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Posted by: Clay Aug 24 2006, 08:36 AM

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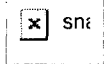
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Posted by: Denny Aug 24 2006, 08:47 AM

If the extended family are included in his misdeed and mistreatment of Linda then include them, if not leave them out.

Posted by: Clay Aug 24 2006, 08:48 AM

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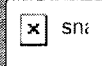
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How about adult children who have their own issues, or siblings?

How far do you go?

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Only if one has a family with no skeletons.....

Posted by: Clay Aug 24 2006, 09:02 AM

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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Aug 24 2006, 09:03 AM

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Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Aug 24 2006, 10:15 AM

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Why not?

Are you in fact saying that it was the separation and divorce of Danny & Linda that was the key that opened up Pandora's Box?

Posted by: watchbird Aug 24 2006, 10:22 AM

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Another question.... IF Danny had never divorced Linda, would the people who have spoken out now, spoken out if the marriage was intact and ok?

That depends on whether enough of them had gotten together so as to feel somewhat safe in speaking out. The very first conversation that I had with someone who had worked at 3ABN for years started out with that person saying this is NOT about Linda. The financial "irregularities" (to put it as kindly as possible) were an ongoing thing before Danny ever made his first move against Linda. His CFO had resigned because of what she described as "illegal" things she was being asked to do long before the "Danny vs Linda" battles began. The immoralities of those prominent in the ministry have a much longer history than merely the past two years. The problems caused by Directors of 3ABN who sought and encouraged Danny in his claims to being a special mouthpiece of God all of these existed prior to, and continue on to this very day, with these basic beliefs showing up ever more blatantly on TV as time goes on rather than being more or less confined to the 3ABN "compound".

All of these including the extensive moral aberrations need to be fully known to the public. Otherwise, those that are coming to the point of recognizing that there must be a "Housecleaning" of

major proportions at 3ABN will be all to liable to think that they will have done their job if they only sideline Danny and force him to stop speaking against Linda.

These things WILL come out. We have the choice whether to let them come out here, where we are all basically friendly..... or whether to wait and let people be shocked by them when they come out in more unfriendly places.

I don't think we need to chew too lustily on any "juicy bone". But I do think that the facts need to be revealed and the emphases need to be made, that ALL of those who have been associated with Danny in advisory or empowering positions must be removed ... and that ALL of those who have been involved with repetitious moral lapses should also be removed and that these must be permanent bans.

Somehow we must send a signal to our church leaders that we as Adventists are no longer willing to put up with the "save the surface"..... "sweep everything under the rug"..... mentality and polity. We want complete openness, and complete disclosure. And this does not apply only to 3ABN, but to all other actions which require "settlement out of court" or EEOC actions, etc.

Posted by: Rough7Seas Aug 24 2006, 10:24 AM

QUOTE(Fran @ Aug 24 2006, 09:48 AM)

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That response summarizes this whole fiasco. Everybody involved seems to have accepted 3ABN as the face of Adventism. This explains this overwhelming desire to "cleanse the sanctuary." That is a pity.

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Aug 24 2006, 10:25 AM

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I guess I can only go from what I know/have heard.

I didn't hear anything negative at all about Danny Shelton **PERIOD** until the breakup of Danny & Linda. Not one negative word up to that point. The minute they broke up - the "stuff" hit the fan and was immediately spread....

JMO - from what I heard/saw....



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Yes, I would have. The IL vs. 3ABN Property Tax Lawsuit came out **BEFORE the divorce**. It clearly states that financial dealing of 3ABN were not honest. How can a Corporation 20 years old, explain that they do not follow GAAP?

It says that the valuing of Trust funds was questionable. Their value was determined by 3ABN. They were never appraised by qualified people. Example: A non-cash gift is given to 3ABN. It would have appraised for say \$500,000. Yet, 3ABN assess the value at say \$20,000 and sells it to family or friends.

Many of their assets were never found! They were not reporting Lease/Rental income from the entities that are not 3ABN. Like Subway, a barber shop.....

