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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ An Unauthorized History of 3ABN

Posted by: sister May 30 2006, 10:33 AM

"The Televangelist", Part 8...

"After his first wife died, the televangelist married a recently divorced young lady with two children: a girl and a boy. His new wife served as executive vice president of the ministry, and was in charge of production, programming, publishing, and radio. As her children grew into their teens, her son developed problems with violence and drugs. The televangelist told her that this was her son, not his. He said that he did not want the boy in his house, and that this situation would have to be dealt with by her alone. He would have nothing to do with the boy.

The child's situation worsened until a foreign doctor visited the ministry and said that he would be willing to take the boy back to his country and put him in rehab. The televangelist's wife took a friend of hers and went to visit her son in this overseas rehab for three days. While there, she was also with a very good friend who was retired from a lifetime of work in the Church. The gentleman had served as a pastor and conference official in many parts of the world for fifty years and was now working with the televangelist's ministry. His wife was suffering from cancer, and was undergoing treatment from the same physician who was treating the boy.

Upon returning home, the televangelist's wife walked into a nasty surprise. Her husband greeted her with an accusation of adultery with the doctor. He demanded that she cease all communication with him. Outraged, she at first ignored him. The situation escalated."

Reading the above extraction from "The Televangelist" I thought of the accusation of marital misconduct that has been charged against Linda Shelton — "Spiritual Adultery". Turning to the word of God, I sought the Biblical definition of wrongdoing pertaining to divorce and remarriage. Opening my Bible and turning to the book of Matthew I read the following in chapter 5, verse 12: *"But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."* What does "Spiritual Adultery" have to do with fornication? To be sure that I was not mistaken, reading on in Matthew 19: 8, 9, my suspicions were confirmed, it was not Linda who had committed adultery: *"He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality [fornication], and marries another woman commits adultery."*

According to scripture it is the husband, that has put away his wife for grounds other than fornication and remarried, that has committed adultery. Interesting... The Bible is positively clear upon this subject. There are no gray areas or shadows in which to hide. No mention made nor definition given of Spiritual Adultery in regard to divorce. So how has this strange fire made it's way into the temple of God? Or is it only applicable in the 3ABN Worship Center, where the high priest, John Lomacang presides over the 3ABN congregation of Danny Shelton. And if repeating the mantra *"Spiritual Adultery"* over and over again is intended to give all this foolishness credibility, then Dr. Walt Thompson must be Danny's personal guru.

Upon reviewing the letters written by Dr. Walt Thompson concerning Danny's actions in regard to divorcing Linda and his remarriage to Brandy, not once is the charge of fornication made against Linda. So why is the scarlet letter "A" pinned upon her? What makes her an adulteress in the eyes of God? Like the woman dragged through the streets and thrown down on the ground in front of Jesus, was Linda caught in the act of adultery? No. Then why has she been publically dragged through the mud and deposited by her accusers at the feet of the court of Adventist public

opinion: to be tried, convicted and branded as an adulteress without a shred of evidence?

The right to confront one's accusers is granted to every defendant charged with even the most heinous of crimes. Yet, through coercion, Linda was duped into relinquishing her rights to publicly exonerate herself against the fallacious charges made by her ex-husband and the chairman of his independent ministry board. With her options for employment going down the drain along side her reputation, what other choices were left to her but to take the money and run?

Danny has divorced Linda, remarried and presumably gone on with his life. Why then continue this vendetta against Linda? Why persevere in attempting to ruin her reputation, close any avenues for her to pursue her livelihood and discredit her word? **Is Danny so afraid of Linda? Why?**

Does God change His mind? For example does he raise up a new prophet and through him say, "Sorry, it seems I made a mistake. Fornication is not the only reason I am willing to accept for divorcing your wife. I have created a new category just for your situation: Spiritual Adultery. If your wife talks on the phone too long to a foreign doctor, who is not her husband, and perhaps you as her husband is already looking for a plan to put her away, this is now acceptable Biblical grounds for divorcing her." Convenient, yes! Consistent with the character of God as revealed through Scripture? Come on Danny, we didn't just fall off a turnip truck passing through T'ville yesterday.

In this strange tale of intrigue it appears that Danny has followed the example of the leadership and/or current prophet of the LDS church, taking this page from his book: the proclamations of the current prophet supersedes the Word of God. As the book of Mormon supplants the Bible as the rule of conduct, so the proclamations of Danny and the chairman of the 3ABN board usurp Biblical authority in regard to acceptable grounds for divorce. Are Danny and the chairman of his board standing on "Holy Ground" in their continued harassment and accusations against Linda or are they standing on dangerous ground in positioning Danny above the law of God?

Stayed tuned...

Posted by: beartrap May 30 2006, 11:09 AM

Just a quick clarification. It was not Polly's Place Network, but two Polly's Place shelters that have previously received funding from ASI. An application for an ASI grant this year was completed and turned down, but Polly's Place Network intends to apply for future grants from ASI and, in time, hopes to develop a good working relationship with them.

Although Danny, Dr. Thompson, John Lomacang, and others have set forth to block any ministry opportunities that Linda may pursue, this is a big world. The church is made up of many people, and even ASI (and other such organizations) consist of a number of people who are capable of thinking independently of the arm-twisting, and we pray that in all of these situations, the clearer heads will prevail in the end.

Posted by: Panama_Pete May 30 2006, 07:52 PM

QUOTE(sister @ May 30 2006, 07:38 PM)

I agree with you completely. But, it is unfortunate that they continue trying...

