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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ 3abn To Summarize....

Posted by: Clay May 6 2006, 08:12 PM

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Posted by: princessdi May 6 2006, 10:06 PM

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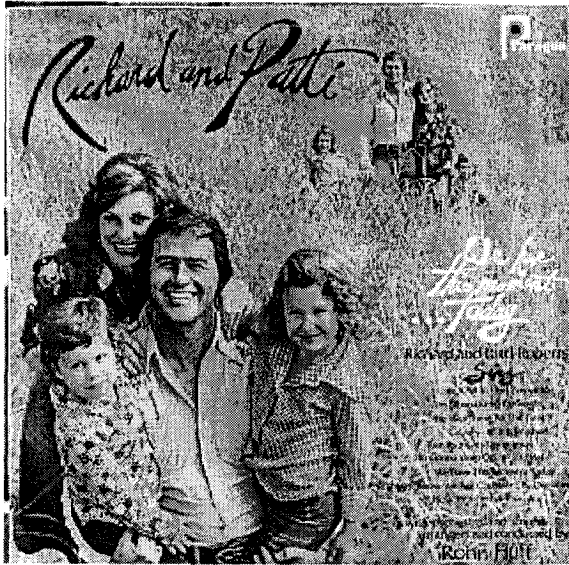
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
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If, by chance, you have come to the conclusion that you have heard the entire story, or even most of it, that would be very reasonable and understandable. I would actually agree with you, if that were the case.

However, Beartrap has implied in one of his postings - relating to a journalist who follows BSDA - that there might just be a **wee bit more** to this story.

I think it relates to the **reason** for the gag order. I think that you may discover, at a later date, that there was an actual reason for the gag order that goes beyond what you have heard.

Do you remember when it was said that Dr. Arild Abrahamson was threatened with an escort by the Franklin County sheriff when he was at the 3ABN compound at the 2004 campmeeting? He and his travelling companions were asked to leave? Do you remember when Linda or her friends said it was because Danny was afraid that they (in their own words) would "**spill the beans**" if they were allowed to stay?

Well, those beans have **not** been spilled, yet.

Posted by: Clay May 7 2006, 05:53 AM

If all you say is true... then in the words of Dolly Parton, "its time to tinkle or get off the potty..." If there are beans to spill, then they should have been spilled some time ago... if it is that significant then violate the gag order..... otherwise a reasonable person could assume that there is *nothing* except talk.... *nothing* provable....

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It may not be a crime in the eyes of those who exalt those vices as virtues. And it may not be a crime even in the eyes of the law of the nation. But it is a crime in the eyes of God. That should be enough for us to willingly do our part, however small or ineffective that may seem to us.

As far as to whether North American Adventism is the only one who cares: if we had ears into the inner offices of other Divisions around the world, we would find that not only do others care, but that they care enough to take actions in their Divisions to curtail the activities of 3ABN and its increasingly growing system of affiliates in their territories.

There are those who care. BSDA can help increase their number if it chooses.

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Ah, Clay, surely "you know not what you ask".

Be content to let the beans be served one portion at a time.

Let God direct the pace and the timing. It is not for us to know the times or the seasons or the details of what must come to pass before He executes judgement. Let us each just be content to do what we can so that when judgment comes people will be prepared to see that it is God's hand that is moving. Many, very many, are not to that place yet. If God were to act tomorrow, many would mourn the loss of a "man of God" rather than rejoice that an enemy of God had been destroyed, the oppressed been set free, and the righteous vindicated.

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Let's see now. Danny has a jet, horses, and big yellow house. As for the Linda gag order, this is a

routine business practice for fired executives, in return for a payout severance package, no story there, and this is old news anyway. All the other stuff can be dismissed as sour grapes by a few ex-employees.

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Not an issue, this story is not National Enquirer material.

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Miasma! Now, there's a fifty-cent word.

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In slightly smaller scale, the same dynamic applies to 3ABN. It's prime constituency is middle aged to elderly caucasian Adventists in the NAD, primarily in the continental US. The history lesson of PTL should not be lost on it; when the extent of the scandal became public, that ministry ceased to be because their core donors, which were the same demographic as 3ABN's, stopped donating and no amount of damage control and changes in management and policy were able to reverse that trend once it started.

This is what they are trying to prevent at 3ABN, even while continuing with the same or very similar excesses that plagued PTL.

