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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Doug Batchelor Responds

Posted by: Observer Apr 22 2007, 03:10 PM

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Date: April 21, 2007

To: Elder Doug Batchelor

The April 19 announcement of a merger of Amazing Facts, and 3-ABN has been described as the most important SDA media announcement ever made. It has aroused intense interest among the supporters of both ministries. In some aspects, that announcement has confused people.

In the interest of clarifying this situation I would appreciate it if you could respond to the questions that follow. Be aware, however, these questions, and your response to them, will be published on the Internet as that is where the most immediate interest has been generated. In the interest of accuracy, I will post your response exactly as written by you. I believe that it is important that people have accurate information which comes from informed people, who can speak with authority. In this issue, you are certainly such.

Please place your responses following the questions.

1) In the corporate world, the word "merger" has specific connotations which involve changes in corporate structure and governmental registration. Typically, it will involve one or more independent corporate entities uniting into one corporate organization. Will this merger between 3-ABN and Amazing Facts result in one combined corporate organization so registered with the appropriate governmental agencies, or will 3-ABN and Amazing Facts continue as independently registered corporate bodies?

2) It is understood that 3-ABN and Amazing Facts are going to be governed by one united Board. Is this understanding accurate? If it is so, how are the members of that Board going to be selected?

3) Both Amazing Facts and 3-ABN have attempted to establish some a relationship with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, while remaining some degree of independence. It is thought by many that Amazing Facts has a closer relationship with the denomination than does 3-ABN, and that 3-ABN is more independent than is Amazing Facts. With this merger, how are those relationships to the SDA church expected to change?

4) Many understand 3-ABN as claiming to proclaim the "undiluted SDA gospel" in a manner that has not been done by any other SDA media. Is this merger going to effect any changes in the message proclaimed by Amazing Facts and 3-ABN? In other words, can we expect that either Amazing Facts will now begin to proclaim an undiluted SDA gospel, or that 3-ABN will now begin to proclaim a diluted gospel? While my question may seem trite, it is being asked by sincere people.

5) Informed sources close to this merger have told me that it is expected that you will become the President of this new organization, while other informed sources have told me that a decision on this has not been made. Do you expect to become the President of this organization?

6) I have also been given conflicting information in regard to the role that Danny Shelton will play in this new organization. What do you expect that his role will be in this new organization?

7) Do you expect that any major personnel changes will be made in either Amazing Facts or 3-ABN as a result of this merger? Will current employees, who are not members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, continue to be employed in their present role?

8) Is it expected that all employees of both organizations will transfer to a denominational pay and benefits schedule?

9) Can we expect that both organizations will be regularly audited according to the standards of the denomination?

10) Not-for-profit organizations have ethical and legal responsibilities in regard to the release of financial information to the public. Can we expect that this information will be made freely available to the public?

11) Corporate mergers always involve the assumption of responsibility by each organization for the actions of the other organization. What risks does Amazing Facts assume for past and future actions of 3-ABN? Conversely, what risks does 3-ABN assume for past and future actions of Amazing Facts?

12) Some believe that a benefit to Amazing Facts will be access to a fully equipped production studio, and a benefit to 3-ABN will be increased respectability due to a relationship with Amazing Facts. No benefit is seen to be in a reduced work-force. Others believe that Amazing Facts has much to gain due to an increased audience. What do you believe to be the benefits to each organization?

I appreciate the time that you will expend in responding to my questions. This merger is of great interest to Seventh-day Adventists. The responses made to these questions will be very helpful and informative.

If you do not believe that you can respond to these questions, or if you need some extended time to do so, I would appreciate a response to that effect.

Gregory Matthews

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 22 2007, 03:04 PM)

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Gregory,

Here is a response from Pastor Batchelor. I know they are working hard on getting the most accurate answers for the many questions.

Thank yo for your e-mail.

Blessings,
Pastor Harold White

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

From: [e-mail address deleted as it was a private one.]

Sent: Sat, April 21, 2007 6:50 pm

To: Harold White

Subject: Answer for Common questions

Dear friend,

As expected, the historic announcement regarding plans to unite the ministries of Amazing Facts and 3ABN has generated a phenomenal response.

