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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ An Unauthorized History of 3ABN

Posted by: sister May 2 2006, 04:22 PM

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Posted by: Zephyr May 2 2006, 04:22 PM

QUOTE(higherground2003 @ May 2 2006, 03:58 PM) □

Stations aren't selected because of their morals, they are selected because of their popularity. If this information is brought to light, I predict that he will make even more money and become more popular than ever before.

First sentence is true with a little correction: stations are not chosen because of the morals of their principals or stars, but because of popularity and programming that meet needs. of viewers.

The 2nd sentence is wishful thinking. Danny is not going to get rich of this bad publicity because he has been blacked out!!

Ironically it took just 1 angel AngelOne (aka SkyAngel) to take the so-called 3 angels (3ABN) from their perch in the sky.

Posted by: Panama_Pete May 2 2006, 04:31 PM

QUOTE(beartrap @ May 2 2006, 02:54 PM) □

Having talked at some length with Danny, Dr. Thompson, Kay Kuzma, Mark Finley, John Lomacang, and Mollie Steenson, I found that the security in being idolized through public perception incentivized further heinous actions and statements. I concluded that as long as they felt in full control of public perception, they would really have no incentive to consider making any fundamental changes, or backing away from the misery they were inflicting on people. As Clay says, one-on-one verbal confrontation is not the only option, however, it is an option that several of us who are posting here have vigorously pursued, but in vain.

How many visits did Moses make to Pharoah? The Bible tells us that "Pharoah's heart was hardened." Nevertheless, that didn't mean Moses threw in the towel.

In other words, I don't think the one-one verbal communication has been in vane, regardless of the result. **Not at all.** There is a Higher Power and that is what matters.

I've written, too. Many have.

Some corporations (groups of people) have a position of "avoiding intellectual capture" as described by C. Wright Mills, the sociologist. There often comes a point, over time, where avoidance doesn't work any more.

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Sister unless you believe you are a John the Baptist or Nathan (or Ellen White?) with a Divine mandate of direct confrontation you have crossed the rubicon.. prepare to defend yourself with all you've got...

I hope you know what you are doing...

Posted by: simplysaved May 2 2006, 04:38 PM

QUOTE(statrei @ May 2 2006, 03:45 PM)

That counsel is only applicable where the behavior is "secret." This is public behavior and susceptible to public comment, especially since it involves the person who made it all public.

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Posted by: PaperTigers May 2 2006, 06:14 PM

Sister as a friend of an employee that was solicited, your sordid tale unfortunately doesn't shock me... I wish it did. This is a very sad situation and if you need anything at all Sister, don't hesitate to ask for help!! 

I think it might be time for the gloves... 

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snr Deep!!!

Posted by: PrincessDrRe May 2 2006, 09:03 PM

QUOTE(HUGGINS130 @ May 2 2006, 12:45 AM)

still lurking...LOL

QUOTE(princessdi @ May 2 2006, 10:50 AM)

p pe Have some popcorn? Soda? Juice?

Thanky!

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Posted by: beartrap May 3 2006, 01:03 PM

Welcome back Sister!

Posted by: Zephyr May 3 2006, 01:29 PM

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Posted by: PaperTigers May 3 2006, 01:41 PM

Alright it's open again continue on Sister

Posted by: beartrap May 3 2006, 01:47 PM

I strongly disagree that the problem is with 3ABN, and not with Danny personally. Danny himself often says that he IS 3ABN. The problems under discussion relate directly to him, and their relevance to 3ABN is relevant only as he has made his very personal financial, marital, family, hatered, and control issues, 3ABN's issues.

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Personally - If the man is up in pulpits talking about how his wife committed adultery - and the whole time he was creepin'...then I would like to know....

Why?

Why not?



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One slings mud when it is the only thing available to hold in his hand.

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Paper Tigers, you are no paper tiger, you are the real thing!

You and I both know very well the force and fury of what is headed your way. You are not standing alone. Over the past hour I have made a number of phone calls, and you have the full backing of local people here in the Frankfort area who are fully aware of Danny's indiscretions, some people who have been very high in the 3ABN circles, a psychologist who has been helping some of Danny's victims in their struggle to recover, and at least one highly placed conference official. If you get a letter from 3ABN threatening to sue you, and if they say that even if you win the case you still lose because they will keep you tied up in court for years running your finances dry in legal fees, don't worry. A number of us have recieved those letters. I threatened to send mine out to the media, or post it on the internet. They know that there is a media organization with an investigative reporter who is dying to get this info.

Posted by: vonessa May 3 2006, 05:27 PM

Bearing false witness in either direction is wrong. Just wanted to make that clear. And the false witness commandment is just as serious as the Sabbath commandment or the do not kill commandment or the stealing commandment.

Praise the Lord that He has not asked me to sit in judgment here today because I still have no clue about who is telling the truth. All I know from this point forward is that all things work together . . .

Oh it's not easy. It's hard to follow this. But I really want God to be the judge and I do not aspire to that calling in the least! It may be fun or even feel right to try to dissect something, but there comes a time when I've just got to leave it to the Lord and pray for all who are involved because God only knows what is going on. Jesus said let the dead bury their own dead.

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And what do we end up with when all the dust settles? We get another ministry's body laying dead in the dirt and demons whooping it up. Whether it kills itself, or is killed by the church or the media, these are sad days.

I'd call a place
pure paradise
where families are loyal
and strangers are nice,
where the music is jazz
and the season is fall.
Promise me that
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Well, that's another matter. You know that the situation has deteriorated to the point where there can be no guarantees over here, although they might be surprised at who some of those people are. The one thing that remains a strong ace in the hole is the media. The reporter mentioned has contacted me again today. He has just enough info, and has followed BSDA through today, and if anyone tries anything, they will find any attack on a whistleblower will be catastrophic for them.

Posted by: summertime May 3 2006, 08:13 PM

QUOTE(beartrap @ May 3 2006, 05:26 PM)

Paper Tigers, you are no paper tiger, you are the real thing!

You and I both know very well the force and fury of what is headed your way. You are not standing alone. Over the past hour I have made a number of phone calls, and you have the full backing of local people here in the Frankfort area who are fully aware of Danny's indiscretions, some people who have been very high in the 3ABN circles, a psychologist who has been helping some of Danny's victims in their struggle to recover, and at least one highly placed conference official. If you get a letter from 3ABN threatening to sue you, and if they say that even if you win the case you still lose because they will keep you tied up in court for years running your finances dry in legal fees, don't worry. A number of us have received those letters. I threatened to send mine out to the media, or post it on the internet. They know that there is a media organization with an investigative reporter who is dying to get this info.

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BSDA is not a legal court. . . but I know I can take Paper Tiger's word as true in this case.

Posted by: Panama_Pete May 4 2006, 06:24 AM

QUOTE(higherground2003 @ May 2 2006, 04:58 PM)

If "the word network" is willing to telecast someone asking you to send him a letter and a check so that he can keep the check and put the letter in a pile and pray over it, what makes you think that 3abn should be pulled?

I am not thinking that 3ABN should be pulled. I hope the best for 3ABN and that everything will work out somehow.

However, since **you** mentioned **Word Network**. There are two articles about them, from 2002 and 2004, and their letters and checks.

Background: The Adell family is a wealthy white family that controls a black gospel channel. They have, in the past, gotten onto cable systems by, apparently, giving the impression that Word Network was a minority-owned network. Remember that Word is a "nonprofit" religious broadcaster. And notice, in the second article, where the money goes.

Another background note: People move to Florida because homestead exemptions in bankruptcy are high. Put all of your remaining assets into your principal Florida home, and the bankruptcy courts can't take it, even if the home is a mansion. But it must be shown to be your actual home. Not a vacation home.

There are two stories printed here.

Some of these themes will sound vaguely familiar to you.

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

Word Network exec leads flashy life, court records show

TV chief owns three homes, despite bankruptcy filing.

By Louis Aguilar / The Detroit News

The co-founder of the world's largest black gospel channel - Southfield-based **The Word Network** - still is living large even while trying to convince a bankruptcy judge that he's broke.

According to documents released Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Fort Myers, Fla., Kevin Adell owns three homes; drives a Bentley, Hummer and Porsche; purchased \$15,000 worth of jewelry for his wife; and **spends \$14,000 a month**.

