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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ 3abn Appeal

Posted by: LadyTenor Jul 22 2006, 06:05 PM

So today at church, TWO announcements were made, appealing to the congregants to write to Dish Network and request that they put 3ABN on their lineup...mind you, one of these requests came from Wintley Phipps himself.

Apparently, Danny Shelton made the appeal on 3ABN this past Thursday night because Sky Angel has released 3ABN from its contract. According to one of the elders in the church, it would be better for 3ABN to move to Dish Network because the network has 30 million subscribers and would reach far more people than when 3ABN was on Sky Angel.

Now I am all for the Gospel and the Word of God being spread to the far corners of the earth, and 3ABN is more than capable of helping in that endeavor. But as I saw the delight on the faces of people sitting around me at the prospect of 3ABN going to Dish Network, all I could think of is Danny Shelton and the nonsense and unChristianlike behavior that he has shown in the situation regarding his now ex-wife.

I told my husband I will not give 3ABN one red cent. He does not visit blacksda.com, but after hearing what I have told him about what is being discussed here, all he says is that Danny Shelton will be answerable to Someone much higher than any of us....and he is not inclined to donate any money to 3ABN, nor write to Dish Network. We were never interested in 3ABN for other reasons, but now that the Danny mess has come to our attention, we won't support it passively or otherwise...

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May I suggest some parallel questions?

Is it wrong to wish that a thief "fails" to find more victims?

Is it wrong to wish that an abuser fails to find respectability, giving him access to more victims?

When you see evil being done, is that a time "to let go and let God," or is it a time to do what you can to stop the evil?

If we fail to do what we can to stop evil from spreading and gaining respectability, are we innocent?

Of course, in answering those questions, we need to consider the counsel of Jesus to be "wise as serpents, harmless as doves." It is possible to do damage while trying to stop evil, and we need to be careful. But to stand by and do nothing ?

Posted by: sister Jul 22 2006, 07:56 PM

LadyTenor, you are now facing the dilemma that many current and former 3ABN employees have experienced. Is it possible to separate the actions of the administration of 3ABN, beginning with Danny Shelton and going on down the list, with the Christ centered programming that it airs? Those of us who have struggled with this quandary have also felt the pangs of indecision in regard to what at first sight appears an irreconcilable dichotomy. On the one hand, there is the carefully hidden corruption that has existed behind the scenes: the fraudulent claims upon which Danny has built up the ministry and his orchestrated campaigns of deceit designed to put into disrepute the reputations of those who choose to question his duplicitous actions. On the other hand there is the Christ centered programming...

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Yes, YES!! That's something positive we can do to help HopeTV!

Note that a petition to add 3ABN to the Dish Network line-up is online, but I wonder how much good those online petitions do, because the signatures are pretty easy to forge.

Don't ask me how I know. () It probably can't hurt to mount such a petition, but email and snail mail directly to the Dish Network would be much more effective, I'm sure.

The online petition for 3ABN is here:

<http://www.petitiononline.com/3abndish/petition.html> Someone could draft a HopeTV petition and put it online at the same place. I wouldn't put my own email address in there, because such a site can easily be used to collect addresses for spamming.

Another idea for those not currently customers of the Dish Network would be to inquire whether you would be able to view HopeTV if you subscribed to their service, and give the JRL to their web site. If they received a few thousand such inquiries, it will make an impression, I suspect.

Posted by: beartrap Jul 22 2006, 08:55 PM

In the words of an illustrious Evangelist, "3ABN is the face of the church to the world, and Danny Shelton is the face of 3ABN." So lets ask some more questions.

- Do you want Danny Shelton to represent you, your values, your morals, and your religion to 30 million more people?
- Are you comfortable that he is the true icon of the virtues and ideals that you embrace? To 30 million more people?
- Do you believe that the sacrifice of principle is a fair price to pay for numbers?
- Do you want to say to the world "Yes, Danny Shelton represents me. What he is, is what I am."

Because whoever writes that letter to Dishnetwork is saying that, whether they mean to or not.

