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### BlackSDA \_ 3ABN \_ Somthing Interesting...

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**Posted by: September Sep 13 2006, 09:21 PM**

I did a Google search tonight on Danny and came up with the following on Wikipedia:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/3ABN>

#### 3ABN

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Three Angels Broadcast Network

Type Television, Radio

Country United States

Availability International

Founder Danny and Linda Shelton

Key people Danny Shelton

Launch date November 23, 1986

Website 3abn.org

The Three Angels Broadcasting Network, or 3ABN for short, is a not-for-profit, 24-hour multimedia Christian ministry, an American television and radio network which primarily focuses on Christian programming. Its aim is to broadcast the Good News of Jesus Christ worldwide. Among of what offered by 3ABN includes Christian music, inspirational themes from the Bible for both the adults and children, dealing with family issues, Christian lifestyles, and as well as principles of healthy living.

Although it is independently owned and operated (not funded by any church or denominational group), most of the 3ABN staff are the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

#### History

The network's sign on occurred on November 23, 1986, after two years of planning and construction of a satellite uplink site in Thompsonville, Illinois. Initially focusing on satellite broadcasting for the United States, 3ABN has since taken several affiliates on, which broadcast directly into television markets on VHF and UHF stations worldwide.

The network makes claim to a successful weekly program in Russia, begun in 1993. It also expanded into radio and satellite television in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East in approximately 1999-2000. The 3ABN radio network is growing rapidly in affiliates due to the FCC allowing for low power FM stations.

The president of the network throughout its existence has been Danny Shelton, 54, who hosts the network's flagship program, 3ABN Today. Shelton co-founded the ministry with his wife at the time, Linda Shelton. Danny and Linda Shelton were divorced in June 2004. The divorce, and Danny Shelton's subsequent marriage to a woman over twenty years his junior, has caused controversy among parts of the network's religious base. His remarriage to Brandy Lynn Elswick, 33, on March 8, 2006, occured on the set of 3ABN Presents in a non-broadcast ceremony.

3ABN was banned from carriage by cable and DBS by the government of India in May 2006. The Indian Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act of 1995 specifically forbids carriage of networks that disparage groups or religions. 3ABN as a network, and Danny Shelton in several of his books, have attacked the Catholic Church, saying that the Pope is the Antichrist of biblical apocalypse.

This stand is accordance to the believe of the early protestant reformer such as Martin Luther, John Calvin, Thomas Cranmer, John Knox, Cotton Mather, and John Wesley.

3ABN has also recently been removed from carriage on the Dominion Sky Angel DBS system which is available on the Dish Network platform. 3ABN has now launched a write-in campaign encouraging viewers and Seventh-day Adventists to write Dish Network requesting that 3ABN be placed on its lineup.

Programming overall on the network is Christian and health oriented, and broadcasts 24 hours a day.

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**Posted by: justme Sep 13 2006, 09:32 PM**

According to a satellite system installer. Sky Angel doesn't miss 3ABN in their lineup. According to the satellite dish installer, "When the founder of Sky Angel, Robert, passed away recently, his children took over the administration of the satellite ministry.. Robert's daughter got 'fed up' with Danny Shelton and his attitudes and "pulled the plug" on 3ABN because it no longer fit their requirements as a Christian Satellite Television Ministry."

Apparently there have been so many questions about Sky Angel that the installers have been on the phone with technical assistance people at Sky Angel to solve technical problems. Of the 10 or so channels that "went down" on the Sky Angel satellite, only two or three could not be "restored", one of them being 3ABN.

Whether 3ABN was gone forever from Sky Angel because of technical; problems or because of Danny Shelton's attitudes is of lesser concern. But it should be of enormous interest to 3ABN that the very satellite system and re-broadcaster that put 3ABN onto the world scene in the very first place, has been taken away from them. 3ABN should consider these circumstances in light of the actions taken by the administrative staff at 3ABN. A good, l o n g look!

Remember that Sky Angel partnered with DISH Network to use the DISH Network satellite receivers and technical support from DISH to make it all happen. Now, of all things, Danny has the nerve to ask us to pressure DISH Network to let 3ABN into the regular DISH Network Programming Lineup. I spoke with Art Sahl about Danny's proposal. Art was very "kind" in his response when he said that DISH is in "negations" with Sky Angel about the situation. He did not say that it would depend upon the viewer's requests. 3ABN has been made Sky Angel look bad, so why would DISH want to carry 3ABN when the viewer ship is dropping off, anyway. Why would DISH want 3ABN programming that may eventually cause viewers to drop the premium DISH channels?

Now it is time for 3ABN to look at Danny and his "advisors", who helped him get into this mess. See if they want more of the same.

Few things have disappointed me as much of the years as seeing what 3ABN has done to itself. It is heartbreaking to see the seeds they have been sowing. Now it's time for the harvest, a very bitter harvest indeed.

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**Posted by: sonshineonme Sep 13 2006, 09:50 PM**

Regarding Septembers original post here, it appears that this was entered into this encyclopedia more recently. I wonder if it will be added too in the coming days, weeks and months? Who's job is it to come up with the information and submit it?

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**Posted by: västergötland Sep 14 2006, 01:05 AM**

Anyone who knows something about a subject is welcome to write an article about it, withing certain guide rules of course. Read more here  
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**Posted by: September Sep 14 2006, 06:03 AM**

Yes, it did appear to have been written more recently--that's what I found interesting about it. If you google Danny Shelton, his 'hot mess' is all over the internet!

Oh, and if you read one of the letters that Danny sent me--I asked him about Sky Angel booting him off and he said that Sky Angel viewers represented only a very small portion of the viewing audience....another lie I presume!