The spending shows Kevin Adell, 37, should not be eligible for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, claims his largest creditor, John Richards Home Building Co. of Bingham Farms. The home builder also is claiming that Adell is attempting to shield his assets through The Word Network and other broadcast companies owned by his father, Frank Adell.

U.S. District Court Judge Alexander Paskay in Florida is expected to rule on Kevin Adell's bankruptcy petition in the coming weeks. He also will decide if a Michigan court can go after assets of the Adell Broadcasting and Satellite Television Network.

Frank Adell owns Mount Clemens-based WADL-TV, Adell Broadcasting Corp. and Satellite Television Network Inc. Kevin Adell is president of The Word Network and STN and vice president of WADL-TV, Channel 38.

A spokesperson for Kevin Adell and The Word Network disputed claims that any assets have been hidden. "The Word and STN are separate and distinct ... and have absolutely nothing to do with Mr. Adell's bankruptcy trial," Sam Riddle said. "We don't comment on (Kevin) Adell's lifestyle. But I remind you that Donald Trump has gone bankrupt before."

Four years ago, Kevin Adell co-founded The Word, which grew into one of the nation's most successful religious broadcast companies by beaming African-American church services to 34 million households.

But a bitter legal dispute between Kevin Adell and John Richards Home caused Adell to move to Florida and seek bankruptcy protection. The dispute arose over a \$3 million home, owned by John Shekerjian, that John Richards was building for Adell. After the two sides disagreed on progress of construction of the home, Adell sued the home builder and later attempted to force him into involuntary bankruptcy. Adell also hired a public relations firm to publicize the bankruptcy claim, which the home builder claims devastated his reputation. A federal judge ordered Adell to pay \$6.4 million, including \$2 million in punitive damages.

In May 2003, shortly after the judgment, Adell took steps to protect his wealth. He cashed in \$1.7 million in U.S. Treasury bills and sold 12 vehicles in one day - including a **Porsche, two Bentleys, a Ferrari and a Lamborghini** - according to court documents. Adell then moved to Florida, paying **\$2.8 million in cash for a home** in Naples, where state laws make it difficult for creditors to seize a person's house.

Here's the Wall Street Journal story. It may be from 2002.

A Network's Tactic
For Getting on Air:
Protest Politics

Religious Channel Called In
Prominent Blacks for Help;

White Family Benefited

By PETER GRANT

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

On a rainy morning in March 2002, three buses of African-American protesters emptied in front of the headquarters of Charter Communications Inc., a cable-TV operator, in suburban St. Louis. Soon a limousine pulled up, and the Rev. Al Sharpton stepped out to lead the demonstrators in chants of "No Justice, No Peace."

Within a few weeks, Charter met the protest organizers' main demand: that the company begin carrying the Word Network, a three-year-old cable and satellite channel whose programming consists mainly of African-American church services.

Thanks to such tactics, the Word Network has become one of the nation's top five religious networks, beamed by satellite or cable operators into 32 million households, mostly in the U.S., according to Word officials. Some of the country's most-prominent black leaders -- including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Dick Gregory, Martin Luther King III and Johnnie Cochran Jr. -- have interceded on Word's behalf.

In return, many of the organizations run by the activists have received donations from backers of Word, according to Rev. Sharpton, Rev. Jackson and other participants. Rev. Sharpton and Rev. Jackson declined to say how much they've received. Others familiar with the matter say that their customary fee was about \$10,000 plus expenses per event. "It is not unusual for people that we help to help the organization," Rev. Jackson says. "That does not affect our integrity at all. It's the way we survive."

But Word is an unusual cause for African-American activists. **The network, a nonprofit organization, is controlled by Kevin Adell and his father, Frank Adell, members of a white Detroit-area family** that made a fortune in the auto and broadcasting businesses. A substantial portion of the network's revenue, which was \$7.6 million in the year that ended May 31, 2002, has **gone to pay other Adell companies** for rent, satellite transmission and other services, according to court documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

Neither Kevin, 37 years old, nor Frank Adell, 75, who serve as president and chief executive of the Word Network, responded to repeated requests for an interview.

African-American leaders have been using confrontational tactics with U.S. businesses for more than 20 years to increase minority hiring, funnel business to black vendors and cease discriminatory practices. Facing boycotts, lawsuits and protests, numerous large corporations have made concessions, including Texaco Inc., Coca-Cola Co. and the Denny's restaurant chain. For black leaders, the tactics were justified to overcome years of racism.

In the case of Word, backers say playing hardball was necessary to make up for the television industry's history of discrimination and negative portrayal of blacks in programming. "We were not in the shakedown business," says Sam Riddle, one of the protest's lead organizers. "We were in the shakeup business."

The Adells also have a history of receiving the support of African-American activists for business and personal legal battles with a tenuous connection to Word. But in recent years, they have met increasing skepticism. Four black clergymen who were involved in the initial discussions about the Word Network sued the Adells shortly after Word was formed, charging that they were not given the ownership stakes and other participation they were promised. That case was settled out of court for undisclosed terms.

Meanwhile Kevin Adell's personal legal battles, such as an effort to force a homebuilder into involuntary bankruptcy, have caused other black leaders, including Rev. Sharpton, to distance themselves from the family. "Does Kevin pimp racism for his own personal ends?" asks Mr. Riddle. "It could certainly be perceived that way."

Building a Fortune

Frank Adell and his brothers, Robert and Marvin, built the family fortune in the 1960s and 1970s. Their company, Adell Industries Inc., made the stainless-steel moldings that fit over the edge of car doors, a feature that Robert patented. The brothers had a falling out in the late 1980s and eventually went to court over the breakup of the company. Today Marvin, 68, still runs the enterprise and says he doesn't speak to Frank anymore. (Robert is deceased.)

In the early 1980s, Frank Adell became interested in broadcasting and aligned himself with a group of prominent African-Americans in the Detroit area to bid on Channel 38, the last full-time commercial television license available in the region. The group, which formed Adell Broadcasting Corp., eventually included Horace Sheffield Jr., a prominent labor and civil-rights organizer, who died in 1995. His son, the Rev. Horace Sheffield III, is head of the Detroit chapter of Rev. Sharpton's National Action Network.

James Panagos, who was Adell Broadcasting's original programming manager, says the Federal Communications Commission granted Adell the license partly because its stockholders included minorities. An FCC spokeswoman says that the agency used to weigh minority ownership when making licensing decisions but stopped the practice more than 10 years ago in response to court challenges.

Adell Broadcasting tailored much of Channel 38's programming to the Detroit region's large African-American audience. The station began selling time to black ministers, charging about \$500 to \$600 per half hour, Mr. Panagos says. *Infomercials* were a staple of the station's schedule, he says.

In 1999, the Adells devised a plan for a national network focusing on gospel music and black church services. They organized a group of five African-American clergymen in the Detroit area to travel to El Segundo, Calif., to meet with executives of DirecTV, the country's largest satellite-television company. Rev. Jackson also attended the meeting, which was intended to persuade DirecTV to carry the new Word Network.

The day before they met with DirecTV, the clergymen asked for a stake in the new network at a meeting with the Adells, according to Denise Johnson, a broker of religious media who helped the Adells arrange the participation of the five clergymen. She says the Adells agreed to give each clergyman a 3% stake.

DiracTV executives agreed to carry Word partly because officials believed that the ministers were owners and active participants, according to people with knowledge of the situation. As the launch date approached in early 2000, however, four of the clergymen had a falling out with the Adells and eventually filed a lawsuit alleging that the Adells weren't honoring their

commitments. **(Bishop Charles Ellis III, the fifth clergyman, is the only African-American serving on Word's board, according to its most recent tax filing.)**

In legal papers responding to the four ministers' lawsuit, the Adells denied that they had promised to make the ministers partners in Word.

Fee Structure

Word's revenue comes primarily from the fees ministers pay to have their services carried, currently about \$2,500 per half hour, according to Lewis Gibbs, the network's head of operations. The ministers typically earn a portion of that revenue back by using their programs to sell tapes, CDs and other material.

Much of Word's revenue is pumped back into other Adell companies. The Adells own Word's headquarters building in suburban Detroit. And in a 1999 document obtained by a division of Hughes Electronics Corp. in a separate Adell legal battle, Word agreed to pay an Adell entity called Satellite Television Network Inc. a fee equal to 95% of Word's net programming revenue or STN's costs, whichever is lower. The fee covers STN's legal fees, payments to contractors, supplies, and salaries and overhead expenses related to its transmission of Word's signal to DirecTV.

