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Posted by: sister May 22 2006, 05:17 PM

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Stay tuned...

Posted by: Clay May 22 2006, 06:43 PM

QUOTE(vonessa @ May 22 2006, 03:38 PM)

Obviously what is happening is of satanic origin and is being promoted by Satan's servant Danny Shelton. If it is this evil, then it must be stopped. We cannot let Satan have free reign over something that is done in the name of our Lord.

Vonessa..... stop with the accusations of what Mr. Shelton may or may not be..... evil is done everyday in the name of God... probably right in the neighborhood in which you live.... perhaps you might start your crusade there...

QUOTE(vonessa @ May 22 2006, 04:21 PM)

The conglomeration of the situation with which we are dealing is most certainly not of God. If what has been said by those who know (and not just those who claim to know) is true, then we have a satanic agency at work at 3ABN. That is the bottom line, pure and simple.

If you would prefer to dance all over it and pretend not to know who is behind the constant evil clouds described by Sister, Johann, Fran, and others, then so be it. If we want to do this right we must call it like it is. Evil like this does not come from God - it comes from Satan. Cooperating with this type of evil does not come from God - it comes from Satan.

I do not need to see the books of Satan to know that we are dealing with supernatural evil here based on the statements of our brothers and sisters. If you want to pretend that it's God doing this, then go ahead. But that is ignorant. Until we understand where all this comes from, everything we do is irrelevant.

The place to stop a poisoned stream is not at the faucet - it's at the source. Evil is as evil does.

Until it is proven it is a person or person's perspective of what they experienced at 3BN.... since we have not heard the other side of all of this and yes most stories have at least two sides, we cannot rush to judgement....While you may think Mr. Shelton is evil incarnate based on the stories shared so far, please note that those telling the stories could have an agenda to turn public opinion against him.... To not consider other possibilities is also ignorant....

Posted by: beartrap May 22 2006, 07:41 PM

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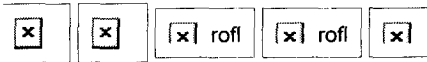
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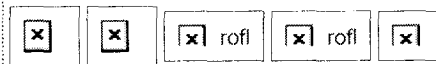
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
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
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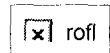
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


I can just see Justin playing with a plunger 
 and of course I can imagine people's reaction!!!


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
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Posted by: AmeliaLD May 22 2006, 08:31 PM

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Posted by: beartrap May 22 2006, 08:37 PM

QUOTE(AmeliaLD @ May 22 2006, 08:31 PM) □

Why was it assumed it came from the mens room? 

Justin is a boy, and its a toilet plunger. 

They fled in terror and disgust.

Posted by: inga May 22 2006, 08:59 PM

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Thanks for a good laugh, sister & beartrap.

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Posted by: beartrap May 22 2006, 09:48 PM

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Posted by: summertime May 22 2006, 10:28 PM

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Beartrap, stay as close to your kids as you can----if all daddies spent that much time with their kids, I think that Satan would be out of work.

Posted by: PaperTigers May 23 2006, 12:16 AM

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Posted by: Hersheys99 May 23 2006, 12:38 AM

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Thanks Beartrap & Papertigers for sharing some of those "funnies" with us. rofl

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Posted by: beartrap May 23 2006, 08:40 AM

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
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How sad---the wasp only wanted to be a part of the show!!! His death was to prevent the sting!!!

Posted by: seeshell May 23 2006, 01:06 PM

The Plungie story is priceless.  I can just feel the horror in the room...if I had been there, I would have been one of those people cringing and praying "Please, God, don't let that kid near me with that thing!!!!!" And shooting murderous glances at the parent.  rofl

Posted by: PaperTigers May 23 2006, 02:02 PM

Man one could seriously go on and on about the things that happen during taping, that the viewing audience is completely unaware of..
I remember on a Today LIVE, I was doing audio because the regular guy was gone... and one of the guests microphones started cutting out..
I had on high heels, so I had to kick my shoes off, grab a mic and literally crawl on the floor to get to the guest and keep out of sight... swap out the microphones, and then crawl back and run into the control room... all the while we were still taping and broadcasting LIVE!!
Great Fun!!

Posted by: Clay May 23 2006, 02:09 PM

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Posted by: vonessa May 23 2006, 02:22 PM

QUOTE(Clay @ May 23 2006, 03:09 PM)

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Just because you may be in the midst of a bad situation does not mean that the Lord does not open up a window to let you catch a glimpse of glory. Just as Paul and Silas could sing in a dungeon, so these brave souls who worked at 3ABN had musical moments. That is what gave them the power to continue to work there, and some who still work there.

"Yea though I go through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear *NO* evil, for thou art with me."

Posted by: sonshineonme May 23 2006, 02:35 PM

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I've been thinking about what you said here...from my earliest childhood years, losing a father, having horrible stepfathers, neglect I felt in the home, and many other situations that I found myself in my life that were miserable and almost unbareable, there were always things that happend that were good - and I thank God for those periods of relief from stress. What would we do without those things? Is any situation any different? Stress all around, the times we get away or breaks in the

situations that break it up are good for our blood pressure among other things! Those are the little blessing you begin to see and look for to get you through, or you might find yourself losing your mind totally.

Posted by: PaperTigers May 23 2006, 03:29 PM

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Yeah there were good times, and to be completely honest I loved my job.. but I left because the bad started outweighing the good... even at it's worst there were still good times, but just because there are good times does not mean that you stay in a bad situation. That would be like saying "Yeah my husband beats me, but when he's not beating me he is the sweetest guy!! So I'm just going to stay and stick it out.. because he can be such a sweetheart!!" You would tell someone in that situation that they needed to leave, it's the same way at 3ABN, there were definitely good times, and a lot of GREAT people... but that stopped making up for all the crap that I had to wade through to get to those good times!

Posted by: inga May 23 2006, 03:35 PM

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H'mm ... what's so "interesting" about that?

It sounds to me like the way life usually works:

Into each life some rain must fall, and there's some sunshine even in the worst seasons.


Posted by: beartrap May 23 2006, 05:48 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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Yeah, it happened on more than one occasion too!! We finally tied a string to her ankle and the guest had the other end, so that when she would nod off they would just tug at it to wake her up!!!

Posted by: seeshell May 23 2006, 08:15 PM

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Posted by: sister May 24 2006, 12:56 AM

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Do you remember the story about May Chung on CNN? When she was named as the most prominent slumlord in a major Texas city. Is May still on the 3ABN board?

Posted by: beartrap May 24 2006, 01:50 AM

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Yes, I remember that. Poor May was called "the Dallas slum lord." I don't remember why. Yes, she is still on the board.

Posted by: summertime May 24 2006, 07:00 AM

QUOTE(beartrap @ May 24 2006, 02:50 AM)

Yes, I remember that. Poor May was called "the Dallas slum lord." I don't remember why. Yes, she is still on the board.

Maybe I am dumb, but what is a slumlord? Sounds like somebody who rented a lot of rundown rental properties and expected the renters to live there---And that is how she got her money?

I also wonder how many of the board members go to sleep during the infrequent board meetings--maybe there are others who sleep -thus making the board's votes unanimous--one nudge and the 'yeas' are spoken.

Posted by: Panama_Pete May 24 2006, 07:32 AM

QUOTE(summertime @ May 24 2006, 08:00 AM)

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This is the general, legal dictionary definition of a slumlord for the person who asked. It is just a general definition and doesn't apply to any case in particular. I did not see the CNN story, so those that did see it will have to decide if this definition is the right or wrong one to apply to that CNN story.

<http://www.uslegalforms.com/legaldefinitions/slumlord/>

Slumlord Law and Legal Definition

"A slumlord is an unscrupulous landlord who milks a property without concern for tenants, neighborhoods or their own long term interests. Slumlords overcharge for property in poor neighborhoods that is kept in poor repair and allowed to deteriorate. Some indicators of property run by a slumlord include number of police calls, and city and county code violations on the properties."

Posted by: watchbird May 24 2006, 09:13 AM

QUOTE(summertime @ May 24 2006, 07:00 AM)

I also wonder how many of the board members go to sleep during the infrequent board meetings--maybe there are others who sleep -thus making the board's votes unanimous--one nudge and the 'yeas' are spoken.

Speaking of board members: I think it would be interesting to have a complete list of the current boardmembers. And even better if we could have a little information about each one, including how long they have been on the board, why they are on the board, how often they attend board meetings, and how active they are in meetings, whether they ever oppose Danny on anything, or even inquire around about anything, etc.

It would also be interesting to have a list of board members who have left or resigned over the years (especially recent years) and their reasons for doing so.