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Sep 14 2006, 04:20 PM**

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Richard


**Posted by: Hersheys99 Sep 14 2006, 05:17 PM**

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**Posted by: watchbird Sep 14 2006, 05:46 PM**


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



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The general public does not classify fish as meat. If you mention that you do not eat meat, some will ask, "OK, what kind of fish can I serve you?"

Remember "Meatless Fridays"? Fish is served on Friday.

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**Posted by: justme Sep 14 2006, 09:36 PM**

A SUBWAY SANDWICH SHOP... well,wellwellll. A health food restaurant on 3ABN property.

I wonder if the 3ABN employees get an "employee discount".

If they offer an "Adventist Discount", traditionally they ADD 10% to the total.

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


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



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


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deu 12:15 Nevertheless, you may slaughter your animals in any of your towns and eat as much of the meat as you want, as if it were gazelle or deer, according to the blessing the LORD your God

gives you. Both the ceremonially unclean and the clean may eat it. 16 But you must not eat the blood; pour it out on the ground like water. 17 You must not eat in your own towns the tithe of your grain and new wine and oil, or the firstborn of your herds and flocks, or whatever you have vowed to give, or your freewill offerings or special gifts. 18 Instead, you are to eat them in the presence of the LORD your God at the place the LORD your God will choose—you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites from your towns—and you are to rejoice before the LORD your God in everything you put your hand to. 19 Be careful not to neglect the Levites as long as you live in your land.

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Don't know how HOTY got brought into this conversation..... but I'll just say that there is a world of difference between using the salary paid by 3abn for work supposedly done for 3abn to pay bills with and build houses with, and buy whatever one wants to buy..... and paying other employees to do work on personal items from the coffers of 3abn.

"On the 3ABN clock" means just that ... that an employee who is charging his time to 3ABN is not actually working FOR 3abn, but is working for Danny Shelton on items that Danny Shelton should be paying for out of his own salary.

Of course we all know that you can't stretch a 50,000 a year salary to cover the expenditures that Danny makes .... and the list of "perks".... including "free labor" and free use of 3ABN equipment is long .... but not all are aware of that, so it is well to repost some of those details once in a while .... just to keep the record straight.

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This new organization needs to have a completely new charter .... clear lines of accountability drawn up, and accountability in all directions .... to the official church, to the immediate workers at 3abn, to the church at large, and to the donor/supporters of the new entity. That means solid business contracts ... not mere fuzzy sloppy 'agreements of support' which puts no obligation on the future 3abn as an entity. That means theological contracts.... in which the trained scholars of the Adventist church have the deciding say over programming (as contrasted with the untrained laymen and non-sda persons who are currently making decisions as to what to show and what not to show)..... and I do not mean scholars from only one segment of Adventism .... I mean a group of scholars which include representatives from ATS type conservatives, as well as those who call themselves Progressives or Intellectuals... and the various permutations in between those. That means solid business fiscal practices and accountability .... realistic wage structures and expense accounts, careful use of donor monies, even a sense of when to say "it is enough, we can operate on what we have coming in regularly, give to other projects of your choice"... .... especially it means not encouraging Adventists to short their regular church contributions in favor of sending their monies to 3abn.

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Will we have a great grieving time over losing such an asset that has brought so much to so many? Of course we will. But we won't get through that time until the "great divorce" has taken place.... and until we get out of the "denial stage" that keeps thinking some miracle will take place so everything will be "fixed" so that what has happened won't have happened anymore without anybody having to do anything.... or have anything done to them.

Sorry. Time moves in one direction only .... that of cause and effect. And so long as we do not change the "cause" we are not going to get any different "effects" than what we have now! And the longer we wait, the more of the same kind of "effects" we will get. .... just from the mere momentum that has been established.

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A "NEW" 3ABN ...would be MOST welcome! And a new charter. Was this 3ABN chartered to be a business or a ministry?

All new officers and talent.

Has anybody considered an action against 3ABN such as a "CLASS ACTION SUIT" brought by Financial Supporters Who Have "Tithe and Offerings" Receipts in their home file cabinets?

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IMO, even though Linda is the larger 'victim' in the Danny and Linda saga, Linda is also accountable, that being she was certainly aware monies sacrificially given were used for their personal advantage.

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Another example of "culpability" might be the use of the jet plane. Any employee of 3ABN who travels on the plane cannot be expected to "culpable" for benefitting from it's use. i.e. A child who needs special medical attention and Danny offers to fly parent and child for treatment. Is that misues of the plane? Who's responsible for THAT expense?

I just don't have these answers so I welcome some inputto help me understand particularly how Linda is culpable for 3ABN funds misuse. ... by association with Danny?

If Linda had that much clout it would hev been used elsewhere, in new programming, such as "DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION" and "Marriage Enhancement". I know she wanted there programs very much!

She lived the theme song, ""Mending Broken People".

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**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Sep 15 2006, 12:15 PM**

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If you notice, Watchbird, FHB brings me up quite a bit in his tantrums. From all of his insightful posts, there is no doubt in my mind that he's a lot closer to 3ABN than he wants us to believe. I'm sure he's admin trying to find out who I am since I'm one of few that admits to still being at the station.

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Fran,

Please forgive me. Now that I know where to look for it, (I am very visually handicapped). I'll try to do better...

"A PRIVATE" company?!!! WOW!. Imagine begging for millions of dollars to support a private company. Tithes and all ..!

Do you suppose Danny shared "anytjing" with Linda?

When Melody brought her baby's to see "grandpa Danny" she sat out fdrony until Linda left the house before Melody took the kids into Danny's house. Sounds like Melody has control over Danny, Danny over Linda, etc ...