To sell time to ministers, the Word had to persuade other cable and satellite operators besides DirecTV to carry the network. It hired Betsy Kellman, a veteran cable executive, who began to pitch Word to the heads of programming of numerous operators. But heavy competition for available channels made Word a tough sell.

"When [Word] took a traditional approach, the result was zip," Mr. Riddle says. "When we started kicking down the door, carriage zoomed."

In the spring of 2000, Kevin Adell and Rev. Sharpton showed up unannounced at the headquarters of what was then AT&T Corp.'s cable operation. AT&T Broadband had been talking to Word about a possible deal, but nothing had been finalized.

Allan Singer, the No. 2 executive in charge of programming, ushered the two visitors into a conference room, and Rev. Sharpton soon began yelling at him, accusing the company of discrimination, according to someone familiar with the situation. Almost immediately after the meeting, AT&T Broadband agreed to carry Word. Rev. Sharpton says he doesn't recall the meeting. AT&T Broadband has since been sold to Comcast Corp., which declined to comment on the internal meetings of the prior owner.

At about that same time, Mr. Riddle says he began working on behalf of Word. Mr. Riddle, 57, has been a well-known activist since 1972, when he led a civil-rights demonstration that shut down a Big 10 basketball game between Michigan State University and the University of Iowa. "My history is one of confronting and then exacting concessions," he says.

Mr. Riddle, who lives in the Detroit area and makes his living as a political and media consultant, says he planned most of the demonstrations with Rev. Sheffield, keeping Kevin Adell apprised. When they targeted a cable or satellite company, they typically would first reach out to local civil-rights organizations to get them involved. In some cases, Mr. Riddle gathered protesters from homeless shelters, fed them breakfast and gave them about \$50 each. "I like to refer to it as 'rent a demonstration,' " he says.

The pressure tactics wouldn't have been necessary if cable and satellite companies offered more positive programming about African-Americans, says Mr. Riddle, who argues that too many of the blacks seen on television are involved in sex, drugs or violence. "We gained carriage because we were right," he says.

Rev. Sharpton or other representatives of the National Action Network and its chapters attended protests at the headquarters of EchoStar Communications Corp., Charter, Mediacom Communications Corp., in Middletown, N.Y., and XM Satellite Radio, in Washington. Protesters called the homes of

executives of Charter, EchoStar and Mediacom. A few also showed up at the home of EchoStar's chief executive, Charlie Ergen, and at a high-school basketball game in which his daughter was playing.

Rev. Sharpton, who is running for president, says his work for Word was limited to consulting and attending meetings with cable and satellite executives on the network's behalf. When he participated in demonstrations at cable and satellite companies, he says, it was only to protest hiring or other discriminatory practices. "It had nothing to do with whether they carried the Word," he says.

Mr. Riddle, who says he helped arrange for Rev. Sharpton to attend the protests and occasionally paid him, says the main purpose of the protests was to force the operator to carry Word. "The objective was to open up the satellite and cable industry to value positive programming like the Word, and Sharpton was a key player," he says.

Word initially approached Charter in 2000 soon after the network was launched. Ms. Kellman pitched the network to Patty McCaskill, who was then Charter's vice president of programming. Ms. McCaskill replied that Charter carried other religious networks that included black clergymen and that it would be prohibitively expensive for Charter to add the equipment necessary to pick up the Word's signal, according to people familiar with the situation

About nine months later, Mr. Adell visited Charter to try again. Ms. McCaskill told him the same thing. He responded by noting that Word has a lot of support in the African-American community, these people say.

A month or so later, Charter got a phone call from a National Action Network chapter saying that representatives wanted to meet to resolve a number of issues. When they came in a few weeks later with Mr. Adell, they began by raising concerns about Charter's minority-hiring practices and use of African-American vendors. Only after that did they bring up Word. They also maintained that they were operating independently of Word, people familiar with the situation say. A Charter spokesman declines to comment on the meeting. A spokesperson for Ms. McCaskill, who left Charter earlier this year, also declines to comment.

Once Charter agreed to carry Word, the protesters' demands for action on hiring practices and the use of minority suppliers virtually ceased, according to people familiar with the situation.

Soon after the Charter protest, African-American organizations came to Mr. Adell's help in a personal dispute: a legal fight over a **\$3.1 million home** he was trying to build in Bloomfield Hills, a Detroit suburb. Mr. Adell filed suits accusing John Richards Homes Building Co., Birmingham, Mich., and a unit of Charter One Financial Inc., of conspiring to inflate the value of the land, among other things.

As the lawsuits were being filed, groups including the Michigan chapter of the National Action Network issued a news release accusing Charter One of discriminatory lending practices and other abuses, and organized several demonstrations in front of the bank's Cleveland headquarters. At a meeting with bank officials and Mr. Adell, protesters brought up Mr. Adell's lawsuit, alleging he was being treated unfairly because of his association with Word, according to people who were there.

Mr. Adell later tried to force John Richards into involuntary bankruptcy. A U.S. bankruptcy court quickly dismissed that effort and earlier this year awarded John Richards \$6.4 million in damages, one of the largest judgments ever assessed against someone for a wrongful involuntary bankruptcy filing, bankruptcy attorneys say. "Adell's conduct was reprehensible and must be deterred and punished," wrote U.S. bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes in his ruling.

Partly because of the John Richards case, which is under appeal, **Rev. Sharpton is rethinking his association with Mr. Adell.** "My whole relationship with his organization is something I'm reviewing," he says.

John Richards principals have had a difficult time collecting because Mr. Adell has taken steps to shield his assets, including moving to Florida. There, he bought a **\$2.8 million home** to take advantage of that state's homestead law, which makes it very difficult for creditors to seize residences. When marshals arrived to seize the contents of Mr. Adell's suburban Detroit home, the

only thing left inside was a picture of a monkey with a note from Mr. Adell saying it should be saved for John Richards's lawyer, Norman Ankers.

In recent months, the protests on Word's behalf have slowed. Mr. Adell has been fighting to hold onto his home in Florida. In September, Judge Rhodes ruled that he can't use the state's homestead law to shelter the home from his creditors, partly because he failed to demonstrate that he intended to live in Florida permanently. On Nov. 14, three days before Mr. Adell's deadline for selling the house passed, Mr. Adell filed a petition in Florida seeking bankruptcy protection.

Meanwhile, Mr. Adell also has been busy trying to start a new network in Florida, Cubana One Network, which he also structured as a tax-exempt organization that is to feature programming targeted at Florida's large Cuban population.


In August, Cubana One issued a press release criticizing Bright House Networks, a major Florida cable operator, for not meeting with Mr. Adell and another network executive. It quotes Hilda Luisa Diaz, of the Jose Marti Educational Foundation Inc., as saying: "If there is space for six porno channels, there should be at least one channel available to disseminate ... uplifting family entertainment."

Soon after, Bright House executives agreed to meet, but a company spokeswoman says it has no plans to add the network at this time.

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I agree with Beartrap, I **know** that you are the genuine article, not a PaperTiger. I thank you for stepping forward, it took more courage than most of those reading here can ever imagine. You go girl! 

I am positive that there are more facts you could share about what goes on "Behind the Scenes at 3ABN".

Posted by: sister May 4 2006, 03:17 PM

"Bearing False Witness... Part 1"

What does it mean to bear false witness? Does it mean knowingly providing information as fact that is nothing more than mere gossip? Is it reconstructing the truth in such a manner that it no longer represents the original? Perhaps it is telling just enough of the truth to appear plausible, while the addition of fabricated details are employed to deceive? Or is it the outright lie, unencumbered by not even a wisp of truth, applied to a situation in order to serve the purpose of the liar? It is all of those things...each with the same intent, to deceive the audience for which it was contrived.

I would like to reassure Vonessa, who has expressed her concern for my eternal salvation, that I have not broken that precious commandment and born false witness in my narrations. And to answer another concern she conveyed, am I the cousin of Danny Shelton who sat in the hotel lobby and if not, is it merely contrived for sensationalism? I must preface my answer with the following. It is not wise for me to provide any information concerning my identity. Anyone that has read Beartraps previous posts in this thread can understand my position. What I can say is that the information comes directly from a source that was present and it is sworn to be the truth. Is this a reliable source, personally speaking, yes, 100%. Are there others, members of this forum, that can verify that the same information was heard by them from the same source that was present at the event, yes.