As Grandpa used to say, "If at first you don't succeed, stop what you're doing. There's usually a good reason."

Posted by: statrei May 30 2006, 08:09 PM

QUOTE(seeshell @ May 30 2006, 08:12 PM)

Then why do you remain Adventist?

Why do you ask that particular question, seeshell?

Posted by: sister May 30 2006, 08:43 PM

QUOTE(gracetoyou @ May 30 2006, 08:42 PM)

Just read sister's comment. **I agree that this is getting off the theme of this thread and should be moved to the theology forum.**

Thank you, gracetoyou!

Posted by: calvin May 30 2006, 08:55 PM

Done!
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<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=9416>

Posted by: sister May 30 2006, 09:58 PM

QUOTE(calvin @ May 30 2006, 09:55 PM)

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Thank you, Calvin!

Posted by: inga May 30 2006, 10:40 PM

QUOTE(Clay @ May 30 2006, 01:31 AM)

If Shelton has many of the church's leaders in his pocket, has serious influence in the church's decision making processes, has in effect compromised the church because of their partnership with him, and some even suggesting he is the face of adventism, then it's time to leave the building.

The jews continued their rituals thinking God was still in it and he had left the building.... How do we know that God has not left this (the sda church) building?

Clay, I think it may be time to leave the 3ABN building, but let's not equate 3ABN with the whole church!

Yes, Dan has some church leaders more or less "in his pocket," particularly in the NAD. Someone who owes his position to lots of exposure on 3ABN & Dan's pressuring is likely to support 3ABN, don't you think? However, this doesn't mean that such an individual or individuals know much about all the other misdeeds of the Shelton tribe (resisted using the word "gang").

Yes, Dan has "serious influence," largely because of his perceived influence on the Adventist membership through 3ABN & the exposure he can give through his network. However, I suspect that some of that "serious influence" has been slipping away rather dramatically since his remarriage a few days after his divorce from Linda was declared legal. It doesn't take an advanced degree to figure out that Dan wasn't exactly trying to hold his marriage together -- with Linda contesting the legality of the divorce & his lawyers fighting to have it declared legal.

While some of our folks in high positions may be subject to being unduly influenced, they aren't necessarily totally corrupt. They're human like you and like me. That has certain consequences. And some folks in very high positions in the GC are totally committed to God and to His last-day church on earth. They are some of the best.

While 3ABN may be "the face of Adventism" for many, that can change. The fact is that 3ABN is **not really** the face of Adventism; it is just perceived to be so by some. And Dan thinks that he represents Adventism. But I don't put much stock in Dan's thinking.

Ellen White once had a vision in which she saw the church as a ship heading towards an iceberg. The iceberg was symbolic of apostasy in her time, and the captain of the ship said to hit it dead on. It did, and the ship survived. She also foresaw that in the end time, the church would look like it would "go down," but it would stand in spite of appearances.

Looking at the relatively high profile of 3ABN and the sordid stories behind the scenes, I began to wonder if it might not be this 3ABN scandal that would make the church look like it was about to go down. But then that Washington Post article demonstrated how very easy it would be for God to deflect the scandal in such a way that the church would not suffer any more than necessary to sort out the bad apples. (While I don't think it's time to leave the building, I do think it's time for a house cleaning!)

I think that comparison to the Jews and their rituals fits the 3ABN situation quite well. I don't think it fits the church as a whole just now. Remember that the NAD is a relatively **small** portion of the church right now.

Things will happen in God's own timing. Things that were done in secret will be proclaimed for all the world to see/hear. It has happened before. It will happen again. Each individual involved will have to pray to be submissive to God's leading. Sometimes that means telling the truth, even though it is ugly. Other times it means being silent, even when silence is hard.

May God grant wisdom and strength to all who have had the misfortune to be under Dan's control

QUOTE(watchbird @ May 30 2006, 06:23 AM)

Now if you had used your metaphor to say that it is time to abandon the notion that the Shelton empire either represents God or is the "face of adventism", then we'd be in synch.

And if you would move on from that to urge us all to redirect our available funds back to the church itself and to let our leaders know that we want to support them in cutting all ties to the "Absolom in the gate" that Danny Shelton has turned out to be, THEN

Right on!!

Posted by: Clay May 31 2006, 05:14 AM

good points Inga... time will tell....

Posted by: Clay May 31 2006, 07:03 AM

the questions about home churches and what the Jews were in the grand scheme of things have been moved to their own thread...(in the theology section)

Posted by: sister May 31 2006, 04:43 PM

Danny and Pope John Paul II ...

Arrayed in all his pontifical glory, Pope John Paul II, with skill and craftiness, personified the Catholic Gospel for twenty-seven years. He became the face of Catholicism to the world in the latter part of the twentieth century until his death in 2005. Did this "Vicar of Christ" have infallibility in all matters concerning the Church as he, by Catholic profession, ruled in the stead of the Son of God on earth? Were his pronouncements accepted as the voice of God within the independent state of Vatican City and to his followers around the world? Was his seat of power holy ground? It is to the adherents of the Catholic Church. And finally, what do Pope John Paul II and Danny Shelton share in common? In what paradigm of reality do these two men stand adjacent, imbued with substitutable power?