Posted by: beartrap May 24 2006, 10:12 AM

3ABN Board Members

1. Danny Shelton - 3ABN founder, and board member since 1985
2. Walter Thompson - Board member for around 17 years. Board Chairman. Retired surgeon, and producer of several programs on 3ABN
3. May Chung - Board member for around 20 years. Wealthy philanthropist, financial supporter of 3ABN and Danny Shelton, and host of a program on 3ABN
4. Bill Hulsey - Board member for close to 20 years. Wealthy businessman and financial supporter of 3ABN
5. Ellsworth McKee - Board member for close to 20 years. Former board chairman. Wealthy philanthropist and financial supporter of 3ABN
6. Larry Welch - Board member for close to 20 years. 3ABN employee, former lay pastor and drywall worker.
7. G. Ralph Thompson - Board member for close to 15 years. Retired undersecretary of the GC.
8. Kenneth Denslow - Board member since he became president of the Illinois Conference. His parents both work for 3ABN
9. Merlin Fjarli - Board member since 2004. Wealthy philanthropist and financial supporter of 3ABN
10. Nicholas Miller - Board member since 2004. 3ABN attorney.
11. Mollie Steenson - Board member since 2004. 3ABN General Manager, and has programs on 3ABN
12. Carmelita Troy - Board member since 2004. Daughter of former board member, Owen Troy. Teaches accounting at the U.S. Naval Academy Post Graduate School
13. Larry Ewing - Board member since 2004/2005. 3ABN Financial Director
14. Wintley Phipps - Board member since 2005. Singer and pastor. Recipient of 1 million dollars from 3ABN, and proposed director of a proposed new network.

Posted by: beartrap May 24 2006, 10:33 AM

Former 3ABN Board Members

1. Kenny Shelton - Co-founder of 3ABN, and Danny Shelton's brother. Fired by Danny.

2. Emma Lou Shelton - Kenny Shelton's wife. Left with her husband.
3. Goldie Seddon - Danny Shelton's mother. Left with Kenny.
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8. Linda Shelton - Co-founder of 3ABN and ex-wife of Danny Shelton. Fired over accusation of marital infidelity.
9. All of the Illinois conference presidents since the founding of 3ABN... up to the current one.

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Posted by: sister May 24 2006, 01:59 PM

"The Televangelist", Part 7...

Walking into my darkened office, I turn on the desk lamp. The beam of light illuminates my keyboard, as the rest of the room remains hidden in the depths of shadows. The hour is late and silence is my only companion. With no distraction from "life in the world", again I return to the file of "The Televangelist". The following passage triggers a memory:

"Arriving home, the televangelist starts thinking about his upcoming board meeting. The church that supports his ministry is made up of a World Conference, and various other levels of conferences, each falling under the other. The President of the Local Conference where his ministry is based is on his board of directors. This Conference president's parents both work for the televangelist. His personal assistant, his financial director, his chief legal advisor, and his facilities manager are all board members. Two of the board members, including the chairman, have programs that air on the television network. He has a new board member to whom he has just donated one million dollars, and appointed to head a new ethnic television network. He is comfortable that he owns the board."

Walking down the hallway Danny is conversing with the guest for tonight's 3ABN Presents Live, unaware of any witnesses they speak freely. "How do you keep complete control of your ministry when it is governed by a board?", John asks Danny. I could see a smile slowly lighting up Danny's face as he pats his jacket pocket and replies with a quiet chuckle, "That's no problem for me, John, I have them in my pocket and they will go along with anything I say." An unnoticed individual quietly slips back down the corridor, but what was heard was not soon forgotten. Only later would the full impact of that statement be understood.

The preceding incident took place between Danny Shelton and John Osborne. John had just recently returned to the SDA church after years of angry criticism against the church he once loved. These two men shared many things in common: both have held the position of televangelist in an independent ministry and both have been critical, in varying degrees, of the established church. If memory serves me correctly, Osborne was either in the process or had just recently published his experiences in, *Back on Track - The John Osborne Story*.

How could Danny's so confidently state he had the board in his pocket? A few facts from that time follows, many of the procedures still remain the same today. All department reports intended for the board first had to pass muster through Mollie Steenson's inspection. Any report that was not in line with Danny's spin of the facts was returned to the department head in question for revision. There was no contact between the workers and the board members. All the meetings were held at the home of Mom Ford, the current home of Pastor John Lomacang, and scheduled for Sundays. Luncheon was a catered affair, so there was no opportunity for employees "accidentally" interacting with board members. Additionally, there has always been "selected workers" on the board who were both willing and able to testify to the accuracy of Danny's statements in regard to operations and employee conditions. And remember, Danny has hand picked all his board members and is quite adept at discovering what he could do to secure their

cooperation: any thing from giving them their own programing, to donating one million dollars to a project that they have spearheaded, and pitching them a dream. Like a seasoned carnival pitchmen, you learn to read your mark and make your appeal based on what he or she would find most intriguing. Then as an avid fishermen Danny knows, you always wait until the hook is set, before you start reeling them in.

Stayed tuned...

Posted by: sonshineonme May 24 2006, 02:10 PM

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Posted by: sister May 24 2006, 04:04 PM

QUOTE(sonshineonme @ May 24 2006, 03:10 PM)

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Donna McNeilus is the wife of Garwin McNeilus' son, Denzil McNeilus.

Posted by: beartrap May 24 2006, 07:18 PM

QUOTE(sonshineonme @ May 24 2006, 02:10 PM)

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To the best of my recollection Kenny, Emma lou, and Goldie left in 1989 (when I arrived); Stan Smith, and Bob Ford quit somewhere around 2003-2004; Owen Troy, and Linda Shelton left in 2004 (when I left); I have no idea when Donna McNielus quite; and the various Illinois Conference Presidents quite at the end of their terms. The IL Conference President's seat on the board is only for the sitting president.

Posted by: PaperTigers May 24 2006, 07:28 PM

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Posted by: Clay May 24 2006, 07:35 PM

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
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Posted by: sonshineonme May 24 2006, 07:38 PM

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I like that answer! You are most like right in your assumption....but you never know, maybe the "prez" is a double agent and Danny doesn't know it! 

Posted by: beartrap May 24 2006, 07:52 PM

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What can be done to "educate" the board members that are being used to fulfill a mission that is not what they think they are filling? What can be presented to them so they see the big and real picture? Wouldn't that wake up some people? I know there are members that probably like the position in spite of what they see, but if so many are basically clueless, would it do any good for them to have more accurate "information" then they are spoon fed by Danny? Has someone thought of sending letters to them filled with "testimony" to things?

Posted by: beartrap May 24 2006, 08:07 PM

Some excerpts from a Washington Post article

QUOTE

Groups Tout Ten Commandments Event
By Michelle Boorstein
Washington Post Staff Writer
Saturday, May 6, 2006; Page B05

Are you one of the 135,000-plus people who were handed a free book about the Ten Commandments this week at a Washington Metro stop or street corner? If so, you were part of a \$3.2 million campaign by an Illinois-based radio and television ministry that calls itself a "mending broken people network." You also got a glimpse into what religious people across the spectrum are calling the Ten Commandments movement, a patchwork of groups who agree that America needs to focus on Old Testament morals -- but not much else.

{Talks about the 10C movement and its adherents}...It also includes the Three Angels Broadcasting Network, the organization that started giving away 270,000 copies of the book "Ten Commandments Twice Removed" on Thursday. The ministry, a growing offshoot of the Adventist church, said it hoped to draw 10,000 people last night and today to "Ten Commandments Weekend," an event at the D.C. Armory featuring music and sermons about the commandments.

...The Three Angels network says on its Web site that it does not support the Wexler group's "political agenda." In its book, however, the network decries the "purging of the Ten Commandments from public institutions."

And although Three Angels' followers are primarily Seventh-day Adventists, a spokesman for the denomination said it would not be participating in the weekend events.

Posted by: beartrap May 24 2006, 08:18 PM

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Posted by: sonshineonme May 24 2006, 08:22 PM

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3. "...although the Three angles followers (again?) are primarily Seventh Day Adventists, a spokesman for the demonination said it would not be participating in the weekends events..." Who was this spokesman? And, didn't many "official" SDA churches and conferences "participate"?

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Posted by: sonshineonme May 24 2006, 08:29 PM

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Posted by: beartrap May 24 2006, 08:42 PM

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- That would not be very accurate as there is definitely a focus on money.

QUOTE

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- Yes, I believe that would be accurate.

QUOTE

"...although the Three angles followers (again?) are primarily Seventh Day Adventists, a spokesman for the denomination said it would not be participating in the weekends events..."

- They were talking about Washington DC. No, the Seventh-day Adventist church did not participate in 3ABN's festivities there. Some individuals and individual churches did, but the Church as a denomination based on Old Columbia Pike did not.

QUOTE(sonshineonme @ May 24 2006, 09:29 PM) □

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Yes, last week Danny spoke about it.

Posted by: sonshineonme May 24 2006, 08:50 PM

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Posted by: inga May 24 2006, 09:01 PM

QUOTE(beartrap @ May 24 2006, 09:18 PM) □

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An interesting observation. Especially in light of the fact that the wrap-up sermon was done by an open offshoot and bitterly antagonistic anti-Adventist, Kenny Shelton.

Yes -- interesting and downright refreshing to see a major newspaper "getting it right." As a matter of fact that reporter got it more "right" than a significant number of naive church members.

Posted by: beartrap May 24 2006, 09:08 PM

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2. Old Testament Morals - I don't think the reporter expressed an issue with Old Testament morals. She used the term "focus" followed by "and little else." Those terms seemed to reflect the issue she saw.

