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Posted by: from-the-pew Apr 19 2007, 06:02 PM

News Release: 4/18/2007 3ABN AND AMAZING FACTS TO UNITE MINISTRIES

MEDIA RELEASE

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West Frankfort, IL – April 19, 2007 – Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) and Amazing Facts Ministries today announced upcoming plans for uniting the two international Christian media ministries. Lauding the global platform for evangelism this union will create, the Boards of Directors of both ministries unanimously approved moving toward joining the ministries under a new board and constituency.

Founded in 1984, 3ABN began broadcasting on November 23, 1986 and now transmits its signal to nine satellites that carry it to every inhabited continent with a potential viewing audience of hundreds of millions. In addition to its English-speaking television network, 3ABN operates 3ABN Books, 3ABN Radio and 3ABN Latino Television networks, along with a 3ABN television and radio production center in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. The ministry has also announced plans to launch the 3ABN International Network before the year's end. The second largest Christian network in North America (in numbers of owned and operated UHF stations), 3ABN also has full-power stations in Papua New Guinea, Uganda, and the Philippines.

Beginning with a fifteen-minute radio broadcast in 1966, Amazing Facts has grown into a successful soul-winning dynamo. For over forty years Amazing Facts has provided strong evangelistic, ministry through an array of services that include evangelistic training through the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE), a team of live itinerant evangelists, publishing, radio and television broadcasts, Bible school and a popular internet ministry.

While there are still a number of organizational details to be worked out, with good council both ministries are confident these things can be accomplished rapidly. For the immediate future we anticipate most of the normal operations at both ministries will remain the same. Our goal will be to optimize greater evangelistic impact to the world, more efficient service to the body of Christ and better stewardship of resources through this dynamic partnership.

In making the announcement, 3ABN's Founder Danny Shelton stated, "We're excited about uniting our ministries, which will accelerate our array of evangelistic services to reach the multitudes. The Spirit-filled speakers of Amazing Facts will share the undiluted truth of God's Word on 3ABN's global platform. The ministries will mobilize an army of Christians to conduct Bible studies in cities worldwide. Time is short—we need to maximize our efforts to reach lost souls."

Doug Batchelor, Amazing Facts President/Speaker, commented, "This uniting of ministries will expand our operations and forge an impressive team of Christian managers who bring their unique talents and reputation for visionary leadership to the new organization. Our union will surely lead to greater effectiveness and economy in spreading the gospel to the world. We're really excited about this comprehensive opportunity to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ."

Danny Shelton comments, "Through God's miraculous blessing He has allowed me to witness 23 years of the unfolding of the vision for 3ABN. I truly believe that this historic partnership with Amazing Facts is a continuation of the vision and can only say with calm assurance, God is leading."

Doug Batchelor states, "In 1844 Samuel Morse sent the first electronic message. Quoting from Numbers

23:23 'What hath God wrought!' Media has now become for the proclamation of the Gospel what the printing press was 500 years ago. The union of these two dynamic ministries represents a miraculous milestone and opportunity to fulfill the great commission. It's hard to describe the staggering potential! I simply stand in awesome wonder declaring. 'What hath God wrought!' As 3ABN and Amazing Facts join hands and hearts, wonderful things can happen to expand Jesus' Kingdom."

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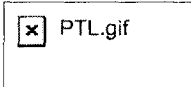


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Watch Doug Batchelor on an extraordinary 3ABN Today LIVE tonight at 8 p.m. (CT). He'll join host Danny Shelton with a major announcement that will change the face of global evangelism.

(Rebroadcast Sunday, April 22, at 3 p.m. central time.)

http://www.amazingfacts.org/news/read_news.asp?ID=138

Posted by: simplysaved Apr 19 2007, 06:08 PM

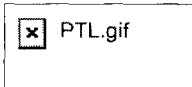


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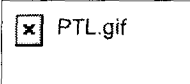


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What about the alleged victims of TS and those who were allegedly wrongfully terminated from 3ABN? I don't think this does anything for them. Please don't get me wrong - if this is the Lord's will for His ministries, then so be it. Obviously we are all taught to forgive...I just think we should not be too quick to forget...BTJM...

Posted by: freckleface Apr 19 2007, 06:29 PM

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My mind has been running wild with such questions. I wasn't sure how many of them I really wanted to voice!

