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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ News Release From Amazing Facts---4-25-07

Posted by: summertime May 11 2007, 09:43 PM

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
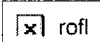
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I hear you Mo....I have said it before, and I will say it again (and maybe once or twice again someday) they underestimate the thinking sda. Guess they will have to learn the hard way.

I too have sent my tithe to other ministries (orphans too) that are sda that I KNOW are using it correctly. I feel ministry is ministry. Some would not agree, I'm sure. But that's ok. I don't mind if they don't agree. I haven't given too much to my local church, there are reasons for that, but, I have contributed to the "new building" fund a few times...fun seeing those little kids collect your dollar bills on their way up to the childrens story and put it all in the little glass (see thru) model of a church...symbolic, isn't it?

Posted by: summertime May 12 2007, 08:30 AM

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agree...the merger announcement without any clarification is very troubling and just raises more questions or me and many supporters. The lawsuit is another issue...how can DB support a move like that....suing fellow Christians and keeping those who are being sued muzzled? My contributions are also going locally and to the needy...places where I can see how they are being used for the Gospel.

Posted by: Noahswife May 24 2007, 10:08 AM

I have been asked to post a series of email exchanges between an inquiring mind here at BSDA and James Pedersen who is president of the Northern California Conference. I am doing this with the emailed permission of both parties to the exchange. I will post the exchanges edited only to avoid disclosing any bsda member identities.

To: jpedersen@ncc.adventist.org
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2007 2:53 PM
Subject: Re: Amazing Facts

Dear Jim,

Thank you for taking my call this afternoon and providing me with the information about Amazing Facts and their relationship with the conference.

I am not certain that I got everything straight so I thought I would email you to verify.

What I understand from you is that Amazing Facts is:

1. A part of the NCC, but actually "under the umbrella" of the conference.
2. The NCC oversees the ministry
2. Amazing Facts has their own separate Board of Directors
3. The NCC provides credentials to Amazing Facts
4. The NCC provides certificates for Amazing Facts
5. When Amazing Facts merges with 3abn, they will no longer be under the NCC umbrella. That relationship will cease.

Is this information correct? Please correct me if I am wrong.

One further question I would like to ask is, does the NCC provide financial support for Amazing Facts?

From: Jim Pedersen
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2007 4:25 PM
Subject: Re: Amazing Facts

Hi, nice to chat with you. Let me respond with some clarifications to the AF questions you raise.

Amazing Facts is listed in the NAD Yearbook under the Northern California Conference. That makes them an official SDA entity, with ties to NCC — "under the umbrella" of NCC.

Amazing Facts has its own separate board of directors. Thus, the NCC does not directly oversee the ministry. As NCC President, I chair the AF board, as per the AF Bylaws. However, the constituency of AF is technically made up of a majority of NCC members.

As a SDA entity, AF leaders and evangelists are entitled to receive SDA credentials. Currently, those

credentials are issued by the Pacific Union Conference, not NCC.
I'm not sure what "certificates" you make reference to. Please clarify.
If AF and 3ABN actually merge, there would be a new constituency and a new board, which would take them out from under the umbrella of the NCC, as I understand it.
There is no direct financial support from NCC to AF. They handle their own payroll, raise their own funds, etc.

I hope this helps. Feel free to contact me again as needed.

Best wishes,

Jim

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Posted by: IMM May 24 2007, 10:33 AM

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Posted by: Noahswife May 24 2007, 11:03 AM

QUOTE(IMM @ May 24 2007, 12:33 PM) □

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To: Jim Pedersen
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2007 6:19 AM
Subject: Re: Amazing Facts

Good morning Jim,

You mentioned that the constituency of AF is "made up of a majority of NCC members". I was wondering who this constituency is. Are they representatives of other ministries, NCC churches, SDA business people, NCC leadership, or?

Has this constituency already approved the proposed merger between AF and 3abn?

Will you still be a board member if AF and 3abn actually merge?

I have been blessed by the ministry of Doug Batchelor and Amazing Facts for years but know little about the actual organization. I and many others are watching this merger news with great interest (and lots of questions).

Have a Blessed Sabbath

From: Jim Pedersen

Sent: Friday, April 27, 2007 6:55 AM
Subject: Re: Amazing Facts

Hello, here are the brief answers.

1. The AF constituency is made up of the AF Board, the NCC Executive Committee, a specified number of pastors and laypeople from NCC, some representatives from the Pacific Union Conference, and a designated number of other people that AF & NCC choose. The majority of these individuals are from NCC.
2. The AF constituency has not yet been convened to approve this proposed merger. I believe that would happen when all the pieces are in place.
3. I do not know if I will still be a member of the newly formed board.

I hope this helps.

Best wishes,
Jim Pedersen

Posted by: Noahswife May 24 2007, 03:01 PM

To: Jim Pedersen
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2007 7:35 AM
Subject: Another Question

Hi Jim,

I meant to ask you this in my last email but it slipped my mind.

Are you familiar with an online publication called Adventist Today? I am not familiar with their views or reputation so I really don't know if what they report is accurate news or not. As a Seventh-day Adventist leader, do you have an opinion about their credibility?

The reason for my question is that an acquaintance recently sent me an email story by Adventist Today that reported numerous shocking details and allegations against some of the leadership of 3abn. Have you read the story? I don't have it in my Inbox any longer but could probably get another copy from my acquaintance if you have not seen it.

It would be very helpful to know your perspective on Adventist Today so I could know what to do with the information contained in that article.

