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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ An Unauthorized History Of 3abn

Posted by: sister Apr 16 2006, 04:09 PM

Now that Linda is out of the picture, more of Danny's family are appearing on the air. Danny kind of lets everyone assume that they are all Seventh-day Adventists...

His brother Tommy was a minister in another denomination and was removed from his pulpit for conduct that is not acceptable from the Bible or man. And unless things have changed extremely recently, he is not a SDA.

His brother Kenny has also rejoined the fold. Long ago when 3ABN started the founders were Danny, Linda and Kenny. The three of them were once on the cover of the *Review* together. At that time Kenny had a lot more charisma on screen than Danny and when people would call in they often preferred to speak to Kenny rather than Danny. That was not Danny and Linda's plan, so a call went to the board telling about an affair that Kenny had had a while before, Kenny was removed from his position and no one was left in the way of Danny becoming the face, along with Linda, of 3ABN.

Meanwhile, Kenny left the West Frankfort church, where all the Sheltons attended services and switched to another church in the area in Herren. Kenny tried to build up his own ministry using the Herren church as his foundation, the name of his ministry was *Behold the Lamb*. He even started doing some TV programming of his own. Soon he started taking over the local church and going in a direction that was not in line with the Conference. At one point, when the local pastor arrived for the service, they asked him to leave. The pastor entered the building anyway and sat down on a chair. Under the leadership of Kenny they carried the Pastor out of the building. (The pastor, himself, described the incident to us.) After much attempted counseling with the Herren church, the entire church---lead by Kenny Shelton---was disfellowshipped. (others who were not in agreement had already left for other SDA churches in the area) These disfellowshipped members became the core of Kenny's ministry. A number of years later, Kenny and his wife divorced, but they did not want to lose the income from the ministry, so it was done very privately and they kept a good face in public for the congregation. This was just a few years ago. When the sheep found out how their shepard had pulled the wool over their eyes, they left him and the majority of them joined the West Frankfort SDA church.

Now that Linda is gone Tommy has the position of producer at 3ABN. Kenny has joined the band wagon as well.

Stay tuned for more of the story.

Posted by: Clay Apr 16 2006, 04:19 PM

wow.....

Posted by: missthg Apr 16 2006, 06:44 PM

sounds like some hot mess to me!

QUOTE(Clay @ Apr 16 2006, 02:19 PM)

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Posted by: sister Apr 16 2006, 06:50 PM

Another one of the Players: Molly Steenson

When Molly and Hal Steenson had their own ministry---oh, by the way, this story came from the lips of Molly in earlier times, I think the point was that you can always raise more money, even from people who really don't have anything to give---Molly had a desperate need to raise more money for a "special" ministry project, money was not coming as quickly as this special need had arisen. So, she was pounding the bushes, visiting the members, to encourage them to give more sacrificially. She was visiting in the home of one family and they really would like to help, but there just was not any extra cash to give at this time. So Molly ask them to get their checkbook, she then sat down with them, looked though it and told them where they could cut back on their expenses and write a check right then and there for the "special" ministry project. Using her best powers to persuade this family, she walked away with a check in her purse.

THE SPECIAL PROJECT: two new matching baby blue caddys for Hal and Molly, they were already on order and the cash was just not coming in fast enough, white folks like those big cars in the south. I do not believe that the folks in the congregation ever really knew what the "special" project was that they invested their hard earned cash in.

Is it possible that Molly tutored Danny in the fine art of raising funds, her special style of slight of hand? It sure looks like it. Only now the stakes are higher and instead of baby blue caddys it is a corporate jet. It would be a whole lot cheaper just to send Danny first class on a comerial jet, but he is far too important have to get to the airport two hours early to wait for check in. Strange, the President of the General Conference of SDA flys commercial airlines, as do the Division Personal, it is considered good stewardship of the Lord's money. Funny that Danny Shelton doesn't see it that way, he does claim to be a good old boy from the wrong side of the tracks, I sure his Daddy must have instructed him in the careful use of what the Lord had provided....

Molly's current position at 3ABN, since the demise of Linda: General Manager of 3ABN, member of the board of 3ABN, Danny's right hand. Her husband Hal Steenson is in the pastoral department.

Stay tuned for the next installment...

Posted by: Clay Apr 16 2006, 07:08 PM

yeah a hot mess for sure..... whew, peeking behind this curtain is certainly ummmmm enlightening....

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Apr 16 2006, 07:11 PM

QUOTE(misstgh @ Apr 16 2006, 08:44 PM)

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....a hot mess on toast....

Posted by: sister Apr 17 2006, 05:27 AM

We be like God...

Over the years there have been many accountants at 3ABN. Some of them SDAs, some not and some part of the Shelton clan. This is the story of one in the last group.