I'm hoping the LIVE presentation will help some, but not counting on it! 27 more minutes! (I've been counting down since 4 hours...)

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Apr 19 2007, 06:42 PM

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Posted by: SoulEspresso Apr 19 2007, 06:44 PM

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The quote says CONSTITUENCY not CONSTITUTION.

Constituency

a : a body of citizens entitled to elect a representative (as to a legislative or executive position) b : the residents in an electoral district c : an electoral district

2 a : a group or body that patronizes, supports, or offers representation <creating...a grass-roots constituency for continuing the project -- Fred Reed> b : the people involved in or served by an organization (as a business or institution) <regards its corporate customers as its prime constituency -- Andrew Hacker>

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...but don't most of Amazing Facts' supporters watch them on 3ABN? I guess it is on regular TV in some places, but at terrible hours...

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SE, I appreciate your honesty.

Posted by: mozart Apr 20 2007, 01:21 AM

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mooses Primo does seem very steadfast and diligent in advancing the technological capabilities of 3ABN. I think he can work anywhere with his knowledge and skill.

Posted by: lurker Apr 20 2007, 10:09 AM

I have been trying to find out who is on Amazing Facts' present board. I have no clue but I hope the new and improved board will be more ethical and less wimpy than the current 3ABN board.

Posted by: mozart Apr 20 2007, 11:53 PM



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Posted by: simplysaved Apr 21 2007, 05:20 AM

Mo,

We also have to be careful that we are not projecting here either. Why would they not be happy? I WOULD if I were in that position. Not everything is a conspiracy. It is great news that a ministry they are involved with, 3ABN, is not only being re-picked by Sky Angel but the Dish Network as well!


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and I will say this again regarding Pastor Doug Batchelor's demeanor:

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Posted by: vanburton Apr 21 2007, 07:09 PM

Just some thoughts on the quotes used in the press release (parenthetical comments are those of this poster):

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So, why the merge? The only merge that makes sense is Christ in us, we in Him. That's the bottom line. Is bigger better?

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 21 2007, 08:47 PM

vanburton,
You, a woman of few words, have once again brought some compelling thoughts to this discussion.

Posted by: seraph|m Apr 21 2007, 10:20 PM

"The more things change, the more they stay the same"

Posted by: mozart Apr 22 2007, 12:40 AM

oh i don't mean to say the merger isn't good or real or blessed of God. it probably is, but in a way that the motives of those who brought it about are not as they planned. even tho' it may be a good thing, it doesn't mean it was done for the right reasons. what i am saying is i think that some of the ppl there on that show were faking happiness about the whole thing for various personal reasons. i believe that their super positive attitude was phoney. i think it was more about them trying to keep their positions, or possibly gain more ground with this change, than it was true happiness for the two ministries. i think they are hoping this merger will solve all the problems without any of them being held accountable for their wrongdoing. (and most of you know who "they" is) that this will take away a big portion of all the negative that has come their way and put the focus on other things. but.....the things that have been done and said, on air and off, cannot be allowed to be forgotten in all the hullabaloo of this huge event. yes we all wanted to see changes made at 3abn and i think we should be happy about that and Praise God for that and be supportive to AF. hopefully this will work and 3abn will be run right with a board that is actually a "board". that's just one half of the equation however. let's not forget the other half; holding accountable the few people who have behaved badly (to put it mildly), possibly done things illegally and dishonestly and deliberately hurt others. we can't let this huge thing be such a distraction as to accomplish the silencing of those who are speaking out and taking actions against that wrongdoing. so now, hopefully, 3abn will be saved. that's 1 down. but let's not be naive, or be deceived or cynical about what all else needs to be done. the discernment needed here is of Biblical proportions and by the grace of God, ALL will be resolved and restored. this is far from over and i pray that all of us here, including myself, will be discerning and stay focused on the truth. i pray that we will not be easily swayed or tricked or deceived or tempted. i pray that we will handle the tasks before us with grace and dignity and with all seriousness knowing that we do all things in the sight of God and that real human beings with real feelings and frailties are involved. I just want to say now that i have learned a lot about myself and what i say and how i say it and i appreciate all of you here. i believe all of us who speak out here are honestly trying to make a difference. May God guide us in all that we do and say and think. God bless, Mo

Posted by: Skyhook Apr 22 2007, 09:16 PM

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One of our local church member's daughter-in-law works for Amazing Facts. She describes Doug Batchelor as a strong-willed micro-manager. It is hard to imagine he and Danny being able to work together for any length of time.

Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 22 2007, 10:43 PM

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Posted by: no_cults Apr 23 2007, 07:43 AM

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I agree.... same spinmeisters. No wonder DB was slumping in his chair. Must have been terribly embarrassing to him. Each one going on and on about their visions and building up themselves doing their best to act "up-beat" about this merger/takeover. Almost nearly funny, but *more disgusting than anything else.*

Anyone really believe that there would have been a merger w/o:

1. Severe financial troubles.
2. Perpetual rumours of DS's miss-deeds concerning marriage and subsequent re-marriage.
3. Exodus of employees very willing to speak out.
4. Problems with uses money which threaten their 501C2 designation.
5. Rumours which appear to be true concerning a family member's involmment in the abuse of young men and small boys..... (recently substantiated by many)

I am sure I have left out others, but this was NOT 3abn's idea. For DS to give up any of his power does not appear to be within his nature. He vigorously resisted a few years back when the church reached out and wanted a closer connection. *To speak out and voice dissent with him meant you were probably not going to last too long with the organization.* The very fact that board decisions are often (bragged about this) are unanimous votes says a lot. It is amazing how people will give up their principles just to have a little bit of air-time or the ego building boost of being on someone's board.... but I have seen it happen often. People will say something privately... but when given the opportunity to voice thier oppinions that could be controversial --- they keep thier mouths shut. Like Solomon said.. it is all about ego and vanity.

Posted by: Eirene Apr 23 2007, 08:20 AM

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Occam's Razor, my sister.

Posted by: inga Apr 23 2007, 10:38 PM

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If she said "not only survive but thrive," then survival had surely entered her mind. ...

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One of our local church member's daughter-in-law works for Amazing Facts. She describes Doug Batchelor as a strong-willed micro-manager. It is hard to imagine he and Danny being able to work together for any length of time.

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Posted by: mozart Apr 24 2007, 02:01 AM

QUOTE(Rosyroi @ Apr 22 2007, 10:43 PM)

That was so disappointing to watch

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Posted by: Fran Apr 24 2007, 03:46 AM

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Mozart;

This is getting strange. The more I read your posts, the more I agree with your opinions!

It has taken me several years to see clearly that you may be exactly correct. I remember her before 3ABN. Her prayers were so spirit filled. When she prayed every one could "FEEL" what we were sure was the HOLY SPIRIT. At that time I felt she was being used by God.

I remember when she was in Texas and was offered a position at 3ABN. We all gathered and rejoiced and prayed for her success. This was before the IL vs. 3ABN Property Tax Lawsuit was ever heard of.

I can still remember her stumbling her words in front of the camera and how Linda allowed her continue to practice in front of the camera. I have to commend her for that patience with Shelley.

I would make sure I never missed her "Exalting God's Word" program. She got much better. Danny later gave her a position on Up Close. However, her popularity became greater than Danny's. Everyone, all together now, what happened to her next?

She is rarely seen in programing. She is so busy doing "Things" that she is no longer using her abilities for Christ in front of the camera. This last weekend I did see Exalting God's Word come on, but I turned it off.

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Posted by: Skyhook Apr 24 2007, 11:02 AM

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Posted by: watchbird Apr 24 2007, 11:26 AM

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Posted by: Eirene Apr 24 2007, 01:01 PM

QUOTE(inga @ Apr 23 2007, 10:38 PM)

If she said "not only survive but thrive," then survival had surely entered her mind. ...

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Inga, I think by your posts, it might be conducive for you to go back and read some facts here and at CF. Doug will not need another 24 hours. He has said over and over he wants to be freed up for more evangelism. The last thing he wants to do is run 3abn as well as his own church and ministry. There will be no "cleaning house." That is not Doug's position in this. Actually the titles haven't even been voted on much less confirmed. What he has made clear is that Danny will continue to run 3abn as CEO. Safeguards are in place where one ministry can't "take over" the other ministry. Even though it seems you are purposely choosing not to acknowledge the facts, that doesn't make your fantasies ,realities. Time will prove that eventually you must let go of your "dreams" of what you want to happen, and accept the actuality of what is going to happen.

Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Apr 24 2007, 01:16 PM

QUOTE(Eirene @ Apr 24 2007, 02:01 PM)

There will be no "cleaning house." That is not Doug's position in this.

If that's the case, this merger is already doomed.

Posted by: caribbean sda Apr 24 2007, 01:45 PM

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Posted by: watchbird Apr 24 2007, 03:06 PM

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Thank you.

Posted by: mozart Apr 24 2007, 03:43 PM

that's definitely true and a good point but i personally would have rather been sitting in another seat.

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 21 2007, 01:46 PM)

My own opinion on Doug's demeanor on the Thursday Night Live program is that it was most likely a result what he shared with the audience at the beginning of the show - not having slept at all the night before. Add onto that two plane rides and the preparatory meetings in the days before and I think that would take a toll on any human being.

Posted by: mozart Apr 24 2007, 04:18 PM

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Me: rofl what'd i do? lol


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ME: well, personally, i think it's much more than that. the woman said, "people all day have been saying i'm just bubbling out all over and i guess i am. i feel like a new bride!!!   "

 the woman was scary.

(wonder if Ellen White was that excitable. NOT!)

anyway, i don't want to trash the woman but i just feel it in my bones. i do not think she is good for teaching or preaching religion. i used to be very heavily involved in the "new age". **i can smell it. she's a prime candidate. i'm sorry if that offends anybody, but i have to say what i have to say to protect my God, my church and my friends.** i pray the Lord will open her heart and change her completely, *but, right now, her thinking and understanding is way off.*

here is something i've wanted to share but the time just hasn't come up. now is the time:
<http://www.angelfire.com/mo/PsychicOrSatan/Praying.html>

Posted by: mozart Apr 24 2007, 04:30 PM

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Posted by: LaurenceD Apr 24 2007, 05:43 PM

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Desend or fall over dead?

thanks LD, but if i have any insight i can only praise the Lord for that. when i was delivered out of the "occult/new-age" i made God a promise. i said as i held up the Bible, "i will never again do anything that is not in THIS BOOK." then i prayed, "Lord, all i ask is discernment so i will never be deceived like this again." i know many times HE has blessed me with that. sometimes i use my own discernment, but i can usually tell when the Lord is showing me. May HE bless us all that way and have mercy on all who are deceived. maybe we can start another thread on that; but let's not hijack this one. God bless our eyes, our hearts and our minds.

Posted by: roxe Apr 24 2007, 08:09 PM

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Posted by: mozart Apr 24 2007, 08:14 PM

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thank you kindly roxe

Posted by: roxe Apr 24 2007, 08:50 PM

you're welcome, mozart □

glad to help...

Posted by: mozart Apr 24 2007, 10:55 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 24 2007, 07:14 PM)

thank you kindly roxe

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Posted by: roxe Apr 25 2007, 12:04 AM

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 24 2007, 10:55 PM)

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mozart, you need to be registered member in order to see and read that forum... which is why i mentioned above about the register button...

can you see the "3ABN Issues Factual Information" forum on the main page? after you are registered, you will see the Independent Ministries forum just above that one.

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 25 2007, 06:14 AM

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Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 25 2007, 07:24 AM

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You heard Linda say this? Oh... wait... that's right; you've never met or talked to Linda in your life.

QUOTE

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Given the accusation you just threw at Linda, your statement here is hypocritical in the extreme... have you no shame, Cindy?

QUOTE

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Physician, heal thyself...

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 25 2007, 04:34 PM

Yep, things have certainly spiced up since Cindy returned.

Posted by: mozart Apr 25 2007, 06:54 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 25 2007, 05:14 AM)

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I ABSOLUTELY AM.

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you referring to linda in this way is "nothing more but evil surmising, and misjudging of motive and intent." and just plain lying. i don't believe a word. you absolutely made this up just to rebuff me. you live in another world AL.

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if HE does, i'll accept it, but you don't give God orders, do you?

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Accountable, I am. Idle I am not.

Posted by: Grith Apr 26 2007, 09:44 AM

News Release: 4/25/2007 Frequently Asked Questions #1

Since announcing the intention to unite the ministries of Amazing Facts and 3ABN, we have received numerous good questions from ministry friends. Unfortunately, it is not practical to answer every e-mail in detail, but in the interest of transparency and keeping you informed, we have done our best below to provide some answers to the most common questions. Please keep checking our website regularly for updates as news develops.