Sent: Friday, April 27, 2007 5:23 PM
Subject: Re: Another Question

Hi,

In addition to the official SDA publications (i.e., Adventist Review, Signs of the Times, etc.), there are a number of private SDA publications, each representing a particular viewpoint about the church. One such publication is Adventists Affirm (www.adventisaffirm.org) which represents more of the conservative view of the SDA church. Another one is Adventist Today (www.atoday.com) which represents more of the progressive view of the church. Both of them have valid information, however they will both tend to filter their information through their particular viewpoint.

As president, I'm on the mailing list for both of these publications and I glance at them from time to time. Each of them has helpful information. And I believe they both endeavor to be as accurate as possible in any information that they disseminate.

I hope this is of help.

Best wishes,
Jim Pedersen

To: Jim Pedersen
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2007 2:26 AM
Subject: Re: Amazing Facts 3abn merger

Dear Jim,

Thank you so much for your perspective on Adventist Today. I had not heard of Adventist Affirm but went to their website and saw an article by David Asscherick in the current issue of their publication. I really enjoy watching David's sermons and series and guess I didn't know he was considered a conservative. I have also been so blessed by ministers who are likely considered fairly liberal. I suppose that puts me into the category of being a moderately liberal Seventh-day Adventist Christian with both progressive and conservative overtones who enjoys hearing messages of truth and the good news of salvation no matter where on the political spectrum the particular vessel of the Lord's Word is standing. I couldn't resist that. It is my opinion that each of us needs to listen for the message and blessing the Holy Spirit has in store for us anytime one of God's ordained opens His Word. I find it such a shame when we get distracted by minutia and miss the meal.

I was most pleased to learn that you are the chair of the Amazing Facts board of directors, for that means that you are most likely the best person for me to approach for answers about some concerns that I have. Late in 2006 a local friend who personally knows both Danny and Linda Shelton, the co-founders of 3abn, shared with me some troubling information that she was told about two of the Shelton brothers, Tommy and Danny. To that date I had made it a point to stay completely away from any public speculation about issues involving the Shelton's divorce or problems concerning 3abn. I have been so blessed by many of the programs they have aired over recent years. However, considering the vehement manner in which my friend relayed specific allegations of sexual abuse by both Tommy and Danny Shelton, first to my adult daughter who was just becoming connected to our church body, and then to me, I decided to do some research in an attempt to disprove the claims she was making.

I began reading through material on a forum that she had referred me to, BlackSDA.com, carefully attempting to verify or refute each claim that I found. My friend forwarded emails to me that she had received from Gailon Arthur Joy that contained dialogues between himself and several of the leadership of 3abn. While I was not pleased with some of Mr. Joy's investigative tactics, I have to admit that the emails further raised specific concerns in the area of allegations of sexual misconduct by Tommy Shelton and the appearance that Danny had attempted to cover up the behavior by various means when Gailon's emails introduced the infamous May 2003 "Dryden Letter" sent to the 3abn board chairman, Walt Thompson, MD.

1. The Glenn Dryden letter sent to Walt Thompson, MD May 14, 2003
<http://www.save3abn.com/glenn-dryden-to-walt-thompson-may-2003.htm>

2. 3abn attorney, Mike Riva's, letter of response to Glenn Dryden, June 13, 2003
<http://www.save3abn.com/mike-riva-to-glenn-dryden-june-2003.htm>

3. Glenn Dryden's reply, June 20, 2003
<http://www.save3abn.com/glenn-drydens-reply-to-mike-riva-june-2003.htm>

4. Glenn Dryden announces that there are three instances of misconduct in Dunne Loring, VA, one who was a minor at the time, December 3, 2006
<http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-new-12-2006-va-allegations.htm>

5. Mike Riva sends another threatening letter, January 5, 2007
<http://www.save3abn.com/mike-riva-to-dunn-loring-cog-january-2007.htm>

This concern became even greater when another investigator, Bob Pickle, began posting signed statements from alleged victims of pastoral sexual abuse:

1. Roger Clem's letter to Tommy Shelton regarding his alleged abuse in 1988 at age 16, written approx. 2004

<http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-victim-roger-clem.htm> - or -

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=11633&view=findpost&p=162245>

2. Brad Dunning, now a pentacostal minister, made this statement on January 4, 2007

<http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-victim-brad-dunning.htm> - or -

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=11955&view=findpost&p=167570>

3. Scott Clem, brother of one alleged victim and one admitted victim of pastoral sexual abuse, made this statement on January 7, 2007

<http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-victims-family-scott-clem-response.htm> - or -

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=11955&view=findpost&p=168297>

Then, an email confession written by Tommy Shelton and a statement by the victim, Duane Clem, was posted on www.save3abn.com:

Tommy's email confession to Duane Clem in 2005 was posted on January 8, 2007

<http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-confession.htm>

Duane Clem's statements posted on [save3abn](http://www.save3abn.com) in late January, 2007:

1. Duane's initial shock to things posted on the internet, December 29, 2006

<http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-victim-duane-clem-background.htm>

2. His apology to Gailon Joy and Bob Pickle, January 2, 2007

<http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-victim-duane-clem-apology.htm>

3. Duane Clem's statement concerning his abuse by Tommy Shelton, January 20, 2007

<http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-victim-duane-clem-statement.htm>

After hiding, for around 20 years, the abuse at the hands of the pastor his whole family loved and respected, when Duane Clem finally came forward and publically admitted his victimization, he truly started on a journey. It has been a privilege to surround that young man with love and support through discussion on [BlackSDA.com](http://www.BlackSDA.com) as well as [ChristianForums.com](http://www.ChristianForums.com) where he is standing up for the other alleged victims as well as himself as several people attempt to discredit all of them. It has been a joy to watch him truly begin to come out of his own denial and start to heal.