A number of years ago a cousin of Danny was running a retirement home in Michigan. He and Danny were not just related, but close friends. He left a very good job and returned to southern Illinois to help in the ministry. He was a good man and wanted to serve God. Well, as time went on he started seeing things that were just not right, so he approached Danny. On one of these occasions he brought up the issue of Danny buying horses using donations made to 3ABN. He told Danny that it just wasn't right, people had sent in their hard earned offerings to support the work of spreading the gospel and Danny was using it to buy something for his own pleasure. Linda's response to all this was that anything Danny said was right, even if he were wrong, we are like gods here. To make a long story short, the cousin/friend was fired---who needs an angel sitting on your shoulder pricking your conscience, it just gets in the way of following the little man on the other shoulder---and Danny continued buying horses and in the future, land to run them on... with ministry money.

Where did the cousin go? He went to work in Marion, Illinois for the Conference at the local SDA school, but that is a part of another piece of the story...

I know that Linda has been through a hot mess in the last few years, but she, too, is a part of this history, and the preceding shows just how your words can come around and bite you where you sit. She found out just how true her words would become years later, "anything Danny says is right, even if it is wrong", only this time she was on the receiving end. It is also a lesson in what happens when you cross Danny or get in the way of something he wants. Perhaps Linda just got in the way...

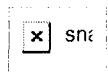
There was a very young girl, under 5, and when something of another member of the family went missing, they knew to go looking in her room. The assumption on her part was: what was her's was her's and what was everybody else's was her's. As an adult she has learned that life just isn't that way. Too bad that Danny never heard that story, because at the age of 54 he still believes that what is Danny's is Danny's and what is 3ABN's is Danny's. That kind of thinking can cause some real problems for a ministry.

Stay tuned for more from Danny Land.

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Apr 17 2006, 07:42 AM

Whut is done in de derk will come to de lights....

Umph!



Posted by: Zephyr Apr 17 2006, 08:45 AM

Sister thanks for providing tall this information. I consider it entirely appropriate considering that 3ABN is held out as a bona fide arm of the church. I am convinced that the SDA church will make scandalous headlines from its too close identification with Danny's business. I do not consider 3ABN a ministry but a family business with which Danny is entitled to do whatever he desires. My concern is for the church that is being dragged down with this mess.


Please continue to inform us because many SDA church members are not aware that what they see on screen is mostly smoke and mirrors.

Posted by: sister Apr 17 2006, 10:00 AM

Is Danny responsible for using donations for the purpose it was given?

The following was written by me and posted in another thread, but it really belongs here:

Sister, in your zest to get the message out about 3ABN, please do not double post. You had already posted this story in another thread on BSDA.

Sorry, Calvin. I will be more careful in the future.  oo

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=8572&st=225&#entry126720>

The first miracle of 3ABN

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=8572&st=195>

Posted by: sister Apr 17 2006, 05:18 PM

The 3ABN school and a professional quality basketball court for Danny

About five to six years ago, Danny suddenly saw the need for a school on the 3ABN grounds. The timing just happened to be the same as his grandchildren were ready to begin school. Over the years there have always been school aged children belonging to the families of the 3ABN workers and the need for the school had always been there. But now it appeared for Danny that the time was over ripe.

A simpler and less costly solution for the educational needs of his worker's children would have been to purchase a small bus and drive the children to the adventist school in Marion. But there was one problem with this solution. The principal, who was also one of the teachers in the school, was none other than the cousin who had formerly been an accountant at 3ABN, who Danny had fired years before. Now, Danny does not have the reputation of being a very forgiving man, if that were the case, he would probably still be married to Linda. So, this was not an option.

So, quick-quick, double-time, a teacher was hired and construction began on the building. The building was not ready in time to begin the first day of Danny's granddaughter's education, so until it was ready classes were held in the Thompsonville church, but it didn't matter, 3ABN owned that, too. (Actually there had never been any reason to start the Thompsonville church, there was a Conference church, served by the local district pastor, only 5 minutes down the road. But that is another story.)

The school had one teacher, one room with a accordion door that could divide it into 2 small rooms, a second room that had a kitchen in it and a very large gym with a very high ceiling. Like most building designed by Danny it resembled a barn. (In the part of southern Illinois where 3ABN is located there are not any building code requirements.)

Now comes an interesting part: THE GYM. In order to save costs a simple smooth floor was all that was needed. Well, this gym has the quality of professional basketball court flooring that would satisfy the Chicago Bulls. In the very least an overkill for a school with less than 12 young children. All the lines for basketball were in place and regulation backboards were installed. Danny had planned to put the 3ABN logo in the center, just like the pros have, but fortunately he was

talked out of it. One evening a week was basketball by invitation played with Danny. On Saturday nights after sundown it was open for gym night for the Thompsonville church. When the gym was new Danny used to just come over, pull away the construction crew who were working on the building from their jobs to have an impromptu basketball game with him. He would run them until they were sweaty and some of the middle-aged guys pretty worn out. It must be nice to be the boss, with playmates at your beckon call. By the time the game was finished it was time for the workers to go home.