Posted by: beartrap Jul 22 2006, 09:41 PM



"3ABN Cable Rally
Join Danny, Tommy Shelton, Melody Firestone and C. A. Murray

Time:
Sabbath, July 29, 2006

Location:
Santa Barbara Seventh-day Adventist Church
425 Arroyo Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
805-967-9615

Contact person: Pastor Pete Geli
Phone: 805-204-0035

Services:
9:30 AM Sabbath School Leonard Westphal
10:45 AM Worhip Service Danny Shelton
2:00 PM 3ABN Cable Rally Danny Shelton, C. A. Murray"

Hmmmm... 80% scandal in the advertised lineup. I think I could make a fortune as an agent for guys like Jim Bakker, marketing them into the Adventist circles. How bout getting some of those Catholic priests like father Geigan, at this rate they would be a huge hit in our political and church circles. If I just took 2% off the top I'd be living on a golf course in Malibu.  

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jul 23 2006, 02:15 PM

We are talking about a time for action in the other topic.

How about those of you, who know personally about Danny Shelton, contacting this host pastor and telling him about all of this?

Posted by: Just a Guy Jul 30 2006, 10:26 PM

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Posted by: Tammy Jul 31 2006, 01:57 AM

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Well, I see things a little different, especially with all the info that has been coming out about 3ABN and even about HOW 3ABN got started in the first place - by basically telling lies and calling them "miracles".

Perhaps God doesn't look at 3ABN any different than He does any other denominations "ministry" that finally shows it's true colors? If the Lord didn't have His hand in it from the beginning and I don't see how He could, cause He doesn't use deception, I'm not so sure He'll have His hand in it's ending, either....

I believe that God works with honest minds, wherever they are....there are honest souls who are led to Christ even while in the Catholic faith, right? Is it because of the Catholic religion? I don't believe so - it is INSPITE OF the Catholic religion, it is BECAUSE they are truly seeking for light, and God won't let anyone down who is truly seeking for light, will He?

That is how I see it with 3ABN...how else could it be? Do you really believe that God would give His blessing to a "Ministry" that is built on "miracles" that are really concocted lies for the purpose of getting people to send in their money????

God will reach people wherever they are - if they are truly seeking....INSPITE of the place they are.

I realize the thought that "3ABN perhaps was NEVER of God" is hard for many to accept...but, think about it - just because WE think some Church or Ministry is of the Lord doesn't make it "of the Lord". You can be sure there are many sincere Catholics who put their trust in their Church, just as many SDA's have put their trust in 3ABN...but no matter how sincere those Catholics are or how sincere we Adventists are, it doesn't make the Catholic church God's church or 3ABN God's Ministry.

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The Lord sets men in positions of responsibility to carry out not their own will, but God's will. He gives wisdom to those who seek Him and depend upon Him as their Counselor. So long as men represent the pure principles of His government, He will continue to bless and maintain them as His instrumentalities to carry out His purposes concerning His people. He cooperates with those who cooperate with Him.--Manuscript 81, 1900, p. 12 (Diary, "Solomon's Reign"). {ChL 60.1}

From what we have been reading does it sound like 3ABN has been operating on "pure principles"? Surely not!

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Obviously, He does forsake those who are NOT true to principle....and if and when they do that, He no longer recognizes them as His instrumentalities.

Posted by: Denny Jul 31 2006, 05:20 AM

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Posted by: Uncle Sam Jul 31 2006, 09:48 AM

I too wanted to believe Danny, he looked like a broken man. I couldn't believe what they said about Linda. I was so saddened by the whole mess. Than when Danny remarried, I lost all faith in him. I don't know if he had grounds to remarry but I felt the whole thing was so secretive. That it makes me wonder what else was done in secret.

I too wrote Danny and John Lomagang. John, I feel, lied to me. We were up there not too long ago, about 2 months ago. I saw many things I was not comfortable with. I have lost faith in

3ABN, which saddens me too. I hope all is resolved and the truth comes out soon. If needed the leadership be replaced or confess of any wrong doing.....

Posted by: sonshineonme Jul 31 2006, 01:18 PM

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amen. me too. diddo on all of this. Most of what you said has been my journey too - only I was never a 3abn follower in any way. Never liked Danny. He always seemed very insincere to me (along with boring and blah). Linda was the one that seemed to be "connected" to Jesus, so listening to her when I did catch it in someones home or online, she always had something of meaning and value to say that was practical and useful. More of a relationship type message from her I think. Anyway, strange to know everything now, isn't it? I think it's reflective of who had what mission all along....