On February 4, 2007, Sherry Avery submitted a signed statement of an incident she observed first-hand between Tommy Shelton and a young man, as well as the reaction of many individuals once she spoke to some about the incident.

<http://www.save3abn.com/tommy-shelton-victims-eyewitness-sherry-avery-1.htm>

Then, shortly after all of these testimonies were posted, *Adventist Today* published the article about Tommy Shelton's retirement from 3abn and the report of many allegations of sexual abuse.

<http://www.atoday.com/email/2007/02/12/>

Combining the email confession by Tommy Shelton with all of these signed statements and the *AToday* article, a very compelling case is made that Duane Clem is not the only victim of pastoral sexual abuse and that there is a strong possibility that Danny Shelton has attempted to cover up his brother's behavior with minimization of his actions and intimidation of both the alleged victims and those attempting to expose the truth. What it shows me is that there is enough evidence to warrant a thorough investigation of these matters to confirm or rebut the claims, and then take the appropriate steps to put these matters to rest.

What does this have to do with you as the chairman of the Amazing Facts board of directors? Since news of the possible merger came out on April 19, many have wondered what Doug Batchelor's position is on the allegations. It was extremely troubling to me to read the forum responses from one man who claim to know Doug personally:

On 4/20/2007 at 4:07PM PDT, steffan said: ?I am sorry, I had to post here after hearing all that is being said here. It is too funny not to.? Doug and Danny had a meeting Thursday at 4pm central time with all of the 3abn employees. They were told that this merge would not change any of their positions, work schedules or anything else. Doug made a point to say that he intends to keep his church in Sacramento

and still run amazing facts and WOULD NOT have any say in day to day 3abn operations just as Danny will have no say in day to day operations of AF. Except for a merger of the boards and Danny and Doug taking more time to evangelize, most everything will remain as is. Doug and Danny, AF & 3abn will remain 2000 miles apart and will continue business as usual with Danny over 3abn and Doug over AF.? So, all this business of Doug cleaning house or that he doesn't realize what he has gotten himself into is absolutely a huge laugh. He had 20 or so highly respected people on his board advising him as well as Danny's board advising him. AF and 3ABN has worked together closely for years. That is the reason the AF people are not worried about allegations. They know they are false and shrug off the people behind it. To say that Danny was running scared as stated above is, again, crazy. If he was running scared he would have resigned, not expanded, and remained in charge of 3abn.?Not hard people, get a grip. As much as you hate to face it, that is the truth of it. As much as you want to read stuff into it, you can't. It is all good.?http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index...dpost&p=192236??

On 4/20/2007 at 7:31PM PDT, PeacefullyBewildered said:Your statement that I have bolded above causes me some concerns. Do you have first hand knowledge from Doug Batchelor and his AF team that they are not worried about allegations and that they know they are false and shrug off the people behind it? Are these statements you have heard for yourself??PB?
http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index...dpost&p=192255?

On 4/20/2007 at 7:57PM PDT, steffan said:And Yes PB. I did get it firsthand that Doug could care less about the allegations on the internet. Just ask Gailon if Doug would take his call today.?
http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index...dpost&p=192262

4/22/07 at 6:50AM, PDT, steffanphilip said:
I do not need to be told about what Doug thinks. I specifically said, "I know Doug."?
http://www.christianforums.com/showthread.php?p=34143302#post34143302??

What I would appreciate learning from you is whether or not Doug and Amazing Facts truly do shrug off the allegations that have been raised. Are Doug and Amazing Facts 100% certain that the signed statements and documentation on www.save3abn.com are not true? A merger between 3abn and Amazing Facts could certainly make for a powerful evangelistic force but would it not be prudent to make be sure that all is right behind the scenes at 3abn before finalizing those plans?

Jim, I know this is a lot of information to present you with. I have remained involved with this endeavor only because I believe that the Lord has placed a burden on my heart to see sin exposed and victims, both admitted and alleged, ministered to properly. I have not taken this lightly. I have prayed and sought advice from both the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy and found clear counsel of our duty to reprove sin and the consequences if we neglect to do so.

"The prejudice which has arisen against us because we have reprovved the wrongs that God has shown me existed, and the cry that has been raised of harshness and severity, are unjust. God bids us speak, and we will not be silent. If wrongs are apparent among His people, and if the servants of God pass on indifferent to them, they virtually sustain and justify the sinner, and are alike guilty and will just as surely receive the displeasure of God; for they will be made responsible for the sins of the guilty. In vision I have been pointed to many instances where the displeasure of God has been incurred by a neglect on the part of His servants to deal with the wrongs and sins existing among them. Those who have excused these wrongs have been thought by the people to be very amiable and lovely in disposition, simply because they shunned to discharge a plain Scriptural duty. The task was not agreeable to their feelings; therefore they avoided it. {3T 265.2}"

Beware lest you deal harshly with those who you think have made mistakes, while others, more guilty and more deserving of reproof, who should be severely rebuked for their unChristlike conduct, are sustained and treated as friends."--RH Mar. 12, 1895.

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Hello, it will take me a while to review all of this and get an answer back to you. I've got a really busy week, so it may take me until next week to get back to you on it, in order to give you a rational response. I hope that is ok with you. I'll try to get to it as soon as possible.