The first law of the real estate business is location, location, location. For John Paul II the location was Vatican City. In this tiny sovereign state, only about 100.8 acres, he ruled supreme. And Danny Shelton? Again location, but unlike Vatican City State which is encapsulated within the city of Rome, Italy; the compound of 3ABN is located adjacent to the rural hamlet of Thompsonville in the backwoods of Southern Illinois. But it's land holdings are nearly double that of Vatican City. And the power that Danny wields within his independent ministry is equal in it's scope and self-professed infallibility as his Catholic counterpart the Pope: he depends on his word being above reproach and his actions unquestioned. Like the Protestants who questioned the authority of the Catholic Church in the middle ages, the employees that dare to question the propriety of Danny's actions are swiftly dealt with—not by burning at the stake, even southern Illinois is not that backward—but by other forms of disciplinary action. Actions that may continue long after they have permanently left the confines of 3ABN.

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tradition of his supreme apostolic authority. Danny's claim to infallibility comes from 3ABN tradition introduced by Mollie Steenson. When Danny installed Mollie in the position of his personal secretary, she immediately undertook the task of expanding upon the pronouncement she and Hal had made during an employee week of prayer a number of years before. She declared to both Danny and her fellow employees that God speaks to Danny and speaks through Danny to 3ABN. When ET Everett arrived on the scene, she enlarged upon Mollie's pronouncement, encouraging Danny in his belief that whatever thoughts and impressions he received regarding **anything** was the voice of God. Danny believed that God was showing him things in dreams and visions, and if you disagreed with him, in fact you were disagreeing with God himself, for Danny **is** the voice of God at 3ABN. Newcomer to the fold Shelly Quinn has perpetuated Mollie and ET's worship of Danny.

It is interesting to note the following: the tradition of 3ABN takes the infallibility of Danny a step beyond Papal infallibility, which does not signify that the Pope is specially exempt from accountability to sin, whereas Danny has laid claim to being relieved from answerability for certain sins "since God has given him such a great task to perform".

Danny's followers? It is opening night at the Spring 2006 3ABN Campmeeting... The floor director counts down the seconds 5...4...3...2...1...cue Danny and let the games begin. Poised and oozing with self-confidence Danny is truly in his element: from the well groomed hair implants on the top of his head to the fresh shine on his dress cowboy boots and a smile calculated to open the pocketbooks of the assembled followers, he picks up his microphone. Approaching center stage, Danny calls forth the faithful to testify of his greatness. Thrilled with being in the actual presence of this holy man of God— who has been called forth, a lowly carpenter himself just like Jesus, "to bring the three angels message to a lost and dying world"— the faithful line up to shake the hand of the man who stands on Holy Ground.

Like the faith healer in his traveling tent show, Danny parades a selected few of his target market, the elderly who have arrived in their Winnebagos prepared for a great show at the hands of their spiritual leader, up to the stage. After receiving the adoration of a wrinkled, white haired old soul, smiling sweetly at her he says, "Can I give you a hug?" As a blush creeps up upon her ancient countenance, microphone in one hand Danny's other arm encircles her shoulders. As he draws her close to his chest he gives her a slightly flirtatious smile and looking toward the audience he addresses his wife, "Brandy, is it alright if I hug this lady?" Giving Brandy's response, to the gentle laughter of the assembled crowd, he replies with a Cheshire Cat smile on his face, "Brandy says it's okay, go right ahead."

Just as the Pope stood high above the square in Vatican city, Danny now stands upon center stage in the Worship Center at the 3ABN compound. Thousands of the faithful, densely crowded in front of St. Peters Basilica, their gaze turned upon the balcony high above them, raise their voices in adoration as John Paul II waves to them. Eight satellites beam the image of Danny Shelton to television sets around the world, as the faithful tune in to see this holy man of God, the spiritual leader of the 3ABN Church. Raising their pens in adoration, tithes and offerings are willing sent in response to the solicitations of the man who represents the Seventh-day Adventist Church to his viewing congregation of millions.

As Pope John Paul II became the face of Catholicism to the world, it has been claimed that Danny Shelton has become the face of Adventism to the world. And both, when standing within their sovereign states, confidently believe they are "standing on Holy ground". The only difference is that Danny chooses to sing his verison.


Stay tuned...

Posted by: sonshineonme May 31 2006, 06:17 PM

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I had already put this comparison together some time back and it still disturbs me very much. People can't see the forest for the trees. The very thing that we have been warned to watch for, could it be so close that we can not see it? 

Posted by: gracetoyou May 31 2006, 07:34 PM

Do the Steensons, E.T. Everett and Shelly Quinn all have Pentecostal backgrounds? If so, is there some reason that they, rather than those of solid Adventist background, have been given such high and influential positions within 3ABN?

Posted by: CJO May 31 2006, 09:15 PM



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might be going out on a limb here, but, I want you to understand something - I know how you feel. I have been through what you are talking about myself. I came to the conclusion that truth was better or everyone, no matter how new they were, or how old they are, or how much 3abn is doing to bring people to God. God is the one using 3abn, not 3abn doing it. We are all tools and vessels of God's. God has many ways to accomplish the same thing, and HE will do it in HIS way. He wastes nothing - not even something like the corruption that is happening and has happened behind the scenes at 3abn or some time. I know Linda. I have talked to her alot about this. I know she loves the "ministry" that bring people to Jesus. But I don't think she would be willing to look the other way for the "good" that it may do. Like I said, God uses men, not the other way around. SO, while you are protecting your new babes in Christ, they also need to learn for themselves what their religion should mean; is it to worship a MAN or men, or God alone? We all will have to take the test at some point - it's a check that God uses to make sure we have our eyes squarely on Him, and not a human being. They humans will fail us, the sooner we realize that, the better off we are. The bottom line is, it's not about what the preacher or people tell us, it's about our personal and private relationship with a God we find and discover, who lead us to HIM through whatever means He chooses, and about nothing else. I understand your feelings, but think it through - do the ends really justify the means? Does God allow sin to go on to see if we also say and do nothing about it? I can think of countless bible stories where the test was to stand up and call it what it was. Even Jesus exposed the pharisees and sadducees, and I'm sure they had true believers among them, but those people needed to learn to see through the deceits and distractions of the devil. God will take care of each of His children, He was the one that brought them to Him in the first place.

