

## Printable Version of Topic

[Click here to view this topic in its original format](#)

### BlackSDA \_ 3ABN \_ Letters Between Linda And The Thompsonville Church

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 10 2007, 12:38 PM

The following 3 letters are new and were posted on "Christian Forums" by a member there. All his clarifications and explanations are in blue. The red font was supplied by him for emphasis in reference to his points, so I am also including it here.

#### QUOTE

Here is the actual letter written to Linda. I asked for it and it was sent as requested. I will post several others also.

#### QUOTE

Thompsonville 7th Day Adventist Church  
3577 Angel Lane \* P.O. Box 23 Thompsonville, Illinois 62890 618-627-2999

October 27, 2005

Linda Shelton  
-- private address removed--

Dear Linda,

We hope that this letter finds you in the best of health. Since you left Thompsonville you have been on our hearts and in our prayers. It is in a spirit of deep spiritual concern that we pray that you will understand that this letter was written with eternal interest at heart. This letter is to inform you of the decision made by the Church Board of the Thompsonville Seventh-day Adventist Church with reference to your membership. We received your membership request for transfer to the Springfield Seventh-day Adventist Church. After much discussion, prayer, and consideration, at the church board level, we have voted to call a church business session to recommend to the church that you be placed under censure.

The meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday evening, November 19th following sunset.

It is your right to appear in person to represent yourself or to write a letter to the church to address the recommendation that the Church Board will make to the church in business session. You can also request that some time be given for you to respond before the matter is taken to church business session.

Because of the nature of the decision made we will await your response before November 17, 2005. After that time if we have not heard from you by letter we will take the matter to business session, you \*\*\*\*\* can send any correspondences to the address above. If you have any immediate concerns you can call pastor John Lomacang at \*\*\*\*\*.

Yours In Christ  
Pastor John Lomacang

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 10 2007, 12:49 PM

still quoting from CF...

#### QUOTE

Linda's answer:

#### QUOTE

October 31, 2005

Dear Pastor Lomacang and Thompsonville SDA Church Board Members,

I received your letter dated October 27, 2005. My participation in the SDA Church means very much to me, thus I take very seriously the message of your letter. Yet I strongly feel, John, that you are compromised because of your close association with Danny Shelton and your employment with 3 ABN and the "3 ABN Church." (Also your dream of many years to be on TV.) Additionally I feel that you, as the Church Board, are compromised since most of you work at 3AB1. Also, I feel the church members are compromised, to the matter at hand, because of the propaganda in which they have been saturated. I have yet to be approached by any of you for ministry purposes or to inquire about "my side of the story." Quite frankly I do not feel I would receive a fair hearing in this church. I protest the fact that you claim to go by the church manual in regards to censure, but you ignore the church manual when it comes to reaching out to the hurting one. Thus, I am formally requesting that as of today my membership be dropped from the church.

Let it be known that I am innocent of the rumors and allegations made against me. Let it be known that the separation from my husband and 3ABN was against my will. And let it be known that I love my Church and the people in it enough to not publically broadcast in detail the wrongs that have been done to me. These facts would only hurt, not help.

In spite of the neglect of Christians during my dark days, God has been very good to me. I am blessed to have emerged with my sanity still intact and I have a brand new perspective; a perspective which has clearly revealed to me that many professed Christians have not yet found a genuine heart-felt relationship with Christ. For this, the heart of Jesus bleeds. Although man can remove job titles, etc., etc., no man can take away my calling which I will continue to pursue. I still welcome your greetings and comments, thus I am including my email address. May God's richest blessings be yours, and may God bless the Thompsonville SDA Church!

With warmest regards,  
Linda Shelton,

Linda  
Lindashelton.org

The lines highlighted above are for me to clarify. John Lomacang told me out of his own mouth that he had spent hours and hours counseling with Linda and with Linda and Danny. Then once she left, John called her to ask if he and his wife could come and visit her. She said she wasn't ready. Later (still after the separation) he ran into her and Danny at the mall ( she says she was afraid of Danny) and ask again if he could come to visit her and she said she would call when she was ready. She didn't.

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 10 2007, 01:30 PM

still quoting...

#### QUOTE

Now the final letter from JL To LS. **Read carefully.** It clears up a lot of things.

QUOTE

77 Angel Lane P.O. Box 23 Thompsonville, Illinois 62890

January 14, 2006

Linda Shelton  
-private address removed-

Dear Linda,

Thank you for your speedy response to the letter the Church Board sent to you. I, H- was also pleased to speak to you when you called me Sabbath afternoon. I thought that our conversation went well and I listened to your observations hoping that we would be able to help you. I was somewhat surprised how soon you had Derrall Mundall hand deliver your reply letter to me at my office As I read it I was a bit disappointed to see that you expressed so little confidence in the church board, the church members, and in me. To incessantly suggest that the church is made of "compromised" members is quite short-sighted on your part. This board is not made of people bought by Danny Shelton. It is comprised of God-fearing Christians that understand all too well the great responsibility of making well informed decisions.

It is enlightening to see how you unceasingly, and relentlessly, attempted to dismiss your poor decision making by maligning others.

It was also quite manipulative on your part to imply that my "dreams of many years to be on TV" disqualified me as an objective pastor. Linda you may remember, it was at your urging that Danny called me to join the 3ABN family. At no time did I even call or suggest that I was interested in being on TV. Years before I even knew of 3ABN, Doug Batchelor and I were already on television; not to mention countless other times without Doug. It was on the heels of Net '99 in New York that I was invited to sing at 3ABN; prior to that I had not heard of 3ABN. The doors that opened at 3ABN were not opened by any dream on my part, of which there was none concerning 3ABN but by the hand of the Lord. As a matter of record you probably remember well when you said to me, "John, God brought you to St. Louis so that we could bring you the rest of the way." To suggest that you will be not be able to receive fairness and impartiality is ludicrous.

**Linda, as we look at the time-line of events you were the first one to call me and ask for counsel about your friendship with the doctor. It was after I arrived at your home that I heard the other side of the story. It was hearing both sides that led me to give you counsel to sever the relationship with the doctor from Norway. I made that decision as your pastor and as a marriage counselor with 16 years experience, not as a "back-pocket" servant of Danny Shelton.**

It has been nearly two years since this escapade started and you will recall that from the very outset, that Tuesday night in your living room, when you made the decision not to sever your relationship with the doctor, you set the course that led you to where you are today. Linda, the decision to hold on to someone other than your husband in spite of the months of counseling, was a critical decision in furthering your downfall. To further compound the matter, you still held firmly to your course after the relentless pleading from your friends, confidants, pastors, 3ABN board members, and non-Adventist counselors to sever the relationship. One has to be quite short-sighted and uninformed to come to the conclusion that all of those people were "compromised."

You also mentioned that no one made an attempt to visit you and minister to you. Speaking for Angie and I, you may remember that when you made the decision to move to out of your home and go to Marion for "more privacy," we called you and asked if we could come and visit with you. You refused by saying that you were not ready and that you would let us know when you were ready for our visits. You never contacted us so we can only assume that you did not want a visit from us. Even when we saw you in the mall with Danny, we asked again about visiting and you said I will tell you when."

Many of the people that are still supporting your cause were not at ground zero. You continue to suggest that it was the subsequent decisions that other people made, rather than the initial one that you made that landed you where you are. One of the greatest evidences of hazardous decision-making on your part is the fact that you and the doctor are still in a relationship.

There was never a conspiracy to get rid of you and to refuse you a fair hearing. You were, and are greatly loved by many of the people at 3ABN and Thompsonville Seventh-day Adventist Church. However, love for someone and loyalty to them are not always the same. While we love you, we must be loyal to the truth and to the Lord. That is where we must be accountable.