Best wishes,
Jim Pedersen

From: Jim Pedersen
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2007 10:38 AM
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Hello, I have finally had the time to take a look at the material you've sent. It is obvious that there have been several issues behind the scenes at 3ABN, some going back a number of years. My response to you will be rather short, compared with the amount of information that you shared with me. That is not intended to dismiss anything you have shared, but just due to the nature of the on-going discussions, as well as my own lack of knowledge of many of the specific issues involved.

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Best wishes,
Jim

To: Jim Pedersen
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2007 11:06 AM
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Dear Jim,

Thank you for taking the time to address these concerns. It is reassuring to hear that there are AF Board members who have questions and concerns and don't want AF to be tarnished in the process of the merger. To hear that AF does not want to be blind to anything is also most reassuring!

I am very pleased that you affirm the validity of the concerns I have presented and that you will attempt to appropriately represent them to the AF Board. I join with numerous individuals who are and will continue to

be pray that God will direct the Amazing Facts Board of Directors and Doug Batchelor during this process.

If there is anything that I could do to further help in this area, such as put you in touch with folks close to the situation, I would be most willing to do so. Just let me know.

To: Jim Pedersen
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2007 10:44 AM
Subject: It's a small world after all

Dear Jim,

Regarding the AF/3abn merger, your input has been so helpful in answering questions that I have had. I am wondering if you would mind if I would pass the information along to various friends with similar questions and concerns? I believe that sharing the information would put a lot of their speculation and concern to rest.

As I'm sure you are aware, there are many interested parties watching this proposed merger. I, and numerous others, would feel far more comfortable if the new Amazing Facts/3abn ministry were to operate under the umbrella of either the General Conference or the North American Division as Amazing Facts has with the Northern California Conference. In my humble opinion, the oversight that such a relationship would provide would be beneficial to both the merged ministries and our denomination.

Posted by: Noahswife May 24 2007, 03:33 PM

From: Jim Pedersen
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2007 8:39 AM
Subject: Re: It's a small world after all

I don't believe anything I've shared with you is confidential in nature. Of course, there's always a little nervousness in being quoted far and wide! But if some of the answers can help others in their understanding of this process, then I guess I'm ok with your sharing it.

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All the best,
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Posted by: SoulEspresso May 24 2007, 04:11 PM

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 24 2007, 05:36 PM

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On 4/20/2007 at 7:31PM PDT, PeacefullyBewildered said: Your statement that I have bolded above causes me some concerns. Do you have first hand knowledge from Doug Batchelor and his AF team that they are not worried about allegations and that they know they are false and shrug off the people behind it? Are these statements you have heard for yourself??

PB<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index...dpost&p=192255?>

On 4/20/2007 at 7:57PM PDT, steffan said: And Yes PB. I did get it firsthand that Doug could care less about the allegations on the internet. Just ask Gailon if Doug would take his call today. <http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index...dpost&p=192262>

4/22/07 at 6:50AM, PDT, steffanphilip said:

I do not need to be told about what Doug thinks. I specifically said, "I know Doug."

<http://www.christianforums.com/showthread.php?p=34143302#post34143302??>

And now Jim, who certainly knows Doug and the AF Board, states the following:

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MO, he is quite clearly saying that the concerns that were raised have not been dismissed. These statements should give all of us hope that as far as the Amazing Facts Board of Directors is concerned they are proceeding with eyes wide open in an attitude of prayerfulness!

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Posted by: mozart May 25 2007, 12:26 AM

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Maggie

Posted by: IMM May 25 2007, 08:28 AM

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Somehow, I don't think he wanted anyone to think about other possibilities donations might be down. I suppose you could say if some were not able to watch it, it might have dropped a bit, but if you have been faithfully giving, and suddenly the ministry you have been giving too is swept away from the channel you watch it on, but you are still receiving those magazines and "donation" envelopes, I don't think it's really out of mind at all...but, ds didn't bother telling you that he makes sure to remind people he is still there and still needs money. He just isn't one to say "oh well".

Posted by: LaurencED May 25 2007, 11:05 AM

Maggie...have you noticed the big push for "monthly" regular donations in the last few months? I hear it a lot, from a lot of different people on 3abn. It's come down to this: \$5, \$10, \$50...*whatever you have*. *These are the last days....* (over and over and over and over). I'm kinda getting tired of it.


In the beginning, I think they started out with good intentions, and had the right spirit, I just don't think they realized how successful the donation/wills/trust agreements could ever become. The temptation may have just become too great. Tying donations in with a TV ministry, and appeals built on a

conservative foundation of the last days....almost stealing the light from the regular church system of ministering, and right in the face of older, richer, conservative SDA's that are retired and watching TV all day. Mix in a little music (as the organ plays softly now), and add a little WW bread cooking programs, and you've got quite a combination. And, stardom will (may?) keep the players loyal.

The church has a system of responsibility with money, but in the hands of an independent _____, red flags begin to fly everywhere. Even a marriage can fall apart. And recovery can often become so dismal, like one step forward, two steps back...repositioning for a better hold.


Clay, looking on, *we all* understand what all was meant when Christ separated himself, and his disciples, from the mammon of unrighteousness. But, when you're a *receiving participant*, you can rationalize it away so easy...a thousand ways. Money. It can do away with so many inconveniences, yet build such huge problems.