One other thing I wanted to share with you - there was a HUGE effort to get 3abn in my area for over two years, about 4 years ago. We did everything, contacted the cable comp, wrote letters and postcards, went door to door and got signed petitions, everything that was asked of us in order to get the cable co. to promise a spot on the line up. It was a done deal. Then it crashed, new people, had to start over, we started over....did it all again, and it looked like it was going to happen. But it just wouldn't happen!! We all scratched our heads wondering "why isn't God letting this happen here!?!?".

Look back now and because of this whole mess that has since taken place at 3abn, I am THANKFUL it didn't happen!! We have a circle of people here that are not SDA's that we regularly associate with,

and have been witness' too through normal daily friendships for some time. I would have hated to have to deal with this whole mess of 3abn after all the talking to we did to people about what it was. So, I am thankful. There are many ways to look at this. The biggest thing to remember is what you said - God is in control and He will take care of things, and He uses us to do many things, and our job is to respond when He is calling us. I believe He has called people to speak up now about the 3abn situation, it's His timing that will carry things to pass. If we remember it's in His timing, then the things that take place will be as they should. This is only my opinion of course, but give this some more thought...keep the big picture in mind. God will take care of His children. It's on the individual level that people find Jesus and stay with Jesus. Not on the organized level.

Posted by: princessdi May 31 2006, 09:41 PM

I completely understand your fear, CJO. However, if the Holy Spirit has indeed convicted these souls, and they have entered into a relationship with God and not 3ABN or even the Adventist church there is nothing to fear. For it says in the Bible that God has not send us a spirit of fear. Pray for those new ones and pray that God will continue to bless, keep, and lead them. If they are in His care there is nothing to fear.

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
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I can see your fear for souls and at one time I had hoped that Danny was still sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and cared enough about people that he would repent and correct his attitude without outside intervention. But now, the most I can hope for is that people inside the church will see there is a problem and deal with it lest authorities outside the church step in and prosecute not for lack of humility but for illegal behavior. If he is not restrained in some way by the church or by the law, I fear that by his example he will lead many astray because of his smugness. That is a loss of souls too. There are people at 3abn and in the surrounding community who know what he is doing. Do we want our **doctrines** to become popular at the cost of ignoring open immorality and the misuse of power to destroy perceived enemies who will not bow? Is he another Haman? The forgotten commandment isn't the 4th one in this case, but the 7th, 8th and 9th.

Posted by: Panama_Pete May 31 2006, 11:29 PM

Actually, I've been exactly where you are now. I've spent time, money, and energy doing what I could to make 3ABN succeed. It has always been a joy for me to see someone quit smoking, or lose excess body weight, or find hope and healing, from seeing something on 3ABN. Unfortunately, the end doesn't **always** justify the means. It is wrong to work like the devil for the Lord.

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These are my thoughts, CJO

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

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
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And finally, many of us who were or are at 3ABN know the facts, we have been in the room, the hallway and sitting in a corner. When a man believes in his own infallibility and that he speaks as God within his realm, many of the actions that are "behind the scenes" to the viewers are an open "secret" within the ministry.

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Posted by: gracetoyou Jun 1 2006, 09:50 AM

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This brings up the greatest concern about this whole situation. Sin and false doctrine always go hand in hand. If the evil powers that be are allowed to continue to control 3ABN, then expect to see and hear false doctrine being presented. For instance, John Lomacang's series on Revelation (of which I saw only a part) presented a futurist interpretation of the 7 trumpets (Rev. 8,9). Both futurism (most of Revelation pertains to the future) and preterism (most of Revelation was fulfilled in the first or first few centuries A.D.) originated from Roman Catholic Jesuits (Ribera and Alcasar respectively) to counteract the Protestant historicist interpretation which identified the papacy as a major player (the beast) in the Christian era. Why is Lomacang presenting Catholic-inspired theology?

What a coup if Satan could hijack 3ABN, which many Adventists trust and have invested millions of dollars in, and use it as a vehicle to subtly introduce false teachings and deceive thousands. First, gain credibility by presenting kosher Adventism, then, once trust is established, drop in error here and there.

Deceive Danny and his listeners into thinking that he is a special recipient of God's word to the masses and that all his impressions are from God, place charismatics (the false tongues and false miracles of Pentecostalism are a form of spiritualism) in decision-making positions and get rid of anyone (Linda and others) who might protest - and the stage is set for some major deceptions in the future unless the 3ABN "temple" is cleansed.

This whole situation parallels the problems in Adventism 100 years ago when Dr. Kellogg, the respected leader of the Battle Creek Sanitarium (the face of Adventism to the world), tried to introduce pantheism into the church. Both the Sanitarium and the Review and Herald building (which was going to publish Kellogg's book) were burned to the ground. This crisis was the "iceberg" that Ellen White saw in her dream in which God told her to "meet it." The Adventist church survived, but Kellogg and many Adventists (including leaders) left the church. Lewis Walton's book Omega II is an excellent account of that period in Adventist history with application to today.