E-mails expressing support and praise to God have been pouring in. The miraculous, providential and rapid leading of God in this event has taken everyone by surprise.

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Naturally this exciting news has also raised many questions.

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Because of the colossal, dynamic nature of this partnership, many organizational details still remain to be addressed. So we do not have all the answers at this point in time. Please continue checking the website for fresh updates and information as this incredible development unfolds.

Thank you again for your words of support and encouragement and please continue to pray that God will mightily bless this united effort to proclaim the good news!

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 22 2007, 04:05 PM

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Posted by: mozart Apr 22 2007, 06:57 PM

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i find it truly fascinating that doug and danny have such close friends in these forums. ppl that know them so well that they know things about what is happening that doug and danny don't even know. they are such good friends with them that D & D have confided things to them that they haven't even told their immediate staff members yet and not only that, but they trust them so much, they give them carte blanche to post all that enlightening knowledge in these forums. it's just amazing isn't it?

one more thing i find truly fascinating is these "know it alls" don't act Christian at all. they are sarcastic and demeaning and insulting to anyone they disagree with and they love to accuse us of extremely hateful, revengeful behavior. they love to keep repeating that we want to destroy this or that or him or her and no matter how many times we tell them otherwise they keep repeating themselves. it's just truly fascinating that these are people that D & D know so well.

Posted by: george Apr 23 2007, 11:47 AM

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Posted by: Aletheia Apr 25 2007, 07:06 AM

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 25 2007, 04:29 PM

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Your entire post put into perspective why many questions were raised by the way that this "merger" was introduced. The 3abn public relations department needs some serious upgrading.

Posted by: inga Apr 26 2007, 12:09 PM

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 26 2007, 12:52 PM

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Well said...

Posted by: Whtz Happenin Apr 26 2007, 01:21 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 26 2007, 02:52 PM)

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Any possibility you could share the content of that email with us?

Here are a couple of emails posted at <http://www.save3abn.com/news-releases-amazing-facts-3abn-pastor-loug.htm>

scroll down to "Many Things on These Internet Websites Are Gossip and Unfounded" to see them. They may or may not be the email that inga referenced.

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wonder how many of these kind of emails are floating around.

find it troubling that we now have a situation in which both Danny and Amazing Facts are saying the same thing: *The merger will result in both institutions being lay-led by a single board. Of course, the single board is to be expected. But the idea that A-Facts will no longer be a part of the denomination being suggested by both sides suggests that there is a good bit of agreement between Danny and Doug on more issues than we know of.*

Posted by: inga Apr 27 2007, 01:39 AM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 26 2007, 01:52 PM) □

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You'll find it below.

It occurs to me that my email is even more applicable now, with the proposed merger, than it was when I wrote it.

Now that I look at it again, Bonnie Ensminger really didn't say much. What I found offensive was her reference to "investigator, judge and jury" and her reference to my "bitterness," which was not called for. It essentially skewed what I wrote into a very different sort of emotional climate. And this same pattern is also typical of Danny Shelton, as is the reference to doing the Lord's work when unpleasant (even amazing) facts are referenced.

When I wrote this, I was very concerned, hoping against hope that my last paragraphs were but a future possibility. I did want to get Doug's attention!

I used a feed-back form on the web site because I could not find any contact information for Doug Batchelor. I clearly indicated that I wished to address Doug, but I believe it's fairly certain that he never got to see my message.

My message is at the bottom, Bonnie's above mine. It is as I received it, with the exception of a few email headers which I deleted and my email address which I deleted as well.

QUOTE

Envelope-to: ****
Delivery-date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 23:22:58 -0500
Received: from
Subject: MAP
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 21:23:08 -0700
References:
From: "Bonnie Ensminger"
To: *****

Dear Inge:

So many people want to put themselves in the role of investigator, jury, judge and executioner. We need to allow the Lord to do what He alone is qualified to do, because He alone is the One aware of the things that are not known to the human mind and ear. I believe that the Lord is capable of putting things in order, even at the "head of the work," as Ellen White says. We don't want to be part of any gossip.

Doug Batchelor is a friend of Danny Shelton, but it does not mean that he has to agree with everything that Danny does. To sever friendship and association is not beneficial to anyone, that alone the Lord's work.

