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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ The 3abn Story

Posted by: husbandoftheyear Aug 25 2006, 11:07 AM

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Posted by: västergötland Aug 26 2006, 09:43 AM

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Posted by: justme Aug 26 2006, 10:20 AM

3ABN wants DISH NETWORK!

3ABN has been broadcasting an announcement to ask to be placed in the DISH Network programming lineup.

Danny is speaking to all 3ABN viewers asking 3ABN viewers to write to DISH Network.

Mr. Eric Sahl
Senior Vice President for Programming

DISH Network
9601 South Meridian
Englewood, Colorado

80112

You may want to write to Mr. Eric Sahl, Senior Vice President for Programming, to express you thoughts on this request.

God's will be done!

Posted by: Johann Aug 26 2006, 03:51 PM

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This thread has wandered far away from the original comment of the thread and from what seemed to be the direction the creator of the thread wanted to go, as indicated by his subheading, "Fact vs. Fiction".

First a comment on the subhead.....

As I have mentioned before, the phrase "The truth is stranger than fiction" has often been affixed to the various stories coming out of 3ABN. I would like to add to that, that FACT is not only "stranger than fiction" but it is very often a great deal more unpleasant ... even downright revolting. If one is writing fiction, one is free to paint rosy pictures, to make everything come out right at the end, to make sure the "good guys" always wear white hats, and the "bad guys" always wear black ones. When one is dealing with real life and with facts rather than fiction, this is not so. The worst kinds of evil can come "garbed in garments of light". The pleasant smooth things are often the worst falsehoods, and the harshest and most repulsive facts are often the truth.

Let's look now at the story that husbandoftheyear brought to our attention thusly

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Most likely DrRe' based her comment on what has been previously learned here on BSDA about the "true beginning of 3ABN".... in contrast to the "first miracle stories" which have been told about it. But I would say that actually, Melodie's response was the only one that could reasonably be made, given what she knew about that "first miracle story".

I seem to recall it being discussed in more than one thread, but the main one that I could find, was the thread entitled "Danny Marries again"

In deference to the rule that posts cannot be copied from one thread to another, I will only bring three brief excerpts from the discussion there, and give the url of these posts so you can go to that thread to read the whole discussion.

On Apr 11 2006, 08:05 AM ... Post #194 of the above named thread, Sister included this paragraph in a post that dealt with a number of things other than this.

"Any man who begins his ministry founded on "a first miracle" that can be easily proven to be nothing more than a lie, should be suspect. When two of the current top people in his ministry are the ones, Molly and Hal Steenson, who suggested the "miracle" and were willing to forge documents to

substantiate it and over the years both they and Danny have continued to sell it to the people---there is a lot more going on "in the name of God" at 3ABN than you can imagine." See the context and read the discussion at:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=8572&view=findpost&p=126171>

Later that day, in Post #200, Clay asked ... "what is this "first miracle" some have referred to that started 3ABN? What have I missed?"

And in Post #203 Sister gave a more complete explanation of the facts behind the "story", with this passage being the basic facts.

"Before 3ABN started, Danny met with the Steensons when they were charismatic pastors and they offered to put on paper that they were donating around \$100,000.00 worth of television equipment to him. That was the first "miracle" story that started the money rolling in. No equipment was ever donated by the Steensons, other than an SM-58 microphone that didn't work. To this day that story is told as the miracle that started 3ABN, but it is false. The first camera equipment at 3ABN came from Joe Crews at Amazing Facts and was purchased on a barter deal for air time."

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And discussion continued from this point for several posts. This has been verified by a number of others who were in position to know the facts.

Thus it is no wonder that Melody would "roll her eyes" at the way the fictional stories had completely replaced the factual accounts of what had happened.

Fact vs Fiction? This is a good question to ask just so long as it is asked at least equally much of those at 3ABN who seem to think that if you tell a lie enough times it somehow morphs into truth, as it is asked of those who are only now telling the facts behind the lies.

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As far as what effect our letters on either side of the issue with DISH would have at this time at best they will be completely ignored and ineffective, and at worst they could worsen the situation for the future. Or to put it another way the present is already fixed. We can stop trying to affect what already is. We need to wait until the future comes to see what will be appropriate action in view of whatever that "future" looks like when it becomes the present.

There are plenty of other places where those who wish to be activists can be of real help. Contact your friends and church leaders and direct them to BSDA to learn what we are saying about 3ABN. Contact other places like Palm Springs who already have "rallies" scheduled express your disappointment in their plans..... direct them to BSDA where they can learn more about why you are disappointed in them. I am still an activist. There is only this one item of activism that I had previously recommended, but when I checked to find out whether it was advisable or not, I found that it was not. But other than that, KEEP ON KEEPING ON with spreading the word in whatever venues you have opportunity.