The information contained in my unauthorized history of 3ABN is based upon the facts, as I know them. It is not derived from a "single rumor" upon which I have extrapolated, nor is it the case that the accounts are "a lot of fluff mixed in with a little of the truth". Sensationalism merely to pull the reader into buying the story, like the tabloids that scream their headlines while customers wait in the checkout line? No. "Am I aware that the reputation of a man is involved." Yes. But what about his ex-wife, what about the reputation of Linda Shelton and the suffering she has experienced? What about the damage that is being done to the reputation of 3ABN through the exploits of Danny Shelton, "the face of Adventism to the World"? And the future damage that can result to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as a denomination, if Danny does not step down from the throne of power that he has built to glorify himself, while lining his pockets with donations intended for the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

It has been said, "This is a very serious discussion and one ought to consider whether they should go into it or tell others about this story with fear and trembling before the Lord our God." For those who have lived this story, the fear and trembling they have experienced has not come from the thought of facing God. For those who have experienced the loss of their reputation, employment, those whom they considered trusted friends, the fellowship of their church family and the support of their local pastor: God has been their only succor—his Holy Spirit their only comforter—the promises of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, what keeps them getting out of bed every morning—that is what has sustained them in their distress and has given them the strength to have hope for a better future.

Stay tuned as the unauthorized history of 3ABN continues...

Posted by: Clay May 4 2006, 06:17 PM

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Open invitation. Come to Thompsonville and eat dinner at the Thompsonville Cafe, and just ask the other diners about 3ABN and Danny. Go to West Frankfort and have dinner at Hungrys on W. Main, and ask. Go to the barbershops, the lodges, the local churches of any denomination, the library, and ask. Ask the Summers family who donated the first two acres of property to Danny for 3ABN what they think about that donation now. Come on out here and ask.

Having asked them personally you will gerenally get an ear full. But ask if they would be willing to go public with this info and see what their reaction is. Ask them why they are so afraid of Danny; too afraid to go public. Yes, ask that too.

Posted by: PaperTigers May 4 2006, 08:25 PM

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Posted by: Jvat May 4 2006, 09:35 PM

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Many people are asking the same question, and some of the top leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will give you the answer - if you promise not to quote them, because they too are afraid of his unlimited power because some of the wealthiest men in the church back him up.

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Posted by: Chez May 4 2006, 11:37 PM

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Posted by: Clay May 5 2006, 01:10 AM

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I believe you.... I think what you describe is disgusting... he did not accumulate all that power overnight.... when this first started didn't people see what was happening? Is the NAD so hard up for money that they would turn a blind eye? I am simply amazed the more I read.... it also points to the danger of allowing one man take over a little town.... everyone becomes beholden to him because its his money that pays the bills..... we sell ourselves cheap sometimes...

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Excellent. Well-stated post, Johann. Thanks for stepping forward again.

QUOTE(Brother Sam @ May 4 2006, 06:37 PM)

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QUOTE(summertime @ May 4 2006, 09:02 PM)

What about the reporter of the media who is watching this forum.? Why doesn't he write about it? Is he afraid of Danny also? I believe you, but how in the world could anyone be that powerful?

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She sees her husband through rose-colored glasses, and she believes that the other woman is "stealing" her husband.

The focus is, mistakenly, on the presumed "thief."

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Hopefully at some point those who can take action will take action....

Posted by: Denny May 5 2006, 04:36 AM

Perhaps we need a S.D.A Watergate to shake us out of our 'We are the Remnant. We are the true church' arrogance/complacency.....

Posted by: Zephyr May 5 2006, 04:56 AM

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Posted by: Clay May 5 2006, 05:07 AM

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Posted by: Denny May 5 2006, 05:27 AM

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Perhaps we are too good for public exposure, thats for other churches like the RCC?

Posted by: lurker May 5 2006, 06:30 AM

This was posted on Club Adventist. I believe it was the 6th of this April but I may be wrong.

"As long as the foundational pillars of the church are being spread to millions of people, around the clock, we can wink at the these little problems. As we all know, our great central doctrines are the Sabbath, the state of the dead, diet, and the end-time prophesies.

What are the books Danny has written? The Forgotten Commandment (The Sabbath), Does God

Love Sinners Forever? (State of the dead), Can We Eat Anything? (Diet), and Antichrist Agenda (End-time prophesies) That is what makes the conservative Adventist donors happy, and that is where the money is, and since Danny self-publishes his books and sells them to 3ABN **at a profit**, and then as the President of 3ABN authorizes them to be given away or sold at a loss, he controls a sizeable market. On this "Ten Commandments Day" thing 3ABN is preparing to give away around 5 million of Danny's books.

With the "Channel of Blessing" book, most publishers could have delivered it to 3ABN at under \$4.00 per book, including author's royalty. 3ABN paid \$12.00 per book.

You say that the church could wash its hands of Danny? He has said many times that "3ABN thrives on controversy." When the church, or anyone else, takes issue with him, he just says that they are attacking God's ministry that is just there to spread the word. He says that the devil is just spreading lies and trying to hamper God's work. He says that he is just a lowly carpenter who is only trying to follow God's direction, and the church he is supporting is attacking him, "so please support God's work in this time of crisis with your prayers, and whatever else the Lord is leading you to do." And the checkbooks open up, and the people get mad at the church. This already happened back in the Ninties."

The bolding is my own. I wonder if anyone but me was amazed at the potential for personal profit from the sale of 5 million of his ten commandments day books to 3ABN?

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Clay, people of all colors seem not to be concerned with this issue. Even in my own home. My husband reads and believes these things are true, but he simply says that something should be done--no man is that powerful. He stops short of wanting to have anything to do with it. I believe that the problem is that those who know that this story is true, fear that in bringing the leaders of 3ABN down, we will bring the SDA church down, and then we become afraid of the wrath of God coming down on each of us personally. We say that we have faith that God will take care of this---but then we are told that faith without works is dead. It is like the man who walks down the street, sees a man starving, tells him that God will take care of him, and then goes his merry way. I believe that the leaders of Hope Channel are honest, but then why do they carry Danny and 3ABN on their network? Is it because 3ABN pays for the airtime and Hope Channel needs the money to survive? It discourages the average SDA member because if we have complete faith in the message and truth of our denomination, then that faith starts to fail because the church leaders will not bring the truth of this whole mess to their members, and with the preponderance of church members being more concerned with their own salvation, they are unwilling to step forward to help the victims of this mess. -- in actuality, they are willing to let the whole mess continue. Individually, many feel that they will fail God and in reality it is Danny and his legions who are failing God. Probably most of you are just like me. I would do something if I could. But I have no proof--I was not there. Danny could not hurt me--I don't care what people think -my reputation lies in the books of heaven and no one can touch those.-only where God leads. But I have no story to tell-I simply have full belief in what I have read here, and what has been done to Linda, and my own common sense. I believe that most of

those who will read this are in the same position as me. Where does that leave us? Dwindling faith in the leaders of 3ABN and our church leaders but willing to do what God would have us to do.

Posted by: caribbean sda May 5 2006, 06:59 AM

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Posted by: Clay May 5 2006, 07:27 AM

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Posted by: summertime May 5 2006, 07:28 AM

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Posted by: Zephyr May 5 2006, 08:26 AM

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Posted by: statrei May 5 2006, 03:18 PM

QUOTE(calvin @ May 5 2006, 04:06 PM)

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Posted by: princessdi May 5 2006, 05:53 PM

Or worse yet, how many non-Adventist? For those who do not have your unique perspective, Calvin, the line is blurred if not erased altogether.

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Santayana: *"Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it."*

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Fires in today's mediacentric, science-driven world may be different technologically (or maybe not?), today's problems different from those then; but remember that behind the tides of men that rise and fall, as surely now as then, moves the hand of God. Happily, when all was said and done then, the Adventist church ended up the better for it.

Fire may come again. If God can take someone down before, He can do it again. Will we (the corporate church) be better for it? Depends. He knows how to clean house. And He knows who are His and who are not.

"Except the Lord build the house, they that labour build in vain."