I'm grateful to people like sister, beartrap, watchbird, et al., who are doing what they can to resolve the leadership crisis at 3ABN before it develops into a situation in which souls may be deceived and lost.

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Posted by: Observer Jun 1 2006, 05:32 PM

Here is some additional on Polly's Place, and Linda, which was posted in another forum, by Mr. Matthews:

Dear _____:

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- > I believe in Linda Shelton's innocence of the allegations that have been
- > hurled against her. My concern however is this, if she were guilty of
- > what she is being accused of, who should reach out and help her, and
- > reclaim her for the Lord? How should we as a church provide healing and

- > safety for her? Where and to whom should she go for help? In His
- > time God will reveal the truth of Linda's innocence and then there
- > will be no doubt that He is in control. An individual, regardless of
- > his/her influence, wealth, or education is not as powerful as God.
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- > protect an institution rather than a person who is made in the image of
- > God. Individuals who stand by and see injustice being done to another
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- > who purport the injustice will have to give an account to God.
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- > is sin." James 4:17. God will vindicate Linda in His time, and in
- > His own way. When this happens His name will be glorified and it will be
- > obvious that He is the One who orchestrated and ordained it. Polly's
- > Place Network is seeking to glorify Him by helping to fulfill His
- > mission as He declares in Luke 4:18.
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- > In answer to your question, here are some ways in which your academy SDA
- > church can help Polly's Place Network: distribute our literature,
- > engage in fundraising activities for the Network, provide support for
- > abused individuals who might be in your church, and sponsor events that
- > will raise the awareness of abuse in our homes, schools, churches and
- > communities. Linda and I will be happy to participate in a
- > community awareness program that your church might sponsor. We are very
- > passionate about helping our hurting members find healing so that they
- > can break the intergenerational cycle of domestic violence and abuse in
- > its many forms. (As I travel I am amazed at how many individuals
- > dealing with domestic violence and abuse keep quiet because they are
- > too ashamed to talk about it. Or are fearful that they will not be
- > believed, or they might be ostracized from the church. But when someone
- > addresses it from the pulpit, they feel that they have permission to get
- > help.)
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- > So we provide ongoing education for pastors and church leaders. We have
- > a team of Christian professionals who put on these educational programs.
- > If you have the opportunity to share our information with your local
- > conference, we could conduct workshops for their pastors and church
- > leaders. The problem of domestic violence, sexual abuse, religious
- > abuse, etc. occurring in our homes, schools and churches is real.
- > Jesus Christ is real, and our profession of true Godliness must also be
- > real as we demonstrate practical help for the wounded.
- > >
- > > Thank you very much for your donation. We appreciate your willingness
- > to support this ministry. Most of all we solicit your prayers.
- > >
- > Polly's Place Network is a ministry that is governed by the Upper
- > Columbia Conference Corporation, but financially supported by
- > individuals like you who want to Help Empower Abused Lives. Our
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- > for Max Torkelson and the other administrators who have welcomed this
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- > You can contact me (509) 838-2761 if you have additional questions
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- > Sincererely,
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The same reason you get up to go to work, because you can...

QUOTE

Do you think you will be forgotten if you don't pipe up every so often?

Have never tried to be remembered...it's not as if anyone knows me on a personal level anyway...

QUOTE

If, as you claim, you are not even bothering to read this thread, why do you think it noteworthy to point that out every few days or so?

Only because the good Lord has given me the ability to spell using a keyboard...

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All it does is make your statement of how disinterested you are a lie; if you really had no interest in the thread you'd neither read it nor post in it... not even facetiously.

so you say

QUOTE

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new yawk son!!!Peace...

Posted by: awesumtenor Jun 1 2006, 09:39 PM

QUOTE(HUGGINS130 @ Jun 1 2006, 11:20 PM)

gotta get my 5000 post somehow...and until you come prevent me from typing in my own house on my own computer, at Calvin's BSDA site, neither you nor anyone else, can't prevent me from saying I am not interested...now whether you believe me to be a liar or not, it doesn't matter...to you I have nothing to prove...moving on...still lurking...and as far as me posting in this, I read what Darius said because it interested me, and it had nothing to do with 3abn other than the fact that some of these folks have said in times past that 3abn has been used by God to bring folks to the truth...God used a donkey!!!

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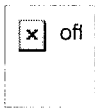
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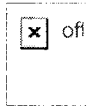
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Posted by: statrei Jun 2 2006, 12:25 PM

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Posted by: sister Jun 3 2006, 08:34 PM

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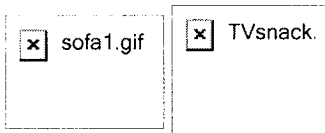
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As to the slogan, I agree with Panama Pete.

Posted by: HUGGINS130 Jun 4 2006, 10:50 PM



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
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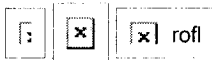
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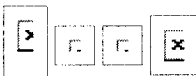
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This, after all, *is* America...

In His service,
Mr. J

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Posted by: Fran Jun 5 2006, 01:19 PM

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With Special Guests...
Linda Shelton
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Saturday, June 24, 2006

at
East Central Community Church,
1917 E. 2nd Avenue,
Spokane, WA 99220-3974
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If any of you are able to attend, feel free to do so.