Linda has her CD's on her website, although DAnny s is singing on some of them. Wonder why!?

Sorry to be an annoyance here .. just have to ask dumb questions, I guess ..

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But I'm getting over into Fran's territory ... I'll turn the topic over to her. I can only ask questions in these areas. She can give answers. And good solidly researched ones also.

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Please be more specific about " He used some of it to build his house."

Just HOW MUCH of HIS SALARY was spent on HIS house? Be careful here.

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And in the organized church tithe is what keeps the paychecks going out. So, what is your point?

Why not broach the issue of *inequality* within the salary structure? Walt Thompson knows about the inequality in regards to salary structure and about workers who do not make a living wage and have to depend on Welfare to feed their children. His comment, "This is a ministry and workers should expect to earn a sacrificial salary." He completely ignores the Biblical principal that a workman is worthy of his hire. What about Moses Primo, Danny Shelton, John Lomacang and select others of the Shelton Gang: none of them are receiving sacrificial salaries or substandard medical care.

This is beginning to sound a bit like "Animal Farm" by George Orwell, "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others." Some fly in luxurious private jets, others drive old beaters held together by rust and live in housing that would be torn down in other parts of the country. A strange organizational structure for a business that professes to be a "Christian ministry".

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**Posted by: simplysaved Sep 15 2006, 01:28 PM**

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**QUOTE(watchbird @ Sep 15 2006, 10:25 AM)**

Well ... if we can tear ourselves away from the  b fascinating topic of diversions ...

I would amend this to "fresh, consecrated, Seventh-day Adventist Christians .... not only "at the helm", but as new owners, directors, managers. The members of the Adventist church bought this establishment .... and they deserve to have it returned to them ... in full ... with everything that is still salvageable given over to Adventist ownership. That does not necessarily mean Conference ownership. I have no problem in principle with an independently owned supporting ministry of the Adventist church. But I think those owners should be from multi-generational Adventist heritage, that the counsels given to us about not being too quick to work new converts into positions of leadership should be strictly followed, and that ALL Pentecostal/Charismatic influences should be completely cleansed from the place. That includes everyone from Rick Odle to Shelly Quinn to Mollie Steensen to those who are not even presently claiming to be SDAs.

This new organization needs to have a completely new charter .... clear lines of accountability drawn up, and accountability in all directions .... to the official church, to the immediate workers at 3abn, to the church at large, and to the donor/supporters of the new entity. That means solid business contracts ... not mere fuzzy sloppy 'agreements of support' which puts no obligation on the future 3abn as an entity. That means theological contracts... in which the trained scholars of the Adventist church have the deciding say over programming (as contrasted with the untrained laymen and non-sda persons who are currently making decisions as to what to show and what not to show)..... and I do not mean scholars from only one segment of Adventism .... I mean a group of scholars which include representatives from ATS type conservatives, as well as those who call themselves Progressives or Intellectuals... and the various permutations in between those. That means solid business fiscal practices and accountability .... realistic wage structures and expense accounts, careful use of donor monies, even a sense of when to say "it is enough, we can operate on what we have coming in regularly, give to other projects of your choice"... .... especially it means not encouraging Adventists to short their regular church contributions in favor of sending their monies to 3abn.

If all that cannot be done, then I think that we as Adventists are going to be much farther ahead the sooner we "cut our losses", sever ALL connections with 3ABN, and proclaim that fact far and wide all around the world by every communication means we have at our disposal .... including but not limited to all other TV nets, all media centers, all print publications, and all conference communiques.

Will we have a great grieving time over losing such an asset that has brought so much to so many?

Of course we will. But we won't get through that time until the "great divorce" has taken place.... and until we get out of the "denial stage" that keeps thinking some miracle will take place so everything will be "fixed" so that what has happened won't have happened anymore without anybody having to do anything.... or have anything done to them.

Sorry. Time moves in one direction only .... that of cause and effect. And so long as we do not change the "cause" we are not going to get any different "effects" than what we have now! And the longer we wait, the more of the same kind of "effects" we will get. .... just from the mere momentum that has been established.

The magic phrase as far as diversion of funds is not "who did it" so much as it is "We will do all in our power to recover as many of the funds as possible" and redirect them back to the purpose for which they were originally given. That promise gave the conference organizations who used it instant credibility in the aftermath of the Davenport scandals. The 3abn scandals are even worse than those, but a promise like that would go a long way towards winning the hearts of former 3abn supporters to both the church and whatever new entity is formed to "receive" the assets accumulated by the various 3abn entities around the world.

But absolutely essential to the implementation of such a necessary plan is that the official church leaders get off their do-nothing duffs and "lower the boom". I have heard excuses of all kinds as to why they do not ... most of them some variation of "the laity wouldn't stand for it". I think the "laity" is ready now to move. And it would be to EVERYONE's advantage if church leadership would at least step up to the position of being cooperative team members, even if they have already lost the privilege of being leaders in this reclamation project.

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Equating the financial situation of the majority of 3ABN employees, with a SDA denominational employee is at the very best, ridiculous. An example: I know of a pastor who worked at 3ABN full-time in the pastoral department. The salary he earned at 3ABN was about one third of what he had earned as a pastor and that does not include the medical or other benefits he received previously.

Sorry, Fallible, but your explanation just isn't flying here.

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If they don't, they should have. And I'm not suggesting that the church move outside it's direct domain and "prescribe a policy for all to follow", but I do think that it should restrict its recommendations to those which have appropriate "policies" in all of these areas.

It is one of the myths that have surrounded the 3abn affair that says the GC or any other Conference level cannot set guidelines as to who may and who may not have access to SDA pulpits.... and even to Adventist owned venues. In the Southern Union we are quite familiar with ministries which are not allowed such access, so we KNOW that the power and authority are already vested in the Conference structure.

