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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ 10 Commandments Weekend

Posted by: LaurenceD May 4 2007, 09:11 PM

QUOTE(Eirene)

This weekend the complete recipe will be the 10 commandment weekend being held in Chicago. Starts 9am central time goes until about 10 pm saturday night. Then repeats until sunday 9am where it continues until 1pm. Lots of music from some 3abn singers and others from the area of Chicago. Wintley P, John L, Doug B, Jim Gilley, and David A. just to name a few of the speakers. The Chicago churches have supported this endeavor fervently. A huge crowd is expected. Don't miss a blessing. Be sure and tune in.

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16And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.

17Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

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Laurence, thank you for putting this here. It is very powerful, isn't it?

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
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Agreed.

In His service,
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Posted by: LaurenceD May 5 2007, 09:37 AM

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Well, He and his disciples may have had to borrow a few kernels of corn from the neighbors garden...

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Not sure, and I don't know if that included everyone's salary through the weekend. But Whitney Phipps was on stage this morning, and just before he sung, he talked about the one million dollar check he'd received from Oprah. There has been a lot of talk about money so far, maybe they'll get into the essence of God's meassage a little later today. But' I have to go up to the mountains now...so I won't see it.

Posted by: caribbean sda May 5 2007, 09:38 AM

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Yes, I believe it cost 5 loaves and 3 fishes.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 5 2007, 10:26 AM

Dear BSDA brothers and sisters,

Sitting here in my St. Louis hotel room as my husband naps on the comfy bed, I just finished watching one of the most powerful sermons I have ever heard! Dwight Nelson gave the opening message for the 10 commandment weekend and I hope that Danny and the leadership of 3abn were actually listening for he spoke of Jesus' teaching about the hierarchy of truth.

Matthew 22:36-40

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

His thrust was that the love Jesus spoke of in these two commandments transcends the 10 commandments. Dwight rebuked the SDA congregations in Chicago for not demonstrating this love by having the most segregated churches of any city and charged them to put aside that segregated worship and get together.

I wasn't going to watch any of the TCW but what a blessing I would have missed had I not seen this service! The Holy Spirit is going to minister to those with ears to hear in spite of the control that Satan appears to have over some who are leading this weekend.


I won't be able to watch any other programs due to visiting with my St. Louis family, but I would strongly urge all of you to try to catch the rebroadcast of Dwight Nelson's powerful sermon this evening.


PB

Posted by: runner4him May 5 2007, 01:41 PM

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 rofl Thanks for the laugh although I know this is all very serious I could not help myself....laughing out loud still!!


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Posted by: seraph|m May 5 2007, 06:11 PM

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Of course, Jesus didn't have 14 lawyers either 

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
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
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I think the church has to pay for the shipment of the books. Probably a nominal fee, ya think? 

Posted by: Skyhook May 5 2007, 06:36 PM

I think it was explained on some other thread that Remnant Publications prints the books and 3abn pays Remnant publications. Also, Remnant Publications will send them directly to every address in any zip code for a small price per book. As someone has pointed out before, even a few pennies per book as a royalty adds up when hundreds of thousands of books are being moved.

I can't help but remember after it became apparant last year that the Sunday church people who promoted the initial TCW did not follow through with much activity on the actual Sunday of the weekend. Someone said that it was really about selling thier little pins and other articles that they were pushing to the local churches, and not so much about activities on the weekend. My thought was that Danny sure picked up on that one in a hurry. I don't want to sound too cynical or mean, but things like t shirts, books, coffee mugs and other such incidental products can add up to a lot of money. I have heard that some of the big famous rock groups and pop entertainers travel with a big semi truck filled with t shirts etc. that bring in a significant amount of cash.

Posted by: mozart May 5 2007, 07:14 PM

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Mo,

I will make sure she gets your note here.

She would like nothing more then to be out there doing more and more ministry. That is what she enjoys, where she connects with people, and feels called, still.

I agree, many times I have looked at this mess and thought to myself that God got her out of there - a type of Joseph experience, but still, she is out, and I have no doubt she is being taught many things by her loving Father in heaven, as we all are. If you are staying connected to God thru the trials, you can't help but learn things!

I believe we all have a role in this in some way, we all have a journey in this "story" that we either will grow

from, or we will sit in a stupor, refusing to see and accept what is to be gained by such an awful time. I try not to waste anything - I have always felt God wastes nothing, and like our sermon today in my church, to be among the faithful (as in Hebrews 11) means life is not always easy, but, if we are faithful to follow God's lead, no matter what, He never fails us, and we do grow stronger in our faith because of the relationship - trusting even while questioning all the happenstance around us nothing happens all at once - we grow, and time shows the results of that faith and growth. You usually can't see the growth as you are going through it, but faith tells us that each day of moving forward is a step in growth. God is so good.

Posted by: SoulEspresso May 5 2007, 11:47 PM

Perhaps Linda *is* being protected. Danny's character hasn't changed overnight, so if she was like Joseph in Potiphar's house, if she hadn't been taken out, all the stuff not having to do with the divorce (relationships with the state viz. nonprofit status, Tommy, royalties) could have sucked her in and made her culpable.

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This is basically what I spoke on a year ago on Ten Commandments weekend. I felt so bad about *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* (we lost a couple of interests in the community when some members took it upon themselves to have Remnant mail them to every address) I felt compelled to oppose it on some level.

Calling them "baseline righteousness" was sloppy, thanks for calling it to my attention. Of course the real thing grows over time out of a changed heart.

Posted by: GrammieTana May 6 2007, 11:52 AM

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Thank you MO. I was so disappointed in Mr. Kelly. And thank you for what you have done for your family. It is only when people stand up for the downtrodden in any way, physically, emotionally or financially, that God's will can even think to be done.

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Posted by: lurker May 6 2007, 01:42 PM

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AND, shelly quinn's sermon on "bearing false witness", reading, spreading and believing gossip, etc. was just laughable except for the fact it's so disturbing coming from her. the whole time i was thinking, "does she listen to her own words?". i can hardly bear to listen to her, i've always been that way. not sure why, just a bad feeling, but i listened this morning just for edification. how can she possibly stand there and say what she said after the things she has said at other times against other people? just baffles the mind and heart.

Posted by: princessdi May 6 2007, 03:54 PM

Unfortunately, I believe more than out of some defense of Danny, I believe Pastor Kelly speaks out of a religious "cluelessness". In an effort to avoid confrontation, at all cost, we tend to want to rush the process to the step where we are "healed".

As an example, I know of a very beloved friend of mine. This is not an easy friendship, but God given and strong one, nonetheless. It is not easy because my friend has been victim to many of the things of which we speak here, in fact, most of them. God has done tremendous work in her. however, It is recognized by most that she still has much anger, but has been like this for many years, so she doesn't see her interactions as such. Not that she is not kind of loving, but quick to respond in anger, with a healthy lack of self esteem to boot. Now to hear her speak about these things would make Pastor Kelly proud because like a good portion of Adventism(or christianity for that matter) on the surface she looks and sounds good. However, a misunderstood word from some would tell even those who are not trained to recognize such that she is stuck on the stage of anger.

This is what came to mind when Pastor Kelly was describing the people who have "overcome". None of which he has had enough contact to determine their true state, but could talk a good game in a chance meeting, and even from Sabbath to Sabbath, to say what is "expected". we don't really allow for all the stages of grief or recovery. Just the ones which don't make "us" uncomfortable". Now, it is this mind frame which makes the fertile ground for people like Danny and his family and cohorts within even the leadership of any given religious organization, SDAs in particular. So while I don't believe it was intentional by Pastor Kelly, I believe he resides in and promotes the environment which allows this kind of conduct to flourish within the church.

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Isn't that wonderful that Jesus was there to make that miracle happen. But, as it is now, events such as these cost a great deal of money. Thankfully we know though, that no price can be put on the souls that will be won and the hearts that will be changed through the messages of this TCW.

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The whole thing is a publicity stunt by political conservatives anyway--not even close to as serious as the National Day of Prayer. 3ABN is trying to hijack it for its own publicity--why give them any ammo?

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Welcome FineArt and thank you for your words. I agree and say Amen!

R4H

Posted by: LaurenceD May 6 2007, 09:29 PM

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Good post, FineArt. And welcome!

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Christ and His disciples are out ministering according to Luke 10. Nothing has changed in soul-saving. In this chapter, Christ tells his disciples they won't need money, but to work person to person. Paul understood this too when he took the gospel to the "whole world" (Rom 1:8) with hardly any monetary support at all.

But this isn't to say there are other types of ministries. Genuine methods tend to follow Christ though. It's much more meaningful...like night and day.