Posted by: Rosyroi May 25 2007, 11:26 AM


I wasn't in front of the tv screen during the opening campmeeting and have not had the chance to watch it ever since for one reason or another so the remarks above have been very enlightning. Thank you family 

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Posted by: caribbean sda May 25 2007, 12:00 PM

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Yeah...I thought it was a done deal...but as the old people say, "there's probably more in the mortar than the pestle." 

After all the fanfare, prophecies, dreams and visions, there is now an aura of uncertainty...

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When things are iffy, you always shape developments in the most positive light....like "we've had record donations since the divorce," ... "what a blessing we've received" ... "we had one donor say *if donations are down, I'll double mine*" ... "we're getting good feedback about the *joint venture* from eveyone" and place the most favorable pictures on TV and the net...like two men shaking.

It all reminds me of a local car dealership that was down for remodeling for about a year. The other day, while listening to the radio, the dealer said, "record sales, people are lined up, can't keep up with business, come see the new show room."

All the while, Christ and his disciples know what it's all about...it's a totally different understanding of life...

Mat 20-23 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. Then said Jesus unto his disciples,

Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Might start by lowering the personal benefits a little...like from 70K p/yr (maybe more now). whoever dreamed a high and mighty ministry would have to get down in the furrow like all the rest, to experience the salvation they preach.

Posted by: lurker May 25 2007, 02:26 PM

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QUOTE(Noahswife @ May 24 2007, 09:08 AM)

SNIP

From: Jim Pedersen
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2007 4:25 PM
Subject: Re: Amazing Facts

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As a SDA entity, AF leaders and evangelists are entitled to receive SDA credentials. Currently, those credentials are issued by the Pacific Union Conference, not NCC.

I'm not sure what "certificates" you make reference to. Please clarify.

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I hope this helps. Feel free to contact me again as needed.

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The May 10th email from Jim Pedersen contains this acknowledgment from him:

QUOTE

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=13535&view=findpost&p=196721>

While AF may indeed bring credibility to 3ABN, they want to be careful that AF isn't blind to anything, or get hurt in the merger process.

Could the desire to improve the 3abn image have been the motivation behind the rush to announce the merger?

The best PR advice I have ever heard is found in Proverbs 3:1 - 8

1 My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
2 for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you prosperity.

3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.

**4 Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.**

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;

6 in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.

8 This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.

Posted by: maggiecttr May 26 2007, 10:34 AM

QUOTE(Pickle @ May 25 2007, 07:58 PM)

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I have no way to copy it, but I can send you the original VHS tape if you PM me with a mailing address. I have a lot of Campmeeting programming on the tape & would like to watch it, then rewind to the pertinent section & then send it to you.

Maggie

Posted by: lurker May 26 2007, 11:43 AM

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Posted by: Daryl Fawcett May 26 2007, 03:58 PM

What program (name of program, date, and time) are we talking about here?

Posted by: roxe May 26 2007, 10:22 PM

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Posted by: mozart May 26 2007, 10:37 PM

i think DS threw some curve balls on that live show that Doug and AF board probably had no idea was going to be said as if it were fact.
Just my opinion.

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ May 25 2007, 01:54 PM)

I really appreciate the NCC President and AF Chairman keeping things real for us. I remember the announcement of the merger on the April 19th Live program and the press releases that followed. While

details reportedly still needed to be worked out it was still treated as if the merger was a done deal.

Just one week later, Jim Pedersen emailed the statement "If AF and 3ABN actually merge..." so we can see that, at least in the eyes of the AF Board Chairman, the merger was actually still only a proposal, a possibility.

Now, both Danny and Walt Thompson seem to have done some back-peddling on where the merger actually stands. I wonder just how much input the AF Board had before the merger was announced on April 19th. I also wonder if all those who sat on the 3abn set that evening are, perhaps, thinking it would have been wise to wait for a bit before making that big announcement?

sn't that one of at least 3 excuses for donations to be down?

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QUOTE(Observer @ May 26 2007, 07:38 AM) □

More that, one might ask, who is in charge, and do they know what they are doing?

It has been correctly pointed out that I posted a false statement at the beginning of this announcement. Well, I had checked sources connected with DB and 3-ABN prior to posting it. They generally agreed, so I posted it. I can not accuse them of intentional deceit. There would be no benefit to them to attempt to deceive me. So, I can only assume that people who thought they were in the "know" were not in the "know." I now wonder if anyone supposedly involved in this had thought it through before going public.

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Posted by: Rosyroi May 26 2007, 11:58 PM

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Posted by: Johann May 27 2007, 02:23 AM

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Posted by: watchbird May 27 2007, 05:42 AM

Further condensing and modification of the bolded sentences below.

I think GMc simply gave an ORDER they "couldn't refuse"... with reasons unknown both as to the reason for the order and the reason why they "couldn't refuse".

QUOTE(mozart @ May 27 2007, 01:48 AM)

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Well, that is certainly what they made the main feature of their public presentation. The question is open as to whether the real orders came from the God of Order.... or the Mcgod who gives orders.... (or possibly in dreams the one looks like the other).

QUOTE(roxe @ May 27 2007, 12:22 AM)

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From my understanding, all "registered insured" means is that it costs more and it gives you a way of tracing it if it disappears.... and tracing doesn't necessarily mean recovery. Besides.. it's a magnitic medium and all sorts of things can happen to mess up a magnitic medium.

My suggestion would be to make... or find someone who can make... a DVD of the video. Send the DVD and keep the video in your own hands. Costs less and a whale of a lot safer.