May God bless you and take away the bitterness and disillusionment that you spoke about. 'The battle is the Lord's.' 1Samuel 17:47. God is control and every person will be judged by Him. In the mean time we need to not let the devil take us away from the work the Lord has given us--preach the Word so that Jesus can come!

Warm regards,

Bonnie Ensminger
Secretary to Doug Batchelor

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

From: Inge Anderson
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 8:56 PM
To: April Cohorst
Subject: Administration/Personnel

Name: Inge Anderson
Email Address:

Comments: This is the closest contact to Pastor Doug that I can find on this website, and I wish to address myself to Pastor Doug.

As a fourth-generation active Adventist & graduate of Andrews University, I cannot begin to express how disappointed, yes disillusioned, I am with Pastor Doug's continuing support of Danny Shelton and his shameful dealings. I realize that showing one's program on a network does not imply support of the morals of administrators of the network, but referring to Danny Shelton as "my friend" before millions serves to make us think that Pastor Doug is not what he appears to be either.

What else are we supposed to think? Birds of a feather flock together, they say.

If it is indeed true that Pastor Doug has the same morals or, more accurately, lack of morals as Danny Shelton, God cannot continue to bless his efforts. The fall-out from his public accolades of Danny Shelton, when so many of Danny's moral failings are clear enough for anyone to see, will not be light. I don't believe I exaggerate when I suspect there will be a heavy price to pay by those who knowingly (and ignorance at this point in time is hardly possible to claim) support Danny Shelton in his exploitation of the truth of God for personal gain AND support of his immoral desires.

Are there NO men left who will "stand for the truth though the heavens fall"?

Once upon a time, I thought that Doug was such a man. And it was also nice to see his wife on the show with her simple, direct manner, so suitable for a Christian wife.

But now it seems that all of this is but good play-actiing -- just like Linda and Danny used to perform for their public and as Danny is continuing to do.

So it is evident that Doug, too, has his price. The exposure that 3ABN can give to a "televangelist" is justification enough to "overlook" Danny's brazen immoral behavior, thus condoning it and joining him in the slime pit of immorality. Ah, yes, a bigger audience makes it all worth it... more dollars coming in...

Ichabod! May God have mercy!

Inge Anderson

Posted by: shaddo Apr 27 2007, 02:13 AM

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

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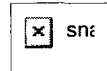
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  The real issues here are why is the "merger" taking place now, aka the lawsuit factor from Ms. Shelton, and why is the SDA church aka GC head hunters - so involved with the "spin factor" - even while these so called "holy men" D&D - go around being deviously deviant to the point of turning real interested and sincere people against the "merger" even while they deny doing anything at all. This is BAD Business practice! But then again, you are dealing with "evangelists" not MBA Harvard grads! May God have mercy on us all!!! Our faith is NOT in these "leading men" but rather on the Solid Rock - the Truth as it is in Jesus! MEN!!!

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Apr 27 2007, 06:08 AM

Whoa....I'mma stand behind the fan with a shield. This is gonna blow....



Posted by: SoulEspresso Apr 27 2007, 12:30 PM

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reminds me of an Aimee Mann song:

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"It's not going to stop
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'Til you wise up."

find it interesting that we're starting to refer to Doug & Danny as "D&D." Was that a deliberate pun, or was it an accident?

Posted by: rwelchcrs Apr 27 2007, 12:41 PM

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I can't imagine that with 3ABN \$3 million in the hole that he'd think there was nothing to the reports. He was always better at politics than theology anyway.

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rwelchcrs, I hope you're right. I want to believe that Doug is merely ignorant. But one doesn't become an evangelist consulted by National Geographic on prophecy by being a dummy.

Posted by: Johann Apr 27 2007, 03:56 PM

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Posted by: Skyhook Apr 27 2007, 04:02 PM

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Skyhook,

This is an interesting thought. However, what pops into my mind is this:

Is it God's will that one of His leaders, one who has taken the call to spread the Gospel of His Kingdom in His name, should orchestrate a plan to help a "sinner" save face instead of calling sin by its right name and working towards repentance, reformation and restoration?