There are several "umbrella organizations" which provide accountability channels for their member organizations. The ASI is one such organization .... and it has direct ties to both the GC and to its member ministries or businesses. Again ... in the matter of 3abn, it did not take the responsibility that it rightfully has, to put the brakes on 3abn when it started running as a one-man dog and pony show rather than as a legitimate ministry of the Adventist church.

There may be others who also need some curbing .... but I would expect the fault to lie more on the church leadership side, which stood by and did nothing but wring their hands .... at best ... than with the whole system of independent businesses and supporting ministries which make up the bulk of the ASI membership.

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**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Sep 15 2006, 02:10 PM**

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How many of these individuals of whom you speak had no idea what they were deciding to enter into? How many expect much more than they received?

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If that is not what you are doing, then be most careful. If you know Linda and Danny, you would have the picture in your mind when Sister tells this particular story - read what Sister tells, and also what Fran says, and those of us who know Linda, you would understand Linda had no control over much of anything when it came to money, (which is what Danny liked) and Linda knew Danny quite well when it came to him wanting something. I'm sure he carried this ora that he deserved it and should have it. She has told me over and over (and I have already mentioned this elsewhere) that Danny is the MOST PERSISTENT man on the planet if he wants something - you can NOT make him stop, quit, give up, etc. Good traits when used correctly of course. Awful when used selfishly. You have to understand the dynamics of this relationship and personality types - Linda is soft spoken, ready to take the back seat to keep peace, trusting and was often TOLD how things would be, in spite of her confronting things head on, it was always left with how Danny wanted it. I'm sure there were times, when it was insignificant to Danny, if Linda wanted something done, or saw a good idea, she was able to discuss it. Danny is head strong, stubborn and not trusting. When Danny has his mind made up about something he wants, it happens, even when it's wrong, looks bad, etc. Linda was completely in the dark to how Danny really did the money changing - as she has told me they each had our paycheck, you put that together, and that was plenty for them to live on. If she ever wondered about this or that, I'm sure in her mind their money paid for it. I have talked to her about this a few times, and basically, it comes down to very simple thinking for her - understand, it was her honestly (she just told what she knew) about things at the court case about their status, that had Danny quite upset at her. She didn't play his game, didn't know his game, and apparently was blowing his game. She is making many discoveries as are the rest of us in all this mess. No doubt she knew some things would come around and hit Danny in the head....one more thing, she has told me "we had to be very careful and make sure we did everything right " spoken like a child who assumed everyone wanted to do the same thing.

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**Posted by: Tori Sep 15 2006, 05:02 PM**

Hi,

I'm new to this--bulletin boards in general and this one in particular. I started reading these posts about 3 weeks ago when Adventist Today posted the Dr's letter on their site. Not sure I'm in the right place, even. But I understand there are people who will figure that part out for me.

I've never seen 3ABN. We don't get it in our area. I first heard about it several (3 or so) years ago when my mother who had been out of the Adventist church for 20 or so years started talking about it and then was rebaptized. Some of the things she talked about seemed very conservative and a little wacked, but I was happy she was back in with a group of peers she could relate to.

So, I don't have an emotional connection to Danny or Linda and come to this conversation with my own outside opinions.

I have been frustrated by the conversation because much of it has centered on whether Danny or Linda committed adultery. Typical for Adventists, I think, to get stuck on this topic. But it seems to me that there is so much there. I hate to get into hierarchy of sins, but if Linda was in an abusive relationship (and everything I've read about her leads me to think that she was) then she is definitely the victim here and I think the gist of most of the info posted here should be speaking more to that than to the accusations that she may have had an affair. The damage that an abused woman suffers in that closest of all relationships, the damage that her children suffer pales in comparison to there having been an affair. And I think we get into this mind-set (of focusing on the affair and grounds for divorce over abuse) because the Bible speaks to divorce and infidelity. It doesn't speak to abusive relationships. Probably because marriage relationships were very different in biblical culture than they are in our culture. But just because the Bible doesn't speak to abusive relationships doesn't mean that we as Christians in our culture shouldn't take the lead in condemning them. In this area, the world is way out ahead of us.

AND, if you're trying to bring down the TV Evangelist, why not focus more on the money and mismanagement of the money? Maybe this has been done earlier. Admittedly, I haven't read everything offered here. But it really should be kept at the front of these talks. My mother is a

very poor woman, but she pays her tithes. Don't know where she pays it to, (most likely to 3ABN) but I'm furious that our church wise men would allow another situation of misuse of donations to the Lord's work. Will they ever learn? Who will hold them responsible? Blinded by the camera lights.

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**Posted by: justme Sep 15 2006, 05:22 PM**

All too true. One thing about Linda's charm is that she is "childlike", not childish. She has that wonderful childlike quality that just crawls into your heart. You just want to protect her, you want to preserve that "vulnerability" that makes you know you CAN trust her.

Apparently Danny saw that and misunderstood her simplicity. He thought she would always be a "shadow" for him.

When she became someone in her own right and started her own programs, he feared loss of control of her. Her programs were the most popular of all. Especially the "Porch Visits" and "Fluffy". Still the most-missed part of the programs she ever did. Then there was Barb Kerr and LINDA, what a hoot. Charming, delightful!

Her remark about being "as gods around here" was a sarcastic reference to how Danny sees himself. She is too kind to simply say "HE". Maybe she was including Mollie and Hal in that "we" reference.

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Tori,

Welcome to our discussions.

You will find that we do include all form of abuse when we speak of marital misconduct.