God placed within your hands the responsibility of carrying a message to the world. It is unfortunate that you came to the place where your desires became more important than the responsibility placed on you through the message. Linda, God called you and the Bible says in Romans 11:29 "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." God called King Saul and God called David; both of these followers of God sinned. The difference between a "king" and a "shepherd boy" was clearly seen. Saul was too great to repent and turn to God and the record is clear concerning his fate. David, although his fall was great, turned to God with the heart of a repentant servant. For our admonition David's prayer of repentance was preserved in Psalm 139:23,24 (KJV), "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

I read your recent response letter to the church board dated October 31,2005, and I hope that the declaration that you made, "Let it be known that I am innocent of the rumors and allegations made against me," is not written in stone. Linda, on this note you were correct, "Man can remove job titles." However let me caution you about the rest of your declaration, "No man can take away my calling which I will continue to pursue." Saul pursued a course that dishonored God and God removed him. On the other hand David repented and pursued a course that opened the way for God to restore him. The eternal question is one to deeply and prayerfully ponder. Which course will you pursue? David humbled himself under the Almighty Hand of God and was restored. In spite of the dark stain of David's past the apostle Paul preached a message that recalls the fate of these two great men. He writes in Acts 13:21-22 (NKJV), "And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. (22) "And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will."

Linda, from the first night that I sat before you in your living room I made a statement that has so far proven to be true. I said to you, "Satan wants to destroy you, your ministry, your career, and your marriage. The results are evidence that to this day Satan has prevailed. I am hoping that he will not prevail in robbing you of your salvation. Just recently I read the chapter "Why Was Sin and Suffering Permitted," from the book, "Patriarchs & Prophets." I was deeply impressed again by what I read to further warn you that you are still on enchanted grounds and that the enemy is not done. Here are a few of the quotes that opened my eyes:

*"The angels whom he could not bring fully to his side, he accused of indifference to the interests of heavenly beings. The very work which he himself was doing, he charged upon the loyal angels. It was his policy to perplex with subtle arguments concerning the purposes of God. Everything that was simple he shrouded in mystery, and by artful perversion cast doubt upon the plainest statements of Jehovah. And his high position, so closely connected with the divine government, gave greater force to his representation.*

*"He had artfully presented his side of the question, employing sophistry and fraud to secure his objects. His power to deceive was very great. By disguising himself in a cloak of falsehood, he had gained an advantage. All his acts were so clothed with mystery that it was difficult to disclose to the angels the true nature of his work. Until fully developed, it could not be made to appear the evil thing it was; his disaffection would not be seen to be rebellion. Even the loyal angels could not fully discern his character or see to what his work was leading."*

*"Rejecting with disdain the arguments and entreaties of the loyal angels, he denounced them as deluded slaves. The preference shown to Christ he declared an act of injustice both to himself and to all the heavenly host, and announced that he would no longer submit to this invasion of his rights and theirs."*

Linda, I saw that because of your great influence Satan would come at you with great intensity. If you persist in holding to the self-deceiving position that you have done nothing wrong, you are preparing yourself for the completion of Satan's plan, complete destruction. As long as you play the role of total innocence, you are a gullible prey.

That is why we prayed for you when you were in your post at 3ABN and we will still pray for you. Our deepest prayer is that you discover that greatness comes not from being served but serving. We pray for your supporters because they only know the side that you presented. Our prayer is that the Lord will bring softness to your heart to make you a servant. At the end of the day it must be seen that it is "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," Says the LORD of hosts. "Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV). Linda, God has not called us to be famous but to be faithful. I pray that you will respond to the Holy Spirit's call to faithfulness.

**We deeply regret that you have made the final decision to have your membership dropped from the church, but we do not have the right to refuse your written "formal request."**

**The church chose censure rather than removal of membership because it was our desire to connect you with a Seventh-day Adventist church where you could find spiritual healing and recovery, not to cause you any further hardship. It is not our prayer that you pursue your calling; it is our prayer that you pursue the heart of God.**

Your greatest blessing will come when you are restored to wholeness in the sight of God. God will richly bless you, not on account of whom you are, but on account of whom He is. Seek His kingdom and His righteousness and all that He has for you will be added.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor John Lomacang

...if Linda did not feel comfortable and felt John would be unfair why did she contact him when all of this first started to come over and talk to them? Why, because knowing him, she knew that he wasn't in DS's pocket and that he would tell it like it is. Only after hearing both sides and what had transpired he went against what she wanted. Then all of a sudden he is in DS's pocket and being ordered to do what DS says. You can see by the letter, Linda did not think that about him or would never have called him in the first place. Also let me add some facts.

1. Danny at no time discussed the church membership issue with JL or any board member of the Thompsonville church. Neither was he ask for his opinion in the situation. He had no idea what they had decided until later, after the fact.

2. Out of 20 + board members, 11 are not employed by 3abn.

3. John as stated in his later already was singing and preaching on TV and has been the pastor of several different churches. He is employed by the conference. The thompsonville church is not a 3abn church. It is a conference church. 3abn does pay 1/3 of his salary and the conference the rest. He could have his choice of a number of churches and televised speaking and singing engagements elsewhere. He is not dependant on 3abn except for the fact he believes God sent him there. At Linda's invitation I might add.

And yes. I have permission to post these letters. The one by Linda she has already posted but those by the Thompsonville church, I asked for permission when I asked they be sent to me.

also recived permission from the poster to repost this here.

Blessings--

**Posted by: Fran Apr 10 2007, 03:08 PM**

**QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 10 2007, 02:30 PM) □**

still quoting...

...if Linda did not feel comfortable and felt John would be unfair why did she contact him when all of this first started to come over and talk to them? Why, because knowing him, she knew that he wasn't in DS's pocket and that he would tell it like it is. Only after hearing both sides and what had transpired he went against what she wanted. Then all of a sudden he is in DS's pocket and being ordered to do what DS says. You can see by the letter, Linda did not think that about him or would never have called him in the first place. Also let me add some facts.

1. Danny at no time discussed the church membership issue with JL or any board member of the Thompsonville church. Neither was he ask for his opinion in the situation. He had no idea what they had decided until later, after the fact.

2. Out of 20 + board members, 11 are not employed by 3abn.

3. John as stated in his later already was singing and preaching on TV and has been the pastor of several different churches. He is employed by the conference. The thompsonville church is not a 3abn church. It is a conference church. 3abn does pay 1/3 of his salary and the conference the rest. He could have his choice of a number of churches and televised speaking and singing engagements elsewhere. He is not dependant on 3abn except for the fact he believes God sent him there. At Linda's invitation I might add.

And yes. I have permission to post these letters. The one by Linda she has already posted but those by the Thompsonville church, I asked for permission when I asked they be sent to me.

I also recived permission from the poster to repost this here.

Blessings--

This letter to Linda opens my eyes! I was blind, but now I see even more clearly! Thank you for posting it. Now for my opinion of the situation.

After reading this letter to Linda from John Lomacang, I can more fully understand why Linda did what she did. I wouldn't have called JL either! Why on earth would ANYONE want to invite someone that professes to be a christian pastor into to their home only to be falsely accused and compared to evil people in the Bible?

Give me a break. Go to <http://www.save3abn.com> and read Danny's emails. Linda was innocent even after the marriage was over! Yet, here their pastor is claiming she has left God's will for her life, and she is not obeyed what people wanting to control her life wanted her to do. Hum.

What would each of you do if everyone tells you that you are not doing God's will in your life for taking your son to a Christian Doctor for healing the Natural way? What if your son was in the middle of treatment and survival? What if the doctor was actually helping you and your health? What would you have done?

I never supported her! Why was it so wrong to keep Linda's only son's doctor? I am a mother! Linda did the RIGHT thing. Linda has a right to choose who treats her son! She is the mother! She has to put her child before all those self proclaimed "right" people!


There was no improper relationship! She did not commit adultery! She did not put her relationship with the doctor above Danny. She had no relationship other than the doctor and the parent of a patient.

Now, I see now why Linda had to get out. How could anyone stand all that "You are evil"? I am glad God gave her the will and power to stand up against evil forces aimed at her.

Well I can say is, "You GO GIRL! Forget about what others think they know! Do what is right in the eyes of God.

Linda, what have you done to deserve all the attacks and abuse, yes, abuse? You have not done anything wrong that I can see. Stand tall!

**Posted by: princessdi Apr 10 2007, 03:19 PM**

Tell 'em Franny!!!!(in my best impression of "Mama" of Mama's Family) 

**Posted by: Aletheia Apr 10 2007, 03:21 PM**

**QUOTE(Fran @ Apr 10 2007, 03:08 PM) □**

This letter to Linda opens my eyes! I was blind, but now I see even more clearly! Thank you for posting it. Now for my opinion of the situation.