NOTE: This is a SDA Church. [/quote]

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Posted by: summertime Jun 5 2006, 02:04 PM

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And if you read further, you will see that He was speaking of ceremonial rules and regulations which need not be carried out today, and He also mentioned that they won't make the slightest attempt to help the situations by changing the things that they did for show--They love to have people bow to them and call them Rabbi, but do not be caught up in their honors and titles. There is only One who is to be honored and that is God. Everyone else is just your brother. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Matt. 23:12

summertime

Posted by: summertime Jun 6 2006, 07:09 AM

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That does still not absolve them from continuing to believe Danny in the face of so many other voices which are raising questions and making such things public knowledge. One can only guess at what interior or exterior compulsions there must be to keep such persons acting like accomplices rather than taking things that they must be hearing seriously enough to at least investigate for themselves.

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Or was there no equipment involved at all and the whole thing was a concocted story?


Posted by: vonessa Jun 6 2006, 09:43 AM

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Vonessa, I too believe in the work that 3ABN has done in sending the message to the world. But I do not believe that this work has only been promoted by one man or one family--especially when they have knocked down others to climb upwards themselves. One thing that I object to,, if it is indeed true that the story of the 'first miracle' is a facade to cover what really happened, then I do not think that dishonesty and unfaithfulness is pleasing to God. Many times in the Bible we see that good has come out of the stories of people who have turned away from God, repented, and still had to suffer for the terrible wrongs that they did---Read the story of Sampson--he was to do a great work for God,--he was set aside as special by God before he was born, but he strayed--lust became his Master, and as a result he became a blind man who never finished the work that God had planned for him to do,--in the end he died with, what I understand, was the forgiveness of God---and he took many others with him.. But he paid for it dearly--how much better it would have been for him to stay truthful and faithful to God---what a wonderful work he could have done for God. When our leaders betray the hope that God has for their lives, in the end, they will do more harm for others than good. If any one of them offends, he/she will pay dearly for it in the end.

Posted by: sonshineonme Jun 6 2006, 12:01 PM

QUOTE(beartrap @ Jun 6 2006, 09:37 AM)

So money means God's blessing? If I have the freedom to engage in form of chicanery, create false miracles, and use these methods to raise money to create my own religious empire and I succeed, It is God's doing and not the result of my misleading salesmanship? As long as you are being told what you want to hear, see miracles where you want to see miracles, and can comfortably believe that "the truth" is being spread by way of falsehood, the perceived end, justifies any and all evils used to achieve that end? It is depressing to know that there are so many people who are so willing to believe that God's has to settle for snake oil, and that he has to use lies in order to accomplish his work. 

Well put Bear....I have been thinking about what Vonessa just said and what Inga said yesterday, really trying to keep open to the whys and whats and therefore, and I came back to the same thing; what looks like "blessings" doesn't mean it is of God. I couldn't think of a way to get it across, but you did it for me and I am glad you did. I think people need to open their eyes and SEE what is in front of them, stop trusting so easily because that's what they WANT to see, based on expectations because it's *our* "church" and we have the TRUTH, but be ready and willing to see it as it really is, otherwise, you are allowing yourself to be deceived, and these days, you really have to examine things more and more closely, (and hope you don't come out cynical at the end). He exposes things to us so we can EARN! Learn not only what is false and also how clever the ways of the devil, but because He loves us so much that He wants us not to be fooled and deceived either, and inch by inch He allows us to see things as to not overwhelm us with the true ugliness of sin at it's utmost worst - being done in *ESUS* NAME. I asked God the other day "how can you stand this? how can you stand people using *your* name, misrepresenting you so terribly and not be mad at your children for being so selfish and sniveling in *YOUR* NAME". Well, He didn't answer me directly, but knowing His love and character, He is slow to anger (and I am personally grateful for this part of His character) and He has the full picture always in mind. He does have it all in His control, but this never excuses us from calling it as it is and as it says in the bible, to declare "get the behind me SATAN". 

Posted by: caribbean sda Jun 6 2006, 12:33 PM

QUOTE(beartrap @ Jun 6 2006, 09:54 AM)

The "miracle" story is that Hal and Mollie Steenson donated one hundred thousand dollars worth of equipment.

I guess the old saying is true...if you repeat a falsehood long enough, soon enough you'll believe it and have others believing it as well. I've heard and seen that Steenson donation story so much that...well...let's just say, I don't believe it anymore...

Posted by: sister Jun 6 2006, 04:14 PM

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The Bible pronounces blessings upon those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake, for those who have had all manner of evil **falsely** testified about them for the sake of the advancement of the Gospel and they are promised great rewards in Heaven: *"Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you **falsely**, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you."* Matthew 5:10-12.

The preceding Scripture does not call those blessed and persecuted who persistently continue to sinfully soil themselves and have had their dirty laundry aired in public. It is not persecution when victims stand up and divulge the details of the injustice that has been inflicted upon them and name their abusers. Or when other unscrupulous actions are disclosed in the light of day. Reward? It would appear that ingenious schemers are capable of calculating their own rewards on earth and bestowing it upon themselves in this world — for no reward is laid up in Heaven for those who

have done all manner of things in God's name, yet upon whom He must turn his back and say, "I never knew you".