Posted by: sonshineonme May 24 2006, 09:17 PM

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This a revelation (no pun intended) to me....I know that Danny may believe and carry on a particular way, but, on the programming end of it, I assumed he was dead on for SDA beliefs? Has he come out and subtly shown things that differ from the organized church? Is this clear to people? I really don't watch 3abn anymore...I guess I was "assuming" it was still SDA based...but, I can see that there is more to this than I understood - I have never heard anyone I know that watches this (and I know many) seem to think there was a difference - but mostly a ministry separate from but still SDA. Hmmm.....this will have me thinking even more...some more "new light" to me!

Posted by: Panama_Pete May 24 2006, 09:27 PM

QUOTE(beartrap @ May 24 2006, 09:07 PM)

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Posted by: Clay May 25 2006, 07:34 AM

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if a group is following anything or anyone other than Christ... then it tends to be cult-like.....

From what you all have described here about life at 3abn, IMO cult seems to be the best description...

Posted by: beartrap May 25 2006, 09:01 AM

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Perhaps the mayor of T'ville would be willing to share the entire contents of that letter with us?

Posted by: lurker May 25 2006, 09:38 AM

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Posted by: beartrap May 25 2006, 10:06 AM

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Posted by: Nuggie May 25 2006, 10:14 AM

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After reading this saga seems like he wouldn't be the only one who is or should be in the witness protection program.

Posted by: sister May 25 2006, 02:55 PM

QUOTE(beartrap @ May 25 2006, 11:06 AM)

His name is Ralph Sprague.

To the best of my knowledge Ralph Sprague doesn't need to go into the witness protection program, I assume that like most good old southern boys he has enough family locally willing to watch his back. And like most of the citizens of Thompsonville he has time to "chew the fat" concerning his experiences with Danny, the Shelton Gang and 3ABN.

If anyone is interested, just Google: "**Ralph Sprague**" **Thompsonville**. His address and phone number is the first listing.

Just be aware, folks can be pretty friendly in these parts and you just might get invited over to share some barbecue. It is not some "wham meaty fried bits" that will be placed on your plate, but southern Illinois prime pork ribs. Remember this is the "South", not Chicago.

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Posted by: beartrap May 25 2006, 04:45 PM

Also you'uns might get invited to go do breakfast at the Thompsonville Cafe, known only as "the

restaurant (pronounced "rest runt")"

Posted by: sister May 25 2006, 07:57 PM

"The fresh scent of Glade..."

Working in a salaried position at 3ABN and wearing many "hats", requires the equilibrium of an acrobat combined with the patience of a saint. When this does not suffice, only comic relief can stave the imminent onslaught of certifiable insanity or a nervous breakdown.

Follow me back in time, as we ascend the stairway to the second floor above the *3ABN Presents* studio. On our immediate left is the office of Doug: head of graphics, he also doubles as an on air announcer, in addition to other numerous responsibilities. Glancing inside the open door, he is completely absorbed in his current project on the "state of the dead".

As we leave Doug's office directly on our right is the restroom and adjacent to that a combination conference room/dining area with a small kitchen attached for employees. Across the hall is a second graphic department office, and following that on our left are the two pastoral departments offices. The pastoral offices both have windows facing the interior hallway. The first of these two offices is "the scene of the crime". Working alone in the first office is the only female member of the pastoral team, Venita. She is the intended victim.

After remaining seated for a long stint on the prayer line, she takes a deep breath through her mouth and stretches. Picking up the box fan and placing it in the open doorway, carefully directing the stream of air from the hallway toward her desk, she reaches up and tucks a loose strand of curly black hair back into her neatly arranged hair. Seeing her reflection in the window, the sprinkling of gray hairs give evidence of approaching age. She was much younger when she and her husband Jan Marcussen first came to southern Illinois. Like Kenny Shelton, Jan holds a Historical SDA viewpoint and both have been disfellowshipped from the SDA church.

Like the proverbial fly on the wall, we observe Doug pacing to and fro in his office, like a marathon runner that has hit the wall at mile twenty-three, he has reached a creative block in his current project: too much stress and too many deadlines have finally taken their toll. Now he heads to the restroom. Leaning his head against the wall, his eyes fix upon the spray can of Glade air freshener. Returning to the hallway the sound of a fan catches his attention. He stops in mid-stride realizing it's fluttering whiz is coming from Venita's doorway. Instantaneously, a light bulb explodes in his head and it is as if the name GLADE has been etched upon his brain. In a pivot, worthy of a prima ballerina, he returns to the toilet, picks up the spray can, gives a brief squeeze of pressure to the button and the heavy fragrance of an indiscernible floral scent fills the room. As a smile curls his lips, stealthily he makes his way down the short distance that separates him from his intended victim...

Approaching Venita's office window he begins to crouch down, quickly turning his head in both directions, checking if the coast is clear. Soon he is on his knees, his chubby physique resembling a bear cub on his ways to stir up some mischief. Almost there, ducking his head to avoid observation from the office window, he reaches the fan. Peeking through it's swiftly rotating blades, he sees Venita is occupied with the phone. Lifting the aerosol can into position, like a sharpshooter preparing his shot, he takes careful aim. Almost instinctively judging wind speed and possible drift he place his finger on the push button and prepares to take one intense shot and flee. Ready himself, with a final glance to insure he is free from detection, he fires. With an agility that denies his bulk, he darts back from behind the box fan and holds his breath as he waits for the projectile of highly scented air to reach it's intended target. Nothing happens... There is not a single reaction to the heady scent that is now returning to it's point of origin. Cautiously he again peeks out from behind the fan. No indication that he has achieved his goal exists.

Sitting down in the hallway outside her window a puzzled looks is etched upon his face. Like a skunk poised to release another attack, he assumes the position and fires! This continues for at


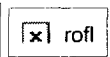

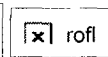
least six to eight more rounds. Still no response... By now Doug is having difficulty breathing in the heavily scented air and the hunter has become the victim. Standing, he saunters dejectedly toward his office, as other employees start coming out of their offices and wondering what in the world has been going on in the corridor. It smells like skunk season in a cheap perfumery. Wondering what the commotion is all about, Venita starts to leave her desk, but first she stops to apply some nose drops. She has a severely stuffed up nose and has not been able to smell a single thing all day...

Epilogue: Doug's project on the "state of the dead" was never finished. After investing in excess of a year of his life occupied in writing the script, producing and directing the project, designing and constructing sets, scouting out locations on his day off and searching for talent; in addition to his already massive work load, the nearly finished project was scrapped. Why? It was decided that his time was needed elsewhere. From reading the first draft of the script, to seeing most of the work completed, I had witness a project that could have made a great impact put aside on the brink of completion.

Doug now works at Amazing Facts. His first project there: *The Final Events of Bible Prophecy* DVD. Many Adventists know the impact this project has made as an evangelistic tool. 3ABN's loss is Amazing Facts gain. And what became of Doug's project for 3ABN? Before leaving he packed all of his work together and handed over the box to Mollie, where it still sits collecting dust...over three years later.

Stay tuned...

Posted by: beartrap May 25 2006, 09:19 PM

  rofl   rofl Doug was over the top! One day I had just bounded up the stairs, trotted past Doug's office, and was just about to my own office when I heard an absolutely blood curdling scream come down the hall from behind me... and it was loud! I froze, and my already pale skin paled another few shades. I turned around and no one was there. Cautiously I made my way back down the hall and another terrified scream stopped me again. This time I ran for the closest office, Doug's, and cried, "What's going on?" Smirking, he clicked play on one of his editors, and on seeing Saul entering her cave, the witch of Endor drew back and screamed in terror.

After a cup of tea, my blood pressure went back to normal. Doug's state of the dead project! Sheesh!

Posted by: Fran May 25 2006, 10:12 PM

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Posted by: sonshineonme May 25 2006, 10:24 PM

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Posted by: Panama_Pete May 25 2006, 10:46 PM

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That's a safe bet. I think you printed the link to the piano story. So, you're hinting there is a possibility that the expensive piano could have been returned during the night from wherever it possibly went? I thought of that. Most people probably did, too. And then they could say, "Here it is is, men." Whether that happened or not, we'll never know.

I believe the 3ABN Chairman's most recent letter published in **Adventist Today** was first distributed about April 5 by e-mail.

Linda Shelton began speaking at churches about four days previous to that letter being circulated. (The weekend of March 30 to April 1 Linda spoke in Spokane, Washington).

Some will say the timing of the latest letter from the 3ABN Chairman, regarding divorce and remarriage, is an emotional, sour-grapes reaction to learning that Linda's launch of her ministry in Spokane was a success the previous weekend.

More recently, Linda ministered in Thayer, Kansas.

If anyone would like to have Linda minister at their church, they can contact her at her Web site which is:

<http://www.lindashelton.org>

Posted by: vonessa May 26 2006, 09:56 AM

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According to Danny, the next in this line of letters is coming from John Lomacang. IF he proceeds with it, I'm afraid the same will be appropriately said of him.

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My family and I just laughed when we (the evil angels?) read that part.

Posted by: Fran May 26 2006, 11:34 AM

QUOTE(lurker @ May 26 2006, 11:45 AM)

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Posted by: beartrap May 26 2006, 11:45 AM

QUOTE(Fran @ May 26 2006, 12:34 PM)

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
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Posted by: statrei May 26 2006, 03:19 PM

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








Posted by: seeshell May 26 2006, 03:43 PM

Oops, posted in the wrong thread...sorry...carry on. 