After reading this letter to Linda from John Lomacang, I can more fully understand why Linda did what she did. I wouldn't have called JL either! Why on earth would ANYONE want to invite someone that professes to be a christian pastor into to their home only to be falsely accused and compared to evil people in the Bible?

Give me a break. Go to <http://www.save3abn.com> and read Danny's emails. Linda was innocent even after the marriage was over! Yet, here their pastor is claiming she has left God's will for her life, and she is not obeyed what people wanting to control her life wanted her to do. Hum.

What would each of you do if everyone tells you that you are not doing God's will in your life for taking your son to a Christian Doctor for healing the Natural way? What if your son was in the middle of treatment and survival? What if the doctor was actually helping you and your health? What would you have done?

JL never supported her! Why was it so wrong to keep Linda's only son's doctor? I am a mother! Linda did the RIGHT thing. Linda has a right to choose who treats her son! She is the mother! She has to put her child before all those self proclaimed "right" people!

There was no improper relationship! She did not commit adultery! She did not put her relationship with the doctor above Danny. She had no relationship other than the doctor and the parent of a patient.

Wow, I see now why Linda had to get out. How could anyone stand all that "You are evil"? I am glad God gave her the will and power to stand up against evil forces aimed at her.

All I can say is, "You GO GIRL! Forget about what others think they know! Do what is right in the eyes of God.

Linda, what have you done to deserve all the attacks and abuse, yes, abuse? You have not done anything wrong that I can see. Stand tall!

Fran,

Of course Nathan's a grown Man, as are my 2 boys, and they've struggled with some of the same as Nathan, in addition my Oldest is bi-polar, and so I personally know how hard it is as a mother to try to support and help without condoning or enabling, so I have every sympathy with Linda in that regard. What I never had was a relationship with any of my Son's Doctors beyond what was considered professional and necessary for the well being of my Son.

Thanks to God they are both recovering and beaming what he wants them to be.

also had a husband who was a alcoholic and drug addict, and could not help himself much less our boys. He was abusive, controlling, possessive and VERY jealous, yet even he could not find anything to complain of regarding any of the Doctors or me.

Is you claim to SEE so well, and are so defensive of Linda. Help me to understand what it is that you see here, that I cannot.

What do you really know about Nathan and the Doctor, other than one visit to Norway in January of 2004?

His drug use? recovery? any ongoing treatments or visits to Norway? any ongoing conversations or even a relationship between Nathan and Dr A? Any contact at all?

What do you really know of Linda's ongoing relationship with Doctor A, after the beginning of 2004?

Do tell, please.

**Posted by: Snoopy Apr 10 2007, 03:34 PM**

QUOTE(Fran @ Apr 10 2007, 04:08 PM) [ ]

This letter to Linda opens my eyes! I was blind, but now I see even more clearly! Thank you for posting it. Now for my opinion of the situation.

After reading this letter to Linda from John Lomacang, I can more fully understand why Linda did what she did. I wouldn't have called JL either! Why on earth would ANYONE want to invite someone that professes to be a christian pastor into to their home only to be falsely accused and compared to evil people in the Bible?

Give me a break. Go to <http://www.save3abn.com> and read Danny's emails. Linda was innocent even after the marriage was over! Yet, here their pastor is claiming she has left God's will for her life, and she is not obeyed what people wanting to control her life wanted her to do. Hum.

What would each of you do if everyone tells you that you are not doing God's will in your life for taking your son to a Christian Doctor for healing the Natural way? What if your son was in the middle of treatment and survival? What if the doctor was actually helping you and your health? What would you have done?

JL never supported her! Why was it so wrong to keep Linda's only son's doctor? I am a mother! Linda did the RIGHT thing. Linda has a right to choose who treats her son! She is the mother! She has to put her child before all those self proclaimed "right" people!

There was no improper relationship! She did not commit adultery! She did not put her relationship with the doctor above Danny. She had no relationship other than the doctor and the parent of a patient.

Wow, I see now why Linda had to get out. How could anyone stand all that "You are evil"? I am glad God gave her the will and power to stand up against evil forces aimed at her.

All I can say is, "You GO GIRL! Forget about what others think they know! Do what is right in the eyes of God.

Linda, what have you done to deserve all the attacks and abuse, yes, abuse? You have not done anything wrong that I can see. Stand tall!

totally agree. If I'd gotten that letter I would have run the other way. FAST!

And since Fran said it so well [x] I guess that's all I have to say about that!

**Posted by: princessdi Apr 10 2007, 04:23 PM**

Cindy, first of all let me ask your forgiveness for thinking that you could not possibly understand Linda's situation. I did not say it out loud, but I thought it and I was wrong. You have, indeed, come through some difficult times. May God continue to bless and heal those wounds.

I know that Fran will answer, but just let me begin. Everyone knows about those "counseling" sessions. They were basically something of a crude "intervention"(in the loosest sense of the word) to get Linda to cut off Linda's association with the Dr. because they had been told by Danny that it was inappropriate. However, as a mother, they were basically asking her to choose between her husband and her son. Her husband who, like yours, should have been man enough to be by her side in this. If you say you know about addictions, then you know Linda was bound to support her child when he was serious about getting the help he needed. Danny had asked her I am sure within the confines of their home, and then went to the board and staff to make "his" request, and now her denial of this request was now basis for her being censured.

Secondly she was being asked to this board meeting by the same man who had conducted the "counseling" sessions. What was there to make her think that board meeting would be any different than she had been experiencing? I think she had blindly walked into the lion's den far too many times already. I believe she met with them and continue to talk with JL, because she didn't want to believe what he was doing. She was the one who was instrumental in bringing him and his wife to 3ABN and now he was basically stabbing her in the back. First her husband and now her friends, Brenda, now JL, and what others were there whom she thought to be friends, even family in that close knit community. No, I would not have walked into another trap with these people. Right now, they can only say she refused to meet with them and her own words in an email. If she would have met with them and actually gave them some her words to twist, as they already had, no telling what info you would be getting to post at this point.

Cindy it was a set up, like everything in this whole unfortunate story. I am telling you now, you should not even try to buy into that lie about Linda and the Dr., it was devised by Danny for his own purposes. If the story was true, he could have said that from the beginning, why even bother making up the "spiritual adultery" mess? As long as women like

you, a wife, mother, continue to buy into this, he will continue because your faith in him gives him credibility.....he believes. Apply some things from your own situation and in your heart you will know there is something not quite right about this. You should already see similarities between Danny and your ex, especially in that jealousy dept. Danny doesn't have a substance abuse issues that I have heard of. However, can see the similarities in just what you have told here.

Also, from the sound of it, Linda been given this choice before by Danny, and she had failed as Nathan's mother in order to be Danny's wife.(that actually should have been a HUGE red flag, a real man, christian man would never have presented her that choice). Danny does not have a good track record with his wives children.

So those are basically the problems I see, Cindy. Those emails are not saying what you want them to say, at least not to me, Fran and Snoopy, and I don't believe we are alone in this.

QUOTE(AItheia @ Apr 10 2007, 02:21 PM)

Fran,

Of course Nathan's a grown Man, as are my 2 boys, and they've struggled with some of the same as Nathan, in addition my Oldest is bi-polar. and so I personally know how hard it is as a mother to try to support and help without condoning or enabling, so I have every sympathy with Linda in that regard. What I never had was a relationship with any of my Son's Doctors beyond what was considered professional and necessary for the well being of my Son.

Thanks to God they are both recovering and beaming what he wants them to be.

I also had a husband who was a alcoholic and drug addict, and could not help himself much less our boys. He was abusive, controlling, possessive and VERY jealous, yet even he could not find anything to complain of regarding any of the Doctors or me.

As you claim to SEE so well, and are so defensive of Linda. Help me to understand what it is that you see here, that I cannot.

What do you really know about Nathan and the Doctor, other then one visit to Norway in January of 2004?

His drug use? recovery? any ongoing treatments or visits to Norway? any ongoing conversations or even a relationship between Nathan and Dr A? Any contact at all?

What do you really know of Linda's ongoing relationship with Doctor A, after the beginning of 2004?

Do tell, please.