Case in point, from the Bible, it says thai a man is to love his wife as Christ loves the Church (His Bride) and (He) gave himself for her (the Bride/Church). Abuse happens when a man fails to fulfill that commission from God. Anything less than that IS ABUSE. It IS a violation of the marriage contract. Just as important in providing physical need is the needs of the spirit and of the heart.

Thank you for reminding us of this point.

3ABN has been described as "The most conservative place on the planet!", by someone who works there, no less,

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Welcome to BSDA Tori! You are very perceptive in the reading you have done - but keep reading! There are many threads, and most of what you mentioned that attention should be on has been referenced to in many areas - I think if you get all caught up (lots to read, I know!) you will see these things have been addressed, continue to be addressed and are simply facts in the whole mess that make the mess a mess! Got that??

Before you feel like no one is doing anything, that includes our "leaders", keep in mind there is much that is not seen. Like any situation, much is going on that no one talks about - people are in place in several places doing their part. We bring what we can here, discuss it as much as we can, sometimes off the subject and on to things that are insignificant in nature, but none the less, this site has been a wonderful place to gather much information to give a snapshot (aka tip of the iceberg) of what has been and is going on in the 3abn organization and the Shelton family.

Take courage - God's hand is working, he cares about each person, such as your mother, who has placed trust in 3abn to be doing what it said it has been doing, but what people will need to learn in this mess is that no one asked the important questions - they trusted and assumed the rest. That was a mistake and what has allowed the Shelton family to get away with so much. What people SEE on tv is what they perceive as the whole thing - filling in the blanks with "must be's" and "I'm sures" and "of course" to any doubts or red flags. All we can do it get educated, educate people to be more inquisitive about where they send their money, and hold people accountable for their actions. We have that right. We have a right to investigate any organization we support or may support. All we can do it do the best we can do. But we have to do something - not just go along with the ivory-tower thinking, that we have this utopia that has no problems and all is right in the world. What's worse is when people don't own up to their actions - such as Danny, who at this point has no intention of being wrong about anything. Pride goes before a fall....like I have said before, I hope to see a sincere white flag at some point. One can always hope.

I have seen this whole thing as an opportunity for each one of us to learn at least one thing. I hope we won't waste it on just Danny, but search for what we can learn, and I hope that our leaders are doing the same thing. God is still in charge - He wants us all to grow closer to Him one way or another, and He wastes no event, circumstance or life examples to teach us more of the ugliness of sin and the NEED FOR HIM in our lives. JMO. What doesn't make us more cynical, will make us stronger. I believe that because I have seen it in my own life since being a part of this mess. Pray for us all.

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**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Sep 15 2006, 05:55 PM**

**QUOTE(fallible humanbeing @ Sep 15 2006, 01:28 PM)**

Come on, is it really that hard to figure out. The line of conversation was about Danny, his income, what he did with it, where his money comes from, etc. Complaints about how donor funds were used. Danny gets a salary - correct? Of course. He used some of it to build his house. So of course the logic extends, HOTY who claims to still be employed at 3ABN is getting paid from the donors as well. Does he own a house or a car - if so were they purchased with donor money? Of course, without the donors he doesn't have a salary.

This post is to WB, but to toss this in, HOTY - admin at 3ABN . . . if only you knew how laugable that was and how far down the wrong path you are.

- fhb

Yes - I am paid for a service to the ministry and donor money is set aside to pay me for that service. With that money, I pay for my home, cars, cloths, etc., etc. There is a big difference between having a salary and using it for the necessities and having a salary and letting the ministry pay for everything you want.

There are what - 150-175 employees at 3ABN and maybe 10-15 that are cashing in. And because I am still there - I am bundled in with people who are using money for their own purposes. My home is paid for by me out of my salary. I do my own lawn care. 3ABN Maintenance staff does not take care of it for me. My wife cleans the house. 3ABN Housecleaning services does not do this for me. Is there a difference - absolutely! (And as far as I know - Dan didn't put one cent from his salary into his home. Can anyone verify that?)

**To FHB - So you aren't 3ABN administration - maybe you should be - I hear they're taking applications!**

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**Posted by: Fran Sep 15 2006, 09:25 PM**

Fran Asked FHB:

**QUOTE**

Please be more specific about " He used some of it to build HIS house."

Just HOW MUCH of HIS SALARY was spent on HIS house? Be careful here.

Linda and Danny were CO-founders. Why was the house HIS house? WHO paid for it? I would challenge ANYONE at 3ABN to produce a TRUE COST OF THAT HOUSE. \$138,000 was approved, but how about all those OVER-RUNS. All the 3ABN VOLUNTEERS didn't get paid for their labor. Regular employees received their regular Salary. That \$138,000 did not include Labor! Where on the books can you find the EXPENSES for this HOUSE? They are EVERYWHERE like the leaves of Autumn! Buried so deep and so thin they can probably NEVER see the light of day again. Be sure you check set design, other building costs. Like I said. JUST WHO WAS IT THAT PAID FOR LINDA & DANNY'S HOUSE? What was that you said? DONORS?

You know the answer! Get yourself some backbone and tell the truth! Or, you can always ignore the question as before. Be carefull where you step; your pants are getting very heavy with something, and you may step in it!

It is clearly apparent what you are doing. I just hit a point of disgust at all your accusations about Linda and other workers at 3ABN. You keep slipping up and saying things that tell on you. I for one am reading every word you say.

Don't you just wish that Lawsuit would go away? It is far too late. It is everywhere. Are you ready now for all those heavy questions?

Where there is life there is HOPE.