Regards,
Norm

Posted by: Fran May 6 2006, 12:04 AM

QUOTE(Johann @ May 2 2006, 12:55 AM)

Last time I met Danny in person he assured me - in the presence of many people right outside the 3ABN church - that there is no danger any more. Since his operation he cannot have any more children.

When was that, Johann. I would like to enter that in my timeline.

Posted by: Fran May 6 2006, 01:00 AM

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Yes, it does. Some demographics are "considered" by some to be more easily controlled. Like Women, some people of color are seen as gullible and easier to con. This may or may not be true. 3ABN has received a large percentage of different races, ages and genders.

Question:

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Why were they not married in the Thompsonville Church? Did the Conference say no, or did the Thompsonville church say no?

If so, why not?

Is this an action from the past that has reached right up to bite Danny in the behind?

Demographics, color, gender, age you may try to deceive. However, NEVER mess with a MOTHER. They are VERY, VERY dangerous. So it is best not mess with them!

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What will probably happen is what usually happens. If this 3ABN mess blows up and gets national attention, the official church position will be to distance itself, saying that 3ABN was an independent ministry without church oversight, thus it cannot be held responsible for what happened there.

Posted by: Zephyr May 6 2006, 06:13 AM

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Then shame on CA for not doing due diligence. I hope Northeastern takes him back before he gets tainted permanently by the 3ABN graffiti. He is a good man and an outstanding pastor, but his 3ABN demotion was a severe lapse of judgment.

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Posted by: Panama_Pete May 6 2006, 08:17 AM

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Perhaps, you read something about a budget for a new 3ABN-affiliated TV network?

(All I know is what I read in the newspaper from March 26, 2006)

<http://www.anguillaguide.com/article/view/3396/1/140>

"His wife, Linda, is a Registered Nurse. They have three grown sons. In addition to his busy schedule, **he is on the Board of Directors of Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN)**, on which programmes are seen by cable in Anguilla. "It is gratifying to see that it is a part of the life and fabric of this nation," he commented. He spoke of another service to be introduced soon called **World of Praise Television Network** "which will focus on some of the more critical needs of the urban families and their children to educate and inspire them."

Posted by: Prisca May 6 2006, 08:30 AM

QUOTE(calvin @ May 5 2006, 09:06 PM)

I don't see 3abn as the face of the church. It is another independent ministry.

Fortunately, or unfortunately those who are non-SDA see EVERY SDA as the face of the church.

Posted by: sonshineonme May 6 2006, 10:28 AM

QUOTE(Fran @ May 5 2006, 11:00 PM)

Yes, it does. Some demographics are "considered" by some to be more easily controlled. Like Women, some people of color are seen as gullible and easier to con. This may or may not be true. 3ABN has deceived a large percentage of different races, ages and genders.

Question:

Why didn't John Lomacang marry Danny and Brandy? Maybe he learned from a previous situation with another Evangelist? I hope he refused to perform the marriage. If he did, my respect for him has increased.

Why were they not married in the Thompsonville Church? Did the Conference say no, or did the Thompsonville church say no?

If so, why not?

Is this an action from the past that has reached right up to bite Danny in the behind?

Demographics, color, gender, age you may try to deceive. However, NEVER mess with a MOTHER. They are VERY, VERY dangerous. So it is best not mess with them!

I do not believe CA Murray was aware of this mess upon his employment at 3ABN.

I do not believe Whentley Phipps was aware of any of this when he accepted the position on the boards or when he accepted the million dollars for his ministry. I hope that million dollars will not compromise his situation. I believe him to be a holy man of God that does what is right. His association with 3ABN is unfortunate indeed.

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Posted by: PrincessDrRe May 6 2006, 11:33 AM

QUOTE(calvin @ May 4 2006, 10:33 PM)

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As newsworthy as Enron IMO....

QUOTE(Clay @ May 5 2006, 01:53 AM)

...does this problem fall along color lines? I ask because black adventists don't seem to be that concerned with this issue.....


Black folks in AU country are talkin' bout it....


QUOTE(Denny @ May 5 2006, 05:36 AM)

Perhaps we need a S.D.A Watergate to shake us out of our 'We are the Remnant. We are the true church' arrogance/complacency.....

QUOTE(Clay @ May 5 2006, 09:24 AM)

...As for Mr. Shelton being a prophet, I have no idea... he sounds like a man with too much money and too much time on his hands... but I don't know him so I can't say....

Prophet? Oh *&^! naw! 

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People showed up at AU - but they didn't get the "love" they thought they would. The church wasn't even packed. I watched just a bit on TV to see how full the church was. The back 1/2 was empty....



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The 3ABN accounting books appear to be closed. We don't have any independent way to confirm where the money comes from, how much it is, or where it goes. It's a totally private organization.

If I'm wrong, correct me.

Now on to a different topic about different organizations, but the general theme about a "blessing" may apply:

Generally speaking, just because a faith healer announces that somebody's leg just grew three inches longer and that they can throw the crutches from the stage, doesn't mean it happened, from a medical doctor's point of view. These events are meant to show the "power and presence" of the Spirit of God, etc. The Lord is there and he is blessing. There is often a "special anointing" mentioned.

You can give all of your hard-earned cash to the faith healers because of this anointing.

People attending these events do so with eager **anticipation** the same way alcoholics enter bars counting their money.

Think the **elderly** and the very ill are **especially** vulnerable and are specifically targeted as easy marks. You have to make sure you're not being "worked."

Posted by: sister May 6 2006, 12:36 PM

"Bearing False Witness... Part 2"

As of now, only briefly have I alluded to Linda Shelton in this story of the history of 3ABN. Perhaps

now is the time to elaborate on my rationale for omitting her in much of this saga. Primarily, she has been removed from the hierarchy of 3ABN and the function she supplied in sustaining the current administration has ended. Secondly, she is a victim of the falsehoods perpetrated to ruin her reputation and silencing her witness, once and forever, in regard to the Danny Shelton of whom only she can speak.

What great threat does she pose to her ex-husband and his public persona, that he felt it necessary to have a two year "gag order" placed upon her? And why specifically two years? What information possessed by Linda would necessitate the need to secure her silence? What would the "spin machine" of 3ABN, fronted by Walt Thompson, need to accomplish during her silence, to ensure that any revelations made by her later would pose no threat to Danny's position and perceived reputation?

Danny relies on the ethical stance of those in a position to do so, **not** to reveal his more heinous acts—of which not even the surface has been scratched here—but to keep his secrets. Why? The motive behind the ethics is to protect the innocent victims: some are young people whose lives could be destroyed, if the acts perpetrated by Danny Shelton and his clan against them, were to be revealed. I, like others, choose to protect the innocent and allow them, if or when they are able, to tell their own stories.

With Linda, in addition to that stated in the paragraph above, other aspects are also counted upon, these in relation to time. Her love for the ministry that she co-founded over twenty years ago and her desire to see said ministry prosper in proclaiming the Gospel. The healing that would come from her deepening dependance upon God and with that healing, the desire to forgive and putting the past behind her, getting on with her life. But unfortunately, for 3ABN that is not enough of a safety net, and the reiteration of falsehoods resume. As the beginning of the last quarter of the two year "gag order" approaches, further public attacks are launched, with Linda's face painted squarely on the target. Verbal and written offensive measures are taken by order of the accuser—for as it has been discussed and generally accepted by the readers present, Danny has the Board in his pocket—to assure himself that the situation is still under his control. Witnessing the latest bombardment, the message could be deciphered as a warning: I have the power and resources to continue to discredit you, and prevent you from establishing a public ministry, I can persist in controlling your public life and guaranteeing your silence for as long as I choose.

In my mind's eye I picture Linda sitting in a comfortable chair, her flowing, curly, copper locks reflecting the warm glow of a reading lamp, an open Bible resting in her hands. In the background we hear the voices and laughter of a brother and sister engrossed in their conversation. Linda smiles as her mind is briefly drawn by the carefree sound of her children's laughter and the healing that God continues to bring in their lives, to make moments like these possible. Again her thoughts return to the eternal promises she is reading on the pages before her. Another smile lights up her face, this time it is the knowledge that her hope and future do not lay in the grasp of an earthly tyrant, but in the assurances she receives from her loving Savior. It is He that will remove the shame that the falsehoods of her accusers have heaped upon her and cover her with his robe of righteousness. Here in His Word is found the peace of mind and the safety for which she longs. With this knowledge she knows, as long as she keeps her eyes focused on Jesus Christ, a place in Heaven is prepared for her that no false witnessing can destroy. For now we leave Linda, but not without hope, for her eyes are fixed upon Jesus.