Posted by: howdy May 27 2007, 10:22 AM

QUOTE(Johann @ May 27 2007, 03:23 AM)

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Posted by: Skyhook May 27 2007, 11:16 AM

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Just as a point of fact, 14 Lawyers would be considered a small firm in most big cities, even Minneapolis, if I'm not mistaken. That says nothing about thier effectiveness, however.

Posted by: SoulEspresso May 27 2007, 12:04 PM

QUOTE(howdy @ May 27 2007, 09:22 AM)

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Howdy, you may disagree with Johann, but could you be a little more respectful?

The point, if I understand him correctly, is that 3ABN is using 14 lawyers in their current legal exercises. That's a lot of lawyers for one case--meaning it's of way more significance than Danny & Walt will even hint to you on television. It's called "bringing out the big guns." And if Garwin McNeilus has used the same firm in the past, it means they're a pretty competent bunch--keeping in mind, in this case, that a "good" lawyer is not necessarily a good person.


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
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owdy

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Posted by: Fran May 27 2007, 10:32 PM

Well, we found out 14 was wrong! It is really 17?

My look at this situation from my view.

A law Firm with 17 Lawyers has been retained to this Mysterious, vague, unknown, quizzical lawsuit!

I believe no one here thinks all 14/17 lawyers will fight this case. However, I feel that many feel that there are 14/17 Lawyers at their disposal! Therefore, all bases are covered when and if needed. The realms of this case could expand exponentially.

Many lawyers are present at the trial are there many times only for a show of solidarity and to max out intimidation!

I would guess that this case is all about money! Yep, Joy and Pickles money! How much blood can you get out of a turnip? It does not matter if it is 1 lawyer, or 17! They have hired a firm that has expertise in all these areas. If need be, they are at Danny's disposal, right? If they do not have an area covered, the firm will hire a new lawyer or subcontract one, or something like that!

Now how many of these 14/17 lawyers are Danny's Lawyers? As many as he needs at any given moment! 1-17 could be at his beck and call. That is how I see it. Is it a correct look? Probably not! However, it is what I believe. I believe Danny can have at his disposal up to and including 17 lawyer if it is needed. Will that happen? Probably not! I will have to wait and see.

I have to wait with everyone else to wait until the truth is set free to the public.

I also think that saying that Danny has 1-6 lawyers, 14 lawyers, or even 17 lawyers are as correct as anyone else here. Nobody but the parties of the suit know. I also think the numbers will grow/shrink as days go by. However, at all times Danny will have at his disposal as many as are necessary for this particular suit.

How about that! I succeeded in saying **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WORTH WHILE!**

Posted by: steffan May 27 2007, 10:33 PM

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Posted by: mozart May 27 2007, 10:33 PM

Is there any example of a righteous person in the Bible making threats?

you know the idea of DS making threats using the means of someone else's money is a bit nauseating. It's like a rich kid bragging about all his toys and all his money which he never personally earned.

Posted by: SoulEspresso May 27 2007, 10:51 PM

QUOTE(steffan @ May 27 2007, 09:33 PM) □

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3ABN has a lot more to lose if it falls through. AF had a lot of credibility with people who were beginning to have doubts, and I'm guessing when the merger announcement was rushed without AF even convening their board (correct me if I'm wrong!), their credibility began to suffer. I don't think they'd want that to continue.

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Thank you Watchbird for the explanation. So for persons who may not know the background it would have been nice if there had been quotation marks around the "fourteen lawyers". Meantime since I should have caught on I apologise.

howdy

Posted by: mozart May 28 2007, 12:04 AM

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" falling off of the deep end"? If you can insult my opinion, then you can at least say why you think that, can't you? or can you? as usual you can't intelligently and accurately defend your beliefs so you just make insults. that's a waste of time.

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that's a pathetically weak statement steffan.

Or has it occurred to you there are things that could happen that might make 3abn have second thoughts about a merger.

are you saying that all those "visions and dreams" might be overruled by the thoughts of men? if that is so, then they really made fools of themselves with all the hype of that "live show" announcement.

Your assumptions here are always that maybe AF has changed their mind.

where did i make that assumption here?


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which speculations are you referring to?

again you just make erroneous statements and insults but add nothing informative to the discussion.

you might remember some things you have said, as facts you personally are privy to, have been proven wrong as well.


As happens so often, you say much without saying anything.  **your method of defense is just to insult those you disagree with because you cannot respectfully offer actual information or intelligently contribute to the debate and discussions here.**

is someone wrong just because you think they are wrong? are they stupid just because they disagree with you? if you have nothing more to offer than that line of thinking then you simply have nothing to offer steffan. these tactics are those of people who simply just want to disagree but don't have any information or ideas of their own to back them up.


it's apparent that you don't know anymore than the rest of us about why things have happened the way they have or what is "actually" going on.

if you do, then please enlighten us and try to do it without sarcasm and insults. that's just not necessary and makes it very hard to take you seriously in any way. if you want me to respond to you, then say something constructive, heart-felt or intelligent. thanks, Mo

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(Big Fat Knitting Lawyers Assoc.)



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Have you read the emails from the AF Board Chairman? Jim Pedersen makes it very clear that they are still in the process of making up their minds whether or not to go forward with a proposed merger between Amazing Facts and 3abn.

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Posted by: lurker May 28 2007, 06:19 AM

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Posted by: lurker May 28 2007, 08:34 AM

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Just to be on the safe side.