The greatest rewards of all? Living for eternity in the presence of God, walking and talking with Jesus and the fellowship of the faithful in Christ. Not jet planes, basketball courts, herds of horses or all the pleasures that ill gotten gains can provide: all these things will all pass away. And all that will remain is the character that has been developed in a man, woman or child through an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

Has Danny Shelton been persecuted for righteousness' sake? Has he been beaten for his faith, lost his livelihood or been convicted in a court of law for following the dictates of a Holy Spirit influenced conscience? Have falsehoods, calculated to stopping the spreading of the Gospel, been hurled at Danny? Has Danny been persecuted like the prophets that came before him? No, but many of his clandestine activities are being uncovered publicly and they have not been committed for the furtherance of the Gospel. Is it possible to work like the Devil to further the cause of God? Or when a person gets caught with his hand in the cookie jar, is that persecution?

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the 'crisis' no matter what he tries to convey to his "followers" at large. There is always a beginning to the end of a demise, and I'm afraid he's on the downhill route as we speak. The saying "what goes around comes around" seems to be more than a saying - it comes from planting seeds and reaping them - no matter what the seeds may be. Ye reap what ye do sew. I'm sure he has read this bible text too? All that needs to happen is repentance - accountability, honesty, humility....can it happen? Will it happen? Now, that would be a REAL miracle, wouldn't it. What frustrates me even more is how he will (attempt) to spin this and make it a "poor me" thing, just like when he kicked Linda out and made it appear as though she left him and we ought to all pray for her, that love is forever and I want her back...spin spin spin. Well, the spin stops here (as Bill Orielly would say).

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When we read in the New Testament of how God will turn away those who have done much in His name, but not in His strength and power, having no relationship with Him, it is sometimes difficult to understand how that can happen. The Televangelist is an example how a man can "*do things for God*", while not allowing the Holy Spirit to work through him. His mind and character take a continual downward spiral, exhibited in his actions and character development, while on the surface he appears to champion the cause of God. Can both salt water and sweet water come from the same

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Posted by: Johann Jun 8 2006, 06:20 AM

QUOTE(gracetoyou @ Jun 8 2006, 02:33 AM)

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
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
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Posted by: statrei Jun 8 2006, 10:48 AM

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I am very serious. Danny has all these conservative SDA's by the b**** because they have convinced themselves that he is the God's exclusive messenger for these last days. Don't cry because someone takes advantage of your gullibility. Get your theology straight and things get a little easier.

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Probably nothing **needs** to be said. But I do not agree with the implications of what Darius has said here nor what he has said along the same lines more explicitly elsewhere.

Did God lead in the establishment of 3ABN? I think that he did. That does not mean that I think that Danny was not lying from the beginning and that his goal from the beginning was not the same as it is now--to con people into thinking he was something other than what he is--a con man out looking for the fastest buck possible.

But God uses even "the wrath of men" to glorify his name. And 3ABN has done God and the church a real and valid service, even at the same time that Danny was stealing the church members blind and that his backers were using their power to manipulate the church. It is still a fact that through 3ABN honest persons and genuine Christians have been brought into contact with Christ and with the

Seventh-day Adventist church--and have been blessed in the process. For many it is their only contact with the Adventist church--or any church. For many, the only programs they watch are those that are Adventist produced, and what Danny says or does on his segments has no effect on them since they don't watch him anyhow.

There are very good reasons for the church to have a proprietary interest in 3ABN and to desire to have the evil swept away, have it come closer to the mainline church, and have it become what it has the potential of becoming--a supporting ministry of the Adventist church. Danny did not build the 3ABN audience on his own. The church itself has invested a great amount of influence, money, promotion, and utilization of it in order for it to become what it is. They have the right to want that investment to have continuing future returns. That portion of the church membership who have conscientiously supported through their financial giving--very often sacrificial financial giving--also has the right to claim a proprietary interest in not only the continuance of 3ABN, but the removal of evil, the rectifying of financial procedures, and the reclamation of as much of the stolen assets as is possible.

I realize that there are those who have such a poor opinion of the Adventist church that they rejoice with every revelation of wrongdoing since that justifies them in their denigration of the church. I am not one of those. While I recognize, probably better than the average person, just how many inconsistencies and injustices there are in the Adventist church organization, I still see those as problems that need correcting--not as evidences that the church itself is baaaaa-d and that we would all be better off just to relegate any affections we have for it to the nearest trash heap.

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Posted by: statrei Jun 8 2006, 06:24 PM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Jun 8 2006, 05:35 PM)

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Posted by: watchbird Jun 8 2006, 07:06 PM

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Paint does not a prison make.

As for a lifeline--as a matter of fact, I do indeed have a Lifeline.

So sorry if you don't.

Posted by: Clay Jun 8 2006, 07:11 PM

QUOTE(Johann @ Jun 8 2006, 04:07 PM)

Trouble is if this store is the only one of its kind in the area, and it has a popular product that everyone wants. Just like so many seem to think that only 3ABN has the ability to produce the right kind of proclamation of the Advent Message. Are you suggesting we inform around us that the true Gospel can use other vehicles of communication than 3ABN?

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Posted by: statrei Jun 8 2006, 07:36 PM

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It's difficult, if not impossible, to separate beliefs from the evidence so neatly. People who work with juries seem to know this.

Posted by: Clay Jun 9 2006, 02:27 AM

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Reminds me of this story.....

One day, a scorpion looked around at the mountain where he lived and decided that he wanted a change. So he set out on a journey through the forests and hills. He climbed over rocks and under vines and kept going until he reached a river.

The river was wide and swift, and the scorpion stopped to reconsider the situation. He couldn't see any way across. So he ran upriver and then checked downriver, all the while thinking that he might have to turn back.