Posted by: mozart Apr 10 2007, 04:32 PM

QUOTE(Fran @ Apr 10 2007, 03:08 PM)

This letter to Linda opens my eyes! I was blind, but now I see even more clearly! Thank you for posting it. Now for my opinion of the situation.

After reading this letter to Linda from John Lomacang, I can more fully understand why Linda did what she did. I wouldn't have called JL either! Why on earth would ANYONE want to invite someone that professes to be a christian pastor into to their home only to be falsely accused and compared to evil people in the Bible?

Give me a break. Go to <http://www.save3abn.com> and read Danny's emails. Linda was innocent even after the marriage was over! Yet, here their pastor is claiming she has left God's will for her life, and she is not obeyed what people wanting to control her life wanted her to do. Hum.

What would each of you do if everyone tells you that you are not doing God's will in your life for taking your son to a Christian Doctor for healing the Natural way? What if your son was in the middle of treatment and survival? What if the doctor was actually helping you and your health? What would you have done?

JL never supported her! Why was it so wrong to keep Linda's only son's doctor? I am a mother! Linda did the RIGHT thing. Linda has a right to choose who treats her son! She is the mother! She has to put her child before all those self proclaimed "right" people!

There was no improper relationship! She did not commit adultery! She did not put her relationship with the doctor above Danny. She had no relationship other than the doctor and the parent of a patient.

Wow, I see now why Linda had to get out. How could anyone stand all that "You are evil"? I am glad God gave her the will and power to stand up against evil forces aimed at her.

All I can say is, "YOU GO GIRL! Forget about what others think they know! Do what is right in the eyes of God.

Linda, what have you done to deserve all the attacks and abuse, yes, abuse? You have not done anything wrong that I can see. Stand tall!

I would say even more than that Fran. Can you imagine everyone around you coming at you like piranhas? It's like a Psycho movie. Linda was in a very closed environment. Her work, her home, her personal friends and her mission in life were all encompassed. All in one basket with one person holding the entire basket. Who would have ever imagined that the walls would close in on her like that. No one is ever prepared for something like that. It doesn't occur to you.....Your husband is president of the company/ministry you work for. You are Vice-President. He gets jealous and power-crazed and wants to force you to do his will. So when you don't, he starts talking to everyone around him to see if they can force you to do his will. He knows "how to work it". He gets everyone who can attack you to do so (albeit it in an Oh so Christian, loving way). I ask you: Where is one's independence? Where is their free-will? Where is respect? No one was giving her the respect she deserved from what I have gathered. As Vice-President and Co-Founder, giving her blood, sweat and tears for 20 years, she should have been given buckets of respect and consideration that she might be the one who was in the right. The respect and consideration she was given was no more than a slumlord would pay his tenant. In my view, she found herself in a situation where everyone who has any say in her life, besides God, is trying to force "their" will on her and control every aspect of her life. That kind of stunning realization would send me fleeing to the farthest shore, I can assure you. It sounds terrifying to me and if there is anyone who can't see that, then it is purely because you don't want to see it.

Posted by: Johann Apr 10 2007, 04:37 PM

QUOTE(Snoopy @ Apr 10 2007, 11:34 PM)


I totally agree. If I'd gotten that letter I would have run the other way. FAST!!

And since Fran said it so well  I guess that's all I have to say about that!

In the present situation the best we can do is to pray that God through His Holy Spirit may grant Cindy ointment that she may see it the way others see it.

Posted by: Johann Apr 10 2007, 04:53 PM


QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 11 2007, 12:32 AM)

I would say even more than that Fran. Can you imagine everyone around you coming at you like piranhas? It's like a Psycho movie. Linda was in a very closed environment. Her work, her home, her personal friends and her mission in life were all encompassed. All in one basket with one person holding the entire basket. Who would have ever imagined that the walls would close in on her like that. No one is ever prepared for something like that. It doesn't occur to you.....Your husband is president of the company/ministry you work for. You are Vice-President. He gets jealous and power-crazed and wants to force you to do his will. So when you don't, he starts talking to everyone around him to see if they can force you to do his will. He knows "how to work it". He gets everyone who can attack you to do so (albeit in an Oh so Christian, loving way). I ask you: Where is one's independence? Where is their free-will? Where is respect? No one was giving her the respect she deserved from what I have gathered. As Vice-President and Co-Founder, giving her blood, sweat and tears for 20 years, she should have been given buckets of respect and consideration that she might be the one who was in the right. The respect and consideration she was given was no more than a slumlord would pay his tenant. In my view, she found herself in a situation where everyone who has any say in her life, besides God, is trying to force "their" will on her and control every aspect of her life. That kind of stunning realization would send me fleeing to the farthest shore, I can assure you. It sounds terrifying to me and if there is anyone who can't see that, then it is purely because you don't want to see it. 

Just the other day I talked to a prominent church leader who recognized it the way you describe it, mozart. Where did that church leader get the insight? By talking to Mr. Danny Shelton and listening his distorted version of the events.

It will be interesting meeting these people in that court case they are talking about. It will not be difficult to verify how distorted their vision is.

Posted by: mozart Apr 10 2007, 05:25 PM

QUOTE(Johann @ Apr 10 2007, 04:53 PM) 

Just the other day I talked to a prominent church leader who recognized it the way you describe it, mozart. Where did that church leader get the insight? By talking to Mr. Danny Shelton and listening his distorted version of the events.

It will be interesting meeting these people in that court case they are talking about. It will not be difficult to verify how distorted their vision is.

I have tried to be open minded through all of this. Through a decade of watching 3ABN there are those that I have grown to love and admire. Many have hurt and disappointed me and soiled the name of 3ABN. There are those in these forums on both sides that are guilty of short-sighted and slanted dialog. Maybe I have been one of them, myself. I don't know. I hope not, but I know I'm no better than the rest of you, so I maybe I have...As I have read the documents and the letters, I've tried to see it from the perspective of the writer. I've tried to imagine it from both sides. Sometimes I feel like a volleyball, but the gravity of evidence keeps pulling that ball towards the harsh wrongdoings, deceptive and disgusting stunts of Danny S., Walt T., Shelley Q., Mollie S., John L., C.A.M.(guilty by association because he hasn't said much but has sat there on the panel like a supporting pillar). Even if Linda is guilty as charged, (which I honestly don't think she is) getting away from there was the best and sanest thing she could do. Sometimes you just have to "flee to the mountains and do not look back for anything."

The latter days are upon us. We need the evangelism that 3ABN can do. There has to be something done to fix this and it has to be done right and quickly. Maybe instead of writing here, day after day, we should spend our time writing to every SDA pastor, conference president & evangelist to plead with them to assist in cleaning up 3ABN. I don't think we need to expound endlessly on every detail or present any bias; but just employ them to demand an expedient investigation because time is SO short and our first concern should be souls or the Kingdom.

Off



Posted by: Johann Apr 10 2007, 05:38 PM

AMEN! Mozart.

Posted by: princessdi Apr 10 2007, 06:06 PM

Great Idea, Mozart. I will be calling mine tomorrow. I believe information has been sent to many before, but I think some follow up is needed, and a little pressure from the pews.....

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 10 2007, 04:25 PM) 


I have tried to be open minded through all of this. Through a decade of watching 3ABN there are those that I have grown to love and admire. Many have hurt and disappointed me and soiled the name of 3ABN. There are those in these forums on both sides that are guilty of short-sighted and slanted dialog. Maybe I have been one of them, myself. I don't know. I hope not, but I know I'm no better than the rest of you, so I maybe I have...As I have read the documents and the letters, I've tried to see it from the perspective of the writer. I've tried to imagine it from both sides. Sometimes I feel like a volleyball, but the gravity of evidence keeps pulling that ball towards the harsh wrongdoings, deceptive and disgusting stunts of Danny S., Walt T., Shelley Q., Mollie S., John L., C.A.M.(guilty by association because he hasn't said much but has sat there on the panel like a supporting pillar). Even if Linda is guilty as charged, (which I honestly don't think she is) getting away from there was the best and sanest thing she could do. Sometimes you just have to "flee to the mountains and do not look back for anything."

The latter days are upon us. We need the evangelism that 3ABN can do. There has to be something done to fix this and it has to be done right and quickly. Maybe instead of writing here, day after day, we should spend our time writing to every SDA pastor, conference president & evangelist to plead with them to assist in cleaning up 3ABN. I don't think we need to expound endlessly on every detail or present any bias; but just employ them to demand an expedient investigation because time is SO short and our first concern should be souls for the Kingdom.

