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Posted by: sonshineonme Jun 4 2007, 09:52 AM

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(for the youngsters that don't know.....that is the theme from dragnet - an old black and white TV detective show.

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

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Posted by: sonshineonme Jun 4 2007, 10:40 AM

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Posted by: princessdi Jun 4 2007, 10:45 AM

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....Ok I'm back.....

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O.K. I have revised my comment.

Peace.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jun 4 2007, 11:12 AM

Definitely an interesting development....

Posted by: watchbird Jun 4 2007, 11:27 AM

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A number of us have been told that there is something along this line going on. But, we have not said anything because we were not able to verify it.

One question in my mind is: Is this an action of the General Conference, or of the South Pacific Division?

The bottom line is that now that this comment has been published, I can go back to people, ask for verification or comment, and tell them that I will publish thier comment.

I intend to seek comment from more than one source. I will keep you informed.

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sounds to me like, perhaps, a case of being "convicted" rather than "tempted". Best make that contact!

Posted by: Johann Jun 4 2007, 12:04 PM

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Posted by: Observer Jun 4 2007, 12:26 PM

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Wow, PRAISE GOD!!! Amazing, for the General Conference to have done that!!!!

By the way, the author of rescue3abn.blog.com printed below his blog what came from 3ABN to him, a copy of "Cease and Desist" order of Gailon Joy! Who knows, just might be 3ABN's way to imply a threat to rescue3abn.blog.com, but maybe not???

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

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Me TOO!!!! What GOOD NEWS!!!

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It's hard for a man to see something when his paycheck [or other perks, status, etc] depends on his *not* seeing it.

If this is true (God let it be true) the entire administration of 3ABN is going to have to be replaced-- everyone who has shilled for the Sheltons (say that out loud) ... JL, SQ, WT and on down. Some of them might be able to come back on the air in a few years, but only if they've been sufficiently chastened.

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Oh! And I thought the loud thud was my fist crashing down on my desk, as I said "YES!!"

I liked the wording--smoke doesn't necessarily mean fire, but it certainly necessitates an investigation! AMEN!

The shepherdwife---who doesn't take delight in misfortune or sadness, but who is VERY glad, as an abuse survivor, that this is finally being taken seriously...

Truth--that is what is needed here---whoever and wherever it comes from...

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have successfully made contact with an authoritative individual at the General Conference. I have shared with that person my concern that we have a statement from the General Conference that can be published here in slack.sda in regard to whether or not the statement by Denis Hankinson is accurate, and properly understood in regard to its meaning.

As a result of that, this person has informed me that he intends to discuss this with other more informed people and get back with me in regard to such a statement that I can post here in BSDA.

It may be later in the week before he can get back to me. He feels a need to discuss this with people who are better informed than he is.

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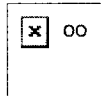
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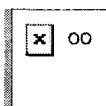
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
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
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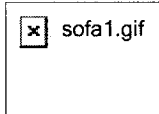
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
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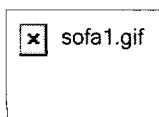
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Division Administrators meetings

Update on 3ABN

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Administration Work Loads

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IPE Committee

Search II

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Graduates Tea

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Thanks for all the energy that so many of you are putting into the Finley Crusade.

Kind regards

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other was about pastors that have fallen from Grace.

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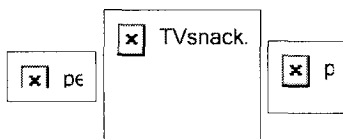
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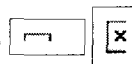
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Back to our regularly scheduled programming.



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Subject: Rescue3ABN website:

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Thank you Admin BSDA.

I may be talking ultra conservative, so be it. Mabe it will keep me from the courts for it. I can't afford to be sued by anyone for any reason.

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Posted by: watchbird Jun 5 2007, 07:27 AM

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NOTE: There is no implication that Elder Hankinson intended to deceive anyone. My comment is a simple statement that the brevity of his statement, and how people are understanding it, leads to potential misunderstandings that are not 100 % correct, today.

The question that many people may ask is: "Will the General Conference make a statement that clarifies the relationship between the General Conference and 3-ABN?"

That is a valid question that thinking people would be expected to ask.

I will respond to that question:

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Posted by: Artiste Jun 5 2007, 12:12 PM

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Thank you, PB, for your astute observations.

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Posted by: mikell Jun 5 2007, 01:13 PM

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Posted by: mozart Jun 5 2007, 01:14 PM

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I thought, of course. Someone who felt close to these people after seeing them on TV a lot would definitely go through that.

I bring it up because it's on us to find ways to minister to fellow members when this starts getting bigger. A lot of people are going to go through a lot of grief.

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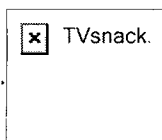
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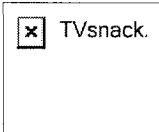
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Notice the phrases "as posted here, and as it is being understood by people reading it"... which could mean that "as posted here" was accurate... but "as it is being understood" is not accurate.

Also "is not totally accurate as it applies to the situation today" can mean that it is incomplete... thus not "totally accurate"... or that the situation today might be changing enough from when it was written so it is no longer "totally accurate".

What I think we can safely conclude from this is that the GC person (or persons) who gave Gregory the information from which he constructed this sentence so not WANT us to have information that is "totally accurate". Thus they are concealing rather than revealing when they make this statement about a letter that went out to a whole conference in the South Pacific Division. I would think that were there serious error in the letter that was sent out, then there would not be the kind of verifying comments about it from within that Division that I have seen and that Ozzie has posted here.

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
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
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
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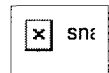
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Blessings.

--Rajmund Dabrowski
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In my question to Elder Dabrowski, I informed him that I would publish his response to me, exactly as he responded, without editorial revision. In keeping with my statement to him, I am posting his entire response to me exactly as he sent it.