Posted by: beartrap May 26 2006, 05:03 PM

QUOTE(statrei @ May 26 2006, 04:19 PM)

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  rofl  **Messiah!!!**   rofl  Come from Springfield to save us from the Romans   rofl  No, that would be Kenny Shelton come to save us from all the Roman Catholics who have insidiously been infiltrating our church and taking all the high positions. Didn't you know that they are all Jesuits? Yes, we should certainly make him our new messiah... oh and the commessiah could be his brother who will save us from all that spare change accumulating in our miserly pockets. 

No, she is nobody's messiah (LOL)

Posted by: gracetoyou May 26 2006, 05:15 PM

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Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." Matt. 25:40. "In all who suffer for My name, said Jesus, you are to recognize Me. As you would minister to Me, so you are to minister to them. This is the evidence that you are My disciples." Desire of Ages, p. 638.

The point of using the verse from Luke is to show that people's treatment of Linda reveals what is in their hearts in terms of whether or not they are genuine Christians. Will they stand for what is just and right even though it may be unpopular and may cost them financially/socially or will they, like the priest and Levite in the Good Samaritan story, just look the other way and walk on because they don't want to risk getting involved.

For instance, if a media organization believes Linda is innocent, but won't put her on their programs due to fear of "splitting their base" and losing financial support, then that shows that they, like Caiaphas in John 11, are doing what is expedient and depending upon man, instead of doing what is right and depending upon God.

Posted by: inga May 26 2006, 07:33 PM

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To be fair, what Danny heard from the Adventist Media was most likely before Dan's remarriage. Things weren't nearly so clear then as they are now. But those folks are just ordinary humans like the rest of us, and they try to do what is best for the ministry. Sometimes their judgment is wrong.

So by all means, write to Hope Channel. Say you "heard that some of the Adventist media consider Linda Shelton 'damaged goods'" and you hope it isn't them because if it is, you wouldn't feel comfortable sending them their \$100.00 a month. Ask them when they'll find a place for Linda.

H'mm ... now who else is sending money to Hope Channel? Who else is going to write a letter?? It would be great if this board could effect some positive change. And even less than a dozen letters like yours, spaced out, can make a real difference. Write directly to the attention of Brad Thorp. (I got the feeling several years ago when I compared HopeTV to 3ABN & said they had some catching up to do that Brad knew something about 3ABN that I didn't. He probably did ... and it wasn't good.)

And, incidentally, a real, snail mail letter would probably have the most impact. People don't get too many real letters nowadays, so they pack a real punch.

Posted by: gracetoyou May 26 2006, 07:44 PM

I'll write Brad Thorp and Gary Gibbs. I like Gary Gibbs' Winsome Witnessing book and video series and his series of Bible studies. I think he is an honest and sincere Christian.

I'm going to give Hope Channel a call, too. What would Linda want to do if Hope Channel gave her some air time - sing, do an interview, give a devotion, etc.?

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Oh, dear ... maybe snail mail wasn't such a good idea, since the Thorp's are rather hard to pin down. HopeTV seems to have the opposite problem of 3ABN, I do believe. 3ABN is focused on media stars. At HopeTV, there's no mention of who's who, and it's hard to find any names attached to the programs!!

I suspect the first thing to do would be to use the contact form at HopeTV.org. And if you get HopeTV in your home, you'll also see a mailing address displayed now & then -- a place to send your donations. I'd use the same address with "Attention Brad Thorp." Writing to the attention of Kandus Thorp might be just as good. Including a letter with your check would be ideal. ;-)

I believe the Thorps still consider Oliver, British Columbia, their home -- when they can get there. They and their sons, Jonathan, Christopher and Stephen still own the family orchard Brad's parents started. Brad and Kandus attend the Kelowna church where Kandus plays the piano when she's there. They're not "home" much ...

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Posted by: beartrap May 26 2006, 11:08 PM

Brad and Kandus are on the road most of the time. Gary Gibbs is the most stationary of the management and he is based in Silver Spring.


Posted by: watchbird May 27 2006, 02:41 AM

QUOTE(gracetoyou @ May 26 2006, 01:56 PM) □

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What specific media organizations are too wimpy to use her?  The Hope Channel? I donate \$100 per month to them, but if they are refusing to use Linda out of fear than they have received my last dollar. Are there any at all who are interested in using her? They would have my financial support.

QUOTE(sonshineonme @ May 26 2006, 02:29 PM) □

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
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Too bad about ASI not renewing their grant. But then, isn't Garwin McNeilus a member of ASI Missions, Inc.? 

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Some very good points, here.

There is a difference between being influential and being controlling. I would guess that \$25 to \$100 dollars would not make it into the controlling arena, but we need to be careful, anyway, so that we

are not misunderstood.

I will tuck in a note with my contribution, but make sure it is done with no strings attached. The people who are at the <http://www.hopetv.org/> are good people and probably have had their fill of any "control by dollar" situations.

Also, I was not aware of the political situation at <http://www.pollysplacenetwork.com> Can you hear my other shoe dropping? I hope it turns out to be a coincidence or some sort of clerical oversight at <http://www.asiministries.org/>.

QUOTE(inga @ May 26 2006, 10:43 PM)

Oh, dear ... maybe snail mail wasn't such a good idea, since the Thorp's are rather hard to pin down.

Actually, it was a very good idea.

Brad will see his mail whenever he returns to the office. Just be sure to use **archival quality** paper so the letter doesn't deteriorate.

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
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It is timely and interesting that you would mention that the angels are watching. I feel exactly the same way.

Just this weekend, my visiting relatives said, "These Illinois people are behaving as though nobody is watching or taking note. Do they feel **no** Supreme Being watching them? Do these men feel they're walking the earth alone?"

From my relatives' point of view, the lesson that these Illinois men are inadvertently teaching onlookers is that belief in a Higher Being is for the superstitious and that the real "power game" is played somewhere else.

You are ill about it because it cuts across your deepest core values.

Remember that Mr. Lomacang, **most likely**, does not act alone. Mr. Denslow is on the 3ABN Board. My guess is that Mr. Denslow and Mr. Shelton **pre-approve** most everything their employee, Mr. Lomacang does.

Posted by: sister May 28 2006, 01:05 PM

"Not My Business..."

For many that come to this thread and view it's contents, this is nothing more than a good read, interesting perhaps, but nothing more. Supposing they have no dog in this fight, they remain silent witnesses. But I beg to differ, whenever another human being has taken a stand against injustice, we all have a dog in that fight. The following is penned by Nigerian poet, Niyi Osundare. Although the excesses that he witnessed under a cruel dictatorship greatly exceeds anything in the experience of former 3ABN employees, the principles that undergird any organization where a man can be corrupted through the wielding of unrestricted power, remain the same.

Not my business

*They picked Akanni up one morning
Beat him soft like clay
And stuffed him down the belly of a waiting jeep
What business of mine is it
So long they don't take the yam
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*They came one night
Booted the whole house awake
And dragged Danladi out,
Then off to a lengthy absence
What business of mine is it
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*Chinwe went to work one day
Only to find her job was gone:
No query, no warning, no probe-
Just one neat sack for a stainless record.
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*And then one evening
As I sat down to eat my yam*

*A knock on the door froze my hungry hand.
The jeep was waiting on my bewildered lawn
Waiting, waiting in its usual silence.*

Not unlike Osundare, my chosen method against the abuses I have experienced and witnessed at 3ABN is to "stand upright, and attack with the tongue." It has been said that the pen is mightier than the sword. How can anyone who professes to be saved by the blood of the lamb, Jesus Christ, do anything less?

Posted by: meadbd May 28 2006, 02:51 PM

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Actually, we do...For "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matt.12:34). What we think about most of the time always comes out of the mouth. Even an intimidating phone call.

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I wrote to Polly's Place--I told them that few will stand up for what is right and that I am proud of them. I told them where I live and asked for ideas for helping their cause--remember the story of Dorcus?---and the truth that I am beginning to see is that many of the strong persons in our church and a great many of the leaders of our denomination weigh their own advantages against the losses that they will suffer if they stand for the right thing to do. It is true that the disappointment that we feel has actually little to do with Linda herself, it is the fact that so many battered and bashed are pushed into the corner because our 'base contributors' may be split. Last night I talked to a man from our church and I was telling him how I felt about Hope TV being afraid to take a stand in hiring the least, because they may lose a share of the supporters which they need at this time. The person that I was talking to is a very successful businessman himself and he assured me that if any entity is going to stand and be successful that they have to weigh the advantages and choose the larger group who could contribute more abundantly. He told me that the church as a whole has to remember that in circumstances such as these that there is no right and wrong--there is only a division of opinions and that the group who offers the most will be the first to be considered. Suddenly I realized why the richest families in our church base are those chosen to be considered for positions which would place them on the church board. And I felt sad that many of my own family members are among them.

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Posted by: gracetoyou May 28 2006, 08:14 PM

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What can we do? Just what you have done. Pick a place, offer a word of encouragement. Give a donation. Tell others of this "wonderful place called Polly's Place" which is in need of money to follow up on all the requests for help they are getting. Tell them that while it is directly connected to the church organization, so it has full lines of accountability in place, that it does not receive funds from the church, but is dependent upon independent sources for funds.