Off



Posted by: shinejoy Apr 10 2007, 06:12 PM

QUOTE(Fran @ Apr 10 2007, 02:08 PM) 

This letter to Linda opens my eyes! I was blind, but now I see even more clearly! Thank you for posting it. Now for my opinion of the situation.

After reading this letter to Linda from John Lomacang, I can more fully understand why Linda did what she did. I wouldn't have called JL either! Why on earth would ANYONE want to invite someone that professes to be a christian pastor into to their home only to be falsely accused and compared to evil people in the Bible?

Give me a break. Go to <http://www.save3abn.com> and read Danny's emails. Linda was innocent even after the marriage was over! Yet, here their pastor is claiming she has left God's will for her life, and she is not obeyed what people wanting to control her life wanted her to do. Hum.

What would each of you do if everyone tells you that you are not doing God's will in your life for taking your son to a Christian Doctor for healing the Natural way? What if your son was in the middle of treatment and survival? What if the doctor was actually helping you and your health? What would you have done?


JL never supported her! Why was it so wrong to keep Linda's only son's doctor? I am a mother! Linda did the RIGHT thing. Linda has a right to choose who treats her son! She is the mother! She has to put her child before all those self proclaimed "right" people!

There was no improper relationship! She did not commit adultery! She did not put her relationship with the doctor above Danny. She had no relationship other than the doctor and the parent of a patient.

Wow, I see now why Linda had to get out. How could anyone stand all that "You are evil"? I am glad God gave her the will and power to stand up against evil forces aimed at her.

All I can say is, "You GO GIRL! Forget about what others think they know! Do what is right in the eyes of God.

Linda, what have you done to deserve all the attacks and abuse, yes, abuse? You have not done anything wrong that I can see. Stand tall!

AMEN!!!!!! thank you for saying it all 

**Posted by: Eirene Apr 10 2007, 06:59 PM**

"The latter days are upon us. We need the evangelism that 3ABN can do. There has to be something done to fix this and it has to be done right and quickly. Maybe instead of writing here, day after day, we should spend our time writing to every SDA pastor, conference president & evangelist to plead with them to assist in cleaning up 3ABN. I don't think we need to expound endlessly on every detail or present any bias; but just explore them to demand an expedient investigation because time is SO short and our first concern should be souls for the Kingdom."

[color=#006600]Rather than go to others why not take it to our Father in prayer. He is aware of all that is going on, the individuals involved, and the times we are in. He only can take a bad thing and turn it in to a beautiful outcome for His church.

**Posted by: Observer Apr 10 2007, 07:21 PM**

Every time I read those letters there is one impression that I receive: John L. does not have even a minimal understand of ethical behavior, as defined by the secular world.

The secular world says:

1) Do not have a dual relationship.

John L. and many of the Board members were thinking of entering into such a dual relationship. Due to their employment with 3-ABN, they could not enter into a situation where they were to judge marital issues related to the President of 3-ABN in the person of his wife/ex-wife.


2) The secular world says that things must have the appearance of fairness.

No such appearance existed in discipline issues related to Linda.

John may (????) have been correct in his statement that the Board could have fairly judged Linda. I do not believe so. But, in theory he could have been correct. If so that is not the issue. As I have said above, those two ethical issues, and others, would prevent the local church Board from judging Linda.

This whole mess has presented the SDA denomination with clear evidence of a problem. That problem is that it does not have the procedures in place to resolve the issues in an ethical and fair manner. They simply do not exist. Because of that, on the human level, resolution can only come through the involvement of the civil authorities.

**Posted by: mozart Apr 10 2007, 07:48 PM**

**QUOTE(Eirene @ Apr 10 2007, 05:59 PM)** 


"The latter days are upon us. We need the evangelism that 3ABN can do. There has to be something done to fix this and it has to be done right and quickly. Maybe instead of writing here, day after day, we should spend our time writing to every SDA pastor, conference president & evangelist to plead with them to assist in cleaning up 3ABN. I don't think we need to expound endlessly on every detail or present any bias; but just explore them to demand an expedient investigation because time is SO short and our first concern should be souls for the Kingdom."

[color=#006600]Rather than go to others why not take it to our Father in prayer. He is aware of all that is going on, the individuals involved, and the times we are in. He only can take a bad thing and turn it in to a beautiful outcome for His church.

Eirene,

Thank you for your important comment, I have said here before that I think we should all pray before we even come in here. That said, the Lord wants us to give all our petitions to Him, but He also expects us to stand up for Him and uphold His church. If you saw a starving child, would you not take actions to feed that child? If you saw a woman being abused, would you not lend a helping hand? It's sad that lots of people won't do anything and it's sad that some get involved just because they like a drama. I hope we are not doing this that we do here for the latter reason. If we stay in prayer about it I think more solutions and less arguing will be the results. Looking forward to more lovely posts from you, God bless and guide you. Mo

**Posted by: awesumentor Apr 10 2007, 08:40 PM**

**QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 10 2007, 05:21 PM)** 

Fran,

Of course Nathan's a grown man, as are my 2 boys, and they've struggled with some of the same as Nathan, in addition my Oldest is bi-polar. and so I personally know how hard it is as a mother to try to support and help without condoning or enabling, so I have every sympathy with Linda in that regard. What I never had was a relationship with any of my Son's Doctors beyond what was considered professional and necessary for the well being of my Son.

Thanks to God they are both recovering and becoming what he wants them to be.

I also had a husband who was an alcoholic and drug addict, and could not help himself much less our boys. He was abusive, controlling, possessive and VERY jealous, yet even he could not find anything to complain of regarding any of the Doctors or me.

As you claim to SEE so well, and are so defensive of Linda. Help me to understand what it is that you see here, that I cannot.

What do you really know about Nathan and the Doctor, other than one visit to Norway in January of 2004?

His drug use? recovery? any ongoing treatments or visits to Norway? any ongoing conversations or even a relationship between Nathan and Dr A? Any contact at all?

What do you really know of Linda's ongoing relationship with Doctor A, after the beginning of 2004?  
Do tell, please.

You first, Cindy... since you persist in trying to proclaim Linda guilty.

What evidence do you have beyond what you have been told second and third hand? What have you personally witnessed?

By your own admission you have never met nor talked to Linda... so what makes you so certain of her guilt? What proof of said guilt were you provided? Did you even ask for any?

Your personal story is touching, I'm sure... but it does not qualify you to determine Linda's guilt or innocence.

This is the US, not France. The accused does not have the burden of proof to show himself innocent in this country.

You want to make the accusation; you have to prove it. You have been asked repeatedly for proof and you have not been forthcoming; we've gotten spin, innuendo, ad hominem and other foolishness... but no proof.

The ball remains in your court Cindy. Show us the trail of bread crumbs; show us how you came to the conclusion of Linda's guilt.

Be specific.

In His service,  
Mr. J

---

**Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 10 2007, 09:34 PM**

[http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/church\\_manual/](http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/church_manual/)

Apparently censure lasts no longer than 12 months and is NOT a permanent situation.

I wonder if Linda even had any idea about this. I doubt that the knowledge would have helped anyway. Especially since she had to abide by the gag order Danny gave to her. So going to the board would have been silly at best.

Example. She goes in. They talk... she listens. They ask questions....She has to be silent. Danny knew she would not win no matter what.

Also since she was so isolated from so much and was in so much turmoil in the midst of all that was going on she might have not even realized that the censure would not last very long. It is very apparent she DID NOT have adequate council.  
JMO

Rosyroi  
@)---;---;---

---

**Posted by: inga Apr 10 2007, 09:41 PM**

You said it well, "Observer"

**QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 10 2007, 08:21 PM)**

Every time I read those letters there is one impression that I receive: John L. does not have even a minimal understand of ethical behavior, as defined by the secular world.

The secular world says:

1) Do not have a dual relationship.

John L. and many of the Board members were thinking of entering into such a dual relationship. Due to their employment with 3-ABN, they could not enter into a situation where they were to judge marital issues related to the President of 3-ABN in the person of his wife/ex-wife.