Posted by: shinejoy May 6 2007, 09:32 PM

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
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YEA interesting words BALANCE,Respectable examples, numb how right you are that is what i have always thought people can get so comfortable that when something questionable happens it just whizzes by them and they miss it. i think the devil has his sneaky ways beware and watch as a it will come upon you like a thief in the night or are lamps have no oil

Posted by: SoulEspresso May 6 2007, 10:15 PM

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 6 2007, 10:41 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ May 6 2007, 11:40 AM)

Did not God often order his servants to ACT !!!!!!! against sin and evil???????

Grrrrrrrrrrrr.....

If i had not spoken up after 3 in my family had been abused, it's very likely the youngest would have been the 4th. it took tremendous courage on my part, Praise the Lord. it was a grievous time writing the letter that ended the abuse and the letter that also ended my relationship with my father.

I did not want the relationship with my father to end, but the fact he denied all and was not repentant, made me the outcast. my father wanted to remove me from his will because of that but my mother would not let him do that even tho' she, herself will not admit she believes us. **my sister would not and did not defend her own child for lack of courage and fear of dis-inheritance.** so being silent is not always for the reasons people think. the reasons are vast and the longer people are silent, the more innocence is lost forever and "little" lives are permanently altered.

I also want to add that I have forgiven my father long ago and also the tremendous amount of emotional abuse from my mother. I have showed my appreciation for the "good" they did and for taking good physical care of us even tho' they were failures at raising us emotionally healthy. that has taken me most of my life to heal from.

Here's a good quote: "It's a lot easier to raise a healthy child than it is to fix a broken adult".

mozart,

Praise God that you had the courage to speak up and break at least part of the cycle of abuse! As I reflect on the number of members right here on BSDA who have been touched by this devastating experience, I begin to wonder just how pervasive it is in our present time. Satan certainly knows how effective it is in turning a whole chain of lives upside down.

When I read about your sister's sad choices, it brought to mind another situation that may be driven by similar motivations. There are alleged victims whose voices are being ignored. Could it be that some in leadership want access to the "technological inheritance" so desperately that they are willing to keep silent and not investigate the allegations for themselves? I pray that these leaders will seek God's will and way and not be influenced by earthly power.

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Sister Eirene,

was only able to watch the first two hours of TCW. I must tell you that I was so blessed by the message the Holy Spirit gave through Dwight Nelson I hope to be able to watch the program again and again. I pray fervently that each of those in leadership at 3abn and at Amazing Facts will listen to what the Lord had for each of us in that message about the two greatest commandments.


Please remind Danny and his Board that those souls outside the 3abn doors in the little town of Thompsonville are priceless as well.

Posted by: FineArt May 7 2007, 06:16 AM


I have watched 3ABN for years, I loved the times on the porch with Linda. I loved the aging Fluffy and when I realized that Danny was not a dog lover...he became suspect. "never trust anyone that does not love dogs"....my words of wisdom. I am such a dog lover.

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
I wondered what had happened and a friend directed me to this sight and for months I have been reading here. What a sad story this is. I surely am glad that there is an all knowing God of justice that will make the last call on this matter. Until this time, I appreciate what you all are trying to do to prod the earthly powers of this church to rectify so many wrongs. May they ask for wisdom and strength to be steadfast in this work. 

Posted by: maggiecttr May 7 2007, 06:34 AM

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Welcome FineArt! I don't post here often, but I'm reading others' posts daily. You took the words right out of my mouth! 

Hugs,
Maggie

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 7 2007, 06:53 AM

SE,
Thank you for these Scriptures.

QUOTE(SoulEspresso @ May 6 2007, 09:15 PM) □

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Isaiah 29:13-15.

13 The Lord says:

"These people come near to me with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
Their worship of me
is made up only of rules taught by men. [b]

14 Therefore once more I will astound these people
with wonder upon wonder;
the wisdom of the wise will perish,
the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."

15 Woe to those who go to great depths
to hide their plans from the LORD,
who do their work in darkness and think,
"Who sees us? Who will know?"

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7You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

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9They worship me in vain;
their teachings are but rules taught by men.'[d]"

10Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. 11What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.' "

12Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

13He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. 14Leave them; they are blind guides.[e] If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

15Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

16"Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. 17"Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? 18But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.' 19For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. 20These are what make a man 'unclean'; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him 'unclean.' "

There has been some talk about avoiding the TCW broadcast. Just a thought to ponder - wouldn't it be wise for those of us who are seeking accountability from some in these ministries to keep an ear on what is being said? We would do well not to fall into denial and possibly help sweep things under the rug. If we are upset

with the weather, avoiding the weather report does not make it go away, it just makes us unprepared for the storm that is coming.

Posted by: Shepherdswife May 7 2007, 07:05 AM

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Posted by: lurker May 7 2007, 07:09 AM

Doug mentioned that he has a window in his office and that he deliberately does not have female friends "except for Grandma". He thinks that men and women should only be friends if there is a certain number of years age difference between them. The implication is that there would be no sexual or romantic attraction between them then.

How different from Danny's actions, both public and private. When I think of the two ministries joining, "Be not unequally yoked comes to mind.

We have heard that Danny has been frank about his motives and actions with people that he feels will approve them or at least will not condemn them. I do not think that Danny has been that frank with Doug. I think that Doug has avoided investigating the talk about 3ABN because he doesn't want to be dragged down by gossip which he considers to be malicious. I honestly do not think he knows or wants to know any of the facts because of his perception of the motives of those who want action. However, his integrity could soon be compromised by association if he suspects the truth and uses his influence to cover for another. And in the eyes of some it already has been compromised.

Posted by: FineArt May 7 2007, 07:56 AM

Thanks for the welcomes.

Evangelism/revivals

I once asked my Pastor, when the church was planning for one of the above, "which disciple carried the camera and who carried the screen?" We are told how to conduct our meetings and win souls in the little book of "evangelism", but that is too simple. Man thinks he has to compete in/with the world to get the attention of the people/youth. Where is the wisdom of the "straight testimony" that is the only message that will bring those that seek with all their hearts and reach the searching heart. Where are those that will cry aloud and show the people their sins. Where are those that are willing to step on toes and leave people crying "what must I do to be saved".?

There is a place for the technology of the day, of course, but it is not for us to use, but for God to show us how it is to be used. And that does not include "for self".

Instead we seem to be using sensationalism, emotionalism, moving lights and motivational speakers that are prepared to manipulate, by well chosen words, the minds of the listeners. It used to be, messages that were given by our pioneers were wrenched from the depths of the heart by the Holy Spirit. Humor was not added to get that laugh of entertainment. Drama was not introduced behind the sacred desk to glue your attention. Man's Rational has replaced a cry for God's wisdom.

Those that will be sealed will be "crying and sighing" because of the abominations being done in God's church.

The good news is: The church will appear to fall, but does not.

The good news is: If we hang in there doing what the God almighty has for us to do with all our hearts, we will not be asleep when He comes but will go into the wedding supper as a bride.

I'm afraid i just preached a sermon.....sorry



God bless

Posted by: princessdi May 7 2007, 08:53 AM

It is called "marketing" Lawrence. The more reminders they can send home with you, the more cd sales. Not most famous rock groups, make all, along with rap, soul, pop, anybody who is really serious about making some money. The same with movies and cartoons, especially those developed for children. Right now, Dora the Explorer is HUGE! Not to mention SpongeBob and a host of others.

I am not altogether sure that this is a bad thing for the church. The constant reminders of the "message" are good. I think we run into aproblem when we get a glimpse of how much money is made from the reminders.....



QUOTE(Skyhook @ May 5 2007, 05:36 PM) □

I think it was explained on some other thread that Remnant Publications prints the books and 3abn pays Remnant publications. Also, Remnant Publications will send them directly to every address in any zip code for a small price per book. As someone has pointed out before, even a few pennies per book as a royalty adds up when hundreds of thousands of books are being moved.

I can't help but remember after it became apparant last year that the Sunday church people who promoted the initial TCW did not follow through with much activity on the actual Sunday of the weekend. Someone said that it was really about selling thier little pins and other articles that they were pushing to the local churches, and not so much about activities on the weekend. My thought was that Danny sure picked up on that one in a hurry. **I don't want to sound too cynical or mean, but things like t shirts, books, coffee mugs and other such incidental products can add up to a lot of money. I have heard that some of the big famous rock groups and pop entertainers travel with a big semi truck filled with t shirts etc. that bring in a significant amount of cash.**

Posted by: mozart May 7 2007, 09:50 AM

welcome FA, so good to have you here. we have all been where you are, myself just a couple of months ago, my heart aching at these revelations. i appreciate the following part of your post so much. i want to say thank you. we must pray for revival within ourselves first and then we must continue to pray for revival in our church and do that even more fervently than we complain and argue about who's right and who's wrong. i think our prayers must be very lacking for some reason. Are we sincere? Is the heart willing? Are we praying God's prayers?