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Posted by: Fran May 29 2006, 12:57 AM

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Posted by: watchbird May 29 2006, 08:22 AM

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Thank you watchbird for your wonderful, accurate comments.

You are welcome. It would have been much more of a compliment had you chosen to follow them rather than to exhibit your frustration for all the world to see.

And I can understand your frustration. Two years of solid and careful research have not yet apparently produced any real results. The place where most of that research is posted is off limits to everyone except the favored few who are granted entrance to it. Recently I also was added to the list of those not granted access, so I don't really even know if the threads are still there or if they were wiped out like many of them were previously. But whatever your frustration, the inaccurate reporting and demeaning attacks you have chosen to make in this post are such that I simply must respond to them in detail, though I hate to see them repeated even for this purpose.

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While there are undoubtedly others of us here who understand just how serious a defamation of character these statements of yours are in which you suggest that Sister could be a pseudonym for the infamous person who called himself "Margaret Gray", probably most reading this forum have no idea of just how demeaning such an insinuation/accusation really is. One would have to have been a member of CA for some time to have had the misfortune of seeing MG in all her infamy and feeling the bite of his caustic tongue. Talk about unfounded rumor without documentation! This post could be deleted by staff on that grounds alone. For if indeed such were to be the case, it would mean that that person (or persons as has been claimed by him/them) would have had to undergo not only conversion, but a complete change of character, writing style, employment history, and character. The only possible "circumstantial evidence" for you to build this speculation on is the one thing that this is a "female" pseudonym. That's all. Nothing else fits. Nothing!

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May I remind you, Sister is not the master of this forum or this thread. Even if she recognized that you had valuable information gained by careful research that you could profitably share with this forum, and expressed it in her characteristically picturesque language, that should have had no influence over you to the extent of laying aside your previously exhibited discretion as to what should and what should not be said in a public forum.

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I think that Sister has made it quite clear what her "agenda" is, and that it is the same as that of the other serious researchers who do not think that Danny Shelton should be allowed to continue his unscrupulous and damaging ways while hiding behind the allegations of others that he both speaks directly for God and that he is "the face of Adventism to the world".

I rather think that she has a much larger "dog" in the fight than what either you or I do, and that she knows a lot more about the numbers and state of living of "those who cannot stand for themselves" than we do. So I'm suggesting very strongly that you apologize to her and to this forum for your unseemly and inaccurate burst of emotional accusations.

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As a matter of fact, it was not Sister who posted about Mabel Dunbar. I believe that I was the first, though almost immediately after I posted I noticed that Beartrap had mentioned the name of Polly's Place in another thread, but I didn't compare the date time stamps to see who was first. When I mentioned it I did so only obliquely, not sure that Beartrap wanted the details revealed. It was he who revealed them, and actually revealed more details on them than I myself had been aware of until that moment. What the significance of "the latter part of June" is, I don't know. I do know that we are all waiting for the "wheels that grind slowly" to grind away. When it is time to reveal all, doubtless we will all know about it.

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I think it would have been better for you to restrict your venting to private individuals and go back to your normal character of patient thorough investigator and patient waiter.

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This is not toilet training time, and yes, it is getting old. Very old for those of us who have followed it for two years. Very, very, very very, old for those who have lived with it, whether trapped in it or escapees from it, for five, ten, or even twenty years. The "punch line" as you call it has not yet been written and cannot be written until it has happened. This is not completed history. This is history in progress. It is never easy to wait for history to happen. Sister can only tell what has happened. She is not a forteller of the future.

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I wish you could know Fran as I have seen her in the past. Then you would understand without condemnation that when it is necessary to "deal with mud" it does happen that even the very best do not come out without at least losing their patience at times. But I remain strong in my confidence in Fran's integrity and character, and I am quite sure that once she has vented a bit that she will take a shower and change clothes and once more be her old cheerful, friendly, careful patient researcher that she had previously been.

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You do not know what you ask. Please do not urge Sister to do what she cannot do for reasons that cannot be told. You have all been gracious to her and accepted her as one of your "family". Most of the rest of you are only known to any other than close friends by some pseudonym. Please, I urge you, continue to allow Sister that same privilege without questioning her motives. It would seem to me that her work stands on its own merit and that her motives are crystal clear and consistent throughout her many installments of history as she lived and observed it.

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Yes indeed.

Posted by: summertime May 29 2006, 08:33 AM

QUOTE(watchbird @ May 28 2006, 09:07 PM)

"She hath done what she could". These words of commendation from Jesus are, I think, a possible goal for each of us.

What can we do? Just what we are doing. Tell our stories. Encourage others to tell theirs. Let the different personalities and viewpoints color our interpretations of the stories so this is a living tapestry woven by many word artists hung out here in public so all who pass may read.

What can we do? Just what you have done. Pick a place, offer a word of encouragement. Give a donation. Tell others of this "wonderful place called Polly's Place" which is in need of money to follow up on all the requests for help they are getting. Tell them that while it is directly connected to the church organization, so it has full lines of accountability in place, that it does not receive funds from the church, but is dependent upon independent sources for funds.

What can we do? That will vary with our circumstances. Let's just do **something**. Whatever we each can find to do.

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Friends, I have been following the postings of Fran for a very long time on C/A and I am positive that she is one of the most endeavoring 'tell the truth and nothing but the truth' person. She has no personal agenda but to protect the efforts of those who have given, including me, a previous monthly offering to a ministry which we believed was built for God. She has spent long hours trying to make sure that our sacrifices were not given in vain. It must seem fruitless to her when she continues to see the wicked use of the funds that we have all given. I believe that her purpose in donating so much of her time is to better the honest work of God. Her consistant efforts should be appreciated by all of us

I also believe that every word that 'sister' has written is the truth. I do not know her personally,--not who she really is or where she is, or even if she has personally felt the wrath of Danny Shelton. But I do believe that she knows more than anyone else about the harm that has been done to many co-workers at 3ABN. SHE does have a story to tell. And I pray that she will be able to save others, by her story, from Danny Shelton and his board's attacks on innocent people with lies and twisted truths. I admire her work greatly. And it is facetious to equate her or compare her with the horrible "Margaret Gray".

So we have many posters whose only purpose is to see the work of God pushed forward with honest, truthful efforts--not with the misrepresentations that we continue to see in the evilness of those who are still in control at 3ABN. Certainly, if we are on the right track here, God will answer our prayers in His own time. Maybe the authentication of who each of us really are would help this whole matter. We may be able to run for a while, but we can hold fast to the protection of Jesus.

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Hey Watchbird, I have absolutely no beef with Fran. When I referred to the dirt getting on her, I was more concerned about her pain from the supposedly unexpected reaction that she received from Sister. And I was saying that this matter is so convoluted and messy that one could hardly avoid getting somewhat messed up as one is actively involved. So it is important that all keep tempers at bay in the circumstances so one does not get misunderstood.

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Posted by: inga May 29 2006, 11:05 AM

QUOTE(watchbird @ May 28 2006, 12:05 PM)

Most of us live out our lives in the small circles of our family, friends, and local contacts at work or church. While we each have a sphere of influence and each are called to "make a difference" in the struggle between good and evil that goes on all around us, that "difference" may be only in a very small and circumscribed circle.

Our standing for the right is often done in quite unremarkable ways: smiling at a rambunctious child, showing sensitivity to a coworker who is having a bad day, choosing carefully the jokes we laugh at, the TV programs we watch, the videos we pick up from the store without thinking that the clerk might be taking mental note.

Only occasionally is someone put in a position where they have opportunity to stand as a hero and make a pronounced difference in the lives of people all around the globe. The rarity of the opportunity tends to magnify the tragedy when someone placed in that position chooses to aid evil rather than take a stand against it. We have no way of knowing the motivations of John Lomacang's heart. Is he driven merely by the desire for monetary and popularity benefits? Is he driven by fear of retaliation should he speak the truth? Is he living in fear that that some unknown to the world weakness of his will be exposed? Would it also expose him to dangers of which we have little knowledge? It would take real courage and character to step out at this point and have to confess his errancy for not doing so before. Does John Lomacang have that kind of courage and character?

One definition of a hero is one who can act for the right even in the face of his fears. Another way of saying this is that courage is not the absence of fear, but choosing to do the thing that needs to be done in spite of the fear, in spite of genuine danger.

Desmond Doss was that kind of hero.

Is John Lomacang able to be a hero?

Only time will tell.

Thank you so much for that thoughtful post. It reminds me again of Ellen White's statement:
"The greatest want of the world is the want of men-- men who will not be bought or sold, men who in

their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." (Education p. 57)

Will John Lomacang yet rise up to be that kind of man, or will he sell his soul for the mess of pottage offered by 3ABN.

He can't have it both ways.

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Posted by: Panama_Pete May 29 2006, 11:15 AM

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I shall start the journey by taking one step forward. We all have about 100 people we can talk to on a regular basis. Barbers, car mechanics, the cable guy, etc. See how creative you can get.

If you see some people painting houses in the neighborhood, or walking their dogs, stop and give them a brochure.

<http://www.pollysplacenetnetwork.com/articles.asp>

We can share our stories about the people we gave the brochures to, etc.

This approach would be more productive and useful than talking about people who **say** they "mend broken people" but **do not**.