Stay tuned for the next installment of the 3ABN story...

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So, I am right. Oprah's 1 million \$ came later. It is true. Call him and ask. I got my information the day after it all happened. Whintley's name on the board is worth much more than a million \$ in my opinion. He is very busy being about his father's business. He probably never has time for all those board meetings much less realize the truth about Danny Shelton.

Just as I heard, the million from Danny had strings attached.

Posted by: PaperTigers May 6 2006, 04:04 PM

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Posted by: PaperTigers May 6 2006, 06:21 PM

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I'm just as sickened as you are. I'm turning it off it is literally making me sick as I had personal dealings with Kenny & I know more than I care to know & to listen to him preach after doing things he has done sorry can't deal with that.

Posted by: watchbird May 6 2006, 10:02 PM

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How true. It takes time to even be able to look at everything we have experienced. I think God maybe keeps a part of us sort of numb and only brings things to mind as we are able to handle them. I don't know all the formal names for the stages one has to go through for healing, but I do know that the feeling of needing to run away and forget everything comes early on and only when we are healed enough to handle them do the things we need to figure out and deal with come fully to mind. Then there is the bitter stage. That is a difficult one. In time that can be handled also. But as you say, the effects may always remain, and it's best, I think, to figure out what those effects are so one can guard against them or compensate for them consciously.

Posted by: PaperTigers May 6 2006, 10:18 PM

Thanks Clay

It is something I consider and I just hope that it's something that we can stop more people from having to go through.

When I think of all the nonsense that I put up with it makes me sick. There was more than one instance when I should have just walked away. My reputation was put in question and trashed, and I stuck with it because in my mind quitting was giving up and I'm not a quitter so I stuck with it.

Posted by: sister May 7 2006, 03:59 PM

"The Televangelist, Part 1..."

There is a document that, to my understanding, has never been published and distributed in printed form. The only known source of it's limited dispersion is through email. Recently it arrived to me, triggered by the following question, "Are you familiar with "The Televangelist"?" Upon replying that I had not read it and having been informed that there were people who assumed it to be the source for "An unauthorized history of 3ABN", which I can honestly declare to be a fallacious assumption—I requested a copy. Appearing on my screen is the title page:

"The Televangelist"
By: Jorgen VanBraun
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"The characters and events portray in the following story are fictional. Any resemblance to any real event or person, living or dead, is coincidental."

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Sitting in front of my computer, with the illumination from my desk reduced, I scrolled down to the next page and began reading. To say the least it is intriguing. With heightening interest I read the Introduction and then continue on through the Prologue, arriving at the end of the page, where the story began to take on a new twist:

"Now...

Five hundred years later, the world has moved on, and it is now the twenty-first century. Cries of anguish ring out as an accused soul is being ripped apart. The crowd roars its approval and the executioner pulls the rack a little tighter. It has been declared that there is evidence this person has committed grievous crimes against God and man. This time the rack is not a bloodstained wood structure, and the executioner doesn't wear a black hood. This time it is not the victim's body that is ripped apart; it is the soul. This time it is not the Inquisition who accuses, convicts, and executes the victim, but a televangelist. This time there is a different church."

Although no names are ever revealed, the apparent intent of the author shouts out to me, riveted, I continue to read on in a far too familiar story. Pausing for comparison between fact and "fiction", I pick up my bottle of mineral water. Unscrewing the cap and setting it next to me, I pick up the bottle only to lay it down again, my thirst forgotten. The name of a member of BSDA flashes into my mind: Summertime. What I am now reading has the same savor as an experience she had in corresponding with Danny. Remembering the open water bottle, I watch the bubbles slowing escaping to the surface, taking a sip and screwing the cap on the bottle, I reread the last two paragraphs:

"The televangelist gets up and goes to his computer. The monitor casts a bluish glow on the face of the man who just switched on its power. The reflection in the monitor reveals a middle aged face peering intently over a pair of reading glasses. Opening up his email, the televangelist reads an email accusing him of wrong-doing. Baffled, he goes over it again. He leans back, his brow furrowed in concentration. What makes people think they have any moral standing to say that he has done any wrong? God called him to start this worldwide ministry, not them. Millions of people around the globe are blessed by him, not them. Many people have come into the Church through him, not them. Look how successful he is, as opposed to them. To thousands of people, he is God's vicar on earth, not them."

"He writes back to his accuser explaining all of these things to her. He tells her that his conscience is pure; he does no wrong. He tells her that when he stands before God in judgment, it will be clear that everything he has done has a higher purpose. If others have suffered, they deserved it. If they were foolish enough to cross him, they were crossing God and it was inevitable that they should pay a steep price. If their suffering serves to advance or please him, they should be grateful for the privilege. Sometimes people must be sacrificed for the greater good of the greater person chosen by God for the greater cause."

Why would a self-professed fictionalized account produce the following display of action by Danny Shelton: a 2 hour program on a Thursday evening hosted by Danny and his brother Tommy in regard to it, an intense search devoted to locating it's author, Danny making all kinds of lawsuit threats to everyone he thought was a potential author, and it is reported that Danny's benefactor even threw

his legal team into action. WHY?

In the "Q. & A. Section" on Linda Shelton's website the question was asked if she were in fact the author of "The Televangelist". Her reply, "No." When Danny finally settled upon whom he perceived to be the author of this document, his assumption was incorrect, meanwhile, the real author has flown below radar, eluding detection.

Is "The Televangelist" a thinly disguised unauthorized biography of Danny Shelton? Or is it a fictionalized account as the author has stated in the disclaimer on the title page, "The characters and events portray in the following story are fictional. Any resemblance to any real event or person, living or dead, is coincidental." Could Danny's determined pursuit of the author be interpreted as suggesting that the truth contained in the story is much more than coincidental?

Stay tuned...


Posted by: gracetoyou May 8 2006, 07:52 AM


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Posted by: simplysaved May 8 2006, 08:04 AM

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QUOTE(NormF @ May 5 2006, 01:33 AM) 

Here are some replies to several posts in this thread ...

Excellent. Well-stated post, Johann. Thanks for stepping forward again.

That's a pretty fair characterization. 3ABN is a closely held, family company. It's privately owned. It's board is composed of carefully selected yes-men and nothing else. That board was created to be a rubber stamp, and it is ... nothing more, nothing less. They have no more power over Danny than the Man in the Moon. The horse does not tell the cart where to go; the driver does. 3ABN is Danny's baby. Considering how the board members got there and where they are, humbling themselves and repentance are about as far down their list as it's possible to get ... and as unlikely.

Sadly, most of the church's heirarchy is right down there with them. They are willing to cover their eyes and speak in mumbo jumbo no matter what goes on as long as as the prospect of huge audiences (SDAtalk: outreach) dangles before them. It is numbers mania, pure and simple. In their

minds, an open-and-shut case of the end justifies the means ... in spades. If this does not change, this will be the SDA Watergate.

As a former reporter, I can tell you why. Any ethical reporter worth his salt knows that every word he puts in print must be fully verified. If you can't get people to talk and verify facts, you have no choice but to hold your story. However, I believe we are at last on the cusp of a breakthrough. Keep watching. (And when it does, Calvin, you will not be saying it was an un-newsworthy story ... trust me.)

As for why it's so hard to get people to talk and verify facts, see my post #32 in the "When Christians Go Bad ... a 3abn Spin-off" for a more in-depth look at some of the dynamics involved. It will give you insight to a part of it. People are not dumb. Look again at some of the things Bear and Paper Tigers (and Sister too) have said recently -- I will use the words here that they have shied away from: blackmail, coercion, back stabbing, various forms of threats, bribery That's why.

Regards,
Norm

(The signature line I have used for a long time now was not pulled out of hat. If the course this is following continues, this house will fall, maybe soon. "... and great was the fall thereof.")