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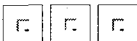
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Now... go away band..... cm.gif silence please.....

Are we ready for the next question?.....

What about OTHER World Divisions?

Surely we have some here who are from other Divisions and/or can find out for us whether the same or similar actions as we have heard about from the SPD and NAD are being taken in other parts of the world field.

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God could replace the greater funder behind 3abn with ten men if he wanted to, way has he not seen fit to do so, maybe because we the SDA church have not seen fit to stand up has church and say enough is enough. Truth and standards matter, to this church because they matter to god.

I mean the 3abn network has done great things for God, but how much more could they be doing if the sin in their camps was repented of.

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I guess i have said enough for now so i will climb off my soap box.

Erik Wenberg

PS I post my real full name because i want any one in leadership at the GC and 3ABN to know that real laity are very, very upset with the weak way this whole topic has been handled.

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The Division President represents the General Conference, and speaks for the General Conference when that President speaks in the Division to which he is President.

So, any communication that comes from a Division President, to the Division to which he is President, may truthfully be said to be comming from the General Conference.

Posted by: Brick Step Jun 6 2007, 09:22 AM

The divorce of Danny and Linda Shelton was a master stroke engineered by Satan. We can see how the GC might be between a rock and a hard place trying to deal with the fallout. From available facts, it is very difficult for me to understand that Linda and those who have spoken in her defence, have received a fair deal, even if there have been some indiscretions along the way. Our home has praised God there are those who have cared enough to appeal her cause, even if sometimes I feel reservations about some points being taken. (This might sometimes be because on this issue, I have been more of a "puppy on the porch", than "running with the big dogs" – as somebody described things on another thread.) I agree with the alleged GC statement that there may not be a fire, but there is enough smoke to warrant an investigation into 3ABN at this time.

Hopefully a clearing of the air that could come with a fair and impartial investigation, would indeed see 3ABN saved for God's cause, names cleared that should be cleared, and redemptive action taken towards all concerned. I agree Hope TV is on God's map. So is LLBN, and so is 3ABN.

It's interesting to note it is Victoria, Australia that was apparently the first to speak of the alleged GC resolution to revoke 3ABN's approved status, and Observer says another GC source says the statement from Victoria, because of its brevity, is misleading.

Elder Mark Finley is currently in the final stages of a public crusade in Melbourne, where both the Victorian Conference Office and the Australian Union Conference Office are located. In Australia Mark Finley's lectures are being aired three nights per week over Hope TV, and other churches in the country are holding public meetings based upon an airing of his lectures live from Melbourne.

Friends in Melbourne have commented that at first there was worker resistance to the idea of a public evangelistic effort in the country. "The days of public crusades are finished in Australia," they are alleged to have said, "and you can't say here what you have preached in other countries of the world."

But it seems there have been very good attendances at Elder Finley's meetings. Another friend in Melbourne commented just in recent days that the Finley crusade is the best thing to have hit Melbourne in years. Many young people were up and out giving Bible studies, and souls were being won to Christ.

A couple of years back we heard Evangelist John Carter on 3ABN say that folk in Australia say 3ABN is the best thing to have come to Australia in decades. (Two best things for Australia.) 3ABN got a head start on Hope TV in this country. While some were able to access 3ABN via the Thiacom 3 satellite a year or more earlier, Hope TV and 3ABN were not *readily* accessible here till the Optus B3 provision end 2004, after Linda Shelton's memory was all but blotted out from 3ABN. Most in Australia would not know Linda, and this fact must affect the nature and extent of any interest in behind-the-scenes happenings at 3ABN.

Though 3ABN has been widely received with joy in Australia, people in America should understand that still, this county is not nearly as accepting of independent ministries as is USA, and the church in Australia is still somewhat torn and bleeding as a result of doctrinal conflicts and other pressures.

Posted by: lurker Jun 6 2007, 09:25 AM

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Posted by: erik Jun 6 2007, 09:30 AM

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Erik

Posted by: mikell Jun 6 2007, 10:12 AM

QUOTE(Observer @ Jun 6 2007, 05:51 AM)

Gentlepeople:

I have recieved the following comment in regard to the published statement by Elder Hankinson in reference to a suspension of "supporting ministry" status of 3-ABN:

In my question to Elder Dabrowski, I informed him that I would publish his response to me, exactly as he responded, without editorial revision. In keeping with my statement to him, I am posting his entire respose to me exactly as he sent it.

The question may now be asked as to how his response is consistent with the response made to me by an individual who previously responded to me, and requested that he not be identified. My answer to that is that I do not believe that they are inconsitent to any great degree.

My advice to all is as I have stated earlier: This situation is developing. No one can predict with certainty exactly how it will develop. Therefore, we must simply wait and see.

does not that sound the original announcement about the GC was not accurate?

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jun 6 2007, 11:08 AM

Brick Step,

Your statement was a healthy, hearty, big dog woof!

Thank you so much for bringing your perspective and sharing about our brothers and sisters in Australia!

PB

Posted by: SoulEspresso Jun 6 2007, 11:49 AM

QUOTE(erik @ Jun 6 2007, 09:30 AM)

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Yeah, me too, on so many levels. When it comes to this topic, I'm grateful for lurker's stand.

Posted by: Snoopy Jun 6 2007, 12:45 PM

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God could replace the greater funder behind 3abn with ten men if he wanted to, way has he not seen fit to do so, maybe because we the SDA church have not seen fit to stand up has church and say enough is enough. Truth and standards matter, to this church because they matter to god.

I mean the 3abn network has done great things for God, but how much more could they be doing if the sin in their camps was repented of.