I was going to post the first paragraph from Testimonies Volume 3, #23 - Duty to Reprove Sin, but the White Estate website says the gateway is too busy right now.

<http://www.nisbett.com/reference2/3t/3t027e.htm>

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Posted by: Fran Apr 27 2007, 08:14 PM

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Comments like this are the very reason I question this merger. We do not get rid of sin by merging with it!

Judas was PART of Christ's followers. Jesus rid his workers of Judas by telling Judas to go ahead and do what he had to do!

It bothers me that Doug has taken on a ministry such as 3ABN. Are we flushing sin down the toilet and it just doesn't exist any more? Are they doing this all in the name of Jesus Christ. Reminds me of the book "All in the Name of God!"

Posted by: lurker Apr 28 2007, 11:54 AM

Had Christ cloaked their sins and applauded their piety, they would have accepted Him as their

king; but they would not bear His fearless rebuke of their vices. The loveliness of a character in which benevolence, purity, and holiness reigned supreme, which entertained no hatred except for sin, they despised. Thus it has been in every age of the world. The light from heaven brings

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
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


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
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I would not argue with your position. You may be correct. But, if you are, you are talking about a joint venture.

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

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

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
Have you read all the pinned threads at the top of this forum? What about save3abn.com?

I joined the forum some time back, went away for awhile, then came back again after the AToday article. The difference in tone between the regular posters' orginal comments and the ones they were posting when I came back was palpable. In other words, the folks that are or have become regulars here were skeptical at first, not really wanting to believe either side without more evidence.



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I should be more precise. Eyewitness accounts and original documents constitute one set of evidence. The other side has provided evidence, but not the kind they think they're putting up. This second set of evidence is the work of Danny's apologists, called in bsda slang dannyscribes or dannynites or danites; their postings have grown so vitriolic, so hateful, so illogical and un-Christlike that one wonders what motivates them to post here. They get banned frequently for their behavior.


As we've been watching this thing unfold over time, we who have concerns have gotten pretty angry. Sometimes it comes through in ways that, yes, is less than helpful and may not be put the way Jesus would put it. Once in awhile we've been subject to corrective action by our mods here--which is fine.

But when we see people who have been hurt and destroyed by the leadership at 3ABN, is there a response appropriate other than anger? 

Bottom line (and Eirene, pay attention): Adventists don't tolerate this kind of behavior. The reason these forums are the way they are (the reason this is all over the Internet) is because Danny and the 3ABN board have not responded to more subtle, private urgings by concerned people. It's been documented. Some of us have been praying for a year that it wouldn't take a major media story to create the change. But as someone (don't remember who) said, "If you don't clean up your church, the media will."


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
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

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As one newbie to another I agree wholeheartedly with your assesement. I have been a lurker here and other places. When it comes to this subject I feel like for the most part many of the posters here can be less than kind at times. Also, if you read all of the information on this you will find many form opinions on hear-say and not authenticated facts. Putting it simply most of what I have read on this 3ABN fiasco is nothing more than gossip and has not served to glorify the Lord at all.

Jim, many of us shared our experience when we first came here. I explained how I went from one side to the other. If you've lurked, you must be aware there is a great deal of skepticism around here as we've watched people come and go, some get suspended for the reasons you've given, only to reappear under another username--or so it appears.

I'd be interested in what swayed you one way or the other, and also how you feel about scriptural application to 1) marriage/divorce; 2) child molesters; 3) Chrisitans going to the law to settle differences. Plus, maybe you have views on the *3abn vs. State of Illinois* cas, the use of technology, rather than person to person ministry, to spread the most unique part of the 3 angel's message, whether the two ministries uniting is a "merger" or a "joint venture," and finally how you view a TV evangelist...divorced, carrying guns, dressed in a longhorn western blazer, exorbitant salary gleaned from his viewers, hopping on corporate jet to go preach the gospel to the poor, and suing anyone that offends his pride.

There is a certain wisdom found in the bleachers. Many of us do not know the players but are quite familiar with the games we are watching. Then there's the media--those who try and explain (or re-explain) what we actually see happening. We in the the bleachers are not easily fooled...so, it is always interesting to get to know a newbie.

Care to share? If not, you must understand.