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Posted by: shinejoy May 7 2007, 09:59 AM

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Posted by: mozart May 7 2007, 10:57 AM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ May 6 2007, 10:41 PM)

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Glad you caught that.

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for 8yrs. i never saw him or spoke to him again. I think this is something that people really fear in familys so they stay silent. it's very painful either way.

After my father died, i went to my mother's for a while and my neice who was abused the worst and whom i had defended so vehemently came by with her mother, my sister. the air was so thick you could cut it. they pretended to be glad to see me but through pursed mouths and squinting eyes i could see and feel

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we've gone over and over this with my mother and she still will not admit the truth. i know she knows who's telling the truth, but she can't bring herself to say it. i told her that was adding to the abuse because it is invalidation and invalidation is like being abused all over again.

what people don't realise is that if they do not speak out, the silent grief is even more painful and it is suffered by only the victim. it is a lonely grief and it is very hard to bear.

i know this is off topic, but i was silent for about 45yrs. about my own abuse but when i found out about my daughter and my neice, that is when i had to stand up! if any of you are in this situation, do not be silent. the burden of shame must be carried by the abuser and not the victim. the only way i know to transfer that is confrontation. that's just what i feel and think from experience. everyone has to make their own decisions.

YOU have acute observation. thank you.

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Thanks for sharing.

No particular connection, a different story, but it reminded me of a Phil Collin's songs...

The key to my survival
was never in much doubt
the question was how I could keep sane
trying to find a way out

things were never easy for me
peace of mind was hard to find
and I needed a place where I could hide
somewhere I could call mine

I didn't think much about it
til it started happening all the time
soon I was living with the fear everyday
of what might happen at night

I couldn't stand to hear the
crying of my mother
and I rememeber when
I swore that, that would be the
last they'd see of me
and I never went home again

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You walked out, you left us behind
and you're no son, no son of mine

oh his words how they hurt me, I'll never forget it
and as the time, it went by, I lived to regret it

You're no son, no son of mine
but where should I go,
and what should I do
you're no son, no son of mine
but I came here for help, I came here for you

Well the years they passed slowly
I thought about him everyday
what would I do, if we passed on the street
would I keep running away

in and out of hiding places
soon I'd have to face the facts
we'd have to sit down and talk it over
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Posted by: Observer May 7 2007, 12:13 PM

Powerful testimonies from several of you!

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 7 2007, 12:24 PM

mozart,

There are some, both among victims and those who are aware of the abuse, who find it far too frightening to step out of the denial that keeps them in a semblance of normal life. However, they don't realize that by taking that first terrifying step out of the secrecy they are allowing the healing process to begin.

If only we could care less about our "images" and more about our actual characters perhaps we would be willing to allow the Lord to help us take the steps necessary to make things right.

Posted by: Eirene May 7 2007, 12:56 PM

QUOTE(FineArt @ May 7 2007, 06:16 AM)

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Posted by: mozart May 7 2007, 12:58 PM

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QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ May 7 2007, 12:24 PM)

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There are some, both among victims and those who are aware of the abuse, who find it far too frightening to step out of the denial that keeps them in a semblance of normal life. However, they don't realize that by taking that first terrifying step out of the secrecy they are allowing the healing process to begin.

If only we could care less about our "images" and more about our actual characters perhaps we would be willing to allow the Lord to help us take the steps necessary to make things right.

Posted by: shinejoy May 7 2007, 01:02 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ May 7 2007, 10:58 AM)

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Posted by: LaurenceD May 7 2007, 01:14 PM

QUOTE(Eirene)

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I'm confused. Are you talking about their lies, or possibly yours? We don't so much reach conclusions from knowing all your people, or from a familiarity with the so-called details. The picture comes together from a much broader perspective.

Just to illustrate how different perspectives can be, tell us, if you're able, do you understand what 3abn was doing wrong when it lost the court case with the State of Illinois? No comment? That's even more revealing. And you'd like to shape public perception with your DS/LS opinions? No way.

Posted by: shinejoy May 7 2007, 01:22 PM

good job thanks L 

Posted by: mozart May 7 2007, 01:45 PM

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Posted by: SoulEspresso May 7 2007, 01:46 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ May 7 2007, 06:53 AM) □

There has been some talk about avoiding the TCW broadcast. Just a thought to ponder - wouldn't it be wise for those of us who are seeking accountability from some in these ministries to keep an ear on what is being said? We would do well not to fall into denial and possibly help sweep things under the rug. If we are upset with the weather, avoiding the weather report does not make it go away, it just makes us unprepared for the storm that is coming.

I have people I trust online and offline who watch these things faithfully with and without an ear to what's going on. We didn't do anything with the weekend, first of all because I didn't think about it (three churches is more than enough to think about without external events), but then when I realized it was coming up on us, I mentioned it to no one, because I don't want to give 3ABN a platform in my churches until the house is cleaned out.

Eirene, did you read those texts that PB and I posted? With the things you *know* you should be ashamed to be posting what you post here. Some say an angel is writing it all down ...

Posted by: mozart May 7 2007, 01:47 PM

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Posted by: sonshineonme May 7 2007, 01:51 PM

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QUOTE(princessdi @ May 7 2007, 09:53 AM)

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
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You people appear to claim that evil, conniving, sinister, demonic Linda was so mad over the divorce in 2004 that she convinced Glenn Dryden in 2003 to write that letter. And yet, unlike us, you never produce any documentation to support such a wild-eyed idea.

When I decided to become involved I had absolutely no interest in delving into who was right or wrong regarding the divorce. Didn't start digging into that until December. But when I talked to Hal, that's what he wanted to talk about. When I talked to John, that's what he wanted to talk about. When I wrote to Danny, that's what he wanted to write about.

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Posted by: lurker May 7 2007, 02:59 PM

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I also wanted to point out that hundreds of the post she is reading are from those of you that don't know anything personally, but are just repeating and expounding on what you have read and heard. That would make most of the allegations posted here, unreliable, unverified, and unfactual. One should keep that in mind at all times while reading here.

If you all can point newbies to the trash of the evangelist and unauthorized version, why can't we point out the fallacy of believing what you read from so many people who don't know anyone involved and have never seen anything with their own eyes? If you think Lurkers cannot see the bias, you are fooling yourself.

You are greatly mistaken when you say "my side" led me to believe that you can "disrespect" people here. Absolutely not. It was your side that showed me that plenty of ridicule and disrespecting can be done here but, of course, only if it is done by "your side". Mr. J is just one poster that is a perfect example of what it means to disrespect those who disagree with him. His posts include, name calling, sexual innuendo, ridicule and degradation to the nth degree and yet, nothing was done until just recently when enough complained you just couldn't ignore it. Then was he suspended? No way. He was told to tone it down.

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I feel among friends, Thank you all for your support.

My!!! how an innocent post can be made into a declaration of war. I have not come here to argue with anyone. I am long in the tooth and have learned there are many who are capable of handling such matters. I will post my opinions, based on whatever, pray for the wisdom of those under fire and ask the Lord to lead in the lives of those that are on the front lines.

I have no burden for 3ABN to be taken away from our view. My prayers are for the cleansing of powers that be and the wrong acts that have been noticed/varified but not delt with. Under the right leadership/Jesus Christ first and man second this tool may be used in a mighty way to win souls. I pray that ambition will not be behind any thrust for power in this merger.

- The Paulson Collection of Ellen G. White Letters---PG- 346

"The praise and flattery of men make ministers hungry for more, until they think as did Elder Daniels, the praise and flattery of men of more value than the approval of God."

"if pride and selfishness were laid aside, five minutes would remove most difficulties" Early Writings pg 119

Jesus came to this world to show us a simple pattern for man to follow and it results in his salvation.....man has complicated that path to the inth degree.

I am glad i came to this forum, Attacts won't hurt/discourage me, i came to encourage not pick a fight.

God Bless



Posted by: Panama_Pete May 7 2007, 03:33 PM

QUOTE(Eirene @ May 7 2007, 01:56 PM)

The only mistreatment of Fluffy was Linda going off and leaving the dog, forever, knowing how much traveling Ds has to do. Then, all the while that she had no idea what was going on with Fluffy or who was taking care of her, she claimed knowledge of fluffy in a way that insinuated she still had her and was taking care of her.

When Linda departed all the warmth left? Did you ever consider that the warmth was only "there" when the red light on the camera's went on? Ask the workers at 3abn that worked for her and around her, about her "warmth".

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And welcome to BSDA, FineArt.