2) The secular world says that things must have the appearance of fairness.

No such appearance existed in discipline issues related to Linda.

John may (????) have been correct in his statement that the Board could have fairly judged Linda. I do not believe so. But, in theory he could have been correct. If so that is not the issue. As I have said above, those two ethical issues, and others, would prevent the local church Board from judging Linda.

This whole mess has presented the SDA denomination with clear evidence of a problem. That problem is that it does not have the procedures in place to resolve the issues in an ethical and fair manner. They simply do not exist. Because of that, on the human level, resolution can only come through the involvement of the civil authorities.

---

**Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 10 2007, 09:49 PM**

**QUOTE**

The church chose censure rather than removal of membership because it was our desire to connect you with a Seventh-day Adventist church where you could find spiritual healing and recovery, not to cause you any further hardship. It is not our prayer that you pursue your calling; it is our prayer that you pursue the heart of God.

from JL to Linda in letter accepting her letter of dropping her membership.

Timeline...

She left Thompsonville church and was fellowshipping with folk in another church and asked for her membership to be transferred. Then Thompsonville church refused her transfer but made a decision to censure.

Sorry folks... this does NOT make sense to me.

I know there was a letter somewhere that Danny had to be the one in the right and Linda had to be the one in the wrong. Still strange to me.

Unless as JL said in his last sentence. "It is not our prayer that you pursue your calling..." yea right show up Danny as NOT 'the anointed one'.

NOT being sarcastic folks. Just writes em as I sees em.

Rosyroi  
@)---;---;---

---

**Posted by: inga Apr 10 2007, 09:57 PM**

**QUOTE**

The church chose censure rather than removal of membership because it was our desire to connect you with a Seventh-day Adventist church where you could find spiritual healing and recovery, not to cause you any further hardship. It is not our prayer that you pursue your calling; it is our prayer that you pursue the heart of God.

John's letter is filled with a lot of nasty insinuations and emotionally laden negative language. Professing to be impartial, he reveals in his language that he is **not** for Linda in any way at all. Certainly his language is not pastoral. (Did he ever receive any pastoral training, by the way? And where did he receive the marriage counselor training, since he professes



to be an experienced marriage counselor?)

What really takes the cake is the preposterous claim above!!

John writes that "the church chose censure... because it was our desire to connect you with a Seventh-day Adventist church where you could find spiritual healing"



In fact, censure would prevent Linda from gaining membership in any other Adventist church unless and until the Thompsonville church chose to allow her.

What in God's universe did JL mean???



It almost sounds as if he meant that "the church" (i.e. Danny, JL & company) planned to select a church of their choosing for Linda, thereby continuing to control her life.

As it is, events demonstrated an attempt to control Linda when the pastor in the church she was attending was removed to be replaced by a pastor favorable to Danny -- a pastor who forbade her active participation in the church.

Praise God that one little black church could not be coerced into doing Danny's will but wholeheartedly accepted Linda. (Now that really threw a monkey wrench in the Dannyite plans. )

---

Posted by: mozart Apr 10 2007, 11:04 PM

QUOTE(inga @ Apr 10 2007, 08:57 PM)

John's letter is filled with a lot of nasty insinuations and emotionally laden negative language. Professing to be impartial, he reveals in his language that he is **not** for Linda in any way at all. Certainly his language is not pastoral. (Did he ever receive any pastoral training, by the way? And where did he receive the marriage counselor training, since he professes to be an experienced marriage counselor?)

What really takes the cake is the preposterous claim above!!

John writes that "the church chose censure... because it was our desire to connect you with a Seventh-day Adventist church where you could find spiritual healing"



In fact, censure would prevent Linda from gaining membership in any other Adventist church unless and until the Thompsonville church chose to allow her.

What in God's universe did JL mean???



You got me sister. That is some fancy double-sideways-flippin' talk . I've read it a bunch of times and still haven't figured out what he's trying to say. Me

It almost sounds as if he meant that "the church" (i.e. Danny, JL & company) planned to select a church of their choosing for Linda, thereby continuing to control her life.

As it is, events demonstrated an attempt to control Linda when the pastor in the church she was attending was removed to be replaced by a pastor favorable to Danny -- a pastor who forbade her active participation in the church.

Praise God that one little black church could not be coerced into doing Danny's will but wholeheartedly accepted Linda. (Now that really threw a monkey wrench in the Dannyite plans. )

Oh Mercy, I'm not even gonna say what I'm thinking. x

---

Posted by: roxe Apr 11 2007, 12:17 AM

QUOTE(inga @ Apr 10 2007, 09:57 PM)

John writes that "the church chose censure... because it was our desire to connect you with a Seventh-day Adventist church where you could find spiritual healing"

[b] It almost sounds as if he meant that "the church" (i.e. Danny, JL & company) planned to select a church of their choosing for Linda, thereby continuing to control her life.

As it is, events demonstrated an attempt to control Linda when the pastor in the church she was attending was removed to be replaced by a pastor favorable to Danny -- a pastor who forbade her active participation in the church.

email posted on  
<http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-demise-of-marriage-pile-of-what-05.htm>

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

From: Danny Shelton  
To: Linda Shelton  
Subject: Re: Re:  
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2004 11:33 PM  
<snip>  
from the love of your life  
to the love of my life.

ps. I miss the **old** Linda terribly.

hmmm...  
is it the **old** "meek-mild-totally-controlled-by-Danny-Shelton" Linda that is missed??

---

Posted by: Observer Apr 11 2007, 05:02 AM

QUOTE(Rosyroi @ Apr 10 2007, 08:34 PM)

[http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/church\\_manual/](http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/church_manual/)

Apparently censure lasts no longer than 12 months and is NOT a permanent situation.

I wonder if Linda even had any idea about this. I doubt that the knowledge would have helped anyway. Especially since she had to abide by the gag order Danny gave to her. So going to the board would have been silly at best.

Example. She goes in. They talk... she listens. They ask questions....She has to be silent. Danny knew she would not win no matter what.

Also since she was so isolated from so much and was in so much turmoil in the midst of all that was going on she might have not even realized that the censure would not last very long. It is very apparent she DID NOT have adequate council.

JMO

Rosyroi

@}-----;

Oh! So it is apparent that she did not have adequate council! On what basis do you say that?

I am the one who advised her that she should request that the Thompsonville Church drop her from their membership rolls. As SDA clergy do you really think that I do not know and understand the CHURCH MANUAL, and that censure is a temporary thing. Of course I know that.

This story has been so well published that I am only going to give a brief account of it.

The Thompsonville SDA Church did not move toward the discipline of Linda until it became apparent that Linda had associated with another SDA Church, and had been integrated into it's ministry. Linda had moved on with her life. She was involved with a SDA Church, and it's ministry. She planned to transfer her membership to that church.

It was at that point that the Thompsonville SDA Church began a process that probably would have led to a vote of censure for Linda. That vote would have prevented Linda from transferring her membership to that other SDA Church. It addition, it would have stopped her ministry within that Church.

I proposed to Linda that she request that her membership be dropped in the Thompsonville SDA Church. At that time, another person organized a very effective public relations campaign to persuade John L, the Thompsonville pastor to grant Linda's request to be dropped. Telephone calls and e-mails were sent to him by many people, and on a daily basis. That campaign, which I did not organize, was very effective. The Thompsonville Church granted her request to be dropped from membership.

As soon as Linda's membership was dropped, another SDA Church granted her membership on Profession of Faith. That process was immediate. I had advised her to seek membership on Profession of Faith, as soon as the Thompsonville Church dropped her. I guided her through that decision-making process.

Some might say that her entry into the other church by Profession of Faith was in violation of the CHURCH MANUAL. I disagree with that. I do not intend to specify the details. I will only say that Linda's acceptance into membership of the other SDA Church was done in compliance with the accepted standards of the SDA Church in North America, and after careful consideration by the involved parties, and consultation with others. If you think it violated the CHURCH MANUAL, you simply do not know what went on.

I am the one who proposed this plan to Linda. I advised interested parties to this process to the point where she became a member of the other SDA Church. However, I was not the one who organized the telephone/e-mail campaign. My advice was given within the guidelines, and accepted practices of the SDA Church in North America. Specific details, and consultations with others do not need to be made public.