Q. What is the estimated timeline for the proposed union?

A. All operations at both ministries will continue as normal for the next few months while subcommittees consider legal, organizational, and transitional issues. With God's blessing, we hope to have the details finalized as soon as possible.

Q. Does this mean Amazing Facts will move to Illinois or 3ABN will move to California?

A. No. There are beneficial reasons for both ministries to maintain a campus in their present locations; thus, there are currently no plans to transplant either ministry. However, some aspects of the ministries could be combined in the future for better efficiency and stewardship of God's resources.

Q. Does the proposed union mean control of 3ABN will be assumed by the SDA denomination?

A. No. Both Amazing Facts and 3ABN will fall under a new board to be led by laity. Although Amazing Facts and 3ABN are self-funded entities, both organizations are supportive of the denomination and encourage people to be active at their local church. This policy will continue under the new union. New bylaws are being prepared to preserve that grassroots principle of lay leadership.

Q. Is Doug Batchelor the new president of 3ABN?

A. No. Danny Shelton is still the president of 3ABN. Mr. Shelton is recommending Pastor Doug for the position of president of the new united organization, but this is a decision that must ultimately be confirmed by the new constituency and board.

Q. Will Doug Batchelor move to Illinois?

A. This is unlikely. Pastor Doug recognizes that should he accept this position, it will involve additional travel. He has spoken with his church and family about the added commitment this union would require on his part. His congregation understands this will reduce some percentage of his time at Sacramento Central, where he has served for nearly 14 years. However, Pastor Doug believes he can do more in serving the interests of global evangelism and church revival by maintaining his connection with church members while still employed as an active pastor.

Q. Will Amazing Facts or 3ABN change their name?

A. Both entities have strong name recognition. There are no plans at this time for either ministry to lose its unique identity or branding through this partnership.

Q. Will the union of these two ministries cause a change in 3ABN programming?

A. The programming at 3ABN is continually being evaluated and improved as the network strives for the highest production quality and content. New programs are introduced every month. This policy will continue in the new partnership.

Q. Will 3ABN continue to be open to and supportive of the many other ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

A. Absolutely! 3ABN will continue to welcome, uphold, and broadcast the many SDA ministries who are proclaiming the end-time truths God has entrusted to our Church.

Q. Why unite/partner if so many things will remain the same?

A. These two ministries complement each other highly in many areas. Uniting the evangelistic message and mission of Amazing Facts with the worldwide platform of 3ABN is an exciting opportunity that will surely impact the world for God's kingdom. In the past, Amazing Facts has actively explored the possibility of a 24-hour television network, while 3ABN has recently considered launching an evangelism training center. Each organization will now be able to share in the strengths of its partner. A united board will mean common goals and objectives, resources will be used more effectively, and combined ventures will have greater success. (We are currently preparing a more detailed explanation of the benefits for this union.)

Q. I typically receive a monthly letter from both Amazing Facts and 3ABN. Now that these two ministries are moving toward uniting, how should I respond with my monthly support?

A. Please remember that Amazing Facts and 3ABN are each sustained financially entirely by friends like

you. Neither ministry receives any denominational or corporate support. At this time, the finances of both ministries will continue to be run separately. However, both will now need your generous support. Especially during this time of transition, and as we make bold evangelistic plans for the future, we will urgently need your continued help for both ministries. Please continue to give as you always have (or more, if possible) to see us through this time.

Posted by: Grith Apr 26 2007, 09:55 AM

QUOTE

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good observation....

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Posted by: watchbird Apr 26 2007, 11:16 AM

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I think it is one of the illusions that many of us have had, that, since Doug Batchelor is an employed Adventist minister, that the ministry, Amazing Facts, must be a denominational entity. That is simply not the case. And the merger with 3abn shows very clearly that it is not the case.

For background in how the relationship between 3abn and the denomination has developed during the years, it would be instructive.... for those who have not done so yet.... to look up the documents on this site that were created in 1997. Briefly, in the spring of 97, Folkenberg tried to get 3abn to sign a contract with the church organization. 3abn refused, with Bill Hulsey writing a letter of explanation as to why an independent ministry would not consider having any kind of contract with the church organization. That letter also is on this site. We do not, however, have any of the correspondence that we are told continued on through the following months... culminating in an agreement between the two entities. We do, however, have the final document, which was signed by Folkenberg and the next two highest men in the church. It seems apparent that 3abn itself authored this, for essentially it was a very one-sided document... giving the church no lines of control over 3abn, but giving 3abn a blank check promise to promote them in all Divisions of the world.... which 3abn has used as their entry permit into churches around the world.