Posted by: Johann May 7 2007, 03:35 PM

QUOTE(Eirene @ May 7 2007, 08:56 PM) □


Does that make sense to you? Let's name a few others that have worked with DS and 3abn for years and continue to do so. Jim Gilly, Dwight Nelson, T Marshall, David A., Kenneth Cox, J. Gilmore and many other respected pastors and leaders in the church. Would they continue to risk their own reputations by being involved with 3abn if these allegations were true?
ns on the inside workings of 3abn?

The only alternative to that would be ignorance and no one wants to be accused of that. But, if the shoe fits....

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Posted by: shinejoy May 7 2007, 03:41 PM

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Posted by: FineArt May 7 2007, 03:42 PM

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Posted by: princessdi May 7 2007, 03:45 PM

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QUOTE(Eirene @ May 7 2007, 01:10 PM)

Di, you are wrong on several counts and since you are so fair minded, you won't mind me pointing them out.

I was in no way attacking Fine Art. You say she was voicing her own feelings and I realize that. But, where did those feelings come from? She said a friend referred her to this site and she was sad at what she read. Certainly, I am sure she was. Me too. If I understand the rules correctly on bsda, I then have a right to point out that what she is reading may not at all, be the truth and nothing but the truth.

I also wanted to point out that hundreds of the post she is reading are from those of you that don't know anything personally, but are just repeating and expounding on what you have read and heard.

That would make most of the allegations posted here, unreliable, unverified, and unfactual. One should keep that in mind at all times while reading here.

If you all can point newbies to the trash of the evangelist and unauthorized version, why can't we point out the fallacy of believing what you read from so many people who don't know anyone involved and have never seen anything with their own eyes? If you think Lurkers cannot see the bias, you are fooling yourself.

You are greatly mistaken when you say "my side" led me to believe that you can "disrespect" people here. Absolutely not. It was your side that showed me that plenty of ridicule and disrespecting can be done here but, of course, only if it is done by "your side". **Mr. J is just one poster that is a perfect example of what it means to disrespect those who disagree with him. His posts include, name calling, sexual innuendo, ridicule and degradation to the nth degree and yet, nothing was done until just recently when enough complained you just couldn't ignore it. Then was he suspended? No way. He was told to tone it down.**

You Di are a disrespector of persons if you think those just reading here can't see those obvious details. You are giving people no credit for their intelligence for seeing the truth of what goes on here. If you want to bann me for saying that, be my guest. It will just validate even more to those lurkers, exactly what I am saying.

And, no, I am not here each and everyday. Hardly. But I do post when I read something that is unfair and false. Or in the case of Fine Arts when they are mistakenly believing what people are posting about DS and 3abn with no proof to base it on.

Fine Arts, if you took my post as attacking you, I apologize. Just as the other side like to advise newbies in all kinds of detrimental ways, we like to point out some very valid and important facts also. We also like to point out some truths about those that have mislead thousands of people. That is what I was doing.

Posted by: Jnana15 May 7 2007, 03:53 PM

QUOTE(FineArt @ May 7 2007, 07:16 AM)

I have watched 3ABN for years, I loved the times on the porch with Linda. I loved the aging Fluffy and

when i realized that danny was not a dog lover...he became suspect. "never trust anyone that does not love dogs"....my words of wisdom. I am such a dog lover.

Long before this all happened at 3ABN, I had to stop listening to Danny. When he interviewed guests that i wanted to hear, he was usually the one that talked, interrupted and stole the show. I got to "mute" danny for fear i would have to hear "counteract the counterfeit" one more time.

Suddenly, Linda was gone, and with her departure went the warmth and softness of 3ABN. I still watched but only the the programs that were not by 3ABN inhouse people.

I wondered what had happened and a friend directed me to this sight and for months i have been reading here. What a sad story this is. I surely am glad that there is an all knowing God of justice that will make the last call on this matter. Until this time, I appreciate what you all are trying to do to prod the earthly powers of this church to rectify so many wrongs. May they ask for wisdom and strength to be stedfast in this work. ☐

☒ ☒ ☒ rofl You go gurl!! ☒

QUOTE(princessdi @ May 7 2007, 04:45 PM) ☐

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'm having a laugh attack here ☒ ☒ ☒ rofl ☒ rofl

See! We tried to warn her ☒ ☒ Thank you Di.

Posted by: Johann May 7 2007, 03:57 PM

QUOTE(Eirene @ May 7 2007, 11:16 PM) ☐

Really? Is that how you and Joy came to be her "representatives."
And if that is your opinion of her then I take it, it could have been very possible that she was hoodwinked and manipulated by the doctor also?

Well, well, Eirene is also capable of spinning words into a different meaning to suit herself!!! Reading them out of context with a spin supplied seems to be a rare art. I still know nothing about the current court case Mr. Pickle is involved in, but this makes me wonder how many spin doctors are supplying the evidence used in a case like that?

Eirene supplies a strong suggestion in that direction.

May God have mercy!

Posted by: roxe May 7 2007, 08:42 PM

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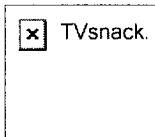
God Bless

welcome to BSDA, FineArt... i enjoy reading your posts... you do have a mind of your own. so refreshing!

Posted by: seraph|m May 7 2007, 09:29 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ May 7 2007, 06:45 PM)

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FineArt,

Welcome to BSDA! As a fellow member of the "long-in-the-tooth-club" I appreciate your clear common sense statements that cut through the smoke and mirrors that some detractors are attempting to hold up here.

I came here somewhat blind but seeking truth. I came here truly believing that I would find out that this was a rumor mill (sorry Calvin). It took me just a few weeks of reading and getting to know the folks here to realize that this was just not the case! It took me just a few weeks more to begin to feel a part of this great online family and to discover that BSDA holds far more of value than only the 3abn forum. I hope you will find the time to visit the other forums here and receive the social and spiritual blessings that they hold.

As to those who come here supporting the status quo at 3abn, the more they read posts such as yours and the more we pray for them, there is a chance that they, too, will begin to open their eyes.

Posted by: mozart May 7 2007, 09:41 PM

QUOTE(Pickle @ May 7 2007, 01:45 PM)

And in my opinion, **deep down inside Danny** knows that.

i don't think it's deep down inside at all. i don't think he believes that for a second. it' just part of the game.

Posted by: Chas May 8 2007, 12:11 AM

QUOTE(FineArt @ May 7 2007, 07:56 AM)

Instead we seem to be using sensationalism, emotionalism, moving lights and motivational speakers that are prepared to manipulate, by well chosen words, the minds of the listeners. It used to be, messages that were given by our pioneers were wrenched from the depths of the heart by the Holy Spirit. Humor was not added to get that laugh of entertainment. Drama was not introduced behind the sacred desk to glue your attention. Man's Rational has replaced a cry for God's wisdom.

Those that will be sealed will be "crying and sighing" because of the abominations being done in God's church.

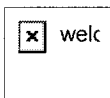
The good news is: The church will appear to fall, but does not.

The good news is: If we hang in there doing what the God almighty has for us to do with all our hearts, we will not be asleep when He comes but will go into the wedding supper as a bride.

I'm afraid i just preached a sermon.....sorry



God bless



FineArt,

I really like the way you preach but I hope you realize that "The Church" that appears to fall, but does not, is not a building or an organization. It is people who love God and the rest of us unloveable folks.

Matthew 23:3,15 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

☐ It appears to me that DS believes the same lie that most Adventist pastors are taught and seem to believe - "The end justifies the means". I'm not excusing DS, but don't expect the "Church" to come down too hard on him for sins that many of them are guilty of.

Don't get me wrong, I've been an Adventist all my life and I love the Adventist church and God's people. It is sad to see the way modern Israel has gone.

Matthew 23:38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

CWS

Posted by: steffan May 8 2007, 01:12 AM

QUOTE(Johann @ May 7 2007, 04:35 PM) ☐

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As far as you talking to someone recently....no credibility there....Do you realize how many times you have stated that you just "recently" talked to "a high" conference official, a well known pastor, someone in leadership.....etc etc? Yet, you never name any names. Without names, where it can be verified, your statements mean nothing. If you or the ones supposedly telling you all these opinions about 3abn don't have enough grit to face up to their own comments, they are null and void.

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☒ rofl Hah, you did exactly what she said you would do. You suspended her. Hilarious when you look at

what your side gets by with. Good going Eirene. You knew the pattern well.



Posted by: steffan May 8 2007, 01:28 AM

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And welcome to BSDA, FineArt.

Pete it seems you missed the point of Eirene's post. If I am reading her correctly she is saying that Linda insinuated on her first website post that she had fluffy when she did not and knew nothing about what was going on.

Then you say she could probably only have one dog when she rented....As far as I understand, she bought the mobile home she moved into and then definitely bought the house she lives in now.

