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Posted by: Johann Apr 19 2007, 04:27 AM

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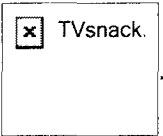
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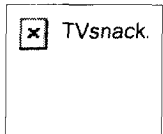
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quote] Amazing Facts and 3abn are UNITING as one independent ministry NOT under the General Conference. One is not "taking over" the other. They are uniting together.

Danny is not leaving 3abn.

This uniting has nothing to do with the attacks by Mr. Joy and company on Danny Shelton. And this has been

in the making for months now. This did not just happen after Linda acquired her new lawyer. Mr. Joy needs to get his facts straight before he posts his spin on the subject.

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Yep did hear Danny requesting millions from supporters... (need millions and millions). The plea is probably still falling on deaf ears...

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Another thing.... I also am wondering if another "bombshell" may be looming. Sheer speculation, but this merger/takover of 3abn may be tied to another event (as if there havn't been enough). If things aren't going that great in the DS household (domestically), well --- there really wouldn't be too many other "options", would there? Justa wondering.... not hoping for this at all -- but for those who have read this forum and understand the real DS --- it really ain't too far a stretch to imagine that Brandy may be a little dissa-lussioned with all that she has seen. She has had the time to fig-some things out -- no? How long is that trip they're going on? Ok, please forgive me Jesus.

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It is true. We should stay away from snakes, right. Sometimes fruit is rotten to the core. All that happens is the new fruit will get infected and rot too.

I believe Danny is on cloud nine tonight. This is not reality, but I have never accused Danny of living in reality, I don't think.

What worries me is that Doug thinks he can take on Danny! No go. Danny will never let go. May Doug prove me wrong and deal with this in God's way. I am praying to that end since there is nothing else to do.

Posted by: mozart Apr 20 2007, 12:01 AM

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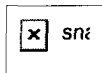
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would be very surprised if DS did not hold out for at least 1 yr contracts on his key people and certain other faces on 2ABN. No doubt there is still much uncertainty, but I do not believe that DB would have agreed to this w/o having pretty much full control.... JMO. As far as CEO --- that will be for the "new board" to decide.

Like I said earlier, I would not be surprised if there were to be more "bombshells" on the horizon. My experience from observing those with this much power and authority is that they hang on with fingernails and white knuckles before leaving so easily. Me thinks there is good reason and motivation for this quickly agreed to merger. Just a hunch...

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Apr 22 2007, 01:23 PM



The plot thickens.....

Posted by: pmorris68 Apr 23 2007, 03:56 AM

Personally I am sick of the whole 3ABN saga. This is my LAST post about this whole mess. Here is my statement "Lord help us all".

The END!!

Posted by: shaddo Apr 23 2007, 04:41 AM

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Posted by: mozart Apr 24 2007, 02:04 AM

QUOTE(no_cults @ Apr 20 2007, 07:21 AM) □

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yeah i definitely see that. Agreed

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 25 2007, 06:56 AM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 23 2007, 08:54 AM)

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Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 25 2007, 10:01 AM

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See that thou do it not; you know the only one you are allowed to bow down to is DS...

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Posted by: sister Apr 25 2007, 12:21 PM

Well, Cindy, I like your new avatar, too! It seems especially fitting: two faced. With the first face you proclaimed yourself a seeker of truth, with the second face you have shown what lay behind the first face, your actual mission on BSDA. I see you now have a new "friend" to take the place of Bystander--- same message, different identity. Welcome to BSDA Eirene! Go ahead and take your best shot. The truth will surface in time and with it the sheep will be separated from the goats.

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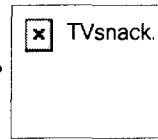
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About your avatar, is it the actual, infamous, picture in question? The one that Danny took, printed out and slipped under his shirt to surprise his sun-bathing wife with? Or just a picture of the same model from the internet?

Posted by: seraph|m Apr 25 2007, 04:04 PM

OK, so it's still here?



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