Posted by: Jvat Jul 31 2006, 03:50 PM

Uncle Sam, what did you see that you were not comfortable with, at 3ABN recently? Please tell us so we can have more matter to add to the case against 3ABN.

Posted by: Jvat Aug 4 2006, 12:46 PM

Hey, Uncle Sam, waiting for you. Thanks!

Posted by: Uncle Sam Aug 4 2006, 02:32 PM

QUOTE(Jvat @ Aug 4 2006, 11:46 AM)

Hey, Uncle Sam, waiting for you. Thanks!

Sorry, I haven't had too much time lately. I saw where some of the employees live. 3Abn housing...it was **REALLY** bad. I had only seen the nice apartments before. Also, in the John Lomacang's sermon for the 10 Commandment weekend, it was on adultery. He said some things which I felt were "attacks" on Linda. I wrote him about it and I feel like he lied to me either that or the devil really has him snowed....

Posted by: Jvat Aug 4 2006, 03:07 PM

Thank you, Uncle Sam. Please add what ever more you remember later.

Posted by: Panama_Pete Aug 6 2006, 03:29 PM

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I think we'd probably have more luck with **DirectTV** adding the Hope Channel, because Dish Network and Sky Angel still have that contract in place between the two giving Sky Angel first choice over Dish Network regarding all religious networks. Sky Angel recently released 3ABN from that contract allowing 3ABN to seek carriage on Dish Network

I have not heard that the Hope Channel has gotten Sky Angel to release Hope from the Sky Angel / Dish Network agreement.

Therefore, Hope Channel needs to ask Sky Angel what their plans are for "Hope Channel." Does Sky Angel want Hope Channel or not? With their crippled Echostar III satellite, will Sky Angel even have space for Hope Channel in the future? If not, Hope Channel should be allowed to approach Dish Network in **exactly the same way** 3ABN is doing.

<http://www.directv.com/DTVAPP/global/contentPage.jsp?assetId=1100070>

And why are the churches passing out 3ABN postcards to be mailed to Dish Network and not Hope Channel postcards to DirectTV?

Posted by: JustTana Aug 6 2006, 04:45 PM

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I am new to the web site and became a member in order to comment on the Danny Shelton mess. I live in Berrien Springs, Michigan and am a member of the Village SDA Church. I am, however, considering making a change of membership to the new, Full Gospel Adventist Fellowship/Greater Works Ministry. This is a group being led by a wonderful black ministerial staff in the young ages of 21-30 years old. (I must confess that as a 'old white lady' I have a bit of trouble with their music but don't be too hard on me, okay?) These young people have become acquainted with the teachings of the 'heretical' charismatics who teach a living, breathing working faith which I have never seen in the SDA Church in the whole of my life. God began introducing me to these teachings several years ago by a book called "The Tongue, A Creative Force." I called my 'spiritual advisor' who is a staunch SDA teacher (adjunct professor at Seminary). He just chuckled and said, "Well now, you have run onto one of my sources!" That let me know that I was not being led down the wrong path and I have been examining this teaching since then. I had come to the conclusion that there needs to be a Full Gospel SDA Church which keeps our core doctrines and adds the living faith element of the charismatics. Do they teach the Sabbath, right state of the dead and

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Now to the 3ABN Saga: Question? Does anyone know exactly whether there could have been any other place on the earth for 3ABN to be located? According to Danny there was not. If that is true, then I believe God used what He had in His Hand--And who of us knows but that for a period of time, Danny was listening to God, at least enough that God was able to set up 3ABN through him. It occurs to me that God is now waiting for Danny to 'fill his cup of iniquity' and that perhaps our own efforts to make a change in this situation is only muddying the the waters, keeping God on the sidelines. Perhaps, if we just spend our time in prayer asking God to clean up His work, in His way, it would free Him up to do what He wants to do. I believe Linda was the saving grace of the station for it's growth and influence. At the moment, I believe also that Shelly Quinn might also have been brought on board because of her Full Gospel background to learn all she can about running a project such as 3ABN so that she and Linda can take over the ministry when God has had enough of Danny.