I say again: What do you mean that Linda did not have good/adequate advice? You are entitled to your personal opinion. But, I will suggest that you are wrong.

Posted by: Observer Apr 11 2007, 05:29 AM

QUOTE(Inga @ Apr 10 2007, 06:57 PM) □

John's letter is filled with a lot of nasty insinuations and emotionally laden negative language. Professing to be impartial, he reveals in his language that he is **not** for Linda in any way at all. *Certainly his language is not pastoral. (Did he ever receive any pastoral training, by the way? And where did he receive the marriage counselor training, since he professes to be an experienced marriage counselor?)*

What really takes the cake is the preposterous claim above!!

John writes that "the church chose censure... because it was our desire to connect you with a Seventh-day Adventist church where you could find spiritual healing" □ □

In fact, censure would prevent Linda from gaining membership in any other Adventist church unless and until the Thompsonville church chose to allow her.

What in God's universe did JL mean??? □ □

It almost sounds as if he meant that "the church" (i.e. Danny, JL & company) planned to select a church of their choosing for Linda, thereby continuing to control her life.

As it is, events demonstrated an attempt to control Linda when the pastor in the church she was attending was removed to be replaced by a pastor favorable to Danny -- a pastor who forbade her active participation in the church.

Praise God that one little black church could not be coerced into doing Danny's will but wholeheartedly accepted Linda. □ □ (Now that really threw a monkey wrench in the Dannyite plans. □ )

Inga:

John L. is an ordained SDA minister. However, he did not become one through the traditional route. I do not believe that he has the typical Master of Divinity that SDA clergy in North America are supposed to have. I do not believe that he had the extensive experiences of working as an "intern" under a variety of pastors, and in a number of church districts prior to being ordained.

While the above is the recommended route for SDA clergy prior to being ordained, that route is not mandated for all. The Conference where I live ordained a person who works at an academy in guiding academy students in selling literature door to door.

The problem with people who have been ordained outside of the recommended route for North America is that people often believe that their ordination qualifies them to be the pastoral leader of a congregation, and to guide that congregation in it's spiritual life. The reality is that typically such people are not qualified to give such leadership. They lack the congregational exposure to the problems that our members face, and therefore fail to properly guide them on their spiritual journey. Due their lack of educational training they lack the in-depth consideration of applications of Biblical council to congregational members, and they lack the interaction and sharing of pastoral leadership that takes place in the MDIV. program with other SDA clergy.

John L. is an ordained SDA minister. However, his published statements on various issues clearly reveal that he fails to understand aspects of the issues.

NOTE: If I have made any inaccurate statements in regard to John's background, please correct me.

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 11 2007, 06:30 AM

QUOTE(princessd @ Apr 10 2007, 05:23 PM) □

Cindy, first of all let me ask your forgiveness for thinking that you could not possibly understand Linda's situation. I did not say it out loud, but I thought it and I was wrong. You have, indeed, come through some difficult times. May God continue to bless and heal those wounds.

First let me say how much I appreciate that Diane, it means a lot to me, and it's ok. How could you know? The truth is things just keep getting better all the time now, for the Lord is very good.

Second we obviously see things very differently here, from differing viewpoints, and we may just have to agree to disagree for now. It is actually because of my experiences that I do not see Danny as people accuse him. Sure he seems to talk without thinking first sometimes but that doesn't make him evil. I don't idolize him, as people claim but you know what, I like him, and I think he's got the raw deal here.

I will explain what I know, and understand about those counseling sessions, and it isn't what you are saying everyone knows.

First I have never heard anything negative or heard anybody finding fault with John Lomacang, or with the Thompsonville Church until the problems arose because of Linda's relationship with the Doctor. Suddenly he is evil and biased and part of a conspiracy against her. As far as I can tell the only reason that "everyone" believes all these negative things about those counseling sessions is because Linda said that to others and they repeated it, and so on. She gave her view to the Dr, to Johann and to whoever would listen because someone had to be wrong here, and as she admitted no wrong the fault had to be with everyone else.

But there something a little wrong with the little girl marching out of step in the band and saying did you see how good I did and how everyone was out of step but me? They all tried to tell me I was wrong but I knew better, so I just kept on going. Don't you agree it's mean for them to keep picking on me?

The truth is Pastor Lomacang came to 3ABN because of Linda, she thought very highly of him.

People are reacting here like he went over to the house to attack her, and continued to do so. That isn't the case at all. Loving and caring for another means sometimes you have to disagree and say that is wrong. As a Pastor J.L. has a greater responsibility to do so.

The truth is Linda went to him first, He heard her story first. She asked him to come to her house and talk to Danny. If anything he was at first biased in her favor having heard her side first.

How I understand it is it went like this. She called and was talking to her pastor about the situation of her friendship with this Doctor, and asked him if his wife Angie had any male friends, and how he felt about that.

So-- he explained that she had one very good friend who she had known for years before he'd met her. He said he'd met him and liked him too and that he knew it was simply a platonic friendship and so their conversations on the phone a couple times a year didn't bother him.

This was the first he'd heard from either Danny or Linda about this and it didn't sound like there was a problem to him, so Linda asked him to come over and talk to Danny.

When he got there rather than telling Danny he was wrong, he told Danny that Linda had told him her side of the story and said "now let's hear yours"

After hearing about all the hours being spent on the phone and how Danny had caught her in lies several times and how after looking up the phone calls on the internet, she had started buying phone cards so they wouldn't show up on the bill, and after talking to both of them

Pastor Lomacang explained to Linda that her situation was a whole different story than the one with he and his wife, and there were many other factors here, and that she needed to stop the relationship before it hurt their marriage further. This was just one of many hours the pastor spent counseling...

Now I know some or many are going to say that's hearsay. Yes it is, It came secondhand from someone who directly asked Pastor L about it, and relayed what was said to me, and now I am repeating it, so it is thirdhand. I would not do so except the words and testimony of John Lomacang are in the letter above regarding this, and his is a first person account and he is talking right to Linda about this:

QUOTE

"As a matter of record you probably remember well when you said to me, "John, God brought you to St. Louis so that we could bring you the rest of the way." To suggest that you will be not be able to receive fairness and impartiality is ludicrous.

Linda, as we look at the time-line of events you were the first one to call me and ask for counsel about your friendship with the doctor. It was after I arrived at your home that I heard the other side of the story. It was hearing both sides that led me to give you counsel to sever the relationship with the doctor from Norway. I made that decision as your pastor and as a marriage counselor with 16 years experience, not as a "back-pocket" servant of Danny Shelton.

It has been nearly two years since this escapade started and you will recall that from the very outset, that Tuesday night in your living room, when you made the decision not to sever your relationship with the doctor, you set the course that led you to where you are today. Linda, the decision to hold on to someone other than your husband in spite of the months of counseling, was a critical decision in furthering your downfall. To further compound the matter, you still held firmly to your course after the relentless pleading from your friends, confidants, pastors, 3ABN board members, and non-Adventist counselors to sever the relationship. One has to be quite short-sighted and uninformed to come to the conclusion that all of those people were "compromised."

Really, Diane I don't want to argue, but my position is that either Linda has misrepresented what happened, or every single member of her former Church, her friends, her fellow employees and fellow board members, and even the Non SDA counselors her sister recommended so that they wouldn't be biased, all are lying. That to me is ludicrous indeed, for the only reason we have to believe evil of all those people is one woman who says that is what happened, and those she talked to, who weren't there and didn't see or witness anything.

And over and over what is presented doesn't match what Linda has said.

I do not see persecution or meanness in the letters above. I see a Church Pastor dealing with an erring member in the most loving and compassionate way possible. Some don't like the scriptural references, well they were given for our example and that's what he's using them for.

But as is obvious others here find fault. I guess that's what they want to see, and nothing I'm going to say will change that.

I find it ironic that those who keep asking for proof, never accept anything offered. Guess that's why they haven't ever got what they've asked for, all they'd do is pick things apart individually and deny it and still insist nothing had been proven. But to me all those individual things they deny can't be denied when you put them all together.

Anyway, I doubt Fran will answer, because Nathan had nothing to do with Linda's relationship with the Doctor, that is simply how they met, after the beginning he never entered into it, so obviously Danny wasn't asking her to choose between him and her son. He was asking her to choose him, and she chose the Doctor.