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Posted by: beartrap May 8 2006, 09:45 AM

To my knowledge Whintley Phipps is just a board member at this time. Yes, Danny asked him to head up a new black network that he was thinking about launching almost two years ago, but that doesn't appear to have materialized. The board members come to the board meeting four times

each year, usually for one day, and they read reports written by the department heads, they are told how miraculous everything is around Danny, and when the Kumbaya session is over they all go home with a warm feeling in their tummy. The board members have no part in running 3ABN, they don't spend time going around the departments, talking with the employees and getting a real grasp on the operation. The reports they receive are all screened and approved by Mollie or Danny before the board members are allowed to see them. I believe that Pastor Phipps and others are just snowed. I have no reason to not believe that he is a Godly man.

Dr. Thompson has gone around and spoken with the employees, encouraging them to express questions they may have. Many an employee has gotten in really hot water over that, because after expressing a question about something, Dr Thompson took what they said straight to Danny and reported them as dissidents, whereupon they were dealt with rather harshly.

When the thing with Linda came up, it was starting to be known in the churches back in April of 2004. An employee was in those churches representing 3ABN at the time, and when people started coming up to him and asking about the affair Linda was having, he asked where they were getting this info. Many people told him that friends who were donors, pastors, etc, had been contacted by Danny and they got it straight from him. He told Dr. Thompson that this concerned him as it would be damaging to 3ABN having these rumours spreading around. Within hours Danny told this employee that if he ever heard of him speaking about this again, he would be fired.

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Just what you are doing here -- providing a place where the stories can be told and once told viewed by all -- is an extremely important "anything". As you have no doubt noticed, this encourages some to come forward and tell their stories, and as others see that they are received in kindly ways and with trust in their truthfulness, others also are encouraged to step forward. So in a very real way, keeping on "talking about it" IS to be doing "what we can".

Know also that there are some who are working quietly to find ways and means to accomplish what needs to be done for the good of the church -- for the good of all of us. And know that there are many besides those posting on this board who are taking courage from what they read here and contacting some of those "behind the scenes" workers.

Beyond your encouragement on this board, there is the "everyone win one" principle. With caution, love, and sensitivity, watch for ways to spread what you learn here to others who may not realize what is going on.

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But caution and carefulness are still the order of the day. It is much too complex and difficult for any of us to step out in the "hero" role. I recall an old song from years ago -- "Side by side we stand, awaiting God's command". That seems to express ou present position well.

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I know that our young folks need to have their role models before them in the persons of Mom and Dad, but not all young people have that privilege. I live in a community where we have one of our academies and the thing that has been told to me by the Principal there is that too many parents just don't care enough about their children to teach them right from wrong. They are satisfied to pay money to the school and let the influences fall where they may. So it falls to the teachers, the churches and to the ministers here who regularly take up 'goodwill offerings' for that wonderful entity

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Thanks for your interest. While Beartrap would be the only one (that I know of) who is posting here that could give you an "insiders" (at that time) view of the rationale given around 3ABN itself, I can give background information on the underlying reasons for the rejection of the contract.

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In partial "defense" of the rejection it is only fair to point out that at the time this came up, not only independent ministries, but official church institutions, especially educational institutions of higher learning, were also concerned about Folkenberg's efforts to get everyone in line with his thinking, even to the extent of trying to require "loyalty oaths" on key points of practice and doctrine. So from one angle 3ABN could be excused for resisting a contract on this basis.

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You may be right that it should be a separate thread, but I don't know how to do that, nor would I be able to move whatever posts should be moved to it, nor would I know how to label it so it would come up on a search of 3ABN threads in the future. So I'll leave that to the professionals here. I'll just follow the flow.

Posted by: Clay May 9 2006, 08:48 AM

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Posted by: Denny May 9 2006, 09:02 AM

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Posted by: princessdi May 9 2006, 10:33 AM

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If he decides to write a report on Danny Shelton and his posse, then Linda Shelton supporters can make copies of the report and send them to their friends, relatives and Adventist leaders. When the light is turned on, the roaches run for cover.

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31:8, 9

"As long as he (King Uzziah) sought the LORD, God gave him success..... His fame spread far and wide, for he was greatly helped until he became powerful. But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the LORD his God, and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. Azariah the priest with eighty other COURAGEOUS priests of the LORD followed him in. They CONFRONTED him and said, 'It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD. That is for the priests, the descendants of Aaron, who have been consecrated to burn incense. Leave the sanctuary, for you will not be honored by the LORD God.'

"Uzziah, who had a censer in his hand ready to burn incense, became angry. While he was raging at the priests in their presence before the incense altar in the LORD's temple, leprosy broke out on his forehead. When Azariah the chief priest and all the other priests looked at him, they saw that he had leprosy on his forehead, so they hurried him out. Indeed, he himself was eager to leave, because the LORD had afflicted him. King Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died."
2 Chronicles 26:5, 15-21

Moral of the story: God's people need to do their part in confronting and dealing with open sin in the church (1 Corinthians 5) and God will do His part in dealing with the guilty if they do not repent and forsake their sin.

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Posted by: vonessa May 11 2006, 11:26 AM

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Posted by: sister May 11 2006, 01:19 PM

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n His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: beartrap May 11 2006, 02:04 PM

Since August 2005 Danny Shelton has regularly featured his brother, Kenny Shelton (anti-Seventh Day Adventist dissident) on 3ABN. As of October 15, 2005 Kenny Shelton is representing 3ABN at Rallies in Seventh-day Adventist Churches, and at the Ten Commandments event. In the October 2005 issue of Land Marks, John Grosboll's radical anti-Adventist magazine, Kenny Shelton is a featured author encouraging the readers to leave the Seventh-day Adventist Church because it is not God's true church.

Not many years ago, Kenny was pastoring a Seventh-day Adventist Church in Herrin, Illinois. He partnered with several dissident former-Adventist leaders such as John and Marshall Grosboll, and

Dr. Ralph Larson. Kenny was ordained by Dr. Larson in a ceremony that was not recognized by the Church, and was publicly condemned by the General Conference President.

As a result of Kenny's actions as part of the separationist "Historic Adventist" movement, he was disfellowshipped. Most of his congregation left the Seventh-day Adventist Church with him.

Kenny Shelton now runs his own offshoot anti-Adventist organization called Behold The Lamb Ministries. Also, for over a decade, Kenny has been very actively associated with John Grosboll of Steps To Life Ministries, and with Dr. Larson. Kenny is a featured speaker at their campmeetings, as well as a variety of other offshoot campmeetings. He is also a featured author in the Steps To Life Magazine, Land Marks.

In the February 1997 issue of Land Marks, Kenny Shelton encourages members to leave their churches, form "home churches," and not look back. He says, "Error is never harmless. Testimonies, vol. 5, 292. Therefore, because of so much error and apostasy, many have found it necessary to establish separate worship services apart from the structure."

"We must not return to Egypt. We must not return to a structure that is deep in apostasy, for God's counsel is always the same, in every situation, structure or independent. Separate from sin!"

Ibid

"Who would have thought that in Adventism the apostasy would become so great that in many places it would become spiritually dangerous to even attend the local Seventh-day Adventist Church because error was being "forced home to the people."

Ibid

In the May 1997 Issue, Kenny carefully lays a foundation demonstrating the Church is teaching error, and then he writes, "a warning is given to separate from those "which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine."

"Now, let me ask you a question. Is it not right for an individual (you) to choose to support or work with, or not to support and work with certain ministries? Each individual makes their decision based upon the teaching of each ministry. If their teaching does not line up with what you believe the truth is, you withdraw your support."

Ibid

"That is the way it should be conducted. But what is the difference when we, the ministries, must withdraw from another ministry because of differences of doctrine? I hope you are getting the point! Yes, there will be unity among God's true and faithful, and at the same time division because of those who will not come into line."

Ibid

In the October 2005 issue of Land Marks, Kenny writes, "I often hear it said, "The church is moving on." To what church does this refer? The true church of God will be moving on. It will go on through. But this does not mean the true church is a certain denomination. There are many who believe the Seventh-day Adventist denomination is God's true church. If it is God's church, it will speak as does God. If it does not speak as God speaks, it is not His church—regardless of its name or where it is located. God does not speak with a forked tongue"

On his website, www.beholdthelambministries.com, Kenny Shelton is featuring John Grosboll, and Dennis Crystal. Both of them are former Adventists who are outspoken critics of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

John Grosboll claims that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has split into two groups: the "little group" and the "big group." In the June 2002 issue of Land Marks, he indicates that the "big group" is the organized Church structure. He says, "The larger of these groups, sometimes referred to as the "Professed Church," is destined to go to ruin and destruction—to fall. They profess to be the "True Church."