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 15 2006, 10:36 PM**

**QUOTE(sonshineonme @ Sep 15 2006, 03:09 PM) □**

If that is not what you are doing, then be most careful. If you know Linda and Danny, you would have the picture in your mind when Sister tells this particular story - read what Sister tells, and also what Fran says, and those of us who know Linda, you would understand Linda had no control over much of anything when it came to money, (which is what Danny liked) and Linda knew Danny quite well when it came to him wanting something. I'm sure he carried this ora that he deserved it and should have it. She has told me over and over (and I have already mentioned this elsewhere) that Danny is the MOST PERSISTENT man on the planet if he wants something - you can NOT make him stop, quit, give up, etc. Good traits when used correctly of course. Awful when used selfishly. You have to understand the dynamics of this relationship and personality types - Linda is soft spoken, ready to take the back seat to keep peace, trusting and was often TOLD how things would be, in spite of her confronting things head on, it was always left with how Danny wanted it. I'm sure there were times, when it was insignificant to Danny, if Linda wanted something done, or saw a good idea, she was able to discuss it. Danny is head strong, stubborn and not trusting. When Danny has his mind made up about something he wants, it happens, even when it's wrong, looks bad, etc. Linda was completely in the dark to how Danny really did the money changing - as she has told me they each had our paycheck, you put that together, and that was plenty for them to live on. If she ever wondered about this or that, I'm sure in her mind their money paid for it. I have talked to her about this a few times, and basically, it comes down to very simple thinking for her - understand, it was her honestly (she just told what she knew) about things at the court case about their status, that had Danny quite upset at her. She didn't play his game, didn't know his game, and apparently was blowing his game. She is making many discoveries as are the rest of us in all this mess. No doubt she knew some things would come around and hit Danny in the head....one more thing, she has told me "we had to be very careful and make sure we did everything right " spoken like a child who assumed everyone wanted to do the same thing.

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I have read what sister wrote, several times, I understand what she is saying. I have talked to Linda about it a few times as well. I guess you have to know Linda to understand what I'm trying to explain.

You can know about your own money, and what your husband earns, you can see him spend, charge and have things, and you assume that you must be able to afford it. Even when you see the ministries money spent on things you question, you can tell Danny, but Danny will not like it, will argue with you, and you will be wrong in your view of looking at it. Whether you are still right about what you see, your husband sees it one way, and that is the RIGHT WAY. She was explaining that she knew Dan well enough that when he wanted something, he got it. She did not know the degree of which he has gone. She has given me several examples of things she felt were not right, but it did no good to tell Danny. These were little things she saw, she had no idea how deep and wide this kind of thinking Danny had, has went. She is just now finding out these things.

Having moxie and being naive can go co-exist at the same time. You have a person who did start a ministry, run a ministry (production) and work long hours everyday. She gets better and better at her job through the years. She works hard and has a mission. She also knows that Danny "works" differently than she does. She is very strong - she is a survivor and has realized that this is what she was doing, by God's grace, she said to me "it was good I was in the word all the time through these

years in my job" (my slight paraphrase). I know she is strong, because God strengthened her for this time and continues to make her strong, but honestly if you knew her, and she would tell you, her parents worried about her, because she is very trusting, keeps things very simple in her mind, and lives on a different level than most people do - like a child. She has faith. It's what gives her the ability to love, even when being hurt.

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got me laughing. This intent was not meant as this came out.  oo|

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was revealing she was often outside the loop when things were going on.

They say that in in the first week of President Lyndon Johnson's administration, they gave the Vice-President, Hubert Humphrey, a jackknife and told him to go whittle in the corner for the next four years.

But with Hubert, within just a few days, as the story goes, they realized they had to confiscate the jackknife.

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**How much the over-runs were?**

**Why wasn't labor paid?**

**Why was the house referred to HIS house?**

**What/Where was Linda at that time?**

**Was she already being prepared for the pasture?**

Since my comment was about the house financing, I was speaking of money filling his big pockets and it would soon fall out and all he could do is step in it.

I am so glad you are "P"eacefully "B"ewildered today.

Lee; I apologize again. This post is to clarify the situation to "P" "B".

**My original post was to "F" "H" "B"**

**Posted by: Lee Sep 16 2006, 10:19 PM**

Whew Fran! Now I understand what you meant...

**Posted by: Brother Sam Sep 22 2006, 08:01 PM**

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And your skeletons? When shall those become public fodder for public perusal? Or mine, or Clay's, or Calvin's, or Watchbird's, or Sister's? At what point will your appetite be sated?

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**Posted by: justme Sep 22 2006, 09:25 PM**

Justice / Mercy / "Skeletons"(Skelton skeletons).

Which are we most interested in?

For nearly all our oives we have been taught to reason from cause to effect. We learn that action produces reaction. For every force there is an equal and opposite force. We are taught that 'whatever a man sows he will reap. East of here they call it "Karma". etc, etc.

In one rspect we seemt o like to see these axiomx actually come true. "Ah Haaaa! He got HIS!" "Serves 'im right." 'I told you sooooo!"

On the other hand we believe that we are forgiven only to the extent that we do forgive, Uh Ohhh.

And No one likes to see a woman misused and abused and verbally destroyed. Well, mostly no one does.

But mostly we hate to see someone in a position of power abuse that power. Ezpecially if it is in a ministry-type environment.

And "HO!-BOY!" don't follow up the abuse with an arrogant cover-up, by using the same entusted power given you by the "supporters".

SO, now we ahave an oppportunity to see how we are inside after having gone through this metamorphosis of emotion and resasoning.

What have we learned about oueselves"

What have we learned abput our church"

What have we learned about human nature and power and money"

What have we learned about God?

Have some substituted personal study abd devotion by using 3ABN to be our "PASSIVE CHRISTIAN COMPANION?"

Will "JUSTICE" be vindicated in our eyes?