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I am patient and I can wait to see where the dust settles. Thanks again, Watchbird.

Posted by: Johann Aug 27 2006, 12:01 PM

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Posted by: rwelchcrs Aug 27 2006, 02:20 PM

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
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Speaking of good people, where is Melissa Summers? I haven't seen her on 3ABN for a while.

Posted by: calvin Aug 28 2006, 12:02 PM

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for divorce for any who would ask.... sought this divorce in Guam..... then he got remarried....

Posted by: fallible humanbeing Aug 28 2006, 01:39 PM

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Is it really that simple? Wouldn't you need some criteria with which to evaluate things said - veracity, potential motive to mislead, reason they came to tell me . . . and then, not having experienced it myself I would either have to accept it with a good dose of faith - or reject it until such time that more substantial evidence is presented to change my mind.

- fhb

Posted by: västergötland Aug 28 2006, 03:40 PM

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Is what you are saying fact or fiction?

What would you say if I tell you that Danny and Linda's divorce is a mere side-issue and what you mention above is the core of the problem, and perhaps why Linda had to be sacrificed?

Posted by: Voktar of Zargon Aug 28 2006, 08:10 PM

QUOTE(Clay @ Aug 28 2006, 02:20 PM)

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Posted by: husbandoftheyear Aug 28 2006, 09:12 PM

QUOTE(Chez @ Aug 28 2006, 09:01 AM) □

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Posted by: caribbean sda Aug 29 2006, 02:40 AM

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I, too, wondered what happened to her. What on earth did she do to upset the folks at 3ABN and also the people in Florida. I know she went through some tough times when she came to the church and 3abn. I recall her telling her story where she lost her husband and her home because of her refusal to work on the Sabbath. She seemed genuine enough to me...of course I only see what they want me to see. However, I hope she will be alright.

Posted by: Voktar of Zargon Aug 29 2006, 05:37 AM

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Thank you for the nice welcome. If I ever get adjusted to this forumsphere and it's language I may use a more earthly name. Thanks also for the meaningful response to my first post.

Posted by: Voktar of Zargon Aug 29 2006, 06:16 AM

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This was not the show I saw. He really was doing a swan song. I thought I wasn't going to see him on the air anymore.

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Aug 29 2006, 06:41 AM

Maybe this, from a few weeks to a few months leave, is another type of swan song?

Posted by: Fran Aug 29 2006, 01:18 PM

QUOTE(calvin @ Aug 28 2006, 01:02 PM)

Back on topic. These are the **facts** as I see them.

Linda and Danny got divorced. Linda was dismissed from 3ABN. Danny remarried. Everything else is hearsay.

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Posted by: SandyColorado Aug 29 2006, 02:31 PM



off Maybe.

I was at a seminar this weekend put on by a couple of on-air people from 3ABN. They used to be seen very regularly - but hardly are seen anymore.

I asked one of these people their opinion on what is going on at 3ABN and was told "When all of this happened, no matter who was at fault, they both should have been let go until they got things worked out."

I was SO tempted to ask if I could add their name to this quote - but didn't. so I will just mention it without identifying anybody.

Posted by: sonshineonme Aug 29 2006, 02:34 PM

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I agree with that too. I was saying my comment with regard to those who buy and sell for power over something. Or play the political "my money" game.
We should all vote with our pocketbooks which should also be connected to our conscience.

Posted by: husbandoftheyear Aug 29 2006, 03:34 PM

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Please read it.

Follow the money!

I have also noticed the other 3 Google links have been removed. Two were to Club Adventist and one to BSDA.

I also noticed that Club Adventist no longer has a 3ABN Topics thread. All content is gone from view, or at least it has been for me.

Posted by: Clay Sep 7 2006, 07:30 AM

the tangent thread about what is Typical Adventist, including comments made by V of Z have been moved to The Cafe..... the thread title of course is "Typical Adventist."

Posted by: Fran Sep 16 2006, 10:22 PM

<http://news.adventist.org/data/2006/08/1158086977/index.html.en>

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Posted by: inga Sep 17 2006, 12:28 AM

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Thanks for the URL, Fran.

One thing that I think will serve to bring up offerings and may already have done so is a mission DVD

put out by the GC. It is more interesting and varied than the Mission Spotlight, which became so utterly predictable after a few years. This quarter's DVD has 3 Feature of 7 - 11 min or so, 3 Mini Features of 4 - 5.5 min, 9 Short Stories of 2 - 3 min. each. The DVD is sent gratis to all churches.

We got our first DVD last quarter, and it was good. This quarter's DVD is evne better, as far as I'm concerned. If you haven't seen some interesting on-location mission segments in your church, find out why they aren't showing any segments from the mission DVD.

Also see <http://www.AdventistMission.org>

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