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Posted by: awesumtenor May 8 2006, 07:12 AM

QUOTE(Clay @ May 8 2006, 12:52 AM)

maybe, maybe not.... Hezekiah is a nationally known figure.... is 3ABN nationally known to the extent that people who don't normally follow what is happening with the adventist church will show interest? I don't think so....

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Posted by: statrei May 8 2006, 09:32 AM

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Posted by: princessdi May 8 2006, 12:36 PM

Right, Darius, but then there again, the lines are blurred, if not nonexistent for some or most.

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

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
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
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
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
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
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Posted by: Clay May 18 2006, 10:38 AM


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Posted by: Jvat May 29 2006, 09:39 AM

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Posted by: Clay May 30 2006, 12:35 AM

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Posted by: Hersheys99 Jun 11 2006, 02:56 PM

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Book costs: \$15 on-site Monday, \$10 each for 10 or more books. The book will retail for \$15.99 and will be available at amazon.com or at the 3ABN Web site, www.3abn.org.

Yeah a real big discount if you buy it from them huh! Save a whole 99 cents. Think I'll just jump in my car & drive down there & get my copy. NOT!

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Walsh said she prayed at every turn, and at every turn, she met someone new, saw some new misery or need.

I'm sorry but for crying out loud they were hit by hurricanes of course there was going to be misery or need no matter what corner you went too! Unbelievable they are taking some one else's misery to make big \$\$\$\$. Bet they don't give the money from the proceeds of these books to those people they seen in need either to help them out.

Posted by: sister Jun 11 2006, 05:03 PM

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Oh, by the way, if Brenda was Linda's "best friend", what was Brenda's relationship with Danny?

Posted by: Johann Jun 11 2006, 10:07 PM

QUOTE(sister @ Jun 12 2006, 12:03 AM)

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I called Dr. Walt Thompson and asked him how the appearance of an evil spirit could bless 3ABN, but he seemed certain it was helping 3ABN!

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Posted by: Brother Sam Jun 12 2006, 06:05 AM

Is it true Brenda will say anything to get what she wants?

What about the long late nights that Danny and Brenda were supposedly working on 3ABN projects alone and together?

What kind of work were they doing?

Wasn't Brenda older than Linda?

Was she not young enough for Danny?

Posted by: watchbird Jun 12 2006, 07:25 AM

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First as to your comment about evil spirits, a little history.

I'm not sure of the beginning dates, but at least by the early 1960's, there came into the Pentecostal wing of Evangelicalism a preoccupation with demons that in turn brought in a "different" view of spiritual warfare than that presented in scripture. Of course the new view was, as one might expect, "supported" by the very texts that it distorted. This in turn was developed into very elaborate rituals or "casting out" the demons that this kind of "Spiritual Warfare" claimed was the immediate cause for everything that bothered anyone, from health problems to difficulty in overcoming sin. This was called "Deliverance Ministry". Of course, not everyone dared engage in Deliverance Ministry, for if one had any sin in their own lives that would give the demons the "right" to harrass that person. And not all who were pure of heart were given the "gift of exorcism" (as it was called by some). Thus it was that certain people in many denominations became known as "Deliverance Ministers" and books on the topics abounded in Pentecostal circles.

In the mid to late 1970's this concept of "Spiritual Warfare and Deliverance Ministry" was brought into the SDA church by a minister in Oregon. And very soon there were three main "Deliverance Ministries" in the SDA church which toured the country, giving seminars, holding "Deliverance sessions", and teaching others to handle the demons in their own lives in this standard Pentecostal manner as well as how to hold "Deliverance sessions" for the demon harrassed in their local churches.

Adventist church leaders were completely unprepared for this, and there was no help at all given to those in local congregations who were being invaded by these Deliverance Ministry people. Tapes of seminars were widely distributed and books were written based on the experiences these men were having in their "Deliverance" sessions.

Meanwhile, the GC formed a committee to study the phenomena. In 1983 they finished their study and made their report. But unfortunately they still did not understand the strength that it had across the country nor how much it involved not only the methods of Deliverance Ministry, but also the doctrines upon which it was built. So they stopped short of moving from reporting on the methodology to studying and reporting on the theology involved. With the result being that various parts of the theology has so permeated the Adventist church that it is doubtful they can ever be entirely removed. Following this report, the movement was somewhat hampered, but it continued working "underground" through the years since, and is now moving into the open once again.