Note i am in no way attacking SE with this post, my anger is direct at the h church that seems more worried about politically and financial concerns on this topic then about Truth and rightness and holiness. I want my church when this hits the public arena, to not look like a small time RC, but rather the even if it was hard that we stood for what was right no matter if it was hard to do. because the church has looked the other way so many times on the issues of sexual sin in the leadership of the church both high and low, God has allow this cross to come to our church to test us if we will obey the simple and clear word of the lord on this topic has found in the bible.

I guess i have said enough for now so i will climb off my soap box.

Erik Wenberg

PS I post my real full name because i want any one in leadership at the GC and 3ABN to know that real laity are very, very upset with the weak way this whole topic has been handled.

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Posted by: mozart Jun 6 2007, 12:50 PM

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QUOTE(SoulEspresso @ Jun 5 2007, 11:21 PM)

The GC is between a rock and a hard place. Many of our loyal members, especially older folks who are more regular tithepayers and have more money, not only give to the church but to 3ABN. 3ABN is on TV; that gives them a lot of credibility, like it or not. We could name off GC officers, but would their faces pop into your head the way Danny's, Walt's or Shelley's would? So the GC lets it lie as long as they can (because they hate confrontation and dirty laundry), but then the laundry goes sour and someone has to clean it out. The church hasn't the guts, but a couple of laypeople tackle it in a fairly public way, expose the trouble, and 180,000 people (to date) find out about it.

They can't stay silent too long, but they know the minute they speak up they're going to make angry a bunch of their loyal members. What would you do in their position?

Posted by: Clay Jun 6 2007, 12:51 PM

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Posted by: mozart Jun 6 2007, 01:04 PM

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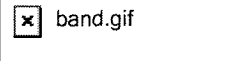
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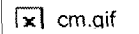
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
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
QUOTE(watchbird @ Jun 6 2007, 06:12 AM) □


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
Now... go away band.....  silence please.....

Are we ready for the next question?..... 

What about OTHER World Divisions? 

Surely we have some here who are from other Divisions and/or can find out for us whether the same or similar actions as we have heard about from the SPD and NAD are being taken in other parts of the world. 

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And I agree with you about GC.

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Posted by: sonshineonme Jun 6 2007, 05:10 PM

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Thanks for the memories Snoopy! than

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Jo, leave it alone. You will be exonerated in time.

Stay tuned.....

TVsnack.

Posted by: Snoopy Jun 6 2007, 08:33 PM

QUOTE(Jnana15 @ Jun 6 2007, 05:50 PM) □

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Jnana

Hey, thanks Jnana and Rosy, for letting me know I wasn't the only one. As much as I've tried to shake them, I think all those old legalisms are still affecting me..... □ □ □

gii hug.gif

~~Snoopy~~

Posted by: Whtz Happenin Jun 6 2007, 08:49 PM

This was included in the ATNewsbreak that just arrived tonight via email.

QUOTE

ADVENTIST NEWS Round up

By Ervin Taylor, AToday.com (05 June 2007).

A report dated June 1, 2007 from the South Pacific Division Administrators' Council and Institute of Public Evangelism Committee contained the following statement "The General Conference has suspended 3ABN's [Three Angels Broadcasting Network] Supportive Ministry status until some well known issues in more than one area are sorted out. Basically, a lot of smoke doesn't necessarily presume a fire, but it definitely needs investigation and caution." The report in which these statements were contained was signed by Dr. Denis Hankinson, President of the Victorian Conference in the Australian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

A request for additional information from the General Conference of SDA resulted in the following statement communicated to Adventist Today by John Torres, Media Relations Coordinator, Communications Department: "There has been no change or review of the status of 3ABN as a supporting ministry by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists." The statement also stated that Rajmund Dabrowski, General Conference Communications Director, should be contacted for further information.

Requests for additional information and details concerning this reported suspension were made by e-mail to Dr. Hankinson, Danny Shelton, current president of 3ABN and Dr. Walter Thompson, chairman of the 3ABN Board of Directors.

Dr. Thompson responded to the Adventist Today request for comment by stating that "If the statement [from the South Pacific Division] is true, we [at 3ABN] have had no such communication."

Now that clears everything up □

Posted by: calvin Jun 6 2007, 09:06 PM

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Posted by: Skyhook Jun 6 2007, 09:55 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Jun 6 2007, 02:18 PM)

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I pray that the GC gives some kind of indication that they are aware tht there is a problem and intend to deal with it before the commercial media comes out with an expose, as they love to do. Someone said something about the GC needing a good PR firm. That is a good idea. In some ways the children of darkness are wiser than the children of light. I think PR is an area where this may be true.

Mozart, you're certainly showing your age. rofl

Posted by: Artiste Jun 6 2007, 10:05 PM

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No public acknowledgement of an official change in policy toward 3ABN by the GC until after the Fall Council?

Too little too late??

Not good for the credibility of the SDA church.

Posted by: erik Jun 6 2007, 10:43 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Jun 6 2007, 12:04 PM)

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Mozart,

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IT IS JUST MAKES ME SICK, to hear that the reason is the GC is in a rock and a hard place on this totic is because of age.

The GC and the NAD is in a rock and a hard place for one reason and one reason only, and it is not he age of the givers in the church.

the GC is in the hard place because they have made a habit of looking the other way, and ignoring the clear written word of the lord in the bible and in the writings of EGW.

AT the very least the head of the GC should make an appt. to appear before the 3ABN board and say you have one week to place danny and the other leaders on paid leave pendingt he outcome of a fair and open hearing of the facts on this matter. If the 3abn board refused i would if i was GC president drop there status the next day and then if the fall conciol is to weak to vote formal let them override then.

God is calling for repentence by SDA in looking at sin in our own lives and the church with such a mild view.

I Mean we are talking about the things that put Jesus on the cross that caused him to suffer and die, and yet we will just say we can not do anything about it. I say that is lie straight out the mouth of satan, and the SDA church needs to say to satan get thee behind us.