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John Lomacang
PO Box 477
West Frankfort, IL 62896-0477
Email: jplomacang@earthlink.net

(I still prefer your snail mail idea, though.)

Posted by: beartrap May 29 2006, 11:20 AM

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Doing something does not have to be placed in an "instead of" context. Talking to each other is important, especially in this venue which is open for any who come by to read. In addition to that, however, there is real value in not only talking about what can be done, but in actually doing some of the things suggested, or some that are inspired by something said here.

As far as placing an ad for BSDA, that would have to come from Calvin, I would assume, unless he wanted to delegate the responsibility to someone else.

When it comes to the Union papers, it is my understanding that they have their own requirements for accepting ads, as well as their own pricing schedules. This information, or contact information for finding the information, would be available on your Union website or possibly in the Union paper itself. And probably the request for an ad would only be looked at seriously if it came from someone within that specific Union. So this is not something that someone can do for all Unions. You could, however, send your suggestion to Polly's Place itself and find out if this is something they themselves can initiate.

You could also write to specific Adventist papers and tell them about your interest in Polly's Place, give them the url of the website and that you would very much like to see an article done on this organization. Women of Spirit is one that might be specifically interested in it. OTOH, they may have already run such an article and you may not have noticed it. Be aware that most magazines have a very long planning cycle. Adventist Review, for example, has their feature stories planned out for three years in advance. Only late breaking news type items can get into it in shorter notice. Be aware also that magazines are normally looking for articles to evaluate for publication rather than for ideas for articles for which they would have to devote staff time or find an author.

As for authority, anyone can initiate a request on only their own desire. The editorial or marketing department of the magazine (depending on whether it is for a story or a public request for funds) would have the final say on the decisions. In the case of Adventist Review, the advertising for the magazine is handled by the Review and Herald Publishing Assn. Marketing Department, not by the editorial staff.

It would be well to contact Mabel Dunbar to learn what her desires are in this area before contacting any magazine. While we know that she needs operating funds, we do not know that she needs more publicity. It may be that until she has funds, she has more opportunities now than what she has funds for.

Posted by: beartrap May 29 2006, 03:56 PM

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4/27/2004

You will get a chance to prove many of the things you have accused me and my family and some 3ABN friends of. You were dumb enough to put all those lies on paper. I don't need to sue you. The people that will sue you are not public figures but have money enough to bring you to justice... Get ready to dip into your saving to go to court.

5/19/2005

I never thought you would stoop to what Jorgan, Alias Johann and you, would write about the televangelist. Of course some of your so called friends sent me a copy of what you dictated to Johann. We know the whole story. I can tell you that there are more than one person who will be filing lawsuits against both you and Johann...

I believe that you are determined to lose what settlement you got and your house and anything else. I can tell you that several different lawsuits by different people will cost you a lot of money just for attorneys fees.

I hope Johann has lots of money to spend on attorneys also as he will need it if these people that I talked to tonight go through with their suits. I feel sorry for you but so far I don't for him. He is going to get what he deserves.

5/18/2005

Garwin knows law better than any attorney I know... He thinks nothing of spending whatever money it takes to defend truth no matter how long it takes. He is a very committed man to truth. He says you really tried to promote the Hope Channel to him. He already knows about some of the programs that Hope puts on, like the one where they promote the Catholic church for all the good they do in the city of Los Angeles. Claus called me from Europe some time ago to tell me that he just watched a special on the Hope Channel promoting the Lutheran Church. You see Johann, Garwin is smart enough to figure out that if you are really an SDA pastor that you wouldn't be happy with some of the programming that hope is showing which is not even SDA. He realizes that you hate me and the 3ABN leadership so much that you will twist the truth to try to convince him of something that is not true. He is an extremely brilliant man. He didn't make hundreds of millions of dollars by falling for the lines of people like you.

5/26/2005

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so now Mr. Shelton is in the same company with Al Capone..... interesting....

Posted by: beartrap May 29 2006, 05:03 PM

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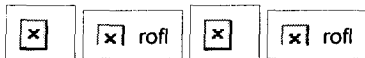
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Posted by: graceto you May 29 2006, 07:15 PM

Meanwhile, back at the ranch.....

QUOTE

You will get a chance to prove many of the things you have accused me and my family and some 3ABN friends of. You were dumb enough to put all those lies on paper. I don't need to sue you. The people that will sue you are not public figures but have money enough to bring you to justice... Get ready to dip into your saving to go to court.

5/19/2005

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Vonessa, it seems to me that you're blaming Sister for what Beartrap said.

That sort of thing makes for major confusion. □

Besides that, it seems you're adding to what Beartrap said as well. More confusion!! □

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The emails were sent by Danny Shelton. I will leave fuller exposure of these emails to be posted by the person that received them.

Linda;

I would have hid the gun also. Smart move!

Posted by: Clay May 30 2006, 12:31 AM

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Posted by: watchbird May 30 2006, 05:23 AM



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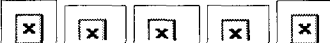
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Therein lies the key to Shelton's perceived hold or that of any other religious 'power.' You have as much evidence that the God has abandoned Adventism as you have that he/she has abandoned the Jews, yet you believe the one and not the other.

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You all have said that Mr. Shelton has held the church hostage. If that were the only problem then yes your corrective would be effective. But we know that Mr. Shelton is not the only problem. We have the church editing, revising, rewording the words of EGW, continuing to publish books that she never wrote, to what end? We have throughout the NAD money mismanagment and various scandals that some have attempted to sweep under the rug... We have half the people who join the church leaving... lastly do we really know how the tithe dollars are being used? Oh and I almost forgot.... in certain areas of these United States the church is still practicing separate but equal in its organizational structure....

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no need to be sad... ask any of the regulars here, I have advocated for years (and they use to tease me about it) that the .org needs to be dismantled and reorganized from scratch.... the other option, home churches.... no organized structure at all....the more I read about 3abn, and how the tentacles of corruption seem to be everywhere, the better home churches look to me... the more you all share about leaders being in bed so to speak with Mr. Shelton the more it strengthens my position that this .org needs to be dismantled..... btjm....

Posted by: summertime May 30 2006, 08:22 AM

QUOTE(watchbird @ May 29 2006, 11:45 AM)

Doing something does not have to be placed in an "instead of" context. Talking to each other is important, especially in this venue which is open for any who come by to read. In addition to that, however, there is real value in not only talking about what can be done, but in actually doing some of the things suggested, or some that are inspired by something said here.

As far as placing an ad for BSDA, that would have to come from Calvin, I would assume, unless he wanted to delegate the responsibility to someone else.

When it comes to the Union papers, it is my understanding that they have their own requirements for accepting ads, as well as their own pricing schedules. This information, or contact information for finding the information, would be available on your Union website or possibly in the Union paper itself. And probably the request for an ad would only be looked at seriously if it came from someone within that specific Union. So this is not something that someone can do for all Unions. You could, however, send your suggestion to Polly's Place itself and find out if this is something they

themselves can initiate.

You could also write to specific Adventist papers and tell them about your interest in Polly's Place, give them the url of the website and that you would very much like to see an article done on this organization. Women of Spirit is one that might be specifically interested in it. OTOH, they may have already run such an article and you may not have noticed it. Be aware that most magazines have a very long planning cycle. Adventist Review, for example, has their feature stories planned out for three years in advance. Only late breaking news type items can get into it in shorter notice. Be aware also that magazines are normally looking for articles to evaluate for publication rather than for ideas for articles for which they would have to devote staff time or find an author.

As for authority, anyone can initiate a request on only their own desire. The editorial or marketing department of the magazine (depending on whether it is for a story or a public request for funds) would have the final say on the decisions. In the case of Adventist Review, the advertising for the magazine is handled by the Review and Herald Publishing Assn. Marketing Department, not by the editorial staff.

It would be well to contact Mabel Dunbar to learn what her desires are in this area before contacting any magazine. While we know that she needs operating funds, we do not know that she needs more publicity. It may be that until she has funds, she has more opportunities now than what she has funds for.

Well, I wrote to Mabel Dunbar and just this morning I received a warm e-mail encouraging others to help "Polly's Place" and she assured me that her network is excited to be working with Linda and said that they will not let Danny or John affect their relationship with Linda or discredit her. I have written to her asking for permission to post her complete e-mail on BSDA so that others will know how they can help "Polly's Place" I will do so if she ok's it. THis morning I will send a donation to Polly's Place @ Polly's Place Network
c/o Mable Dunbar
P.O. Box 19039
Spokane, WA 99219-9039

I would invite others to help them in anyway possible. I believe this is a positive way that BSDA can help those who are in need.

summertime

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jul 3 2006, 06:57 PM

QUOTE(PaperTigers @ May 23 2006, 04:02 PM) □

Man one could seriously go on and on about the things that happen during taping, that the viewing audience is completely unaware of..
I remember on a Today LIVE, I was doing audio because the regular guy was gone... and one of the guests microphones started cutting out...
I had on high heels, so I had to kick my shoes off, grab a mic and literally crawl on the floor to get to the guest and keep out of sight... swap out the microphones, and then crawl back and run into the control room... all the while we were still taping and broadcasting LIVE!!
Great Fun!!