As far as being nice to you so???? It would be hard for her to be arrogant and disrespectful to everybody in the world. Did you work directly for her or under her? I have talked to several who did and get the same conclusion from all. Arrogant, no respect for the workers, most all the projects she did were about and for her, they had to cater to her ,move furniture, lights, camera's etc on her whims when she basically knew nothing at all about the technical side of television. I could go on but you get the point.

When the truths start coming out in these lawsuits, most of you guys are going to have egg on your face. When you realize how badly you have been hoodwinked by people like pickle and joy, Linda's friends, and unhappy ex employees who couldn't wait to get some kind of revenge by jumping on this bandwagon, you all will feel, foolish, deceived and betrayed. For those of you that have believed all the garbage that you have read, your feelings will be well deserved.

Posted by: Aletheia May 8 2007, 03:24 AM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ May 7 2007, 12:54 AM)

Sister Eirene,

I was only able to watch the first two hours of TCW. I must tell you that I was so blessed by the message the Holy Spirit gave through Dwight Nelson I hope to be able to watch the program again and again. I pray fervently that each of those in leadership at 3abn and at Amazing Facts will listen to what the Lord had for each of us in that message about the two greatest commandments.

Please remind Danny and his Board that those souls outside the 3abn doors in the little town of Thompsonville are priceless as well.

'B,

EVERY single message given was like that, the holy spirit was present throughout the entire weekend, and in all the messages and songs of praise and worship.

Try and catch them all when they are rebroadcast on 3 ABN, you will be equally blessed by all I am sure.

Your judgmental reminders of precious souls Jesus died for, and prayers about 3ABN, Danny and the board, would be better applied to yourself first though is my thinking.

May we all have the ears to hear and the eyes to see what God is saying, and revealing to each of us.

Posted by: Aletheia May 8 2007, 03:40 AM

QUOTE(GrammieTana @ May 6 2007, 01:52 PM)

As much as I appreciate T. Marshall Kelly, I was somewhat disappointed in his sermon on the fifth commandment. It seemed like he was talking to a lot of 'us' when he said that children should still honor their father or mother no matter what kind of parents they had been solely upon the fact that, were it not for the 'sperm donor and receiver' (my words) they would not be on this earth. That any abuse issues should just be 'given to God' and not be used to 'dishonor' the parents no matter what their ilk. (Again, my words.) Am I being too harsh here? Or did anyone else hear that as a veiled suggestion that we should just ignore Danny's behavior with Alyssa and Tommy's behavior as a sexually predatorial Pastor and 'leave it to God?' Oh, yeah, forgiveness was mentioned in there somewhere, too.

Just wonderin'

GrammieTana

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Posted by: Observer May 8 2007, 04:21 AM

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Forgiveness does not release one from consequences.

We may forgive the person who steals church offerings. But, that does not require that we drop criminal charges. It does not require that we allow that person to continue to be responsible for church offerings.

Posted by: Shepherdswife May 8 2007, 07:51 AM

QUOTE(Eirene @ May 7 2007, 01:56 PM) □

Your friend gave you wrong advice to come here. Most of these people are in the same position as you. They have never met any of the people involved, they have never seen any of these allegations with their own eyes. Now they criticize Doug for merging when he does have years of experience working with, dealing with, and truly "knowing" the people involved.

Those here that stick with believing the gossip and lies, want to believe them.

Eirene, I have been one of those lurkers that you mentioned in another post--I have only been on here a couple weeks, but have read most of what this site and save3abn has up. First off, I have only visited 3 abn once, years ago, so do not know anyone personally. I saw Danny and Melody and his previous wife once at a Southern IL campmeeting a lot of years ago, that is it. I worked for Mark and Teenie Finley for nearly 5 years--lived with them part of the time. Met Walter Thompson. I know Pickle's mother and I believe met him once. My mom wrote a book and was interviewed at 3ABN about it around '01 or '02. (Come to think of it, after that experience, which she didn't talk about very much, she noticeably cooled towards 3ABN and has not supported them financially for years--I am not sure why, I never asked her) I have not been a 3ABN viewer--not my cup of tea. But I am 4th generation SDA and have been on about every branch of the Adventist tree there is to be on. Regular member, self-supporting institution, evangelistic team, Adventist Health System, supporting ministry, pastoral, conference staff. But I didn't even know what was going on here until my mom asked me what I thought of what was happening with 3ABN. I quickly got over that condition, thanks to these two sites! □

Yes, there are a lot of posts of conjecture, surmising, wondering, and accusing--back and forth by both sides. But I know the fickleness of public opinion. When we left our last district, one church believed my husband was the best thing since sliced bread. The other church thought he should leave the ministry. So I don't make judgments based on individual opinion or one person telling their experience. I don't put much stock in "proof-texting" to give guidance either, whether Bible or Spirit of Prophecy. "Press together" as reason to join AF and 3ABN can be balanced with "why did the Battle Creek fires happen?" Neither does "Look at all the work we are accomplishing for God". I believe God will use donkeys and ravens if need be, but the donkey speaking nor the beautiful Messianic prophecy that came from Balaams (unwilling) mouth did not prove that Gods stamp of approval was forever on Balaam. Also (might as well get it all off my chest at once!) it really steams me when an organization insulates itself from any chance of learning from criticism or life circumstances by saying that if things are going well, it is proof of God's favor. If they are attacked, it is proof that they are doing something right. If they are criticized, it means they are making Satan angry. If they gain a network, God is behind them, if they lose a network, God is telling them to press forward and not give up--oh, and by the way, we need your money to accomplish all this for God. r

OK, deep breath, calm...enough with the "credentials" (or lack of them, since I don't actually "know" any of the interested parties)

So, the testimony of a lurker: What has impressed me is the weight of evidence. Any leader is open to untrue accusations, but the repeated accusations of sexual misconduct through the years are a pretty good indication that there is something to it, especially when you factor in the fact that Tommy has admitted at least some type of wrongdoing in one instance. That (along with what I know of pedophiles low rate of "recovery") gives me reasonable doubt of his innocence. And if Tommy did even some of it, and if Danny knew--which I think there is evidence that he probably did--and still downplayed it and put him in leadership, I have a hard time trusting him (Danny), which makes me question his perspective and judgment and truthfulness in other instances.

Though the lack of "proof" has been thrown around a lot here, if you watch CSI, you know that there rarely is "this happened here and how" left at a crime scene. "Clues" are what it is all about, and there are a lot of "clues" here and at save3ABN.com for the lurkers. Documents verifying or disproving someone's history of honesty. Testimonies of eyewitnesses, both sides. Timelines that add or don't add up. Emails that show a persons attitude when they don't know others will be reading it. Court actions where books were examined and judgments of record were made. It is like a balance sheet that all the lurkers will read with their own personal biases firmly in place--biases that come from their own background and life experience and agendas. And I have been in ministry long enough to know that there is always more than one side, and sometimes when you hear them both, you wonder if they are even talking about the same event. That doesn't mean that one is perfect and one is diabolical. Or that they are both lying. Often they are both convinced that their story is the true one, but they are looking at it through their own tinted glasses, seeing only what they want to see or are led to see by their own bias or dysfunction.

Because of this, I have as hard time believing in Linda's spotless purity or total victimhood in all this as I have believing that she is trying to orchestrate 3ABN's downfall, as some seem to claim. And I can give Danny the benefit of the doubt as to some of his actions...time will tell whether the things that have happened were unintentional and the various parties can be adults and take responsibility, make restitution, and change things. Proof of character comes after one has been held accountable. . .

It is said that a family is as sick as its secrets. And when you have a family with as many secrets as 3ABN is alleged to have, and as the Sheltons are alleged to have, the members of the family who "do not know" are often contributing to the toxic mix by keeping their eyes closed because they do not want to believe or know, or are themselves unhealthy enough emotionally that things going on all around them do not alert them to the red flags waving in their face. Maybe that is part of what Linda is facing up to these last few years since the divorce, I don't know. I have no contact with her or anyone around her. But I do know that when you are trying to survive, and especially when you have the attitude of "We are doing the Lord's work, so we don't have time for..." you can excuse things that are appalling to you when you look back later.

So, please give us lurkers credit for having some brains to sort out and make our own judgments. Truth can stand on its own, and I say the sooner the better. God can save 3ABN if it still has a work to do, even if garbage is revealed and dealt with, whoever it comes from. And if the organization has been hiding abuse issues--whether abuse of power, sexual or emotional abuse--knowingly or unknowingly, God will not allow it to go on unhindered forever. Better to cleanse it voluntarily than have it swept away...

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Posted by: from-the-pew May 8 2007, 08:24 AM

Thank you, Shepherd's Wife. You have taken some thoughts I have, arranged them sensibly, and added a lot of good stuff....