In fact I would assess the rating of the audit to be an "F" for 3ABN.

Yes, I would have spoken up about this on its own. 3ABN's Financial Manager, that the lawsuit identified as Danny Shelton, needs to be removed on these points alone. Period.

Now that allegations include molestation, he needs charges brought against him and a court needs to put him behind bars for a very long time if a court finds these accusations are true.

If the courts decide otherwise, I would still keep my children and any other children I see around him, away from his presence. I base this on the problems that his daughter has exhibited in her behavior. That is not to criticize his daughter in anyway because what happened to her was NOT her fault. She has enough to deal with without everyone condemning her. She probably needs more time to figure out how it all happened.

I would also make sure no male children were anywhere near Tommy Shelton! Too many people know what happened in that case!

YES, I would have spoken out.

When someone has been abused mentally, physically, spiritually, emotionally, sexually, ... this person cannot figure things out because the things are happening **to** them. They have a very distorted, clouded view of what AVERAGE is. What is normal, acceptable behavior. What is a normal acceptable family. How does a normal acceptable father act? They may even think maybe this happens to every child! They just don't know. They may even think maybe all kids get beat or molested! They do not know how a husband is supposed to act or behave. How does one break the mold?

The experience is life changing and getting it straight takes a lifetime.

Having a knowledge that this is not right while experiencing it is very confusing. In fact, it is learned behavior; taught by the father, mother, spouse or an outside party. Goodness knows there are many children that abuse their parents!

3ABN is a wonderful medium through which to spread the Gospel. However, the financial and deviant sexual behavior alone should demand that Danny Shelton be removed, along with any who

cooperated with him in his behavior.

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If those exposed are leaders who hold prominent positions in this ministry just happen to members of his family, then I don't think this constitutes a "witch-hunt".

More and more, 3ABN is looking to me like Danny's personal "piggy bank" to be used to benefit him and his family and co-horts. There are many who sacrificially have given their scarce resources to this "ministry" to spread God's word. I don't think that adding to Danny's wealth, hobbies, horses, and recreational activities fall into that category. Sorry, but the minute Danny accepts this money and uses it to create a luxury lifestyle for himself, his family and cronies.... he leaves himself and those he appoints as "exposed". Especially when those who are actively involved in the management are destroying innocent people with lies and innuendo. Is this the sort of ministry that we would even WANT to ask God's blessing upon? I don't think so.... until there is a largescale housecleaning with some sort of real over-sight established and financia matters are totally transparent. (I guess I am dreamin, huh?)

Any member who supports the church or who supports 3abn (or who has supported) not only have the right, but the responsibility to do what they can to make sure that "God's money" is used for God's business. This also falls into the category of stewardship.

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Posted by: Clay Aug 24 2006, 10:58 AM

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Posted by: Panama_Pete Aug 24 2006, 11:06 AM

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It's important to know that Danny Shelton does **all** hiring and firing. He chooses who works at 3ABN and who does not.

Danny has been:

- (1) hiring **more** of his relatives and has been featuring **more** of them on the network **more** often.
- (2) the Shelton relatives that are appearing on TV are mentioned in the first-hand accounts. And there are **two more** first-hand accounts than there were in June.
 - a. Arild Abrahamsen's account made available to us about July 20.
 - b. Barbara Kerr's account made available to us within the last few days.

Tommy Shelton is mentioned in the Barbara Kerr letter as being in charge of programming and telling Barbara that she wouldn't be needed any more.

Melody Shelton is mentioned in the Abrahamsen letter as being acceptable to appear on the network when Linda was not.

3ABN uses the phrase "**Your 3ABN Family**" over and over as a form of conditioning.

Subconsciously, some may feel that Kay Kuzma, Brenda Walsh, and John Lomacang are somehow members of that extended "3ABN Family" when such is not the case. As a result, the "expansion" into the rest of the "family" may seem bigger than it is. For an example of the non-related **3ABN Family**, Kay Kuzma is mentioned as not including Barbara Kerr in the recent book.

