has been totally verified. Some have shared their first hand experiences and other information has been verified by multiple witnesses.

I completely agree with you that Satan is the real enemy. He appears to have used a talented, trusted, beloved pastor to allegedly damage the lives of numerous young people, young people that Jesus purchased with His very blood. And then the family of this pastor, himself a precious child of God, do all they can to cover up the alleged abuse instead of confronting it and dealing with it in a Biblical manner so that abuser and abused alike can find true healing. In the process of this cover up, many souls in the communities who are aware of the alleged abuse look at those claiming to be spreading the Gospel to the world and see them as hypocrites.

The scriptures you shared are beautiful. And he does love us as we are but if we are not constantly

growing in His grace, if we deny His power we continue to be pawns of Satan's bidding.

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There are, indeed, some very troubled people who are giving evidence to the investigators. Alleged victims of abuse are very often troubled and sometimes even vindictive. And yes, sometimes there are those posting here that get angry. It is a volatile subject. Mostly though, it has been my experience that people express their opinions with care.

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I have been blessed by the programming on 3abn. I can even go so far as to say that some of the programming was partly instrumental in my spiritual rebirth. We are told that "by their fruits ye shall know them". I have been troubled by some of the fruits I have seen growing at 3abn. I pray that cherished sin, secret sin and pride will be put away and that those in power at 3abn will not continue "having the form or godliness but denying the power thereof".

1 Timothy 3:1-7 says:

1 Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 5 (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

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Until you have become very familiar with the information contained in the 3abn forum and truly see the characters of the bulk of those posting here, you really don't know the true spirit on this website. I can honestly say that if the spirit of 3abn does not change soon, many more will be harmed and kept from salvation or a closer relationship with Christ. And that burden for me keeps me here doing my part to bring truth to light.

Posted by: Ozzie Jan 13 2007, 05:01 AM

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Once upon a time, a deceiver, in what may be the most often quoted passage on deception said, and I paraphrase.... "It is I, Esau,".... and the bewildered hearer replied....

".... but the voice is the voice of Jacob."

Now there comes another voice saying.... "I am Bystander"..... "I am WWJD"..... but when we listen to the sound of the voice.... we too might well reply.....

"..... but the voice is the voice of _____".

Carry on.....

Posted by: Skyhook Jan 13 2007, 02:12 PM

They are probably certain ones who have to take turns. I wonder if they do it on (3abn) company time?

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