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Posted by: sonshineonme Jul 3 2006, 07:13 PM

QUOTE(Daryl Fawcett @ Jul 3 2006, 05:57 PM)

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In a way you are correct in what you observe Daryl - it helps the others that are afraid to post to be able to feel braver in doing so, seeing others have, and it is also a form of support because others went through similar things. Many have nothing more to lose in telling their situations either. I don't think there are too many that have posted that are in fear of Danny any further for various reasons. Some still watch their back - for now.

Posted by: statrei Jul 3 2006, 07:14 PM

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This is commendable. The problem that the Creator has laid out a plan for us whereby we can bring into existence a world where such need will not exist and everyone is shying away from it. We much rather be known for our ability to remove the spyware than getting down and repairing the OS so that it is not susceptible to spyware. Who was it that said humans are the most intelligent form of life on this planet?

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Posted by: princessdi Jul 4 2006, 11:19 PM

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princesdi, I'd like to direct your attention to the post by Sister that begins this chapter. And I'm including the whole story, even though the particular portion that is most relevant to your question comes only in the very last paragraph. But the story is a delightful, even amusing one, and therefore bears repeating. And so delightful and amusing in fact, that when told the first time we were all wrapped in gales of laughter, and since no one ever commented on the last paragraph, it may be that the implications of what was said there, especially when juxtapositioned against the story, may have been completely overlooked. For in the story itself, while Justin and Plungie are the obvious heroes, it seems to me that the real hero of the story is the sensitive, gentle, and understanding father who allowed his son to purchase, play with, and even exhibit publicly, the toy of his choice, as "socially unacceptable" as it obviously was. Did we notice that as we went through it the first time?

QUOTE(sister @ May 22 2006, 05:17 PM)

The Dollar Store and the Legend of Plungie...

For the 3ABN workers and the other impoverished residents of Franklin County, even a trip with your kids to the Dollar Store can be a rare treat. This emporium of astonishing merchandise, gathered from unknown locations, is a shopping paradise for the working poor. Located in a strip mall in West Frankfort, anchored at one end by K-Mart and the other end by Krogers supermarket, many have walked its aisles seeking both bargains and treasures among it's innumerable items.

Today the cashier looks up to see what is obviously a father and his four children. No suggestion can be seriously entertained as to the paternity of these children, you see his physical characteristics reflected dominantly in each one of them. Upon closer inspection of this chief and his little tribe, the countenance of the father's face and his demeanor as he interacts with his children, makes his love for them quite evident.

Slipping a dollar bill into each of their small hands and following close behind, he has instructed them to choose a special toy for themselves. As a scurry of small feet makes a beeline directly to the toy aisle, with a look of amusement on his face he observes them searching, as if for hidden treasure. One by one, they come up to him their faces beaming as they proudly present before him the results of their painstaking search. He smiles and comments on each purchase and then as the last of the four approaches him, his expression changes immediately from pleasure to surprise. Clutched majestically in his son's hand is a toilet plunger. Kneeling down next to his child, he gently lays his hand on his shoulder and says, "Son, the dollar was meant as a gift for you to choose a special toy." Searching his son's face, he asks him, "Do you know what this is for? Ah, well, it is used for the potty..." An interesting discussion ensues between father and son, resulting in his son marching proudly up to the cashier, handing her his dollar and walking out of the store with his Daddy, sister and two brothers in tow. Like a conductor skillfully brandishing his baton before a philharmonic orchestra, this boy proudly leads his family through the parking lot, to the enthusiastic maneuvers of his newest toy: a bathroom toilet plunger.

Before their arrival at their father's modest abode, the unusual new "toy" had already been christened "Plungie". Now to the amazement of the rest of the family, Plungie has become the constant companion of Justin. With the expert movements that are usually reserved only for swordsmen of the caliber of Robin Hood or Zorro; Justin thrusts and parries, bringing Plungie into contact with every available surface: all areas of the car, windows, doors, the TV set, and the computer monitor. No flat, concave or convex surface is safe from the Plungie invasion.

At the end of their visit the children return to their mother's home. Alighting from the car, Justin runs up to his mother, excited to show her all the things he has learned to do with his new toy. He has already realized that it is an excellent way to open the refrigerator door and to pick up certain selected objects from the floor.

Probably the greatest exploit in the history of Plungie, to date, was when Justin took his toy and constant companion to a Thompsonville function at the 3ABN school gym. Brandishing Plungie before him as he entered the crowded room, like Moses raising his staff and parting the red sea, a path was instantly cleared before Justin. Being ignorant of the facts, the good folks of the Thompsonville SDA church kept telling him to take that "germy, dirty thing" back to the gym's mens room where he had found it. But laughing and running around the gym together, Justin and Plungie were having too good of a time to be insulted by these callous remarks. In pure joy, to the extreme displeasure of the good folk assembled at that event, Plungie accompanied Justin for the entire evening.

Postscript: The father of these four children lost his job at 3ABN because, when God opened his eyes and gave him insight to see what was really happening and the corruption he had become involved in supporting, he was no longer willing to participate in doing Danny's bidding "behind the scenes" at 3ABN. This resulted in him quitting his job on moral grounds. Hoping that would be the end of Danny Shelton's intrigues in his life, instead he found out that it was only the beginning. By Danny's word he was branded a "pathological liar" and other labels were applied, equally untrue, each more heinous than the last. You might think that being the father of Danny Shelton's beloved grandchildren would afford some favorable consideration, wouldn't you? If you believe that, then you haven't been paying very close attention as we look "behind the scenes" at 3ABN...
Stay tuned...

Did you notice the "labels"--"pathological liar" and others "equally untrue, each more heinous than the last"? Did you spend any time speculating on what those labels might be--given only the hint that Sister seemed to think them too "heinous" to even mention on BSDA? Are you aware that these "labels" were spread to any and all prospective employers in an effort to cause them to refuse

employment to "Justin's father"? And that in some cases Danny was successful in getting the persons involved to refuse employment on those grounds? And that even when "Justin's father" did get a contract job, that his employer was subjected to harrasment and bombarded with accusations from a number of individuals "warning" him of these "labels" and telling him that he really *did not* want to have that kind of individual associated with that organization? Fortunately, in this case, the employer knew what kinds of men he was dealing with and responded to each person that before he considered their accusation seriously they would have to provide documentation for their charges. Only one man responded to this. And his response was an apology for passing on hearsay nformation which he had not personally verified. And even yet, even without the labels being a consideration, I had occasion to suggest his name as a possibility for an open position, and the response was "No way. I wouldn't even **think** of touching that situation."

Now to return to the set of questions above. Does this shed light on your question?

QUOTE(Daryl Fawcett @ Jul 3 2006, 06:57 PM)

Do you realize that telling these stories reveals your identity here to those who were also there, and maybe even Danny himself?

QUOTE(princessdi @ Jul 4 2006, 11:19 PM)

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Posted by: Clay Jul 5 2006, 07:37 AM

The Creator is bigger and more powerful than Mr. Shelton... at some point the folks who have felt or are afraid of him will have to believe that... fear no man.... we have to get to the point that we do not care about what the Shelton's of the world may do, but believe that we are the children of a Creator who will always take care of us in spite of..... btjm.....

as for the stated behavior of the person spreading lies and trashing a reputation.... again, I say, we are to do whats right, to love compassion, and to walk humbly..... obviously that verse ain't in his bible.....

Posted by: statrei Jul 5 2006, 07:40 AM

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Posted by: Clay Jul 5 2006, 07:51 AM

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Posted by: sonshineonme Jul 6 2006, 09:09 PM

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Posted by: Clay Jul 7 2006, 12:27 PM

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Posted by: beartrap Jul 9 2006, 06:10 PM

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Posted by: sonshineonme Jul 10 2006, 06:47 PM

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Yes, in regard to religion. Where folks like Danny are concerned, there are a number of people who wisely exercise caution.

Posted by: statrei Jul 10 2006, 07:26 PM

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I guess it would depend on what you call "religion" then. Why does fear have to have any part in it? It does not. If you would rather call it christianity, then we can redefine what you are calling "religion".

I am not clear on what you mean by "different configurations". I believe through all time God has communicated in some way (His choice of how) to make sure His children knew Him. Whether they accepted it or not has and will always be our choice. Even with no bible, which does not limit God by any means, I believe He would still reach or communicate to His children. He only takes us as far as we will go with Him. It matters not where in the development we are, time, history or prehistory as you say. I can't begin to know how or why He did things, but I can not overlook what He has provided for us now to know Him. I work with what I have.

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Darius, you are too smart for your own good.

Jesus was not technically a Christian I suppose, but He did live to be an example and show us what the Father (his father) was about. So, he started christianity, if you will. It's not even a good soundbite, it's the truth often times, and that of course is what bear is alluding

to. You are a very intelligent being, God did good when it came to you.

Posted by: beartrap Jul 10 2006, 11:23 PM

Well, now wait a minute Darius and Sonshine. Isn't a Christian someone who is like Christ and believes in him? I contend that Christ was himself, acted like himself, and believed in himself, and must therefor be considered a Christian. Following that line of reason, could it not then be possible that the last Christian did die on the cross? After all, can it be shown definitively that anyone but Christ ever actually acted like Christ? By my definition, many people fulfil the second requirement, but who has ever filled the first, other than Christ? (LOL! Having too much fun here. Not serious enough. Must stretch face out and make it long again. Levity has overtaken me and must be overcome! Those who are not of sober mien, those who indulge in such depraved acts as... hilarity, jocularity, belly laughter, and all forms of entertainment must surely be marching resolutely down the broad avenue that leads to hell. We must control our humour, for it is thereby that the devil shall consume our chuckling souls. We must depart from cackling, for those who cackle ride broom sticks...)

