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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ We Should Start A B.a.n.

Posted by: TrulyBlessedOne Apr 20 2006, 10:19 AM

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There, my brother, is where the rubber meets the road, as J. Vernon McGee would say...

In His service, Mr. J

Posted by: beartrap Apr 20 2006, 12:24 PM

The cost could be less than one might think. As Pastor J said, there are many black churches already producing their services, I believe Oakwood has some production facilities, and with the programs from outside the church, an initial investment in studios is probably not neccessary. Servers for master control, personell, satellite fees, and teleport usage (until a proprietary uplink could be established) should constitute the major startup expenses. (Of course this is all theoretical. There are always complications and surprises.)

Posted by: Clay Apr 20 2006, 12:44 PM

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Posted by: beartrap Apr 20 2006, 01:20 PM	
Clay is a pragmatic realist. Like I said, complications.	
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Calvin I try not to, however I am watching the area in churches in Huntsville go back and forth a building a new school for the kids here The academy is the same building that my wife attendence 20+ years ago they were talking about building a new school when she attended so if 6 or 7 black churches in one city can't come to some agreement and build a church then	ed
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If BAN can operate on all talk, no money and shoddy work and nepotism then it will become the number 1 TV network. To be truthful that's about all these SDA kneegrows have to offer.

Posted by: beartrap Apr 20 2006, 11:10 PM

Zephyr, I disagree. Several years ago I was in New York City trying to enthuse the Adventists into becoming active on behalf of 3ABN and nothing happened until I went to the black churches and the Northeastern Conference. They banded together enthusiastically in financial support and actual work and accomplished a lot. I was very impressed by how well those churches worked together on our behalf. C.A. Murray was the Communications Director at Northeastern, and I was so impressed with his skill and talent that I wrote memos and met with the leadership at 3ABN in a dilligent effort to get him employed there and I believe he has been a tremendous asset to that organization since being hired. The black Adventist community has some very qualified leaders for a television network, and I believe it can and should be done.

Posted by: Zephyr Apr 21 2006, 09:26 AM

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interesting.... you think that was the perception? That black folks can entertain but not raise money?

Posted by: silsbee_bee Apr 21 2006, 05:08 PM

It would be hard, not impossible, but not easy, to get and keep a television network like that going. IMO 3ABN has done a very good job of including preachers and artists from diverse backgrounds into their network ministry. I've been watching 3abn for awhile, and I've seen more black sda preachers there than I have anywhere else. I'm talking about scores of different preachers from the 4 corners of the country and the world. I've seen lots of asian and latino preachers also, and lots of culturally diverse singers and artists. Yet with all that they are criticized as being too white and conservative. The same could happen if a black adventist tv netwrk came into being. To keep such a network on the air would cost something like \$300,000 a month. The more diverse the programming the more money that could come in.

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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Apr 21 2006, 05:14 PM

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I would love it. Can I be the resident Therapist?

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Posted by: beartrap Apr 21 2006, 07:31 PM

Once again, I thoroughly disagree. Yes, in NY the petitions moved quickly, Ruben Carr became very prolific in his marketing, 3ABN grew, and the Atlantic Union ended up with a production truck. Yes, CA is a wonderful pastor, and he is also a great TV producer.

Of course BAN would be difficult to start and run, but I believe that with the right partnerships,

some agressive mover and shakers, and LOTS of elbow grease, it is very possible. I agree with whoever said that a business plan should be formulated and passed around. Besides the black SDA, there are other people in the SDA denomination who I believe would contribute significantly if they saw something realistic with a good foundation to it.

Posted by: Zephyr Apr 23 2006, 02:51 PM

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Posted by: TrulyBlessedOne Apr 23 2006, 10:39 PM

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That's My 2 Lincolns

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Posted by: higherground2003 Apr 24 2006, 08:41 AM

In my honest opinion, it would never work, but not for the reasons that most of you are suggesting. Getting the money, and setting up a lineup that blacks would enjoy would be

relatively simple. I think the real problem would come in after the channel is up and going. Having a black adventist network would force us to look at the realization that we are not on the same page. When you look at the backbone doctrine of adventism and much of the work written by Ellen G. WHite, it really goes in line with much of what you are seeing on 3abn. In reality, they aren't doing anything wrong. The reason why many of us seem to have a problem with their programming is that we don't necessarily agree with all of the teaching. I think that much of what you would see on a black 3abn would be identical to what you see in the black conferences, which is also not lining up with what you see in the white conferences, which would make the 3abn and the black version of 3abn night and day. Once that happens, there will be an uproar from within the denomination and we will start hearing about how there is a "falling away" from the church.