To understand what is in the "pinned" letters, you would have to understand who the "on-air" network employees are and who comprises this extended **3ABN Family** .

I do understand that as the story unfolds in any book, the characters get fleshed out chapter by chapter. It's part of the normal course of events in any story. At the beginning of every book there is a section journalists call the exposition. We're forced to add to our own exposition as more and more people gather the courage to come forward. That's why it seems like an expansion.

I would expect, however, that these first-hand accounts by Barbara Kerr and Arild Abrahamsen have resulted in outside "pressure" by the same people who were pressuring Stan Jensen at ClubAdventist. Would that be fair to say?

In reality, it's the people who hired the private investigators who have been doing the real "hunting." Our "expansion" has been, more often than not, a response to some event precipitated by those hunters.

That's my take on things,

Pete

Posted by: inga Aug 24 2006, 11:08 AM

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The extended family that is not currently involved with Danny or 3ABN is none of our business. However, **those that regularly appear with him as "the face of Adventism" on the TV shows and in the fundraising events at various churches** should concern us. This includes, among others, the daughter that is regularly featured as a singer on the shows and appears with him at fundraisers.

I remember being a bit taken aback at the heavy exposure given this daughter right after Linda was kicked out. To me it almost appeared as though this daughter was being set up to be a replacement for Linda.

Posted by: sonshineonme Aug 24 2006, 11:11 AM

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This situation is symbolic of a greater problem. Maybe the Lord lets things happen because He knew it would lead to a more expansive opening of things. His ultimate goal is to bring each person to Him - no matter what it takes.

All things work together - and His ways are mysterious.

I have felt all along, this was about the BIG picture. The church, leadership, organization. Many things are what they are because things have been left as they were, instead of people standing up and being used by God to bring things aright, because they should be right. After all, we are christians aren't we? Using HIS name?

I believe it's been a snowball in many forms, allowed to be rolling down the hill for years, pushed even by leaders and people with power who want their own selfish desires before God's desires.

Maybe it's the beginning of the sifting and shaking? I know God will use whatever He needs to / want's to, to bring us to our back, so we have to look up. Repentance, choices, restitution, healing, forgiveness, it's all there and available. Will we each of us get it (what's really being shown in all this)?

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The first step in healing after sexual molestation is to recognize the abuse. It is traumatic, to be sure, but it is also freeing and the beginning of healing. (I have witnessed more than one occasion of such a point of recognition of abuse long sealed off in the mind, and the trauma can hardly be underestimated.)

In the daughter's case what adds to the confusion is that she would surely like to be a singer, and the father is enabling that dream. Even if she is beginning to realize the wrong that has been done to her, how can a young woman whose self-image has been so distorted by molestation take the step to freedom without outside help? Add to that the fact that the abuser is likely the source of significant financial support.

Next to Dan Shelton's heartfelt confession and repentance, the best thing that could happen to Dan Shelton's daughter is that he be exposed for what he is. Then she will need a **lot** of support. We can only hope that the Mr. Firestone she married is a decent and stable man who can give her some of that support. I sure hope that he's not working for 3ABN!

Posted by: Clay Aug 24 2006, 11:20 AM

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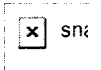
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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Aug 24 2006, 11:40 AM



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A friend has a lovely tree in front of his house -- one of those that has about twenty parts coming out of the ground. It was beautiful and he was proud of it. BUT there was a wind storm and one of those broke off below ground level and the top of the tree hit his house. When he took a look, he found that the base of the whole tree was rotten and filled with ants and other crawling creatures. He would

never have thought to check it out unless part of it had been exposed.

Posted by: sonshineonme Aug 24 2006, 11:56 AM

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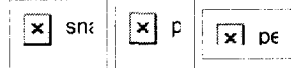
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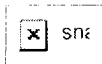
p.s. Isn't this why we have our bible stories too? WAKE UP people!

Posted by: princessdi Aug 24 2006, 11:59 AM

Move over Re! Have some popcorn, some of this delicious warm dip I made, tortillas chips?