As to Danny and his abusive behavior along with other family members who have not been prosecuted to date, this is the only area where I see that we as people who care about children have a responsibility to be watchful and follow through with the prosecution of the pedophilia and abuse of children. As to the board members they are only acting in the controlling manner in which they have always run their own lives - according to the 'checklist'.

I have more thought on the matter but this is a start. Thanks for listening and giving me your best thoughts on what I have said.

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As to Danny and his abusive behavior along with other family members who have not been prosecuted to date, this is the only area where I see that we as people who care about children have a responsibility to be watchful and follow through with the prosecution of the pedophilia and abuse of children. As to the board members they are only acting in the controlling manner in which they have always run their own lives - according to the 'checklist'.

I have more thought on the matter but this is a start. Thanks for listening and giving me your best thoughts on what I have said.

Welcome to BSDA and I am so glad that you recognize that indeed there is a "mess" at Danny Shelton's 3ABN.

However, as to my "best thoughts" on what you have said.... I simply do not know any way to put this gently or tactfully. But yes, it is indeed, a real possibility that Shelly Quinn was "brought on board" because of her Pentacostal background, and that is, IMO, one of the strongest marks against her ... at least in "my book". I am not acquainted with the Full Gospel group in Berrien Springs... and his is a term that can be and is used in a variety of different ways, from ways that do indeed emphasize the gospel of Jesus Christ, to those which encompass even Third Wave Pentacostal beliefs. But Adventism and Pentacostalism are at their core, very different.

It is quite possible that someone fully grounded in scripture could read the book "The Tongue, A Creative Force." and retain the primacy of scripture as the source of information and retain the primary attitude of the Christian ... that God is God and I am not ... and when I pray to God, or when I quote His words as written in scripture, they have no "magical" power that is intrinsic to the words such as is indicated by this quotation from the on-line advertisement for this book..... "God's creative power is still just as it was in the beginning of time, when He stood there and said, "Light --be," and light was. His Word spoken from your mouth and conceived in your heart becomes a spiritual force releasing His ability within you."

This, my friend is very close to blasphemy. It is the natural extension.... or it is what leads to.... I am not sure which.... the very attitude that Sister and Bear and others have been telling us about when they describe the "God-complex" and how it has been introduced and how it has grown at 3ABN. It is alling for the lie...."you shall be like gods".... as Sister described in her segment of 3ABN history found at <http://www.blackstda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=9765&view=findpost&p=128373>

It is true that legalistic Adventism may lack a lot. And there may be much of the warmth and caring reflected in Charismatic churches which can set us a good example. And certainly, we need the full gospel of Jesus Christ.... when that phrase is understood in a doctrinally sound manner. But we do NOT need the mysticism of the underlying doctrines of the Pentecostal movement. They are a one-way road into the "doctrines of devils" even though they may appear to be "angels of light".

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Welcome Paleface. This is a forum, not a blog, so things are arranged in topics. Some of these topics have been going for more than two years. Some are of more recent origin. It is a really really good idea to do a LOT of reading before you start asking questions, since it is very likely that you will find that we have already discussed these things before. I would suggest reading though all the pages of the menu first, just to see what topics have been discussed. Then when you see one that seems to interest you, check it out. Somewhere along the way you'll find the most appropriate places to place your questions.

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Welcome to BSDA Paleface!

To question one, if you can not find the answer inside the 3abn section here at BSDA, let me know. You can search in the search field and should find something.

To your second question, Linda is doing great. The Lord sustains her continuously because she has earned to trust Him in ALL things. She always needs our prayers. Her road has been rough, but God has been SO good to her.

Posted by: watchbird Aug 7 2006, 08:36 AM

QUOTE(JustTana @ Aug 6 2006, 04:45 PM)

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And if it turns out to be false?..... Does that mean that God did not use him?

There is quite a difference between being "used by God" and **claiming** to have a special vision, special commission, and even a special dispensation from God..... **pointing to** 1) the success of one's endeavors, 2) the extent to which God "is using" them, and/or 3) "all the miracles" that God has wrought for or through them, and **parading** these as being both "signs" and **proofs** that this "vision" and special "godlike" status did/does in fact, exist.

This brings up several basic questions which really need to be answered in this regard.....