I've had this phrase running through my head lately..... "His side, her side, and the truth"

Posted by: FineArt May 8 2007, 08:43 AM

shepherdswife,

AMEN !

Posted by: SoulEspresso May 8 2007, 08:45 AM

To the other lurkers here: keep reading. **Notice which side presents documentation and evidence (save3abn.com), and which side does not.**

Notice the spirit with which some of these people are posting.

It is okay to draw your own conclusions.

Do the dannyclones get paid extra for posting in the middle of the night? You may think you can make it look like there are two sides to this, but people are smart enough to see for themselves that 3ABN needs a housecleaning.

Posted by: Clay May 8 2007, 08:55 AM

QUOTE(steffan @ May 8 2007, 02:12 AM)

Johann, don't be ridiculous, please. Saying names were left out from other lists is so childish and silly. Maybe that is who Eirene was thinking of at the time since the TCW just ended. Or maybe she just had a senior moment as we all do. To say she purposely left out someone because of some secret reason is your usual type of spin.

As far as you talking to someone recently....no credibility there....Do you realize how many times you have stated that you just "recently" talked to "a high" conference official, a well known pastor, someone in leadership.....etc etc? Yet, you never name any names. Without names, where it can be verified, your statements mean nothing. If you or the ones supposedly telling you all these opinions about 3abn don't have enough grit to face up to their own comments, they are null and void.

roff **Hah, you did exactly what she said you would do. You suspended her. Hilarious when you look at what your side gets by with. Good going Eirene. You knew the pattern well.**

For one who said they would not return because we were slime, here you are yet again. Maybe you didn't read the guidelines or chose to ignore them, in either case, here they are:

QUOTE

You may not like the decision me and my management team make but you will respect them because I

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Regards,
Calvin Eakins
calvin@blacksda.com

your post is a violation of the above.... take 48 hours to think about your true motive for posting here..... your privileges have been suspended.....

Posted by: Pickle May 8 2007, 11:27 AM

QUOTE(Eirene @ May 7 2007, 03:16 PM)

And if that is your opinion of her then I take it, it could have been very possible that she was hoodwinked and manipulated by the doctor also?

Whether she was or not is irrelevant to the question of whether Danny had biblical grounds for divorce. Based on his own testimony, almost a month after the divorce was final he still didn't know whether she had committed fornication.

In case you didn't know, within the Seventh-day Adventist Church, being hoodwinked and manipulated is not considered biblical grounds for divorce.

Posted by: Jnana15 May 8 2007, 01:26 PM

Next!!



Sorry Clay and Di, but I'm lovin' the Dannyclones exit for a while.

Posted by: Pickle May 8 2007, 02:24 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ May 7 2007, 09:41 PM)

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Posted by: shinejoy May 8 2007, 02:39 PM

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Posted by: princessdi May 8 2007, 03:05 PM

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
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
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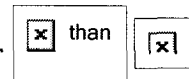
Shepherdswife

I say AMEN too! I really appreciate your posts! Thank you for putting it all together the way you did.

Runner4Him

Posted by: mozart May 8 2007, 05:06 PM

thank you once again PP. i appreciate you more everytime i read your posts.



QUOTE(Panama_Pete @ May 7 2007, 02:33 PM)

Eirene:

What you say here is not true. It's just plain "off the wall."

1. Linda has always been kind to me when I talked to her at 3ABN -- at the church -- or away from 3ABN. Always. I noticed no changes whether the camera lights were on or not.

2. Fluffy was left in good hands -- the same home Fluffy had when Danny and Linda travelled together. In fact, on hot summer days, Fluffy was known to go over to those neighbors' home and stay inside because the house was air-conditioned - and Fluffy knew it.

3. When you rent a new home or apartment, the landlord will sometimes allow one dog, but not two. Linda took Sheltie with her, the younger dog, but Fluffy would have been the second dog. It was not certain at the time that Linda could have rented an apartment with two dogs, rather than one.

By the way, Fluffy and I spent some quality time together. My "first-hand" observation is that there was no mistreatment of Fluffy of any kind. In fact, it was joked that there were days when Fluffy received more mail than Danny did; Whether that's true or not, I don't know, but it was funny just the same.

And welcome to BSDA, FineArt.

ty johann

QUOTE(Johann @ May 7 2007, 02:35 PM)

This is only told as a gentle warning to Eirene about her use of such names. I noticed that a name

frequently used previously on such lists is now absent. It might be wiser not so use such lists than to have to drop some more, one by one.

Posted by: Rosyroi May 8 2007, 05:22 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ May 7 2007, 01:03 PM)

Eirene, I just have to say, this is the most hateful post I have seen from you yet. Fine Art was speaking from her(assuming and too lazy to check) own experiences and feelings about this horrible situation. You cannot invalidate that. She didn't ask you about how Linda was off camera or how long she left her dog.

Once again, for you and the rest of your gan, if this place is sooooo horrible for you, why are you here each and everyday. Get ta steppin'! I really get tired of this kind of stuff. Nobody is forcing you to be here. Now, I may even get myself in trouble for this, but I have had enough. It is one thing for the rest of us who have been here to argue the points, and information presented, but you have attacked a new member for no good reason. She did not come, like some with guns blazing pronouncing judgment on one side or the other, or making demands. She came telling her own experience, and you blasted her. Stop it! Or better yet, just leave. Take your people and go! Don't let the door knob hit cha'.....!

Oh and yes, for the moment, I am speaking as a member, as you too are relatively new and I believe your people have mislead into the belief that you can disrespect anybody here, and trash this site at will.

[color=#CC0000]Not on my watch! They lied, so don't do it again. It is easy enough to change hats. [/color] See how eas that was?

And let me just say this, if you truly enjoy the site, then you are more than welcome to stay, however, just like you would let anybody in your house talking trash about you, we do not allow it either. I truly love BSDA and ALL it's members, I won't stand by even just as a member and let anyone trash us. You can call each other and talk all you want, go to other sites, whatever you want, but not in our house.

Ok, so everybody else, please forgive me. Calvin, I will take whatever punishment you deem applicable. I will now replace my tiara, and go back to being Princessdi

'OU GO GURL!!!

rosyroi

Posted by: princessdi May 8 2007, 05:24 PM


Of course, the elderly gentleman did not know who Brandy was, neither did my friend, but she found out soon enough. You know the more you talk to people about this thing, more you learn. That is the second piece of info that came my way from an unpected source and time.

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


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.e. - papers handed out at TCW. (edited by Mo until further investigaion)

Posted by: shinejoy May 8 2007, 05:49 PM

well that is interesting poor poor danny

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QUOTE shepherdwife.....it really steams me when an organization insulates itself from any chance of learning from criticism or life circumstances by saying that if things are going well, it is proof of God's favor. If they are attacked, it is proof that they are doing something right. If they are criticized, it means they are making Satan angry. If they gain a network, God is behind them, if they lose a network, God it telling them to press forward and not give up--oh, and by the way, we need your money to accomplish all this for God.

OK, It's official, shepherd's wife. You are at the top of my "gotta luv um" list.

.....Emails that show a persons attitude when they don't know others will be reading it.....
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Maybe he was waving the latest publication of *AToday*

Excerpt:

May 1 , 2007

An open letter to Danny Shelton:

Editorial Comment: An earlier version of this open letter to Mr. Danny Shelton, dated April 26, 2007, was e-mailed to various Seventh-day Adventist organizations and denominational officers including Adventist Today, Ms. Mollie Steensen and Mr. Danny Shelton of 3ABN, Douglas Batchelor of Amazing Facts and the Office of the President of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. The original letter was not signed. Adventist Today does not publish anonymous communications, unless we have direct contact with the author, determine his or her standing including the purpose for writing the letter, and the reason for wishing the communication to be unsigned. This *AToday* has done. The letter writer states that he has multiple sources inside the 3ABN ministry. He has requested that his name be kept confidential and that the letter be signed only by his initials to avoid any possible embarrassment to members of his family. The letter writer does not want to see the church embarrassed by the problems at 3ABN. In the letter writer's view, these problems will "especially shake the foundation of faith of new converts to Adventism brought in by the ministry of 3ABN." – Erv Taylor, Executive Editor, *AToday*.

Danny, our money was given to 3ABN in trust. These funds were not given to Danny Shelton. They were actually gifts to God from all of us who want to help spread His message of Salvation. We did not give our money and items of value to 3ABN for the personal benefit of you and your family. Once you began asking for broader financial support in donations from SDA Church members, your personal use of 3ABN should have ceased as you had a fiduciary duty to use these monies in an appropriate manner by employing them solely in the work of spreading the Gospel. As trustees for God's funds, you and the Board of Directors are held to high standards for their use. Unfortunately, it appears that the temptation to abuse your power of the purse may have proven too strong for your own soul.