I want to be proud 100% of my Church, I know we have made tons of gross errors in the past, but now is the time to stand and be counted has church before God is forced to replace us.

ERik

Posted by: Seraphim7 Jun 6 2007, 11:22 PM

QUOTE(Artiste @ Jun 7 2007, 12:53 AM) □

How about...

General Conference Turns a Deaf Ear on Indications of Corruption in the Church

As hard as it is to believe, 3abn does not represent the "Church"... regardless of the impression some might like to give... 

Posted by: Artiste Jun 6 2007, 11:34 PM

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Posted by: Seraphim7 Jun 7 2007, 12:00 AM

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Some, including those not in this church, understand that the issue with 3abn will not likely make or break the Adventist church. You may have noticed that Jesus knew of the corruption of His day, yet, as a representative He did not clean it all up. Such is life.

Posted by: Artiste Jun 7 2007, 12:18 AM

So true, Seraphim!

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jun 7 2007, 07:07 AM

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Calvin,

I received the AT story by email last evening. I couldn't Google it so it may not be posted on the AT site yet. I found the email newsletter for April and May online, but not for June.

One must wonder if there is an AT reporter lurking around here at BSDA! Seems the article pretty much covers our discussion since SSOM posted the email.

PB

Posted by: lowender Jun 7 2007, 07:55 AM

A phone call to AF at 800-434-3880 to let them know that you cannot support their ministry if their is a merger with DS & his TV ministry could go a long way. Especially if enough people make the call.

Posted by: lowender Jun 7 2007, 10:26 AM

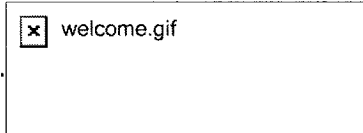
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Posted by: Snoopy Jun 7 2007, 11:41 AM

QUOTE(lowender @ Jun 7 2007, 10:26 AM)

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Thank you for that, lowender, and



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~~Snoopy~~

Posted by: Observer Jun 7 2007, 01:36 PM

This afternoon I recieved a second message from Elder Dabrowski. As I had informed him that I would publish his response to me, exactly as he sent it, and without editorial revision, I so post it here, in full, exactly as I have recieved it.

QUOTE

Dear Brother Matthews

Thank you for your enquiry which I received while traveling in another part of the world. I am still on the road. In reference to your communication, and a comment you are quoting from the Internet chat forums, may I share with you the following:

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has received a number of inquiries into the status of Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) as a supporting ministry of the Church. There has been no change or review of the status of 3ABN as a supporting ministry by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Due to ongoing administrative issues at 3ABN, the General Conference administration has taken a position that until these matters have been addressed that the General Conference personnel not involve 3ABN for new program development and production. This approach does not reflect that the General Conference is taking any particular position in issues which are under the purview of the Board of Directors of 3ABN, which is an independent supporting ministry. The GC's position applies to General Conference personnel.

Blessings.

--Rajmund Dabrowski
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Posted by: Observer Jun 7 2007, 01:47 PM

The General Conference has now acknowledged that they have advised some restrictions on involvement with 3-ABN.

Posted by: princessdi Jun 7 2007, 01:58 PM

....and so it seems neither will they ever put it in writing.....just let it kind of meander down the grapevine, as it is doing now.....

Posted by: Artiste Jun 7 2007, 02:02 PM

QUOTE(Observer @ Jun 7 2007, 11:47 AM)

Yes. That is the statement that he sent me a bit ago, and that I have just posted in the other thread.

Yes, the General Conference has not acknowledged that they have advised some restrictions on involvement with 3-ABN.

I'm confused!

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Posted by: princessdi Jun 7 2007, 02:06 PM

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Posted by: Observer Jun 7 2007, 02:17 PM

QUOTE(Artiste @ Jun 7 2007, 02:12 PM)

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I am not asking you to hold a general revival to celebrate their overall handling of this matter.

I am saying that Elder D. said more than I expected him to say at this time. This is a very public acknowledgement that the GC is advising caution. I did not expect this much at this time. It also implies that there is more going on than we are aware of. I am thankful for that implication.

Yes, I think that we have something to rejoice over. Yes, there is more work to be done.

Posted by: lurker Jun 7 2007, 03:02 PM

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Agree!

Posted by: mozart Jun 7 2007, 04:31 PM

for someone who is never "vague" in the expression of my thinking, let me see if i understand this. the GC has not made a "statement" on the "status" of 3ABN as a "supporting" ministry of the church org. however, on the other hand, the GC is withholding all "support" to 3ABN by means of preventing all GC associates from being involved in 3ABN productions or any 3ABN associates being involved with GC productions for the time being. ??
to be more concise: the GC has cut all future "production" ties with 3ABN just in case the allegations are realised. is that correct?

Posted by: Observer Jun 7 2007, 04:45 PM

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
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Thank you for the clarification. 

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jun 7 2007, 05:15 PM

The General Conference of the SDA Church has now acknowledged that they have placed some restrictions on their involvement with 3ABN.

This is a step in the proper direction. It will be interesting to see what the next steps are and when.

I would also say that it was the email sent out by the Conference President in the Victoria Conference in Australia that resulted in further communication from the General Conference.

Posted by: Skyhook Jun 7 2007, 05:34 PM

If indeed the 3abn board is "purviewing" these "administrative issues" as the GC person said, then my guess is that this is something that they feel they didn't bargain for when they signed on to be board members. As I understand it, the 3abn board has never provided any oversight or even consultation to Danny. They have probably have been led to believe there is nothing amiss. If I recall correctly they are made up of business people and others who likely have many obligations and responsibilities, and who I think are scattered around the country. If in fact they are going to rectify anything, it is not something that can be done in a meeting or 2, in Denver or Tville. I don't envy being in thier shoes. Resignations? There might be some angry board members if they learn to what extent they have been conned.