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we are not asleep..... some of us never "exalted" 3abn or Mr. Shelton viewing him as the latest prophet on the block.... I suspect that if people had continued treating him as human, and called him on that foolishness early on we wouldn't be discussing him here and now... given his wealth, his

financial backing it would be safe to say that the church remains vulnerable to those who have money... some of us were not impressed...

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That was clearly not enough for many people. The question is how much will they put up with in the name of "supporting the ministry"? At some point even the most "charitable" might get the idea that being involved in broadcasting Christian programs does not absolve one of moral responsibility. And perhaps they may even get the idea that having a morally bankrupt person as "the face of Adventism" is not a very good idea either?

Is there a way to get out a more **positive** messages -- that God is well able to get His message out without using immoral tactics?

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What is the goal for the rest of the sections on this board?

The way I see it, this section of the board has served as a clearing house and a place for 3ABN folks to meet and tell their stories. It seems evident that those who go to work for/with 3ABN generally get brainwashed, and they quell their misgivings "for the good of the ministry," not knowing that many (maybe most?) of their co-workers have similar misgivings. When they leave because of their misgivings, they may still feel alone, not ever getting the "big picture." The varied stories on this board have filled out the picture, and the message has gone much farther than this board to the very people who need to hear and act. We shall see how much more it takes before they feel free to act ...

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The quorem of the consumers of a product always make the determination of that product whether the business is privately run, publicly held, government of non profit... if, based on the quality of the product or the lack of same... or on the quality/ethics/moral turpitude of those who run the business or create/deliver the product, it is determined that the product or it's producer is no longer adequate they will take their business elsewhere and seek another source.

When that happens in sufficient numbers, the product/business ceases to be a viable entity.

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Aug 24 2006, 12:57 PM

They may have been going through the biblical process before the Danny & Linda separation and divorce, before finally going the forum route.

Posted by: Nuggie Aug 24 2006, 03:28 PM

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That is because Adventist theology exalts "the truth" as all that is important. As long as you are fulfilling the three angels' message everything else is overlooked (until the smell becomes too offensive). By then, it is often much too late. I am willing to wager that 99% of those on this list still believe with all their hearts that the Adventist church has "the truth." Pardon me. I meant "the truth for these last days."

Posted by: husbandoftheyear Aug 24 2006, 04:36 PM

Perhaps this could be considered a witch hunt if Dan's extended family discussed here were honest, hardworking people not involved with 3ABN itself. When a business (note I didn't say ministry) is started as a family corporation and over the years it is that family that benefits and takes advantage of that business, it is open session as far as I am concerned.

Those such as Tommy & Melody may not be directly involved in the mismanagement at 3ABN, but take advantage of the situation and, therefore, are just extensions of the corrupt leadership.

Posted by: Truly Blonde Aug 24 2006, 05:14 PM

QUOTE(Fran @ Aug 24 2006, 08:40 AM)

Yes, I would have. The IL vs. 3ABN Property Tax Lawsuit came out **BEFORE the divorce**. It clearly states that financial dealing of 3ABN were not honest. How can a Corporation 20 years old, explain that they do not follow GAAP?

It says that the valuing of Trust funds was questionable. Their value was determined by 3ABN. They were never appraised by qualified people. Example: A non-cash gift is given to 3ABN. It

would have appraised for say \$500,000. Yet, 3ABN assess the value at say \$20,000 and sells it to family or friends.

Many of their assets were never found! They were not reporting Lease/Rental income from the entities that are not 3ABN. Like Subway, a barber shop.....

In fact I would assess the rating of the audit to be an "F" for 3ABN.

Yes, I would have spoken up about this on its own. 3ABN's Financial Manager, that the lawsuit identified as Danny Shelton, needs to be removed on these points alone. Period.

Now that allegations include molestation, he needs charges brought against him and a court needs to put him behind bars for a very long time if a court finds these accusations are true.