Do you really think you are being persecuted, as you mentioned on a 3ABN broadcast a number of weeks ago when speaking a Conference President who had once been relieved duties by his constituency? You are not. You are, however, being called to account for your actions and asked to make things right. Your belief that you are being persecuted tells me the Holy Sprit is still working on your conscious. Ask for God's forgiveness and do not lose that beautiful crown He has waiting for you in His Kingdom. Unfortunately, the longer you stay at 3ABN, and the longer this mess festers, the longer Satan has to harden your heart against repenting publicly for your sins. You are placing your Heavenly reward in jeopardy. What a shame, you gain the whole world of 3ABN but you lose your own eternal soul.

I have been impressed by God to send you this message:

For this full article, by DER of Palm Springs, go to <http://www.atoday.com/index.php>

Posted by: LaurenceD May 8 2007, 06:54 PM

Go to Adventist News Roundup, then to Andrews Univeristy gift...and the link, called *open letter to danny shelton* is at the bottom of that article.

Posted by: Shepherdswife May 8 2007, 07:17 PM

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Hello shepherdswife, and please accept my welcome to bsda, you are an asset!

I find this call you received very interesting...I hope you let your conscience be your guide. I do believe, and I'm sure you agree, God expects us to use that common sense He gives us.

I have some of your background, and so I understand, relate and sympathize with much of what you have stated (especially in your "break free" from newbie post, which was awesome!) in past posts.

I have spent a great deal of time thinking about all this mess, I have talked to so many people, our stories all added up would create a library of books...and I continue to contemplate what God will do with this mess, what we will learn from it, and how it will affect (and it will, guaranteed) each of us personally. It's a sad situation.

It's been handled by MEN not by GOD, that is why it's the mess it is. I pray that ALL would look up with confidence in the ONE who will bring us through it, one way or another. God saves us, saves others, and we need to stop looking horizontally at people and realize that we NEED God to keep us close through all this. No matter where you are, what your part in this, your position, your connection, Jesus must Reign first, and people need to know they are loved by Him. That's what matters. To rest so much on those that SHOULD be doing the "right" thing, is going to be more and more disappointing, and not something I want to experience any further.

This community of people (at bsda, and it grows daily), and the technology (it's not a bad thing if used properly) is what (I believe) has a part in sorting, sifting and shaking (and comforting and uplifting) when these things happen around us. I am personally so thankful for this place. It's no wonder that there are a SMALL group that seek to tear it down TOO.

I really believe, the more people share, the more that comes together, the better picture is given on how this is really affecting our church. This forum is a way to do that, and it helps so many.

Thanks for the sharing you have done thus far.

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Posted by: princessdi May 8 2007, 09:40 PM

Come on now, cindy you are going to have to unpack that one sister. I don't see how paying the cofounder of a buisness severance of 250K on a technicality when the buisness is worth millions as fair. so you tell me what I am missing(and I don't think I am the only one). So go for it Gurl!!

But then we still have to talk abouther violating the gag order. I have never heard her say a word in all this tim, bedies she wa not unfaithful in her marriage. So besides sharing with her family and friends. What are you talking about? Yeah, yeah break that down while you are at it.

Proceed!

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First of all, because Danny asks members to support his independent ministry with the time, money and viewership, it makes him answerable to them. Because he promises in return to use more than ordinary care with it all. In particular in this case he promises to uphold the beliefs and doctrines of the SDA church and they "donte " to him on that basis. If he is not holding up his end of the bargain, he needs to explain why. Simple. If he wants to answer to no one but himself and God, fund his own independent ministry.

Now the account was told to me by someone who witnesses this upclose and personal, not from a distance, lip reading and gestures.....you all get my drift, and you believe that version of that story over the man who was standing there experiencing it. Why you worried about second or third hand now, You was happy with BS with his lip syncing and mime.

Princess Di Is giggling and you are applauding, and you both find all you so amusing, and heaven I believe must be weeping at all this.

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Ain't no shame in my game, Gurl. Now, anymore questions?

Y'all excuse me while I replace my tiara, and my earrings.....

Posted by: Aletheia May 8 2007, 10:24 PM

More gossip, evil surmisings and condemnations....

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Posted by: princessdi May 8 2007, 10:26 PM

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Posted by: Aletheia May 8 2007, 10:30 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ May 8 2007, 11:12 PM) □

So what? I see nothing wrong here in anything, or even in what was said..

your point , and motive and intent in repeating this here, was what, Diane?

If you don't know, then I don't need to tell you, but I will anyway, because I know.....never mind. Anyway. Gurl it was HECKA embarrassing and awkward for Brandy to be in that position. If that man asked, I know he wasn't the only one. Also, I ain't got no problem saying that Danny was still playing the victim to people who didn't know he had already "moved on". He just moved Brandy on by them, where she went to the booth to field embarrassing and awkward questions by alone, while Danny played wounded celebrity. She should have kicked his sorry behind right to the curb that big ole, 3ABN truck was parked on! He took advantage. Simple. He should have thanked them for their prayers and support, told them how good God had been, and introduced them to Brandy, new love of his life....."Isn't she cute?"....and they both went to the table and face any unfortunate situations together.....but NO! That would have been too much like right and above board.

Ain't no shame in my game, Gurl. Now, anymore questions?

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I completely understand your message and agree. Some else said this last week or so. People use 3ABN AF as a convenient ministry. As you say send their money in and Voila! they have witnessed to millions with one check. This way, in their minds these men are indispensable to "God's" work, so they believe. God does not need Danny, Doug, 3ABN, AF or even us. It is our distinct privilege to serve Him in His work.

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Surl, I ain't talking about the people Cindy, I am talking about Brandy. if she wasn't uncomfortable or embarrassed then she should have been. it was normal. It was an awkward situation. She actually was old enough to be wise enough to let Danny handle all that buisness, let all that die down, and then proceed. That s baggage that she still has to deal with, because it wasn't handled the proper way before Danny decided to move on". You never open another door(relationship) without closing the other(relationship). That was Danny's baggage she had to carry alone while he play wounded superstar. It should have been handled by Danny, before he even thought of tarting a new life with any woman. All that is besides not being above board with the people who greeted him showing him support because he was now all alone. That was a lie of omission.

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Very perceptive.

There's nothing worse than to watch someone teaching others all about health...and yet looking like the opposite advertisement. No light in the eyes, no radiance in the countenance. You switch to a sports channel and you fairly perceive that God has given the health message to other people.

And there's nothing worse than listening to someone preaching the gospel, and about the Christian graces...and giving off the opposite impression. No sweet peace is felt in their presence. No gracefulness. No understanding. No leadership. You watch them all pompous on TV ("*thank you God for speaking through me... folks, I don't even know what I'm going to say next*") --half the sermon is all about *them*. Somehow, you know they are not acquainted with the destitute selflessness of even sister Teresa. "Blessed are the meek or they shall inherit the earth."

What good is it to have worldly wealth, or some new technical tool, or preaching the secrets of 3 angel's messages, if you don't even have the basics down? Thank God these things are hidden from the worldly wise.

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So, how do you justify this constant pattern of posting wrong information, speculating on it and adding to it? Then when it is pointed out that one of the posters was totally wrong, you all address something else and act like it never happened. How predictable are you???

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AM I agree 100% We do need to wake up and do our part (not just send our money). We are in the end of time and the Lord wants to use us ALL. I don't know how he wants to use me but I am asking that he make his will known to me, even if it means taking me out of my comfort zone and that is scary.

have been wondering and wondering what possible purpose there could be in this merger. It seems like apples and oranges being put together. I feared for AF. We have had two really wonderful evangelistic meetings in less then a year through AF and the response has been beyond our most fervant hopes.

however: I came across a text yesterday in Philippians and it made me look at all this in a new light.

Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill. The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains, but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice. Philippians 1:15-18

Paul was in chains when he wrote this and could see people pretending to be christians for their own gain and yet he was able to rejoice that the gospel was being preached no matter how or by whom.

We can't judge DS or DB motives and all the mess that is 3abn but we can still praise God that the gospel is being preached. And yes God is in control and He can bring both ministries down if that is His will and if that is what is needed for those of us in the pews to wake up.

We mustn't put our faith in the preachers on TV or in church, no matter how sincere they sound. No matter how much we may like the way they preach or what they say. We must each one be so firmly grounded in Jesus Christ and the Scriptures that we will not be led astray by the diluted message or by the messengers. We must not be ostriches with our heads in the sand. We must speak out for right but continue to love and pray for those who may be trying to lead us astray. We also need to be astute stewards of the funds God has so richly bestowed on us.