- 1) Is success and prosperity a "sign" of God's special favor/approval/commissioning? [hint..... check out the psalm where David says that when he saw the prosperity of the wicked, it almost made him stumble.]
- 2) Are miracles a "sign" of God's special favor? [hint.... check out scripture where it speaks of "lying miracles"..... and the proliferation of such in "the last days".]
- 3) Does God use only the righteous to accomplish his purposes? [hint.... scripture again, He makes even the wrath of men to praise Him".]
- 4) Should every coincidence be elevated to the level of "miracle"?

Now back to your specific question, " Does anyone know exactly whether there could have been any other place on the earth for 3ABN to be located? According to Danny there was not."

I have been informed by a professional who is knowledgeable in this specific area, and he said that while it is true that "it was the only place **within a few square miles of where it is** that it could have worked. **There are billions of other places on earth that would have worked just as well.** The issue was microwave interference. This is not an issue hardly anywhere on earth."

So.... what are we to think? Is this "miracle story" all that Danny claims for it? Or is this one more case of an over-inflated helium balloon that has been used for support of Danny's claims of "divine mandate to rule"? In a poll, I would vote for the latter. And I am not the only one who thinks that when enough of these "miracle balloons" are punctured so the hot air, smoke, and fog escapes and the balloon collapses, we shall see the "fall of the house of Shelton", and "great will be the fall thereof".

The question that remains is..... will our church have cut all ties to it before that happens?

I agree with JusTana as she goes on to comment: "It occurs to me that God is now waiting for Danny to 'fill his cup of iniquity'..... and I would add that I think God is waiting also for the revealing of who are partners with him in his "iniquities", who have been innocent collaborators with him, truly not knowing of his (nor his partners) "iniquities", and who are victims..... waiting for the victims to be moved to places of safety.... waiting for all who will to "come out and be separate" and cut all the "ties that bind".

But I strongly disagree as JusTana goes on to say, " and that perhaps our own efforts to make a change in this situation is only muddying the the waters, keeping God on the sidelines. Perhaps, if we just spend our time in prayer asking God to clean up His work, in His way, it would free Him up to do what He wants to do."

There have been many posts written both pro and con on issue, so I highly recommend that you read broadly so as to see what others have already said. For me, I see these efforts, not as "muddying the waters", but as digging out the things which are causing them to be "muddy". And I see all who are engaged in that work as working closely with God, seeking direction from Him constantly as to what He wants them to do in order to be his workman in accomplishing "what He wants to do".

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Aug 7 2006, 03:29 PM

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Posted by: Panama_Pete Aug 7 2006, 05:42 PM

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History of 3ABN

"As progress on the project continued, Shelton discovered three-phase power would be required to operate the station. Larson indicated that the cost to run lines from the nearest main road was prohibitive. But upon investigation he discovered three-phase power lines a few hundred feet (about a hundred meters) away from the property, simply following a country road. When Shelton contacted the power company, he asked why those lines ran through open fields away from any factories or heavy machinery. The power company responded, "We honestly have no idea."

I believe that Clarence Larson became one of Danny's employees. It's possible this may be a doctored story to impress the gullible. The 3ABN followers seem to like the "miracle stories." There is a three-phase power line at the N-NE side of the original piece of property.

Clarence and Danny never say they inspected the entire length of the power line to see if there were any other facilities using three-phase power. Notice (below) how the first three-phase alternating current line in the year 1891 was 175 kilometres long. **175 kilometres is 108.74 miles.**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electric_power_transmission

The first transmission of three-phase alternating current using high voltage took place in the year 1891 on the occasion of the international electricity exhibition in Frankfurt. In that year, a 25 kV transmission line, **approximately 175 kilometres long**, was built between Lauffen at the Neckar and Frankfurt.

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Aug 7 2006, 05:56 PM

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Posted by: Panama_Pete Aug 7 2006, 06:43 PM

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Discovering electric lines in Illinois isn't much of a "front page" story.

Electical power lines are such a typical and mundane part of the Illinois "rust belt" landscape that I doubt power companies would have "stories" about specific power poles. Illinois residents drive past thousands and thousands of power lines every day and I'm sure their minds just filter these lines out.

The combination of electric power lines and Illinois doesn't spell "miracle" in my book. To me, that's the same as the "miracle" of finding hamburgers at McDonald's or trees in the national forest.

I just wouldn't place too much "weight" on a story like this one.

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