Until the new worship center was built, the school was where the 3ABN campmeetings and the Conference campmeeting for southern Illinois was held. That was the reason for a 2-3 room school to have one room with a kitchen, vacant most of the rest of the year, except for campmeeting time.

Danny now had a fantastic new toy, a dream come true. But at what price and who footed the bill? Who needs more than fifty thousand dollars a year in salary, when all your dreams can come true, without you footing the bill?

And the story continues...

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This is DEEP!

Posted by: denisebyers Apr 17 2006, 09:36 PM

It sure is deep, isn't it?

Posted by: Zephyr Apr 17 2006, 09:58 PM

Sister girl if I wuz you I would publish a 3ABN Newsletter. This stuff trumps the NE....I would be the first to take out a subscription.

As I hinted it doesn't take a genius to figure out who you are or who you have access to. Keep telling the truth but just don't go too far. Don't make it sound like you have a personal stake in this.

Posted by: Clay Apr 18 2006, 01:05 AM

continue to speak the truth..... I have no idea who sister is, but the info is deep and probably needs to see the light of day....

Posted by: sister Apr 18 2006, 03:09 AM

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thanks, Zephyr. Who I am or who I have access to are not important. And as far as having a personal

stake in this, I have the same stake that every SDA has, to have the "Three Angels Message" go to every nation, tounge, tribe and people and then the end will come. My hope is in Jesus and that through faith in Him I will be able to stand in these last days of earth's history that lie before us.

How far am I going? Where ever the Lord takes me.

Over the years many people have had the same information that I have, but we have all remained silent, thinking that 3ABN was not strong enough to survive if the "real" story were told. No one wanted to see this "baby" thrown out with the filthy bath water. Then Danny Shelton proclaimed on the air that **3ABN was his baby and nobody was going to take it away from him**. Through all those years of silent witnessing of the events unfolding, Danny and Linda said that it was not about them, 3ABN belonged to GOD. As long as that was professed publicly, the witnesses remained silent giving the "baby" a chance to grow and be able to stand on it's own two feet. Now I see that baby walkin' and it is un-natural for a man to claim that it his and him thinkin' that he still has an ambilical cord attached between them. If the truth be known and there is an ambilical cord attached, it is the man stealing nourishment from the baby... surely this is not the natural order of life.

3ABN is GOD's baby and it is time that the *false parent and his attendants* let go and allow that baby the opportunity to reach it's full potential, to grow up into the fullness of manhood proclaiming the truth of salvation in Christ Jesus to "a lost and dying world".

Stay tuned as the "story of 3ABN" continues to unfold...

Posted by: Zephyr Apr 18 2006, 06:04 AM

As I said, please continue to enlighten us. This information is too important to hide --it might save the SDA church much embarassment in the near future...very near future. Sister you are a hero in my book.

Posted by: statrei Apr 18 2006, 06:08 AM

Let us not miss what is at the root of this. It is the belief that we have some Three Angels' Message to give to the world and that God develops mechanisms to do so. As long as we hold on to this self-centered view charlatans will take advantage. The fact is that we are all God's children but 3ABN is Danny Shelton's baby. People were duped because they believed it was God's baby. Well, it was not. It does not help us to expose one result of delusion only to remain prime targets for another.

Posted by: Clay Apr 18 2006, 01:33 PM

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truism.... the myth that will not die... the source of the problem.....

Posted by: silsbee_bee Apr 19 2006, 05:33 AM

The only place in the sda church that I know of where the concept of the 3 angels msg is not accepted and embraced is this msg board.

DB

Posted by: sonshineonme Jul 3 2006, 10:10 PM

Thanks Clay for taking the time to make these easier to read and get information for reference, etc. I love the chapters!

Posted by: PaperTigers Jul 3 2006, 10:36 PM

This is so much easier!!
Thank you for taking the time and making the effort!!

Posted by: Denny Jul 4 2006, 02:26 AM

Well done Clay for those of us not *really* interested we can start to avoid the topic like the plague-

Posted by: Clay Jul 4 2006, 05:57 PM

QUOTE(Denny @ Jul 4 2006, 02:26 AM)


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Posted by: laryfromGary Jul 23 2006, 01:38 PM

QUOTE(Clay @ Jul 4 2006, 05:57 PM)

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kind of like sin in that you know you should look away, but your curiosity always bring you back. 

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