Posted by: statrei Jul 11 2006, 05:46 AM

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I understand what you are saying. And yes, RELIGION could be seen as you describe - while Christianity is something more simple (or is it?). On the other hand, who is to say that God did not design us to make our own religions and that all roads will lead to Him in some way? If we are made in his image, this can't be too far off in theory - and it's not always fear that causes you to make something to worship. Religion to me (and I know I am not as smart as you are) is a set of beliefs that you arrive at by study of the bible. Now, I many be simple minded....but, if my religion is not based on my christianity (Christs example of living) that my religion is wrong.

Bear, I like what you said - I was not trying to say Jesus was not a christian - I agreed technically with D'man - Jesus didn't worship himself. But He was a christian in His living (what I meant by example). And, since when is fun of the devil? Not in my "religion" rofl

Posted by: inga Jul 23 2006, 01:00 PM

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Darius, if we take the Bible at its word, the scenario goes like this:

God created this world and all that's in it, including the first man and woman. They learned who He is directly from Him. When they distrusted Him and lost their right to the Tree of Life, they could no longer see Him face to face. They knew the promise of a Savior, and God gave them an object lesson to remember it through time -- the sacrifice of an innocent lamb. (Cain's sacrifice of the product of his own work was not acceptable in the place of the demonstration of faith that Abel offered.)

From our first parents, two lineages developed -- the descendants of Cain and the descendants of Seth. The Cain lineage continued in the way of setting up their own religion, and the descendants of Seth were worshipers of God until they intermarried with the children of Cain. By the time of Noah, the line of Creator worshipers was in danger of becoming extinct, and God sent a great flood to cleanse the surface of the earth, saving only the eight people who were still worshiping the Creator.

After the Flood, the descendants of Noah made their own choices regarding whether to follow the way of Cain or the way of Seth. From the Tower of Babel they dispersed to various parts of the world, and current evidence indicates that the majority set up their own religions. Yet all these religions still have traces of true Creator worship in them, and wise missionaries use these traces as a point of contact. Furthermore, God is still able, as He always was, to communicate with persons in the depths of heathenism through the voice of the Holy Spirit, and I believe He does that. So many will be saved in the heavenly Kingdom who have never heard the name of Christ but listened to His Spirit nevertheless.

So, no God did NOT tell some He is One and others that He is many. He revealed Himself personally to Adam and Eve and He kept in touch with all who wished to hear His voice, in addition to the revelation of Himself in nature.

If you believe all religion is man-made, you have no Savior other than a man-made one. And I must pity you. In that case, Danny has the right to make his own religion, just like you have the right to make your own religion. May the "fittest" rise to the top!

On the other hand, perhaps you believe you are the only one in direct communication with the Creator, and you therefore know that all other religions are man-made? Please clarify ...

Posted by: Clay Jul 23 2006, 09:09 PM

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Posted by: inga Jul 24 2006, 01:52 AM

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Since you say "encounter with The Creator," you **are** acknowledging that God takes the initiative?

[I believe the usual naturalistic explanation is that religion is man's attempt to fill a need for someone greater than himself, to make sense of things he can't understand, etc.]

QUOTE

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It is evident that God instituted the sacrifices that demonstrated faith in the Savior at the gates of Eden, since it is there He clothed Adam and Eve with skins, and Abel demonstrated his faith with his sacrifice. I would say that God "established" the first "religion."

As I mentioned earlier, I believe that all the world's religions are perversions of the original worship of God which He encouraged. Later, God chose Abraham and his descendants as His special representatives on Planet Earth, and He gave them quite a sophisticated legal system, health instruction and a sanctuary service that included types of various aspects of the plan of salvation. Of course, the rebellious heart of man perverted this system into a "works" system. But during all this history, some remained faithful to God and worshiped Him in spirit and in truth. The shepherds of Bethlehem were some of these.

And, of course, Christ Himself established a church fellowship before He went back to heaven. A review of the seven churches of Revelation gives some indication of how the church through history failed, and how it fulfilled its mission.

God made us with a need that only He can fill. It has been Satan's studied purpose to cause humanity to think that they can fill this need in various other ways. It is for that purpose he also perverted the religions in this world. And he comes even into Christ's own church to pervert the truth. Yet there are still those who worship Him in spirit and in truth. May we each be in that number!

Posted by: Joe Smith Dec 24 2006, 11:29 AM

QUOTE(beartrap @ May 24 2006, 10:12 AM)

3ABN Board Members

1. Danny Shelton - 3ABN founder, and board member since 1985
2. Walter Thompson - Board member for around 17 years. Board Chairman. Retired surgeon, and producer of several programs on 3ABN
3. May Chung - Board member for around 20 years. Wealthy philanthropist, financial supporter of 3ABN and Danny Shelton, and host of a program on 3ABN
4. Bill Hulsey - Board member for close to 20 years. Wealthy businessman and financial supporter of 3ABN
5. Ellsworth McKee - Board member for close to 20 years. Former board chairman. Wealthy philanthropist and financial supporter of 3ABN
6. Larry Welch - Board member for close to 20 years. 3ABN employee, former lay pastor and

drywall worker.

7. G. Ralph Thompson - Board member for close to 15 years. Retired undersecretary of the GC.
8. Kenneth Denslow - Board member since he became president of the Illinois Conference. His parents both work for 3ABN
9. Merlin Fjarli - Board member since 2004. Wealthy philanthropist and financial supporter of 3ABN
10. Nicholas Miller - Board member since 2004. 3ABN attorney.
11. Mollie Steenson - Board member since 2004. 3ABN General Manager, and has programs on 3ABN
12. Carmelita Troy - Board member since 2004. Daughter of former board member, Owen Troy. Teaches accounting at the U.S. Naval Academy Post Graduate School
13. Larry Ewing - Board member since 2004/2005. 3ABN Finacial Director
14. Wintley Phipps - Board member since 2005. Singer and pastor. Recipient of 1 million dollars from 3ABN, and proposed director of a proposed new network.

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Posted by: Joe Smith Dec 24 2006, 01:15 PM

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I'm sorry, I didn't make myself clear. I think all these people are GOOD people with an honest goal of serving God and supporting His ministries. I didn't mean that Beartrap was putting them down either. The pic I ment to paint was... there is a lot of people out there that think that these good people are in Danny's pocket. I say why would they be? What would they get out of that? Don't they have enough of a life without being Danny's puppet? IF they are, then when did it start? From the beginning OR when Linda was fired?

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Posted by: Pickle Dec 24 2006, 01:24 PM

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Are you meaning to say that Walt and/or Danny will be issuing an official apology on the air, and/or tendering their resignation?

Fill us in. We are eager to hear.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 24 2006, 01:48 PM

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QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Dec 24 2006, 01:48 PM)

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No, you read him right. He said there were positive steps in the works to rectify problems with the board blindly accepting Danny's bogus information about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations.

Joe,

Has 3ABN made any promises? If so, will they follow through on them this time?

Posted by: Panama_Pete Dec 24 2006, 05:59 PM

QUOTE(Joe Smith @ Dec 24 2006, 11:29 AM) □

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Joe

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In theory at least, a person could be on the board of 3ABN for censorship reasons that have **little** to do with preaching the gospel.

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In addition, big business likes to hide under the skirt of the Adventist Church because Ellen White had her vision that was negative of labor unions. This view of labor unions fits the agenda of big business like a hand in a glove. Therefore, it might be to McKee Foods' benefit to maintain a symbiotic relationship with a workforce where labor unions are held in such low esteem.

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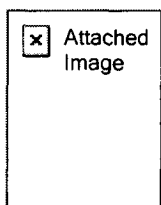
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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Dec 25 2006, 12:42 AM

Having spent a few years making those Little Debbie's, and being hired by Debbie herself I'd just like to say a couple of things. I've never met a family more dedicated to the SDA church than the McKee's, nor more humble. Yes they produce cakes, but anything in excess is bad for you, even water. Eating a Swiss Roll now and then will not make you obese.

Of course McKee Foods is against unions. How would you like it if someone were to come in and tell you how to run a company you own? Or how you should spend your household money. (Well the IRS does but that's another story) BTW the reason that McKee's do not have a union is that they pay wages higher than the unions would ask for, and those workers pay not a dime in union dues.

The family has always given to the church asking nothing in return. It's my understanding that when O.D. McKee gave money for the library at SMC they had to beg him to allow his name on it. My guess is that most people know very little about their giving because they keep it to themselves.

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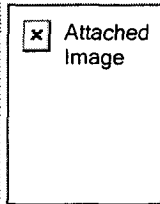
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Thank you, Richard, for your response.

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Dec 25 2006, 04:24 PM

There is a yacht company here in MI that's owned by an Adventist and I'm proud of that as well as companies like McKee Foods. To many Little Debbies and too many yachts are not good for anyone

It would be interesting to know how many times a year the 3abn board meets, and how many members actually attend.

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