Interestingly enough.... this agreement was seemingly never questioned after Folkenberg was forced out of office just a few months later due to some shady negotiations with which he had been involved.

And all of this negotiation in 1997 needs to be set in the context of certain earlier private letters which I have personally seen, in which Folkenberg was expressing great displeasure because 3abn had refused a request for 3abn to include Al McClure, in his position as NAD President, to be included as a board member of 3abn!

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TVsnack.

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Girth,

I share your concern. I truly hope that the following sentiments are not really how Doug Batchelor feels about allegations of sinful behavior being discussed here and elsewhere on the internet. Others over on Christian Forums have made similar declarations. I hope that Doug will answer for himself at some point so we get his position on the allegations first hand.

QUOTE

On 4/20/2007 at 4:07PM PDT, steffan said:

SNIP

So, all this business of Doug cleaning house or that he doesn't realize what he has gotten himself into is absolutely a huge laugh. He had 20 or so highly respected people on his board advising him as well as Danny's board advising him. AF and 3ABN has worked together closely for years. **That is the reason the AF people are not worried about allegations. They know they are false and shrug off the people behind it.** To say that Danny was running scared as stated above is, again, crazy. If he was running scared he would have resigned, not expanded, and remained in charge of 3abn.

Not hard people, get a grip. As much as you hate to face it, that is the truth of it. As much as you want to read stuff into it, you can't. It is all good.

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index...dpost&p=192236>

On 4/20/2007 at 7:31PM PDT, PeacefullyBewildered said:

Steffan,

I thought you lived in New York. Have you moved to the Thompsonville area so that you have first-hand knowledge of all that you have said below?

AND

Your statement that I have bolded above causes me some concerns. **Do you have first hand knowledge from Doug Batchelor and his AF team that they are not worried about allegations and that they know they are false and shrug off the people behind it? Are these statements you have heard for yourself?**

PB

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

On 4/20/2007 at 7:57PM PDT, steffan said:

And Yes PB. I did get it firsthand that Doug could care less about the allegations on the internet. Just ask Gailon if Doug would take his call today.

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index...dpost&p=192262>

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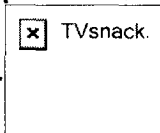
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WB,

Who will ensure that these two ministries are actually representing and will continue to represent the doctrines of our church to the world wide audience? Are the board and constituency/layity going to be able to accomplish that?

So, potentially, there is to be a more powerful force with the uniting of these two ministries, which will be promoted by the SDA denomination, which will continue to be allowed to hold rallies in SDA churches, which will continue to gladly accept tithe, and yet - thanks to Folkenberg's 1997 contract negotiating skills - which will continue to allow little to no denominational oversight.

Well, one upside is of course that, at the present time, both ministries are still bringing new members into the SDA church.

Posted by: Fran Apr 26 2007, 12:48 PM

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document... giving the church no lines of control over 3abn, but giving 3abn a blank check promise to promote them in all Divisions of the world.... which 3abn has used as their entry permit into churches around the world.

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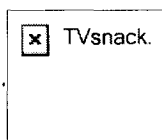
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Thus once more, the church is giving away its rights and obligations to retain responsibility for how it is represented to the world. The question arises, is this because they are already powerless to have any say

in this matter? or.....



Again... more questions are raised than are answered with each new set of "answers" we get.



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Posted by: princessdi Apr 26 2007, 01:16 PM

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Now, as someone who's job is basically going under the same kind of thing. I can tell you now that this FAQ has "merger" written all over it. One will eventual take over the other. Contrary to what Eirene has been screaming at us, Danny will not be running 3ABN as usual for now on. He will only be therefor the next few months while they work out the kinks. One very possibly being his departure, fortunately for him with a lot more grace and dignity he afforded Linda(and I am still asking willhe walk as a co founder or an employee and consider his 250K severance generous). All of those answers including "we currently have no plans" or "there are not plans at this time" means those is exactly the issues they are trying to work out. Doug will be President, Danny may or may not be in the background. They will be changing some or all of the programming, bethat schedule changes or trashing certain shows altogether....leaving the door wide open for the eventual and gradual elmination of shows like the Danny's show, especially is they are moving him from the forefront. They could possibly change the name by combining them or changin it altogether. Anything that is till being discussed or has no curretly plans is up for grabs which by this FAQ is everything, but Doug leaving CA and his church.