If the courts decide otherwise, I would still keep my children and any other children I see around him, away from his presence. I base this on the problems that his daughter has exhibited in her behavior. That is not to criticize his daughter in anyway because what happened to her was NOT her fault. She has enough to deal with without everyone condemning her. She probably needs more time to figure out how it all happened.

I would also make sure no male children were anywhere near Tommy Shelton! Too many people know what happened in that case!

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When someone has been abused mentally, physically, spiritually, emotionally, sexually, ... this person cannot figure things out because the things are happening *to* them. They have a very distorted, clouded view of what AVERAGE is. What is normal, acceptable behavior. What is a normal acceptable family. How does a normal acceptable father act? They may even think maybe this happens to every child! They just don't know. They may even think maybe all kids get beat or molested! They do not know how a husband is supposed to act or behave. How does one break the mold?

The experience is life changing and getting it straight takes a lifetime.

Having a knowledge that this is not right while experiencing it is very confusing. In fact, it is learned behavior; taught by the father, mother, spouse or an outside party. Goodness knows there are many children that abuse their parents!

3ABN is a wonderful medium through which to spread the Gospel. However, the financial and deviant sexual behavior alone should demand that Danny Shelton be removed, along with any who cooperated with him in his behavior.

ran what happened in the audit. Did the state of Illinois fine 3abn for misbehavior? I agree that these things you write about are much more important than Danny & Linda. It seems to me that the audit and mis dealings at 3abn were done before the divorce so Linda should have known what was going on. Other people knew. She lived with the guy How ignorant can you be. The criminal behavior is what I think we should be focusing on. Is there any recourse for the people who worked at 3abn and who knew what was going on? some will say as christians we shouldn't go there but while Jesus forgave the sinner he also said "go and sin no more" Not keep doing what you are doing because the church is going to let you get away with it.

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
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Posted by: husbandoftheyear Aug 24 2006, 07:51 PM

Sooooo sorry to misunderstand! I guess I'm quick to jump. That last part about "for the people who worked at 3abn and who knew what was going on" made it seem as though we allowed things to happen. Sometimes it is easy to read emotions into these plain letters and the original intent can be (as we have seen here) misunderstood. Now that I reread it - what a silly thing to mix up.

As for the employees - they have the same choice that they've always had. Stay or leave. It's hard to understand that many of the employees don't know all of this is going on. Many of them didn't even know until after the 3ABN Campmeeting that Linda was being booted out.

In any organization, there are injustices being committed and someone has witnessed it. Some people stay quiet and give the benefit of the doubt. Some people raise a fuss. That depends on the witness, the crime, and the administration. When you're on the inside at 3ABN, there isn't anything to be done. Who do you go to when the boss is the one you'd like to see ousted?

I have been asked many times why I stay. So I'll answer here. I stay because I haven't been told that it's my time to leave yet. I prayed harder than I've ever prayed over the last couple of years about my employment, knowing that I really want out. But God hasn't opened the door for me yet. I stay because I know that somewhere there are people untouched by the actions of a select few and that they are being touched by the Master's hand. Those are the people I stay for. It isn't for Dan, or Mollie, or Tommy, or Melody. It is for those people who are transformed and made whole in Jesus that I go into my personal hell everyday. And sometimes I get a call from a weeping person thanking me for showing them Jesus and I am refreshed.

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You are not the only one (if you were referring to yourself there) - and I don't blame you at all (again, if you are referring to yourself). We all go through things, get through them and are very happy they are behind us - and if we are smart cookies, we learn all we can, and help others along the way. Don't waste anything I believe!

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Thank you so much for the enlightenment. You all know so much more than me. Up until I was directed to this site the only information I had was the letter I received from 3abn telling about Linda's sins. They make everything sound so plausible. I know for those employees who have chosen to stay it must be very discouraging at times but I know that the Lord is still choosing to use 3abn for the greater good. I will pray for those who have been hurt by Danny and for those who still go to work everyday wondering if today is the day his wrath falls on them. I must say, it is a very sick mind that would use personal sins as blackmail and then call himself the face of Adventism and a Christian. I pray that the Lord sees fit to end this saga soon and to His glory.

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