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Posted by: lurker May 28 2007, 09:38 AM

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Posted by: mozart May 28 2007, 01:44 PM

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




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"In summary, all mentally healthy individuals submit themselves to the demands of their own conscience. Not so with the evil, however. In the conflict between their guilt and their will, it is the guilt that must go and the will that must win. The reader will be struck with the extraordinary willfulness of evil people. They are men and women of obviously strong will, determined to have their own way. There is a remarkable power in the manner in which they attempt to control others." p.78

The great irony is that these types of people will often gravitate toward conservative religious environments that proclaim submission to God as of paramount importance. They present themselves as submitting to God, yet they often have very little if any submission to His will at all.

Posted by: LaurenceD May 28 2007, 04:08 PM

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Maybe there's a better term since God doesn't touch the personality, only the character.

Posted by: Skyhook May 28 2007, 05:02 PM

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NOTE: Paranoid Personality Disorder is not the same as Paranoia, or as it is called in the DSM-IV, Delusional Disorder.

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NOTE: My comments are not intended to diagnose, and they are not intended to apply to anyone. I am simply making a generalized statement for your edification. In addition, to diagnose Narcissistic Personality Disorder, one would need to apply the criteria listed on page 661 if using the DSM-IV. I have not listed that criteria. For his diagnosis, nine (9) criteria are listed, and it is stated that five (5) are required to be present for a diagnosis. So, one or two criteria is not enough for a diagnosis.

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Posted by: SoulEspresso May 28 2007, 07:24 PM

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Posted by: Pickle May 28 2007, 10:01 PM

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Look at it this way: Linda allegedly committed long-distance adultery over telephone wires, and it was crystal clear to someone somewhere that she needed to step aside, whether she wanted to or not.

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many posts it is amazing how many times your "sources" have steered you wrong. I as well as 1000+ people were there to witness what was said. It wasn't the above. He said: There are still many details to be worked out as far as the merger. Even if he gives Doug the president title, He has no intention or desire to step aside IN ANY KIND OF WAY. His comment was simply that he wants to follow whatever the Lord has in store for 3abn. NO HOW, NO WAY does the merger require him to step aside. There has not been a merge yet nor has the combined board been chosen. Therefore, how could anything be required? Even though beartrap, in agreeing with me, is trying to insinuate 3abn might not merge because they couldn't control things they way they want to, that also is fantasy. There could be other circumstances come into play that have nothing to do with Doug, AF, Linda, You or Joy. I know it will probably come as a shock but 3abn does not base it's ministry decisions on you or your little group. They will base their decisions on what is best to reach a world wide mission field. And please, get some new sources.

Posted by: mozart May 29 2007, 12:26 AM

QUOTE(Skyhook @ May 28 2007, 04:02 PM)

BTW, narcissim was the sin that led to Satan's fall. "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before Kings that they may see you. " Ezekiel 28:5

very interesting thought.

Posted by: Shepherdswife May 29 2007, 05:14 PM

QUOTE(Noahswife @ May 28 2007, 12:36 PM)

Scott Peck, MD gives some interesting insight into some who fall in this category in his book People of the Lie . Dr. Peck is known foremost for his NY Times Best Seller, The Road Less Traveled. However, I would recommend the former book for anyone interested.....

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Posted by: mozart May 29 2007, 09:50 PM

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Posted by: Noahswife Jun 1 2007, 10:21 AM

Today's update in this series of posts.....

From: Jim Pedersen
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2007 7:27 PM
Subject: Re: AF/3ABN merger

Hello, as of today the proposed merger is still proceeding with the investigative stage of the discussions. Nothing is currently on hold.

Best wishes,
Jim Pedersen

Hi Jim,

I heard from a friend just a little bit ago that the AF/3abn merger was either not going to happen or was on hold. Is this just gossip? If so, what is the status of the merger at this time?

I have passed on our dialogue to a number of others and have received much positive response. They were happy to read that you and the AF Board are proceeding carefully and prayerfully.

Blessings,

 (added by nw)


Posted by: lurker Jun 1 2007, 11:36 AM

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Posted by: awesumtenor Jun 1 2007, 05:55 PM

QUOTE(Observer @ May 28 2007, 08:53 PM) □

Personality Disorder: "A Personality Disorder is an enduring pattern of inner experience and behavior that deviates markedly from the expectation of the individual's culture, is pervasive and inflexible, and has an onset in adolescence or early adulthood, is stable over time, and leads to distress or impairment." DSM IV, page 629. For a slightly expanded definition please see page 630.

In the DSM IV, the personality disorders are: Paranoid, Schizoid, Schizotypal, Antisocial, Borderline, Histrionic, Narcissistic, Avoidant, Dependent, Obsessive-Compulsive and NOS. (To each of the preceding "Personality Disorder" is attached to the nomenclature.

NOTE: Paranoid Personality Disorder is not the same as Paranoia, or as it is called in the DSM-IV, Delusional Disorder.

The generalized definition of Narcissistic Personality Disorder is: ". . . a pervasive pattern of grandiosity, need for admiration, and lack of empathy that begins by early adulthood and is present in a variety of contexts." SM-IV, page 658

NOTE: My comments are not intended to diagnose, and they are not intended to apply to anyone. I am simply making a generalized statement for your edification. In addition, to diagnose Narcissistic Personality Disorder, one would need to apply the criteria listed on page 661 if using the DSM-IV. I have not listed that criteria. For this diagnosis, nine (9) criteria are listed, and it is stated that five (5) are required to be present for a diagnosis. So, one or two criteria is not enough for a diagnosis.