Do we want Justice or do we want Reformation? or both??

Our answers will be the basis upon what we delcare we want our own judgement to be based. By the same rule of juggement you use to judge other you too will be judged."

I have been told by individuals that having gone through the court systems, going to prison, etc, was the best thing that ever happened to the. That's where they learned to face themselves, and even to learn about the true God of love and forgiveness and restoration. Are we willing to tell God He can go that far, if necessary, from His perspective, to save us for Heaven???

The news that is coming should give pause for each of us to see how far we are willing to let God work in our own lives.

The Saga of 3ABN can be a "stumbling block" or it can be a "step stool" to a higher experience.

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**Posted by: Brother Sam Sep 23 2006, 06:16 AM**

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**Posted by: simplysaved Sep 23 2006, 06:21 AM**

Politics over principle is always hurtful... but there are politics on both sides of this scenario. JMHO

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Justice against the evildoers..... and in favor of the victims.....

Mercy for those who repent..... and for those who have been sinned against.....

As for "Sheletons" ... or any other "skeletons" .....

I really don't care about skeletons at all..... As I put it once upon a time ....

Skeletons don't bother me!

I know just where each one is hung.....  
 And.....  
 Sometimes take  
 A morbid satisfaction  
 Out of checking through old closets  
 Just so see  
 How each one fares,  
 (and if it needs the dust and cobwebs cleaned away)

But.....  
 Finding one  
 Alive, and  
 Well, and  
 Living..... where  
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That bothers me.  
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Skeletons are nothing but bones. They harm no one, though some may feel a bit squeamish in their presence, or even guilty over what they were when alive.

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And it is THESE kinds of things that the victims and refugees and hostages and just plain observers have been trying to bring to the light of day here on the pages of BSDA.

Those who have merely skeletons in their closets need have no fear of any who post here.

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For nearly all our oives we have been taught to reason from cause to effect. We learn that action produces reaction. For every force there is an equal and opposite force. We are taught that 'whatever a man sows he will reap. East of here they call it "Karma". etc, etc.

Agreed with your first statements .... disagreed that it is the same as what is called "Karma" in the East.

**QUOTE**

In one rspect we seemt o like to see these axiomx actually come true. "Ah Haaaa! He got HIS!"  
 "Serves 'im right." 'I told you sooooo!"

I like the way Barclay comments on our attitudes in his little devotional commentaries..... speaking of love, he explains that Love is not merely a warm fuzzy feeling toward everyone..... including evildoers..... for that would be the very antithesis of love towards those who are oppressed or treated unjustly. True love includes an equal and opposite pole of firm abhorrence, hatred even, of all that is evil. Scripture is replete with examples of rejoicing over the destruction of one's enemies.... I am not sure how or why we have dveloped a "guilt complex" such that we even feel bad about feeling good

when evil is driven back in some specific area.

**QUOTE**

On the other hand we believe that we are forgiven only to the extent that we do forgive, Uh Ohhh.

No we don't! At least we should not. To say this is to misunderstand both the process of forgiveness and who is entitled (and required) to forgive whom. I highly recommend the books by Lewis B. Smedes on forgiveness for anyone who is not clear on issues regarding forgiveness.

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And No one likes to see a woman misused and abused and verbally destroyed. Well, mostly no one does.

And if someone does, then it means that they are secretly abusers at heart.

**QUOTE**

But mostly we hate to see someone in a position of power abuse that power. Ezpceially if it is in a ministry-type environment.

And "HO!-BOY!" don't follow up the abuse with an arrogant cover-up, by using the same entrusted power given you by the "supporters".

Exactly.

**QUOTE**

SO, now we have an opportunity to see how we are inside after having gone through this metamorphosis of emotion and resasoning.

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What have we learned about our church"

What have we learned about human nature and power and money"

What have we learned about God?

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Will "JUSTICE" be vindicated in our eyes?

Do we want Justice or do we want Reformation? or both??

Both..... Reformation where possible..... Justice for all.

**QUOTE**

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While it is true that there are some people who will never "look up" until they are so far down that this is the "only way to look", it is also true that some will even then "curse God and die" rather than to admit their wrong, make restitution, and truly and humbly follow God.

But .....

I show you a "better way"..... for it is not necessary for anyone to take this hard route to God..... the easier and better way is staying sensitive to God's leading from the moment we are first aware of his leading. It is not God's will that we go through the hard times to learn that his way is best.

**QUOTE**

The news that is coming should give pause for each of us to see how far we are willing to let God work in our own lives.

The Saga of 3ABN can be a "stumbling block" or it can be a "step stool" to a higher experience.

Ah yes, but..... as "it is written":

"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

"Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but **woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!** " .... Matthew 18:6-7 KJV

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Watchbird, I am assuming that you are speaking of the employees. Wouldn't it be like turning a blind eye not to warn them of the situation, thereby becoming accomplices? The mother who knows that her husband/boyfriend is molesting/abusing her children but lets it continue is complicit, no matter what her motivation is.

Won't the employees, once they become victims and find out others knew but did nothing to warn them, feel twice betrayed? I know I would.

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QUOTE(Brother Sam @ Sep 23 2006, 08:16 AM) □

I too have skeletons in my closet...but I am not trying to destroy innocent people by using "powerful" people to do my dirty work.

Maybe if you had been there and under the dictates of the ungodly leader, you would have seen the lives destroyed by his tactics...with the help of these "friends"...

Yes, I would like to see justice done or at least a true public repentance to all affected, full restitution and a change in their life style/actions.

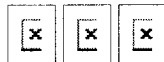
This is dead on pernt.

I really don't understand the people that just want to "let things go" and let GOD handle it.

I guess they don't realize that GOD works through people on Earth...today!