Posted by: Noahswife Jun 7 2007, 05:47 PM

From: Jim Pedersen
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 8:55 PM
Subject: Re: Australian Union Conference

Hi *****, no I have not seen any confirmation of this message.

Best wishes,
Jim

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Hi Jim,

Thank you so much for the link to the chart. That was very helpful!

Have you received the directive from the GC that Denis Hankinson emailed to my associate? Several folks have brought comments from other GC officials that this may not be entirely accurate information. I have several people telling me that it would not be like Denis Hankinson to misrepresent such a serious matter.

Blessings,

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----- Original Message -----

From: Jim Pedersen <mailto:JPedersen@ncc.adventist.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 4:48 PM

Subject: Re: Australian Union Conference

Hello *****, sorry for the delay...this got buried in my inbox and I just now saw it again.

The Australian Union Conference is part of the South Pacific Division. They are all territories of the General Conference. Just like the Pacific Union Conference (ours) is part of the North American Division. The General Conference is divided into 13 world divisions. You can get a good view of them all at the GC website: http://www.adventist.org/world_church/world_divisions/index.html.en

I hope this helps.
Jim

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Good Morning Jim,

An acquaintance of mine received the following email from Denis Hankinson, President of the Australian Union Conference and member of that Conference's Executive Committee.

Can you tell me what relationship the AUC has with our US General Conference? Are they a GC member or an entity unto themselves? It speaks poorly of me as a 40-year member of our denomination not to understand the church structure but I have been working on building a better understanding ever since I first spoke to you and realized that I had no idea that you were our NCC President! Some of us are late bloomers.... but there is always hope!

Blessings,

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From: Denis Hankinson
Date: 06/01/07 00:07:37
Subject: Updates from SPD Administrators' Council and Institute of Public Evangelism Committees

Greetings

Just a quick update on the recent meetings I attended.

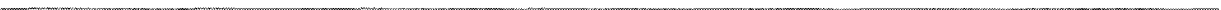
Division Administrators -

Update on 3ABN (bold emphasis mine)
The General Conference has suspended 3ABN Supportive Ministry status until some well known issues in more than one area are sorted out. Basically, a lot of smoke doesn't necessarily presume a fire, but it definitely needs investigation and caution.

(edited rest of content in email not relating to this item)
Kind regards

Denis

Dr Denis Hankinson
President - Seventh-day Adventist Church (Victoria)



Posted by: lowender Jun 7 2007, 06:01 PM

Is it 3ABN that we want to see ended? NO! The problem is **DANNY SHELTON**. He has turned this ministry into a mafia. There are good people that work there who would be very capable of operating that ministry smoothly & honestly. The removal of Mr. Shelton from 3ABN has to be the goal here, not the end of 3ABN.

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jun 7 2007, 06:08 PM

I agree in the fact that we, myself included, do not want to see the demise of 3ABN, but do want to see administrative changes within 3ABN.

Posted by: lurker Jun 7 2007, 06:11 PM

Isn't that what is meant by administrative issues -the administration or the leadership at 3ABN? Not the ending of 3ABN?

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jun 7 2007, 06:15 PM


Yes, lurker, that is what I would think it means.

Posted by: lowender Jun 7 2007, 08:21 PM

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Posted by: Seraphim7 Jun 7 2007, 08:48 PM

You seem just a little to quick to accuse the conference of not caring. Which seems to be the underlying theme of a number of your posts. BMTJM 

We, as adults, do not need to be told, as if adults do not have the ability to pray and be led by the Holy Spirit, "how" to relate to 3abn. I can not speak for you, nor will I try. Frankly, I do not need the church leadership to tell me how to relate to anything.

Be Blessed

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Posted by: Rosyroi Jun 7 2007, 10:03 PM

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lowender

I understand and agree with your theory. Better than any I can come up with.

Yes the key issue... don't merge or we cut off support.

Rosyroi (Little nobody person in the pew making her little squeaky threats.)

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Jun 7 2007, 10:32 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Jun 4 2007, 12:45 PM)

Y'all excuse me a minute while I remove my tiara..... **Dang!!!!** Ok hold on a minute.....
....Ok I'm back.....

...and you know DIS!

-ing like I'm starving and watchin' a movie....

Posted by: lowender Jun 7 2007, 11:23 PM

We can't wait for the GC to make any statements or actions on their business with 3ABN. It's people like **US**[u] that are going to make changes happen. The best way is with our wallets. These supportive ministries need to know that corporate jets, fleets of vehicles & expensive gymnasiums aren't what preaching the Gospel on tv is about. It's up to us not to let Danny Shelton be the face of our church anymore...

Posted by: Voktar of Zargon Jun 8 2007, 05:21 AM

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jun 8 2007, 06:43 AM

QUOTE(Voktar of Zargon @ Jun 8 2007, 04:21 AM)

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I am so tempted.....

Where are those lists of email addresses?

VofZ sig

Posted by: sonshineonme Jun 8 2007, 09:12 AM

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Wiley sure has a way of expressing things. Love this. Nothing like a visual!

The upside might have everything to do with money money money (and power power power)...

Maybe we can get Wiley to draw us that one too. It's usually a lose-lose thing if the the devil is in the details anywhere.

Those mailing lists...they are here somewhere.... 

Posted by: sonshineonme Jun 8 2007, 07:00 PM

I JUST RECEIVED THIS IN EMAIL.

A conference President has told me that this statement is based upon a release directly from the General Conference President of Seventh-day Adventists and the NAD has redistributed the same to all administrators and pastoral staff.

Leadership is on the move to press for corrections at 3ABN. Praise be to God that we have leadership on this very important issue.