QUOTE(Pickle @ Apr 26 2007, 08:30 AM) □

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Does anyone know how a denominational entity can be lay led and under the control of a board that is not a denominational entity?

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

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Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 26 2007, 03:02 PM

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

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Posted by: Observer Apr 26 2007, 07:32 PM

Amazing Facts. Is it, or is it not a Seventh-day Adventist institution? My take on it:

AF is clearly listed in the YEARBOOK as an institution of the Northern California Conference of Seventh-

day Adventists.. Yet it is though to have a some sort of independent status. So, what is the truth.

It should be noted that the YEARBOOK lists Moriah Media, also as an institution of the Northern California Conference, and lists it address as the same as the address for Amazing Facts.

Amazing Facts was registered with the State of California as a church in April 1947. Moriah Media was also registered with the State of California that same month, and it is listed as a religious organization, and apparently is a holding company for Amazing Facts television.

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My take on this is that this establishes Amazing Facts as a Seventh-day Adventist institution. However, it appears to be governed by a Board which is organizationally independent of the SDA Church. I acknowledge that it has SDA denominational leaders on that Board. So, some might challenge my statement as to its independence.

The reality is, as I see it, that the separate status of the Board releases the Northern California Conference from funding it. It allows AF to maintain its own control, and independence. Yet, the SDAs on the Board give the organized church a voice in its affairs.

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Let me illustrate how I believe that this relationship exists in practical terms. I live in a Conference where a group of SDAs established a congregation with the intent to do "cutting edge" ministry. They called themselves Grace Place. They established a formal relationship with the Rocky Mountain Conference. But they held title to the property that they owned, and they were independently controlled by a Board of their selection. The RM Conference acknowledged them as a SDA Church, and their minister was credentialed by the RM Conference, and on its payroll. In its development as a congregation, it later moved outside of the SDA Church, and became totally independent. The RM Conference withdrew recognition. Its minister went off of the payroll, and was no longer credentialed by the SDA Church. But, for several years, it was an organized SDA church in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

I do not intend to imply that Amazing Facts will ever do what Grace Place did. My point is that the SDA Church does allow certain independent organizations to be known as SDA institutions, who do have some degree of independence.

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Weimer College and Health Center is not so listed as an institution of the Northern California Conference.

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Posted by: princessdi Apr 26 2007, 07:48 PM

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As to the future.?

If Doug Batchelor takes AF away from the denominational relationship that it presently has, how will that affect offering income?

If DB does the above, how will that affect DB's status as an credentialed SDA minister of the Northern California Conference, and asa pastor of Sacramento Central?

More questions? With each passing day, the questions increase.

Posted by: Grith Apr 27 2007, 09:05 AM

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Posted by: Fran Apr 28 2007, 02:50 AM

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It actually says quite a bit.

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Originally Posted by Rosie55

Tomatoe--I know this is the week-end but I hope you can help me with more questions.

This merger is interesting news to many people. Some are saying this is happening because Pastor Bachelor is to take over 3abn because of Danny's sins.

They are saying Pastor B. will take over 3ABN. We know you said this is not the case but that each will have their separate duties and titles.

Some are saying Pastor B. is trying to "hide" Danny's supposed sins.

I think these people are not understanding the real reasons for the merger.

I know you've said it before but I guess my question is this: Is Doug taking over 3abn to hide Danny's supposed sins?

QUOTE

What people do not seem to be comprehending here is **this merge is so much bigger than Danny or Doug.**

There are lots of people involved in this.

Well respected people and leaders of the church.

Doug has several conference people on his board and that are involved with AF.

Danny has members of **ASI** and the conference on his and also plenty more that associate with 3ABN.

How people think that 2 people could make this decision of a "cover up" and then make it happen is beyond me.

1. **AF is a very successful ministry in it's own right, why get involved with 3abn if the Internet allegations are true?**

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3. **Why should AF or Doug cover Danny's sins if they were, indeed, true?**

4. Why would AF and Doug want to take on anymore responsibilities than they already have with the Sacramento church and AF?