The aforementioned nine criteria for Narcissistic Personality Disorder are as follows:

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A pervasive pattern of grandiosity (in fantasy or behavior), need for admiration, and lack of empathy, beginning by early adulthood and present in a variety of contexts, as indicated by five (or more) of the following:

- (1) has a grandiose sense of self-importance (e.g., exaggerates achievements and talents, expects to be recognized as superior without commensurate achievements)
- (2) is preoccupied with fantasies of unlimited success, power, brilliance, beauty, or ideal love
- (3) believes that he or she is "special" and unique and can only be understood by, or should associate with, other special or high-status people (or institutions)
- (4) requires excessive admiration
- (5) has a sense of entitlement, i.e., unreasonable expectations of especially favorable treatment or automatic compliance with his or her expectations
- (6) is interpersonally exploitative, i.e., takes advantage of others to achieve his or her own ends
- (7) lacks empathy: is unwilling to recognize or identify with the feelings and needs of others
- (8) is often envious of others or believes that others are envious of him or her
- (9) shows arrogant, haughty behaviors or attitudes

There are a couple of other personality disorders that may in play as well... consider the criteria for diagnosing antisocial personality disorder:

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A. There is a pervasive pattern of disregard for and violation of the rights of others occurring since age 15 years, as indicated by three (or more) of the following:

- (1) failure to conform to social norms with respect to lawful behaviors as indicated by repeatedly performing acts that are grounds for arrest
- (2) deceitfulness, as indicated by repeated lying, use of aliases, or conning others for personal profit or pleasure
- (3) impulsivity or failure to plan ahead
- (4) irritability and aggressiveness, as indicated by repeated physical fights or assaults
- (5) reckless disregard for safety of self or others
- (6) consistent irresponsibility, as indicated by repeated failure to sustain consistent work behavior or honor financial obligations
- (7) lack of remorse, as indicated by being indifferent to or rationalizing having hurt, mistreated, or stolen from another

B. The individual is at least age 18 years.

C. There is evidence of Conduct Disorder with onset before age 15 years.

D. The occurrence of antisocial behavior is not exclusively during the course of Schizophrenia or a Manic Episode.

There is also paranoid personality disorder:

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A. A pervasive distrust and suspiciousness of others such that their motives are interpreted as malevolent, beginning by early adulthood and present in a variety of contexts, as indicated by four (or more) of the following:

- (1) suspects, without sufficient basis, that others are exploiting, harming, or deceiving him or her
- (2) is preoccupied with unjustified doubts about the loyalty or trustworthiness of friends or associates
- (3) is reluctant to confide in others because of unwarranted fear that the information will be used maliciously against him or her
- (4) reads hidden demeaning or threatening meanings into benign remarks or events
- (5) persistently bears grudges, i.e., is unforgiving of insults, injuries, or slights
- (6) perceives attacks on his or her character or reputation that are not apparent to others and is quick to react angrily or to counterattack
- (7) has recurrent suspicions, without justification, regarding fidelity of spouse or sexual partner

B. Does not occur exclusively during the course of Schizophrenia, a Mood Disorder With Psychotic Features, or another Psychotic Disorder and is not due to the direct physiological effects of a general medical condition.

It is not a reach to say that many of these criteria, for all 3 disorders, have been met in the words and deeds of one Danny Shelton...

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: Snoopy Jun 3 2007, 04:18 PM

QUOTE(watchbird @ May 27 2007, 09:40 PM)

And as for Johann lasting under crossexamination... I think he would do right well, and not only that, but would be able to lead the examiners into asking just the questions that would give him opportunity to give the answers which he would love to have the judge hear.

I totally agree, WB. Plus, from what I have observed, he would do it in such a way as to bring glory to God in the process!!!!

QUOTE(Fran @ May 27 2007, 11:32 PM)

How about that! I succeeded in saying **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WORTH WHILE!**

I disagree, Fran.

I always find a great deal of good information and well thought perspective in your posts...

Posted by: Snoopy Jun 3 2007, 04:30 PM

QUOTE(SoulEspresso @ May 27 2007, 11:51 PM)

But in competent organizations, the kinds of things that would hold back a merger would be taken care of before said merger was announced publicly on international television. And events that might distract from such a well-planned business deal might be toned down.

3ABN has a lot more to lose if it falls through. AF had a lot of credibility with people who were beginning to have doubts, and I'm guessing when the merger announcement was rushed without AF even convening their board (correct me if I'm wrong!), their credibility began to suffer. I don't think they'd want that to continue.

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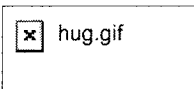
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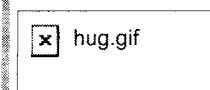
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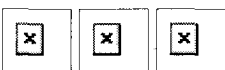
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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jun 4 2007, 11:30 AM

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Edited post due to my using "AUC" (Australian Union Conference) which could be confused with Atlantic Union College - Thank you Yoogali, for the heads up!

Posted by: joyce Jun 4 2007, 03:01 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Jun 4 2007, 09:30 AM)

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Posted by: princessdi Jun 4 2007, 03:39 PM

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Posted by: SoulEspresso Jun 4 2007, 04:25 PM

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hMMMMM..... 

Posted by: watchbird Jun 27 2007, 06:06 AM

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With all the talk of the merger... and of writing to Amazing Facts.... in another thread, it is time to bump

this one up to the top again. I would be well for all to review the early posts of this thread... and for those who are wanting to make their voice heard, note especially beginning with post #8, where one can find the correspondence with the Chairman of the Board of AF.

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