That is how **he is working!**



Posted by: justme Sep 23 2006, 05:51 PM

Oh, how true it is that we need to see what we generally call "justice". The bible is full of stories of men of God who "blew it" so to speak, and yet the people oif God were made to see what happens when spiritual leaders follow "self" or "other poor advise" and hurt God's children and God's work.

I don't remember any offenses that God "let go" of and failed to reveal the offense OR the punishment!

Be not deceived, God is NOT mocked, whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap". IT"S HARVEST TIME!

Forgiveness, ... yes, forgiveness means that I am not going to PERMIT the "trespass" keep me from praying for the "trespassor". If I continue to hold the trespass against my brother, AND, I fail to pray FOR his salvation, I have not forgiven him. there are those who prey FOR God to

"PUNISH" trespassors" by letting the victim SEE that punishment. This does not come under the heading of "love your enemies, do good to them that hate you..". But it can be the hardest thing in the world to do.

I also struggle with my feelings when I see abuse of children, wives, animals, ... it enrages my sensibilities. I have to control my actions because the natural impulse it to RETALIATE immediately.

When I see those precious children on 'Kids Time" and all the other shows, I cringe at the idea of what some of them might have had to endure. I can't find in my heart the ability to "forgive" the offenders, but I will pray for their salvation, and for the healing of those children.

((Oh,NO!) I see Danny is back on at PMC. I gotta edit this part out of my recordings.) (Shame on me, ..... sorta).

Didn't David, the Psalmist, have these fluctuating feelings, about Saul?

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Thanks for the thanks... and as for "forgiveness".....

Ah yes..... and generations of us got a wrong idea of the forgiveness of God because of the way in which this text was taught..... seeming to make God's forgiveness predicated upon how we forgive. I know the feeling.... been there, thought that..... and even when I moved beyond that it took a long time to see a lot of the other wrong concepts about forgiveness that we have all too often "been taught"..... or perhaps that we have "caught" from those around us.

I think I mentioned it somewhere else, but I'll repeat here.... the book by Lewis B. Smedes having to do with forgiveness is simply the best bar none that I have run across. The title sounds trite, until you read the expanded subtitle ***Forgive and Forget: Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve*** . I highly recommend it. (He has written a newer version, which probably expands on some things that might have been unclear in the first, but so far I have not read it so don't know if it adds anything of real necessity or not.

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they have received hurts they simply did not deserve.

Smedes answers questions we seldom ask ... for starters.... What is forgiveness? What is it not? What does it mean to "forget"? Is that possible? Is it desirable? But we can come back to that later if you wish.....

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To understand Karma one must first understand the religious system from which the word comes, for there is no comparable concept in Christianity. Saharafan can probably help us better with this than what I can.... but as a beginning.....

The "wheel of Karma" has to do with the belief that life goes on through multitudinous reincarnations until such a time as that particular entity has completely cleansed itself of all wrongdoing.... at which time it is permitted to go back to the "whole".... as a drop of water to the ocean.... losing all of its self-identity and self-awareness in the bliss of eternal "oneness" and oblivian. There is no explanation for how the idea of wrong and right arose in the first place nor how the entity which is currently "incarnated" as a living object (insect, animal, human) managed to accumulate so much negative karma as to need yet another reincarnation. But once one's karma has been fixed for this life, there is no way of moving from one station to another (obvious when thinking of an insect changing to an animal, not at all obvious to the Christian when one thinks of moving from an "untouchable" caste to another "higher" caste of humans.) For any "good" karma that one might accumulate is only applicable to one's next incarnation, and to fail to maintain one's assigned lot in this life would work to accumulate more "bad" karma for the next. This underlies to some extent the resistance to mission work which seeks to improve the lot of the unfortunates. Fortunately there are real efforts in those countries dominated by this thought system to eliminate the caste system, so humanitarian and mission work is more welcome than at some times in the past.

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I had thought it was "four-fold".... but even that would be enough to call forth a WOW! were it to happen. But of course it can't. There has been so much that has been wasted that it would be impossible to even return the original amount that had been intended for a specific work.

But as to the "class action suit" that you mention..... Unfortunately, with the laws being what they are regarding the use of solicited funds, there is no way that this could happen. Very early on I asked a friend of mine who is a teacher of "criminal justice" about this, and his response was that the legal requirements were that if only 10% of the funds solicited were used for the purpose stated, they were within the law. But recently I was commenting on this to another friend who is much more involved in financial matters, being in the public accountant business, and his response was that actually it was not that high.... the requirements are more like 3 to 4 percent.

And we wonder why the "Televangelism" field is so popular and why the Televangelists are so wealthy?

Now I don't think that as Adventists we would consider this to be an ethically acceptable percentage of our funds to be used for the purpose for which it is solicited ..... just think of the outcry that we are hearing from many about the percentage of tithes and offerings that are used for overhead in our own church conference system. But because it is not **legally** illegal, we have to take this information to the "court of public opinion" ... or rather of church opinion.... rather than expecting it to be righted in the courts of the land.

Now if Danny has moved beyond mere "misappropriation of funds" to handling monies in ways that are illegal (and those who know say this is true), then that is a different story, and there are those who are very interested in persuing that angle..... and we wait patiently for those wheels to grind..... at the same time that we inform others as much as is appropriate about these matters.

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A very good question..... and don't ever forget that Linda is not the only one who has been robbed of her "last two years". There are others who have also been affected adversely .... some for much longer than two years.... and some for whom it is even more impossible to "unring the bell". Linda must always stay a focus, but she should also be seen as symbol for those others whose pain is too private and too deep to even be exposed for the purpose of giving them comfort and sympathy.

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