Gailon Arthur Joy

AUReporter

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SUBJECT: K. PAULSON STATEMENT ON GC OFFICIAL STANCE:

Message: 15

Date: Fri, 8 Jun 2007 00:57:30 +0000

From: "Kevin Paulson"

Subject: [GCOList] 3abn status

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

A number of posts have lately raised the issue of 3ABN and its relationship to the Conference, as well as that of Amazing Facts.

Yesterday I spoke with a highly placed official of the North American Division, to inquire as to the truth regarding some of the

recent rumors. He informed me that while no decision has yet been made by the General Conference to cancel the status of 3ABN as a supporting ministry, the General Conference President has in fact requested that GC officials refrain from appearing on the network until certain issues have been clarified.

As many on this List are aware, concern over the propriety of certain actions on the part of 3ABN leadership has increased considerably in recent months. Many supporters of the ministry, and many in church leadership, are deeply troubled by certain recent events. There is concern about accountability and the extent to which such a ministry and its leaders can become a law unto themselves.

We must keep 3ABN in our prayers. Let us pray that God can bring clarification, and significant changes if necessary, so that this ministry can fully live up to its potential in proclaiming the third angel's message.

Recent issues involving the conduct of 3ABN leadership are not the only reason faithful Adventists have been concerned about this ministry. For some time, certain speakers and music styles on that network have fallen far short of Bible and Spirit of Prophecy standards. More than one speaker on that network, one in particular, have been outspoken supporters of the New Theology. The leadership of 3ABN has been repeatedly warned about these problems, but so far nothing has been done to correct them.

Another matter that has lately come to light is the fact that a large percentage of 3ABN employees are not even Seventh-day Adventists. Many, many supporters of the ministry would be most reluctant to sustain it with their means if they knew this. How can

a ministry preach the third angel's message when a fair number of its workers, including some in key positions, don't even believe the message?

Regarding some of the personal issues that have lately been raised regarding 3ABN leadership, let me say as clearly as I know how that were the president of that ministry a member of one of my churches, he would have more than a few questions to answer. I count this man as a friend. But I am deeply troubled by recent developments. And so are many others, including some at the highest level of God's work.

Regarding Shelly Quinn and her preaching style, I too am deeply bothered by anyone who says "God told me" this or that. This kind of talk is completely unacceptable for a Christian, unless one is either quoting inspired writings or is in fact an inspired prophet. Mystical impressions as a means of knowing God's will are a major pitfall in the Pentecostal world. And some even in Adventism are partaking of this mentality. It is most dangerous.

Also, a word needs to be said about Amazing Facts presumably getting "entangled" with the Conference. Since the beginning, Amazing Facts has had a board chaired by the president of the local Conference where Amazing Facts is located--first in Chesapeake Conference, then Northern California when the ministry moved. Every minister working for Amazing Facts is credentialed by the local Conference, though with the exception of Doug Batchelor all are paid by funds solicited by the ministry rather than by Conference funds.

Amazing Facts has always had a close working relationship with the denomination. There have indeed been tensions at times, but to speak of "entanglement" is very misleading. The connection with the

Conference described above has existed from the time Amazing Facts got started.

And let us not delude ourselves with the assumption that self-supporting ministries are necessarily better able to maintain integrity than Conference ministries. While I praise God for the wonderful work performed by many self-supporting laborers, my own observation and experience has found that self-supporting work often has far less accountability within itself than Conference ministries do. Too often, from what I've seen, a single leader wields far too much power in many self-supporting ministries. Often such ministries have boards that include employees of the institution, who cannot easily hold the institution accountable because they are part of it and beholden to its leaders. This is a dangerous conflict of interest, and one too often seen in self-supporting Adventism.

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God bless!

Kevin

(EDITED AS IT PERTAINED TO 10 COMMANDMENTS THREAD - MOVED IT OVER TO THAT THREAD FOR ANY DISCUSSION DESIRED)

Posted by: princessdi Jun 8 2007, 08:08 PM

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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Jun 8 2007, 09:29 PM

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Posted by: YogusBearus Jun 8 2007, 09:35 PM

QUOTE(calvin @ Jun 8 2007, 09:31 PM)

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<http://greatcontroversy.org>

Probably not someone you would invite to lunch Calvin. But then again...

-bear

Posted by: calvin Jun 8 2007, 09:48 PM

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Re: The Kevin Paulson communication

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Posted by: mozart Jun 8 2007, 09:59 PM

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i think all of us will always have "a ways to go as far as understanding what it means to have a personal relationship with God." until God comes to take us home. i don't think anyone can understand someone else's "personal" relationship with God. why should adventists be any different?

Posted by: Artiste Jun 8 2007, 10:04 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Jun 8 2007, 06:08 PM) □

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I agree with you...several parts of the e-mail trouble me greatly!

Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Jun 8 2007, 11:51 PM

QUOTE(sonshineonme @ Jun 8 2007, 07:00 PM) □

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Posted by: Snoopy Jun 8 2007, 11:56 PM

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.....or maybe he will be the next one to be served with a dannygram....

Posted by: mikell Jun 9 2007, 12:23 AM

QUOTE(Artiste @ Jun 8 2007, 09:58 PM)

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Artiste, simply put, "New Theology" is anti TEN COMMANDMENTS. Why? It comes done to "sin and and live on forever theology." It is just about as bad as, once saved always saved. Not only is the sinner is justified in their past, but it comes down to the sinner being justified in the future, regardless living in sin or breaking God's Law for the rest of a "saved" life, he or she is going to heaven! I think somewhere in the Bible says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die?" But, maybe I could be mistaken.

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Posted by: roxe Jun 9 2007, 12:29 AM

mikell,

where is that tongue-in-cheek smiley when we need it?