An interesting sidelight to this is that the factions of Adventism that were most attracted to and most supportive of both the doctrines and the methodology were those of the conservative wing. That is not to say that all conservatives supported it. But it is to say that most of those who did support it were very conscientious, conservative Adventists, and that the older generations seemed more vulnerable than the younger ones.

If you are interested, you can learn about the methodology from the BRI paper, which is only available on-line at <http://sdanet.org/atissue/warfare/index.htm> There is also a paper there which discusses some of the theology involved.

Now, what does this have to do with Brenda, John Lomacang, Danny, and Linda? Take a look at the way the author of The Televangelist described that experience to which Johann alluded, and following that I'll have some more comments.

QUOTE

The televangelist's wife took a friend or hers and went to visit her son in this overseas rehab for three days. . . .

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.

Her best friend, who was temporarily staying in one of the ministry's apartments, called the compound church's head pastor one night and told him that her room was infested with demons. She said that these demons had removed her garment bag from the closet and thrown it to the floor, creating a tear in the fabric. The televangelist was summoned and they performed an exorcism. In the process, the televangelist told her that this case of demonic activity was the result of his wife's philandering ways.

Early the next morning, unaware of the night's activities, the televangelist's wife was awakened and ordered down to the living room. There she found her best friend and the pastor. Her friend burst into tears and cried "Please, for your own salvation you have to confess!" They pressed her for several hours. The televangelist told her that if she did not submit and confess, her marriage was over, and her days in ministry were at an end. She protested that there were witnesses, including the friend who was present, that she could not have had an affair with this doctor. She had never been alone with him.

Now I was not present at the "exorcism". But if this was a standard Pentecostal "exorcism", or even an Adventist variant of the standard one, the procedure involved 1) "binding" the demons so they could "speak only the truth, 2) giving the demons permission to use the vocal apparatus of the person being delivered" for the purpose of answering questions put to them by the "Deliverance Minister", 3) asking them what it is that gives them the right to harrass (or possess) this person, 4) taking notes of the answers, 5) demanding that the demons depart "in the name of Jesus".

There are some variants. The person being "delivered" may or may not be conscious of what words come from their mouths after the ordeal is over. If they have been unconscious through the ordeal, then the Deliverance Minister tells them what the demons said, and warns them that unless they cease the sins which gave the demon the right to harrass them, that they will come back with even more viciousness than before. If they are conscious throughout, they seem sure that the words coming from their mouths are not by their own volition, but that something is "speaking through them".

There is only one detail in the account as given in The Televangelist that does not correlate with the normal Deliverance Session practices. And that is the fact that the sins that were revealed were of someone other than the one who is being delivered. I have never heard of that before except in one instance where the person the Deliverance Ministers thought needed to be delivered would not cooperate with them so one of the Deliverance Team members themselves "stood in place" of the person they thought needed the deliverance. ("Standing in place of" meant that this person allowed the demons to speak through his/her mouth as they were commanded to reveal the things which gave them the "rights" to harrass the person being "delivered" in absentia.)

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Posted by: gracetoyou Jun 12 2006, 08:16 AM

Thank-you so much for your information on the spiritualistic aspects of this story. A former Southern Adventist University professor visiting my church a number of years ago told me that another former professor had been involved with the idea that if anyone had a sin or weakness, then that was due to a particular demon - a person with a weakness for cookies had a cookie demon, etc. I was appalled as she was a very intelligent woman.

I have listened to a tape by John Osborne that described and criticized deliverance ministries and also have read an excellent book, "The Battle for the Mind," by Lloyd and Leola Rosenvold which goes in depth into this subject and gives numerous case studies. One point that is made is that the process of "exorcising" the supposed demons actually causes the supposed victim to become possessed or at least harassed by demons. It puts demons in rather than taking them out. The authors point out that we should not talk with demons as is done by the deliverance ministries as communication with demons is spiritualism. Rather we should pray to God for Him to free anyone who is harassed by demonic powers.

Adventists who become involved in the deliverance ministry type of exorcism are unwittingly becoming involved in spiritualism. Now some significant pieces of this puzzle are falling into place.