"The other group is destined to appear to fall, because it will seem that they are going to be annihilated. Since it appears that this group will be destroyed, we must face the reality that the majority of this smaller group could be martyred. (See Maranatha, 199.) But instead of falling, it will remain. This smaller group is referred to by Ellen White, in other places, as the "True Church."

Ibid

"Dear Friend, if that still, small voice is telling you that you are in the large group of professed Adventists who are not really true Adventists, it is not yet too late for you to change sides, to change leaders."

Ibid

In an article on his website, www.steps2life.com, entitled, "Issues: No New Organization," John Gosboll writes, "Those who do not uphold God's law are joining the new organization that was started by Satan."

"The awful possibility of the Seventh-day Adventist church organization starting a new organization independent from God is a matter of prophecy. Ellen White prophesied that what we are seeing today could happen. We will look at the 12 main points of the prophecy having to do with the new organization in Adventism. It was a conditional prophecy in her day. It is coming to pass in our day.

1. Principles of truth that God...has given to the remnant church would be discarded—our religion would be changed.
2. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work in the 19th century would be accounted as error.
3. A new organization would be established.
4. Books of a new order would be written.
5. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced.
6. The founders of this system would go into the cities to do a wonderful work.
7. The Sabbath would be lightly regarded (as the God who created it).
8. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement.
9. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed,
10. They would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless.
11. Their foundation would be built on the sand.
12. Storm and tempest would sweep away the structure."

Ibid

Following this he states that only number 12 has not been fulfilled. He goes on to say:

"Around the world there is a giant tidal wave taking place that many professed Adventist ministers are trying to stop. People are searching and finding historical Adventism—the same doctrines of the Bible that electrified our pioneers and made the Seventh-day Adventist church what it has been. These people are finding out that the present Seventh-day Adventist churches in their localities no longer believe and practice historic Adventism so they are assembling in home churches which are not recognized by "the conference."

Ibid

It is then claimed that they are not united with the church. But the question needs again to be asked, Who and what is the church? Since the remnant of the woman's seed consists of those who love God and keep His commandments and have the spirit of prophecy, if you are united with an organized body of historic Seventh-day Adventist believers, you are united with the church. (To have a church, you need to have two historic Seventh-day Adventists who are agreed and unified—see Matthew 18.)"

Ibid

Kenny Shelton travels with Dr. Ralph Larson, and they collude on speaking engagements at the various dissident former-Seventh-day Adventist events. In the November 2000 edition of Land Marks, Dr. Larson says, "...we believe the General Conference has launched an Inquisition, which may result in the separation from the church of several thousand believers,"

"They must simply accept the judgment of the Inquisitors as infallible—all of which reminds us of the Catholic Inquisition in Spain."

Ibid

"Inquisitions work with falsehoods and misrepresentations. This is their stock in trade. Unfortunately, the General Conference Inquisition is no exception to this rule."

"Many of the historic Adventists recognize these false doctrines as the very ones they left behind when they came out of Babylonish churches to join the Adventist church."

Ibid

"...we are confronted today with the appalling spectacle of a large group of high ranking church leaders sitting down together to concoct a list of totally false accusations against church members, whose only crime is that they will not accept the apostasy that is sweeping through the church. Thus the leaders align themselves with the apostasy. The grossly false accusations that the Inquisitors have prepared and published would compare favorably with the work of the Catholic Inquisitors in Spain."

Ibid

"...with the General Conference Inquisition moving in on us, what shall we do? Should we tremble in fear and agree to accept the false authority and the false doctrines if they will just let us stay in the church?"

Ibid

The Tithe Problem

by Ralph Larson

"As this heart- wrenching experience continues, the church member is eventually forced to recognize that Ellen White's predictions about the great Adventist apostasy are being fulfilled before his eyes. Then comes the agonizing question, "Does God require me to pay my tithe to support the great apostasy?"

Like many others before him, he decides that this line of reasoning just doesn't make sense. He then turns to an independent ministry holding the Seventh- day Adventist historic faith, preaching the message that he accepted when he joined the church. He now begins to send his tithe to that ministry.

Now the question for every fair- minded person to consider is, Who is responsible? Has the church member's problem been created by the independent ministry, or by the preaching of the false doctrines of Calvinism in his own church?"

"There is no biblical or Spirit of Prophecy evidence to support the view that all tithe must, regardless of circumstances, be paid through organizational channels. Such a position might in some cases require that outright apostasy be supported by tithe, which is far beyond the boundaries of reason."

Ibid

Does the Seventh-day Adventist Church support Danny Shelton and his promotion of Kenny Shelton and his continuous vitriolic attacks on the Church? The Church, through its approval of Danny Shelton as the representative of true Adventism to millions of Seventh-day Adventists, and the world at large, gives tacit approval of Kenny, his insurgent associates in their malicious attacks on Church doctrine, and their overt directives diverting millions and millions of tithe and offering dollars from thousands of deceived Seventh-day Adventists into their nefarious organizations.

How long can the Church tolerate its life blood being sucked away to feed the attack dogs, and support the luxury lifestyles and travel habits of those who legitimize their mission?

Posted by: beartrap May 11 2006, 02:22 PM

To me this is rather interesting in light of the fact that in its early years 3ABN was largely made up of enthusiastic right-wing dissidents like Kenny Shelton, John Grossboll, Marshall Grossboll,

Ron Spear, Jan Marcussen, John Osborne, and others.

Could it be that the principle of independent leaders being more godly and mission minded than church leaders, and therefore more deserving of tithes and offerings, and more worthy of being followed as the only true spiritual leaders, is one that appeals to Danny?

Posted by: Brother Sam May 11 2006, 03:34 PM

Beartrap:

What is Historic Adventist? I thought Ellen white said our doctrines was to become more pure like Jesus's doctrines. I thought when Jesus appears in the sky, Gods people will have the true doctrines. I thought Righteous by Faith and pure love will be in the hearts of those who go through the time of trouble. Its interesting they are not using all of Ellen White's statements when they talk about the church.

If you a historic adventist, before 1888 you probably don't believe in righteous by faith.

I am not saying the church doesn't have some problems but if you have been around some of the independences you will find they are not near the christian they think they are. I think you will find they are out to take the title away from the church because they know of better ways to spent it. Could it be on pleasures and jets?

Posted by: Hersheys99 May 11 2006, 06:46 PM

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
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☒ Well now that just a scream. As a 3ABN employee back in 1989 when Kenny was fired, for a number of years we were forbidden from having any contact with Kenny (Danny's brother), Emma Lou (Kenny's wife), Goldie (Danny's mother), or Tammy (Danny's sister) because Kenny was was a sinner and the others had sided with him. and yes, Kenny dumped Emma Lou and ran off with Chris. (The short version)

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Posted by: icedragon Jul 18 2006, 11:48 AM

QUOTE(calvin @ May 2 2006, 10:13 PM) [img alt="x icon" data-bbox="441 917 458 931"/>

Why are you bringing up someone's alleged indiscretions from 25 or 30 years ago? You are no more the better than him for what you accuse him of. BSDA is not a place to sling dirt. This is un-Christ like. Story closed.

Are you saying Danny plotted the murder of his first wife????

QUOTE(sonshineonme @ May 4 2006, 07:42 PM)

You hit the nail on the head. Now we just have to see if they will do the RIGHT thing, before it's too late.

Posted by: calvin Jul 18 2006, 12:33 PM

Icedragon, you are new here, welcome. This is where I have drawn the line in the sand, so to speak. We are not going to discuss or speculate about Danny murdering anybody here. Please back off.

Posted by: sister Jul 18 2006, 12:34 PM

QUOTE(icedragon @ Jul 18 2006, 12:48 PM)

Are you saying Danny plotted the murder of his first wife????

Sorry, Calvin we posted at the same time. I deleted my post.

Posted by: JustTana Aug 19 2006, 08:29 PM

Dear Calvin:
Could you please remove the violent pictures with the comments regarding the suggestion of 'murders'? While I agree with the request to "stop stupid posts" the graphic is entirely unnecessary and inappropriate!!

Thanks, JustTana

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