Posted by: lowender Jun 9 2007, 03:13 AM

Hey gang.. Just ignore Kevin Paulsen. He is a troublemaker. When I was a student at Loma Linda he would hang around campus just stirring up trouble. More than once he had to be asked to exit forums, buildings, etc because of his disruptiveness. He may have pastoral training, but he doesnt have a congregation & I don't believe he has ever had one. He is nowhere near the GC leadership. I am certain they wouldnt let him get close. He used to write for some independent ministry.

Lowender

Posted by: watchbird Jun 9 2007, 03:46 AM

QUOTE(calvin @ Jun 8 2007, 11:31 PM)

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Kevin Paulson was for years one of the most prolific of the writers in the publication called "Our Firm Foundation, put out by Hope International.... (Hope International is the ministry headed by Ron Spears, which was formerly located in Oregon... now moved to North Eastern Illinois. It is also the ministry which was formally censured by the GC some years ago.) Currently I only see him featured on the Larry Kirkpatrick website ... the "greatcontroversy.org" that Bearus cited.

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I have no idea what being "on the pastoral staff of the Greater New York Conference" means... for I do not find anything called "pastoral staff" on their website, nor do I find Kevin Paulson listed as a credentialed worker in any of the listings in the Adventist Yearbook.

[Correction to the above, which I shall leave in to avoid confusion.

I discovered that I had not checked far enough on the Greater New York Conference site. I still do not know why he did not show up in the yearbook search, but Kevin Paulson IS listed on the Conference site as the pastor of both the Peekskill and the Wingdale, NY, SDA church. My apologies for the misinformation.]

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"New Theology" is a term used by "right wing" (and beyond) Adventists to denote anything that they do not like... especially if it has anything to do with Justification by Faith.

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No, Duane, it merely means that there are a number of "independent ministries"... particularly in the sector of Adventism that Kevin Paulson inhabits, which exhibit the same characteristics as does 3abn ... and which Kevin describes so aptly. But notice the comparison he makes.... where HOPETV (which is owned and directed by mainline Adventism) is even worse than 3abn in his eyes.


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
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Lowender

Excellent summary statement, lowender..... 

Posted by: Clay Jun 9 2007, 06:12 AM

thanks for clearing that up WB and lowender.... Kevin Paulson is not a credible source... and he has issues..... that's what it looks like to me....

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jun 9 2007, 06:16 AM


QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Jun 8 2007, 10:51 PM) 

Wow! It almost sounds like this guy works there.


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At least!

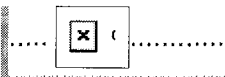
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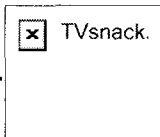


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will sackcloth be sufficient?... or do you wish me to sprinkle ashes as well... ..)

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
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
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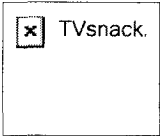
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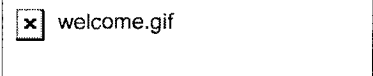
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
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
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*Leadership is on the move to press for corrections at 3ABN.
Praise be to God that we have leadership on this very important issue.*

Gailon Arthur Joy

AUReporter

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SUBJECT: K. PAULSON STATEMENT ON GC OFFICIAL STANCE:

Message: 15

Date: Fri, 8 Jun 2007 00:57:30 +0000

From: "Kevin Paulson"

God bless!

Kevin

(EDITED AS IT PERTAINED TO 10 COMMANDMENTS THREAD - MOVED IT OVER TO THAT THREAD FOR ANY DISCUSSION DESIRED)

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Joyce

Posted by: franklyamazed Jun 9 2007, 07:37 PM

Kevin Paulson is listed as the pastor of the Peekskill SDA Church, Peekskill New York.

Kevin is the son of two well educated people who were friends of my parents. While he was a teen-ager, they both left the church during the Ford event, and joined a church populated by ex SDA's pastored by an ex SDA pastor.

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Posted by: lurker Jun 9 2007, 07:59 PM

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
Posted by: Artiste Jun 9 2007, 08:09 PM

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Posted by: Clay Jun 9 2007, 09:00 PM

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Contact Us

Wingdale Seventh-day Adventist Church
PO Box 353
Wingdale, NY, 12594-0353
USA

Pastor: Viorel Negoii

Office Hours:

Service times:

Sabbath School: 9:30am

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You seem a bit selective in which GC communiques you wish to respond to. Nothing has been established in my mind until you answer my questions from that other thread where you think it has been "established that 3ABN status has not changed." Brother Dabrowski is quoted as saying there are administrative issues at 3ABN!!!!!!! Are there, Steffan??? Yes or No??? I have posted my questions twice now, but here's the most recent link, in case you really missed it and are not really ignoring me bystan.....sorry.....I mean, Steffan...:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=13765&view=findpost&p=199124>

All those voices...how can one keep track?



Posted by: mikell Jun 9 2007, 11:45 PM

QUOTE(calvin @ Jun 9 2007, 10:28 PM)

So Steffan you say you know Danny Shelton. But you speak in the first person as if you are Danny Shelton?

Calvin, Steffan is Danny or his evil twin,

Just look up what he wrote right before he posted a Rusty Moreland piece that is all pro-Danny's 3ABN, Steffan/Danny wrote:

"This post is from the GCO forum. It is respectful, truthful and full of good comparisons and thoughts from EGW. This man has spiritual insight and common sense."

Then just read it, it is on the new thread, "The real Truth In a Nutshell." Ha, that title alone should tip us off, who it really is! Also, the no logic way he attacks SSOM,

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=13784>

Posted by: Snoopy Jun 9 2007, 11:55 PM

QUOTE(sonshineonme @ Jun 9 2007, 11:59 PM)

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Is this what desperation sounds like???

Posted by: sonshineonme Jun 10 2007, 12:04 AM

QUOTE(steffan @ Jun 9 2007, 07:24 PM)

I happen to know that Danny met him one time several years ago at ASI as in HI I'm so and so blah blah. So right off, he has misrepresented his relationship with Danny....