Posted by: sister Jun 12 2006, 08:22 AM

If you consider the information from Watchbird, concerning Deliverance Ministries, I do not think this "demonic manifestation" has anything to do with Linda's behavior. This becomes quite apparent in the unfolding of events. Following the reasoning of the Deliverance Ministry the demons should have attacked Linda, not Brenda. If, in fact Linda were the sinful party. And following that line of reasoning to it's logical conclusion, the one who called forth the demon's

attention, through certain illicit behavior on her part would have had to have been Brenda, she was the one whom they attacked. So, there was no reason to suspect Linda of any wrong doing based upon the Deliverance Ministry theory. Brenda? Now that is another situation completely.

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Why should anyone believe Brenda's claim of demonic harassment? Or her interpretation of it's cause? There were no witnesses. And a small cut in a piece of luggage, as the only evidence? That takes a leap of faith and extrapolation greater than Linda and Brenda's flight across the Atlantic to Norway. Perhaps the smell of a skunk conspiracy is wafting through the air in T'ville and if it is instigated by a four-legged creature, than it appears that two of those legs are male and the other two female. And why would John Lomacang agree to participate in an exorcism? What is going on in the 3ABN Worship Center in T'ville?

I do not think that I would want my husband and my "best friend" spending so much time alone together, late at night, if I were having to take care of my dangerously ill child without the support of my husband... I rather doubt, under the circumstances, that Linda was aware of how often a red truck was seen parked outside Brenda's 3ABN apartment. While Linda was never alone with Nathan's doctor in Norway, Brenda and Danny were alone together many times late at night in T'ville.

Posted by: gracetoyou Jun 12 2006, 08:41 AM

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That freedom is both more valuable and more important than may be realized at this juncture.

In His service,
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Posted by: Panama_Pete Jun 12 2006, 12:58 PM

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

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Interesting that you bring up the phrase "independent fact finding committee". (And yes, your memory matches mine as to the members of that committee.) Just a few days ago I received a copy of a letter dated June 13, 2006, sent by Walt Thompson, chairman of the 3ABN board, to an inquirer about the history of the last 2 years at 3ABN. It was rather "interesting" to see how the original stories were embellished, and the contradictions to other's testimonies were strengthened.

But there was one change that I thought interesting. The phrase to describe the makeup of the committee has now been changed, and Thompson writes, "I and a small committee of the board had a number of sessions with Linda, encouraging her to break off the relationship that was ruining her home and putting a serious strain on the ministry." Which is a long way from being as was earlier claimed, "an independent fact finding committee"-- which one would expect to mean that they were out to determine whether Danny's accusations were correct or not. This does not seem to have even entered into their minds. Danny said it, they believed it, and their sole purpose was to convince Linda to "break off the relationship" which didn't exist in the first place.

And the "beat goes on"  b and on  b and on  b

Posted by: Clay Jul 5 2006, 07:53 AM

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We know different. And in time the whole world will know different. In the meantime it is difficult to wait patiently, though the difficulty is eased by doing what we can, no matter how little a role it may be. At the same time, the difficulty is increased by thinking of the things that have been lost that can

never be replaced.

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I say that they were looking for support of the allegations vs finding the facts based on one simple fact... most people tend to avoid confrontation or tense situations... so in this case is it easier to do the right thing or to appease Mr. Shelton.... I think appeasement was the option taken....

Posted by: lurker Jul 5 2006, 10:28 AM

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I think that if a person has a Ed.D in Early Childhood Education, that's what they have. They should be **accurate** in their descriptions of themselves, rather than play loose with the facts.

I realize both Ed.D and Ph.D degrees are doctorates, but does she want the general public to mistake her for a psychologist a la "Dr. Robert Hartley"?



Dr. Kay Kuzma claimed not to be clothed in the guise of a "counselor" when she approached Linda Shelton, but I can't prove that based on how Kay Kuzma describes her in the newspapers.

Posted by: Clay Jul 5 2006, 05:15 PM

Interesting points Pete... I think if we followed the money regarding the "counselors" we will probably find that they are all receiving money from Mr. Shelton....

The other point that concerned me before is this, if I tell my spouse I need counseling, and then proceed to take her to counselors of my choice, how successful will that be? NOT VERY..... its already biased.... Mr. Shelton taking Linda to counselors of his choice... gimme a break... thats akin to making her an offer she can't refuse....



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