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Posted by: statrei Apr 24 2006, 09:03 AM
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Without replacement theology we have to admit that "The Old Ship of Zion" is Judaism.

Posted by: TrulyBlessedOne Apr 24 2006, 09:12 AM

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In my opinion, I think the regional conferences do need to pull away from the "world church". That may sound like heresy, but my reasoning is just what higherground2003 stated above. The white church and the black church have totally different agendas. The white church is exclusive and is trying to "civilize" the world, much like the Catholic church in the dark ages. In America, they recruit the rich folk so that they can send money overseas to "spread the gospel" and make people just like them.

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Because we have to send 16% of the tithe money up the line to the unions, NAD, and GC, we are not in a position to do some of the things that we need to do. 16% may not seem like a lot, but we are talking about millions of dollars each year that could be used for local evangelism or other projects. There is also the issue of how the money flows in the white conferences vs. the black conferences. I don't have proof, but they always seem to have the money they need for evangelism, while we have to beg for it.

I point is that there needs to be a change in the way we operate as a church. We need to encourage the churches to engage in an industry that will help support the church locally and the conferences need to change the way they operate to make them more efficient (sp). Too much money is being wasted by our leaders because unskilled pastors are doign jobs they don't have a clue about. We should hire CPA's to be our treasurers rather than pastors. Our ABC's should be run by MBA's. Our youth congresses should be organized by experienced event coodinators. Each conference should have a marketing director and an IT department. We have to think of this thing as big business if the churches are going to have the support they need and deserve.

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Posted by: Clay Apr 24 2006, 09:16 AM	***************************************
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In my eyes the reasoning just doesn't line up. This small group feels as if you shouldn't associate wit			
"sunday keepers" (as they say) because they don't keep all of the commandments. Oddly			
enough, when you point out that they aren't perfect themselves, there is always an excuse why their faults are ok, but the faults of others are totally unacceptable. Does joining the SDA church mean the you will no longer ever participate in a united way function again? Most organizations to charitable work on the sabbath. Why in the world should we be frowned upon if we participate?			
Posted by: princessdi Apr 24 2006, 10:11 AM			
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Posted by: simplysaved Apr 24 2006, 10:26 AM

What about the World of Praise Network that Whintley Phipps is heading up? While it is an 3ABN branch baby, it is also specifically geared for the American Urban Community (i.e. Black folks)....enough money, as I understand, is the holdup, but most of the equipment has already either been purchased or donated...

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http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?act=ST&f=45&t=7397

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Buddy Byrd...is that Carlton Byrd? I remember him when he was a little fellow running around Miami Union Academy. What was his sermon about? It's so nice to see young men serving the Lord.

Posted by: TrulyBlessedOne Apr 25 2006, 05:25 PM

Any progress made on B.A.N.????

	= Carlton		
His sermon was dealing with the children of Israel and their fear at the size of the Canaanites. His did an excellent job with it, but for some it may have been a bit too "Pentacostal" for them. He actuallyhooped $\begin{bmatrix} r_a \end{bmatrix}$ (albeit briefly).			
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Posted by: s	silsbee_bee Apr 25 2006, 08:31 PM		
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DB			
Posted by: I	Ephphatha May 1 2006, 09:50 PM		
the broadcas	autionwhether for 3abn or againstsome of the Lord's work is being done throught and inevitably when the work of the Lord is being done the devil attacksso if the uccessful I would hope that the people in charge would not fall into the false security uld somehow avoid the temptations and more easily resist those that have come to		
	that they consistently seek in prayer the best path to take and who and who not to adcastand I would pray that, just as 3abn has done, not allow the devil to gain the continue carrying forward the good news of the gospel to all the world so that the property will be drawn even closer.		

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