5. Why would Danny for any circumstances, just hand over the biggest media tool the denomination has ever known. Not to mention the 23 years it took him to build it.

6. Contrary to rumors, 3abn is not in debt and have several million more in assets than AF. So again, the rumors that 3abn needs AF to bail them out of financial problems are totally false.

Now the truth of the merger.

Simple. 2 great ministries together are stronger and can do more to evangelize the world than each on his own.

Putting the AF people with their evangelistic expertise with the 3ABN people and their media expertise is a win, win combination.

It combines ideas, boards and financial support to make more happen with less, by working together.

Each bring their talents and means to the table. Each have their areas of expertise and knowledge.

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Why is AF willing to do this with all the allegations being spread?

Because they know they are not true.

Doug has worked too closely with 3ABN and Danny through through the years, to know what is truth and what is not.

AF knows they are unfounded and are therefore, willing to join hands together in one of the strongest moves and unions in the church's history.

Danny has offered the title of presidency to Doug while maintaining CEO/Founder title and remaining in control at 3ABN, while Doug remains in control of AF.

This merge isn't about day to day operations at either ministry.

Nor is it about a take over or Danny stepping aside.

Quite the opposite. Both men and ministries are about being even more involved in preaching, teaching, seminars, and raising funds to keep up with all the latest technology so the gospel can be spread to more and more remote areas.

Notice I said Danny has offered the title of Presidency.

That remains to be seen until the merged board is formed and titles are voted on. Some things have been worked out, many decisions are still to be made, but, know this:

Both ministries will continue under their present leadership with day to day operations remaining the same.

have separated the sentences for clearer understanding. Plus I added punctuation and spell checked these posts. Emphasis is mine.

Posted by: vanburton Apr 28 2007, 08:59 AM

It was said that this "merger" is about "Christians pressing together in harmonious unity shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, in concentrated effort. Well then, why stop with just two? It seems that others should be sought out in a "mega-merge".

Let's see, there's IIW, VOP, BOL, FFT, LBM, ASI, and GO (sorry if I left out your favorite). How about The Carter Report or Maranatha or the countless others that DS has promoted?

Press together, unify. Why not go all the way? Then we could call it "The United Ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church".

If the 3abn/AF merge is BIG, think BIGGER!

(And don't forget all those other Christian ministries that are not SDA)

Posted by: mozart Apr 28 2007, 03:27 PM

Fran just quoted this long post from tomatoe from CF of which I'd like to comment on these few sentences.

This is the question to Tomatoe (who thinks he's an expert on these matters)

Q.- "Why is AF willing to do this with all the allegations being spread?"

From Tomatoe: **Because they know they are not true.**

So, Amazing Facts has done an investigation into all allegations and found all to be untrue??? If this were true, why wouldn't they share that information and end all our debates???

Doug has worked too closely with 3ABN and Danny through through the years, to know what is truth and what is not.

soooooooooo.....just by working closely with someone makes you **know what is truth in all their personal and business life????** many divorced people who have lived together and shared their lives together for years will say, "he/she is not who i thought they were. we lived together all those years and i thought we were very close but it seems i never knew him/her at all". doesn't it seem more reasonable that if you're married and don't know someone like you think you do that you can work with someone and not really know them as well as you think?

AF knows they are unfounded and are therefore, willing to join hands together in one of the strongest moves and unions in the church's history.

Again, IF Amazing Facts knows all this, they must be the only ones who KNOW all is unfounded and untrue, so why don't they tell us? why don't they tell those who are sure they know different?? why don't they clear the air so that things can go back to just "being about our Father's business???"

If AF **knows** then they must have investigated, right? that's reasonable to assume. they have known of all the accusations and they have investigated all of them and they KNOW none are true so they feel confident about this merger but yet they don't feel confident letting US know what they know. doesn't that sound quite odd?

these are such ridiculous statements.

it is more likely that AF does not know most of what is "the truth" and they probably don't even know of most of the allegations but they are thinking this is a great opportunity for both ministries and that those certain ppl from 3ABN who have accusations against them will be handling those allegations **outside of 3ABN** therefore the ministry will not continue to suffer the burdens of those 3ABN employees that have issues to deal with. I think GMC probably made AF that promise.