God gave us all minds to be used for His honor and glory. We need to use them!!!!!!

Keep praying and keep looking up for the blessed return of mine and your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Welcome back mm

Posted by: seraph|m May 9 2007, 10:38 AM

QUOTE(GrammieTana @ May 6 2007, 02:52 PM) □

As much as I appreciate T. Marshall Kelly, I was somewhat disappointed in his sermon on the fifth commandment. It seemed like he was talking to a lot of 'us' when he said that children should still honor their father or mother no matter what kind of parents they had been solely upon the fact that, were it not for the 'sperm donor and receiver' (my words) they would not be on this earth. That any abuse issues should just be 'given to God' and not be used to 'dishonor' the parents no matter what their ilk. (Again, my words.) Am I being too harsh here? Or did anyone else hear that as a veiled suggestion that we should just

ignore Danny's behavior with Alyssa and Tommy's behavior as a sexually predatorial Pastor and 'leave it to God?' Oh, yeah, forgiveness was mentioned in there somewhere, too.

Just wonderin'

GrammieTana

☐ Interesting to say the least... I wonder if anyone recorded that segment? It would be nice to get a transcript.

Heaven forbid sin is called by its right name or so called "ministers of the gospel" no less, are expected to be accountable for their actions. ☐

Posted by: shinejoy May 9 2007, 10:41 AM

very nicely put thank you ☐

Posted by: mozart May 9 2007, 11:53 AM

QUOTE(Shepherdswife @ May 8 2007, 07:17 PM) ☐

I don't know if this is related to the 10 commandments weekend or not, but my husband just got a call saying that there is a project underway to send Shelton's 10 Commandment book to all the other denominations pastors in the state, and "they" (I am not sure who they are) are asking that we (our church) send them \$500 before Thursday to facilitate the project.

Hmm-mm-mm

shepherdswife

Now I just don't like the sound of that. I know a small ministry that wrote and published a booklet titled "What's Behind the New Word Order". They sent it to all ministers in US and all Senators, Congressmen and the President. They didn't ask for any special donations to do this. They felt impressed and just did it and then told us about it in a newsletter.

Should we call this: "different strokes for different folks"?

Hmm-mm-mm-m-

BTW, I received a PM this morning telling me the paper Danny was holding up saying he was going to ignore was a condemning commentary from a Messianic Jewish group that were claiming 3ABN was not telling the whole truth about the commandments, that they should include the feasts, etc. The PMer said they had a permit to solicit these in front of the auditorium and were doing so. I have decided to give this person the benefit of the doubt and edit that out of my previous post as I do not want to be one who starts rumors and makes hasty assumptions. Forgive me for jumping to that conclusion. The way she described the event to me sounded like it was of a more personal nature, but I guess anyone with anything to say against 3abn would be personal to Danny as it should be.

I have requested this PMer provide me with a copy of that document.

Posted by: shinejoy May 9 2007, 12:01 PM

that would be interesting thank you for the info

Posted by: mozart May 9 2007, 12:12 PM

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Do our people... to say nothings of the victims of the Shelton regime... deserve anything less that for full disclosure, restitution, and safeguards against any of those involved ever holding positions of trust in our church to be publicly put in place?

Posted by: mozart May 9 2007, 05:17 PM

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i can't say i have seen evidence in the sense of documentation. it's just an observation. i said, JMO.

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Do our people... to say nothings of the victims of the Shelton regime... deserve anything less that for full disclosure, restitution, and safeguards against any of those involved ever holding positions of trust in our church to be publicly put in place?

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 9 2007, 05:26 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ May 8 2007, 01:24 AM) □

PB,

EVERY single message given was like that, the holy spirit was present throughout the entire weekend, and in all the messages and songs of praise and worship.


Try and catch them all when they are rebroadcast on 3 ABN, you will be equally blessed by all I am sure.

Your **judgmental** reminders of precious souls Jesus died for, and prayers about 3ABN, Danny and the board, would be better applied to yourself first though is my thinking.

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
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JMHO

Posted by: sonshineonme Jun 8 2007, 07:08 PM

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Posted by: princessdi Jun 8 2007, 07:54 PM

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Perhaps the thread on the message to Galatians found here:
<http://www.blackstda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=13601>

would help in understanding the purpose of the law and the reality that we cannot "keep" anything, regardless of how many times we say we can....

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Galatians 3:21-22 emphasis mine

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Relationship is the key word here... as you so often point out... and it should always appear when we speak of Christ in us.... ie. it should be Christ in **relationship** with us.. and we in relationship with Him. In this arrangement He provides the protection for our will so that we may use it to make right choices... and He provides the divine assistance that we need to enable us to do whatever He requires of us. And that is, what he individually requires of us... He does not always require the same things... objectively speaking.... from different individuals.

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good points... let me start another thread... did Adam and Eve choose or was one of them deceived?

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if we believe that we cannot truly love the Lord and therefore cannot keep His commandments, then how do we grow in Christ?

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we are broken vessels, we are weak in the flesh but that should not be used as an excuse to say, "since we can't fully keep the commandments, we should therefore push them aside and not even try". nor should we dance around them until we find a way for them to not be intrusive in our lives. someone said once, "i want God in my life as long as He doesn't interfere".

Jesus gives an order here, pre-empted by the phrase, "If you love me...". that can only mean that the order is directed to those who meet the condition mentioned. if a parent tells a child, "go do your homework", that is an order. how well the child does his homework is judged by their teacher. a good teacher, such as our Lord, will reward his efforts even if his homework is not perfect.

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God's commandments, as any parent's, mean nothing to one who has no love. but to one who trusts in Jesus, obeying them is an expression of the love in which they were given.

because the teachings were given, out of love, by our Redeemer, we do our best to obey because we love Him and care what He thinks of us. this attitude toward obedience is the result of the teachings given in love by our God. The Holy God who created us in love, who taught us in love and who sacrificed His Son in love for our transgressions. we all fall short, we all have "shortcomings", but if we love the Lord, we will try to do as He commands us. as children of a Most Holy and Perfect God should we do any less? the commandments tell us right from wrong. our civil laws were built on them. how else would anyone know right from wrong lest God tell them Himself?

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in reference to the bolded statement you make here, (if i am understanding your statment correctly), i can't agree with that. the Bible says *scripture interprets itself*. are you saying that we can interpret scripture according to our own personal preferences? don't you not mean to say "we **apply** scripture to our individual situations"? please explain. you may pm on this since it is "off topic".

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I feel we need always to be careful not to speak of love as though it were something different from obedience to the Ten Commandments. Love IS God's law. "God is love. 1 John 4:16. His nature, His law is love. It ever has been; it ever will be." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 33.

Commands from God not to kill, or commit adultery or dishonour your parents, or require your servants to

work on the Sabbath, or covet your neighbour's wife, would have been meaningless to the unfallen who had never experimented with sin. I believe in its original form God's law must have simply stated, "Love God supremely, and all others unselfishly." Lucifer came along and wanted to be loved supremely, like God, and that's where the great controversy started. But for us, God's law is still the same law of love. The Ten Commandments are just the special adaptation of this law of love for this fallen planet.

The problem with the scribes and Pharisees was that they divested law-keeping of love. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone." Matthew 23:23, NKJV. "Justice and mercy and faith" are spiritual exercises, each being just different dimensions of the one principle of love. "Faith works by love." Galatians 5:6. Unbelief is sin. Faith and love, as placed in the heart by the covenant-keeping God, and exercised, are one connecting link with Christ, not two, and it is impossible to have this spiritual link with Christ, apart from outward manifestations that this has occurred.

The entrance of sin demanded a new demonstration of God's love in which the fallen must exercise faith, but the command to exercise faith in God has never changed. It has always been there, and always will be. The very decision to look to Jesus, exercise faith in Him, put on the covering robe of His unblemished righteousness, is the first step in obedience to the first commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." For the fallen, justifying faith itself is a dimension of law-keeping!

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God [love, see context] abides in him, and he in God." 1 John 4:15.

"... true love is an ingredient in true and living faith, and is what is most essential and distinguishing in it. ... That a justifying faith, as a most distinguishing mark of Christianity, is comprehended in the great command of loving God, appears also, very plainly, from what Christ says to the Jews, John 5:40-43, etc.." Jonathan Edwards, *Christian Love*, p. 7. "But you are not willing to come to me that you may have life. I do not receive honour from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive." John 5:40-43, NKJV.

There are only two classes at the end, those who have "patience", who "keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12), and the unbelieving or disobedient. Commandment keepers, and commandment breakers. It is VERY important to give focus to what commandment-keeping means. This is the blueprint on our relationship with God, and with all others. There are differences between the law and the gospel. There are also some vitally important similarities.

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