Suddenly, he saw a frog sitting in the rushes by the bank of the stream on the other side of the river. He decided to ask the frog for help getting across the stream.

"Hellooo Mr. Frog!" called the scorpion across the water, "Would you be so kind as to give me a ride on your back across the river?"

"Well now, Mr. Scorpion! How do I know that if I try to help you, you won't try to kill me?" asked the frog hesitantly.

"Because," the scorpion replied, "If I try to kill you, then I would die too, for you see I cannot swim!"

Now this seemed to make sense to the frog. But he asked, "What about when I get close to the bank? You could still try to kill me and get back to the shore!"

"This is true," agreed the scorpion, "But then I wouldn't be able to get to the other side of the river!"

"Alright then...how do I know you wont just wait till we get to the other side and THEN kill me?" said the frog.

"Ahh...," crooned the scorpion, "Because you see, once you've taken me to the other side of this river, I will be so grateful for your help, that it would hardly be fair to reward you with death, now would it?!"

So the frog agreed to take the scorpion across the river. He swam over to the bank and settled himself near the mud to pick up his passenger. The scorpion crawled onto the frog's back, his sharp claws prickling into the frog's soft hide, and the frog slid into the river. The muddy water swirled around them, but the frog stayed near the surface so the scorpion would not drown. He kicked strongly through the first half of the stream, his flippers paddling wildly against the current.

Halfway across the river, the frog suddenly felt a sharp sting in his back and, out of the corner of his eye, saw the scorpion remove his stinger from the frog's back. A deadening numbness began to creep into his limbs.

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The scorpion shrugged, and did a little jig on the drownings frog's back.

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Posted by: summertime Jun 9 2006, 07:13 AM

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Posted by: Denny Jun 9 2006, 07:17 AM

QUOTE(summertime @ Jun 9 2006, 01:13 PM)

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It could be a mammal i.e dolphins

Posted by: Johann Jun 9 2006, 07:49 AM

QUOTE(Clay @ Jun 9 2006, 10:27 AM)

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Posted by: watchbird Jun 9 2006, 07:59 AM

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Ah yes, which was also my point in an earlier post, but which in itself is an extremely sad comment, for one would expect that one claiming to do the work of God would have been changed in character by his association with God.

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This, I think, illustrates well the difference between evil and sin. Some have kept remarking how we are all sinners, just some are a little "better" at sinning than others. But I would like to point out that we are not all evil. We are born sinners (however much our understanding of that phrase may differ), of the lineage of Adam, under the "life sentence" of knowing both good and evil. However, we are not born evil. We become evil only through long years of choosing evil rather than good (ie. choosing the

Evil One rather than the GOOD ONE).

And how do we tell the difference between evil and sin? I think your parable holds the key.

Sin is always self-centered and seeks its own good above that of others around them. One who sins does so from some benefit they get as the result of that sin. But evil is destructive for no other reason than that of destroying--even when its destructive acts destroys itself. We all have enough sin in us so we can understand the attraction of lust and money and power. But I trust that all of us have been "delivered from evil" at least to the extent that we find it incomprehensible and repulsive when we see acts of destruction of others' lives, marriages, characters, and reputations even then such acts bring no benefit to the one who is doing them.

Back to your parable with some questions:

In the parable the end happens. But in reality, is the end fixed? Or is there time yet to rescue the frog who was exhibiting his own inner good "nature" by his willingness to help the scorpion even in the face of known danger? At present the rushing waters swirl. The frog seems numbed. But neither the frog nor the scorpion have yet succumbed. Can the one be removed to meet his just end, and the other be revived?

As sister so often says, "Stay tuned". The final chapters of the story have not yet been written.

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QUOTE(Johann @ Jun 9 2006, 07:49 AM)

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well it seems to me that those here with a tragic story to tell/share must be the frog... like Mr. Shelton whose family had Capone shaking in his boots would have to be the scorpion...

Posted by: statrei Jun 9 2006, 09:40 AM

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Posted by: Clay Jul 4 2006, 06:53 PM

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Posted by: meadbd Jul 5 2006, 09:03 AM

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Posted by: watchbird Jul 5 2006, 09:30 AM

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QUOTE(Clay @ Jul 4 2006, 06:53 PM)

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I don't think there is a direct link between this and that. I think we have pretty well established that this conference president is on Danny's board because he is a Danny supporter and supporter and has family ties into 3ABN as well. Whether there is a provision in the charter for who is allowed to be Illinois Conference President to be on the 3ABN board--I don't know, but I kinda doubt it. I think that Danny is the one who handpicks his board members.

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What we **know** on this topic is that Danny has bragged about Garwin affecting the outcome of NAD presidential outcome, using the term "we" in describing that as a victory. We also know that Schneider has been a long-time supporter and admirer of 3ABN and supposedly of Danny Shelton since he is considered to "be" 3ABN. We also know that Danny has made overt attempts through the years (some successful and some not) to "buy" various persons who because of their positions of influence or reputations he saw as valuable to himself. We should not think in terms of a "deal" in which the persons being "bought" were aware that Danny was setting up this type of relationship with them. But whether or not they were aware of it, there are a great many persons in NAD and GC as well who consider it too dangerous to cross Danny -- including ways that include greatly lessening the dependency relationship that has been set up with 3ABN by utilizing their facilities for NAD programming. And then there are some that are still "true believers" in both Danny and 3ABN.

Where Schneider falls in that range of attitudes, I really do not know, beyond the fact that he has actively supported Danny through the years, and at last report still did so.