Umm, Steffan, you sure you want to stick with that fact???

Are you saying that that was the ONLY time Dan has talked with him?? Since you say "Danny met him one time".

Or are you saying that was A time he spoke to him? As in maybe he has spoken to him more then once, but you are only mentioning once to give the impression there was only one time talking, therefore misrepresenting how many times he has spoken to or met after the first time meeting?

And, don't you meet people once, and then you have met them and they become someone you have met? But, you only meet them once? Right? Now you have met them, and when you see them again, they are someone you have met, therefore you somewhat know each other...and if you see each other again, like in the following years to come (or in-between), you usually speak again?

I wouldn't want you to get the facts wrong or anything. Sometimes, you talk to so many people so many times, and you forget what you all you have said and how many times you have told people things, you know what I mean "steffan"?

Are you also saying that Dan had to tell him who he was too? Mr. Paulsen didn't know who Danny was till Danny told him who he was?

Posted by: Snoopy Jun 10 2007, 12:09 AM

QUOTE(sonshineonme @ Jun 10 2007, 01:04 AM)


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
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BRILLIANT POINTS!!.....   NOW.....who is the clever one???

want to start a PI business with you SSOM!!

Posted by: awesumtenor Jun 10 2007, 07:39 AM


QUOTE(Clay @ Jun 9 2007, 11:00 PM) 

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
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Posted by: Clay Jun 10 2007, 09:30 AM


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you are right.... my apologizes... let me go back to the lurking corner..... 

Posted by: Artiste Jun 10 2007, 01:08 PM

QUOTE(sonshineonme @ Jun 8 2007, 05:00 PM) 

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Date: Fri, 8 Jun 2007 00:57:30 +0000

From: "Kevin Paulson"

Subject: [GCOList] 3abn status

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

...Recent issues involving the conduct of 3ABN leadership are not the only reason faithful Adventists have been concerned about this ministry. For some time, certain speakers and music styles on that network have fallen far short of Bible and Spirit of Prophecy standards...

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Posted by: Panama_Pete Jun 10 2007, 02:12 PM

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pass over the comments about "music styles" because a person could write a 500-page book on the subject and still only scratch the surface of the subject.

however, I can say this: Music is segmented. Send ten people to the music department of any big box store, and each of the ten will head for a different category or style of music.

The second concept is the question of what a "broadcaster" should or should not be. There are at least two kinds of religious broadcasters.

- A. **Broadcasting** stations.
- B. Stained Glass Stations.

The first category, A, does not feel it is a church, or a substitute for a church, but a broadcaster in the broadcasting industry, with broadcasting standards. They seek a "broad" audience as the word "**broad-casting**" implies. Their funding often comes from a broad range of people through fund-raising events and appeals, such as periodic "Praise-a-thons" and "Share-a-Thons." These events are what some broadcasters derisively call "Beg-a-Thons."

B. Stained Glass Stations. These are sometimes seen as being a surrogate for the church. They mirror or reflect the church, itself, with sermons, church music, and broadcasting of church events.

A compliment for a Stained Glass Station is, "Listening to your station for eight hours is like being in church for eight hours."

Stained Glass stations are **narrow**-casters, not **broad**-casters; They have a **narrow** audience; Narrowcasters seem happy with that for whatever reasons they may present. For instance, a wealthy donor to the narrowcasting station may actually be choosing the music and sermons that the wealthy donor prefers -- and that's what everyone else ends up hearing or seeing. Stained Glass Stations may have little or no on-air fund raising, but rely on a "bricks-and-mortar" congregation for the lion's share of station funding.

I realize I have over-simplified this, but this explains the approach which accounts for the varying stations and their styles of music which exist in the world today.

Therefore, music styles needs to be presented in context of the goals of the broadcaster or narrowcaster. It's not a topic we really need to be overly concerned about.

We can't expect everyone to go to the restaurant buffet and all choose the exact same items and it's the same way with music. Different people have different tastes.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jun 10 2007, 02:31 PM

Interesting summation, Panama_Pete.

Now, where between "A" and "B" does 3abn fall in this regard?

Posted by: Panama_Pete Jun 10 2007, 02:41 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Jun 10 2007, 02:31 PM)

Interesting summation, Panama_Pete.

Now, where between "A" and "B" does 3abn fall in this regard?

I'm leaving that as a point of discussion. Different people will have different ideas.

But there are some interesting words, such as "wealthy donor" that are laced into the summation for the readers' consideration.

Pete

Posted by: Skyhook Jun 10 2007, 06:37 PM

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Posted by: roxe Jun 10 2007, 07:38 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Jun 10 2007, 06:40 PM)

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pdi, you talking about Soquel?? (pronounced so-kel... accent on last syl)

we used to call it So-cool... and it was cool with all that fog coming in off the bay... until the mosquitos started eating you at night!!

oh the memories...

Posted by: Artiste Jun 10 2007, 07:44 PM

QUOTE(Clay @ Jun 10 2007, 12:11 PM)

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Hmmm... All music that is not eurocentric... That sounds interesting!

Posted by: Jnana15 Jun 10 2007, 10:36 PM

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Yes, Berry Black and Ron Halvorsen, didn't see Walter Pearson's name. Also David Asscherick is going to be there.

Posted by: Denny Jun 11 2007, 04:42 AM

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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: watchbird Jun 11 2007, 06:46 PM

QUOTE(Denny @ Jun 11 2007, 06:10 PM) □

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Actually I doubt they even know what "genre" they are avoiding. It's mainly a matter that "if it 'moves' you it's sinful".... end of discussion.

Doesn't matter what its heritage or pedigree is... if it triggers a motion of your toes, arms, hands, torso...
(especially the latter)...  it's devil music for sure.   b

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