So I guess people can keep writing ugly things about everyone who thinks or ever thought Linda made poor or wrong choices. I think I'm done with this thread. I also think maybe Gregory and others are right, a civil court is the last and probably only option available here.

But I do appreciate your spirit and sincerity in answering me Di.

God bless--

QUOTE(princeadl @ Apr 10 2007, 05:23 PM) □

I know that Fran will answer, but just let me begin. Everyone knows about those "counseling" sessions. They were basically something of a crude "intervention"(in the loosest sense of the word) to get Linda to cut off Linda's association with the Dr. because they had been told by Danny that it was inappropriate. However, as a mother, they were basically asking her to choose between her husband and her son. Her husband who, like yours, should have been man enough to be by her side in this. If you say you know about additions, then you know Linda was bound to support her child when he was serious about getting th help he needed. Danny had asked her I am sure within the confines of their home, and then went to the board and staff to make "his" request, and now her denial of this request was now basis for her being censured.

Secondly she was being asked to this board meeting by the same man who had conduted the "counseling" sessions. What was there to make her think that board meeting would be any different than she had been experiencing? I think she had blindly walked into the lion's den far too many time already. I believe she met with them and continue to talk with JL, because she didn't want to believe what he was doing. She was the one who was instrumental in bringing him and his wife to 3ABN and now he was basically stabbing her in the back. First her husband and now her friends, Brenda, now JL, and what others were there whom she thought to be friends, even family in that close knit community. No, I would not have walked into another trap with these people. Right now, they can only say she refused to meet with them and her own words in an email. If she would have met with them and actually gave them some her words to twist, as they already had, no tellin' what info you would be getting to post at this point.

Cindy it was a set up, like everything in this whole unfortunate story. I am telling you now, you should not even try to buy into that lie about Linda nd the Dr., it was devised by Danny for his own purposes. If the story was true, he could have said that from the beginning, why even bother making up the "spiritual adultery" mess? As long as women like you, a wife, mother, continue to buy into this, he will continue because your faithin him gives him credibility.....he believes. Apply some things from your own situation and in your heart you will know there is something not quite right about this. You should already see similarities between Danny and your ex, especially in that jealousy dept. Danny doesn't have an substance abuse issues that I have heard of. However, can see the similarities in just what you have told here.

Also, from the sound of it, Linda been given this choice before by Danny, and she had failed as Nathan's mother in order to be Danny's wife.(that actually should have been a HUGE red flag, a real man, christian man would never have presented her that choice). Danny does not have a good track record with his wives children.

So those are basically the problems I see, Cindy. Those emails are not saying what you want them to say, at lest not to me, Fran and Snoopy, and I don't believe we are alone in this.

Posted by: lurker Apr 11 2007, 06:36 AM

Have you ever heard of someone who was prosecuted for a crime and refused to admit to a lesser crime in order to "plea bargain" and get a less harsh sentence. They refused because they were innocent but but were convicted of the more serious crime.

Well I believe that is what happened between Linda and her accusers. She thought they would believe her because she knew she was innocent and that the lack of evidence would prove it. But she failed to understand that sympathy is almost always with the husband in such cases. There is much sympathy (sometimes even admiration) for sexually straying among the brethren. There would have been much more sympathy for her if she had "admitted" to adultery and "repented" than telling the truth as she did.

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 11 2007, 06:52 AM

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 11 2007, 06:29 AM) □

Inga:

John L. is an ordained SDA minister. However, he did not become one through the traditional route. I do not believe that he has the typical Master of Divinity that SDA clergy in North America are supposed to have. I do not believe that he had the extensive experiences of working as an "intern" under a variety of pastors, and in a number of church districts prior to being ordained.

While the above is the recommended route for SDA clergy prior to being ordained, that route is not mandated for all. The Conference where I live ordained a person who works at an academy in guiding academy students in selling literature door to door.

The problem with people who have been ordained outside of the recommended route for North America is that people often believe that their ordination qualifies them to be the pastoral leader of a congregation, and to guide that congregation in it's spiritual life. The reality is that typically such people are not qualified to give such leadership. They lack the congregational exposure to the problems that our members face, and therefore fail to properly guide them on their spiritual journey. Due their lack of educational training they lack the in-depth consideration of applications of Biblical council to congregational members, and they lack the interaction and sharing of pastoral leadership that takes place in the MDiv. program with other SDA clergy.

John L. is an ordained SDA minister.

NOTE: If I have made any inaccurate statements in regard to John's background, please correct me.

I do have a problem with this statement of yours:

"However, his published statements on various issues clearly reveal that he fails to understand aspects of the issues." You forgot to say "In my opinion" and you forgot to give any evidence. All that means is that Gregory Matthews disagrees with Pastor Lomacang, and Pastor Lomacang has a different understanding then Gregory Matthews. -- and that may mean you lack understanding Gregory...

I also didn't like it when you said he had no ethics, that was rude and also unproven.

I don't know everything about his training.

I do know about "callings" and that the qualifications for a Pasor (bishop) are in the bible, and the conference has him listed as a Pastor, if they have no problem why should you?

He has 16 plus years of counseling experience...

But beyond that, and probably off topic, who ordained the Apostle Paul, gregory?

Posted by: watchbird Apr 11 2007, 07:06 AM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 07:30 AM) □

[/color]

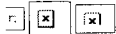
... When he got there rather than telling Danny he was wrong, he told Danny that Linda had told him her side of the story and said "now let's hear yours"

After hearing about all the hours being spent on the phone and how Danny had caught her in lies several times and how after looking up the phone calls on the internet, she had started buying phone cards so they wouldn't show up on the bill, and after talking to both of them

Pastor Lomacang explained to Linda that her situation was a whole different story then the one with he and his wife, and there were many other factors here, and that she needed to stop the relationship before it hurt their marriage further. Tis was just one of many hours the pastor spent counseling...

Now I know some or many are going to say that's heresy. Yes it is, It came secondhand from someone who directly asked Pastor L about it, and relayed what was said to me, and

now I am repeating it, so it is thirdhand. I would not do so except the words and testimony of John Lomacang are in the letter above regarding this, and his is a first person account and he is talking right to Linda about this:



Jindy, this would be hilarious if it were not so serious.

You seem to forget the obvious.... that there were other people besides Linda who were witnesses to what happened in the spring of 2004.... and that there were others of us who were not direct witnesses who were in constant contact with others of these witnesses besides Linda.... so we got the stories as they unfolded.... not only in hindsight after there was time to spin-doctor the stories and come to an agreement as to what would be told to others.

but in spite of all of this.... you put your finger on the key point.... that most of those to whom Linda either turned herself or was taken to by Danny..... discarded anything Linda said and took only what Danny said as the "gospel truth". I will shortly be pulling together some of this information that I have saved from the actual time frame and giving a time line for some of these things that happened.... but for now I'll just point out this one thing... that right from the beginning it has been considered a "he said/ she said" tale..... with those who had the upper hand in world wide publicity via 3abn Television as well as mailings, newsletters, and phone calls giving Danny's view of things only, and refusing to give equal weight to things that Linda herself said... or that any others who remained her friends through that initial ordeal or that became her friends afterwards might say.

I understand your connections and your sources of information. So it does not surprise me at all to hear the things you repeat as though they were gospel-truth. Unfortunately, they are not factual, and are not the way things actually happened.

And the bottom line is not whether one "likes" Linda... or "likes" Danny.... the bottom line questions are.... What actually happened? And not only what happened in regard to phone calls and a relationship that Linda was accused of having but that not only she but other witnesses claim never existed... but, What happened to make it so "necessary" to remove her from the scene of action... and to do so in a way that would give Danny "the right to remarry" (a direct quotation from some of his letters)? And not only that... but what about all of the other offenses that have been discovered that have gone on at 3abn that have absolutely nothing to do with the oft cited "relationship" that Linda has been accused of having?

Thank you for your contributions.... they give us a window into how your information sources think that we have not previously had access to. And they also give us an opportunity to give the contrasting information as gleaned from multiple other information sources.



Posted by: watchbird Apr 11 2007, 07:38 AM

QUOTE(Rosyroi @ Apr 10 2007, 10:34 PM) □

[http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/church\\_manual/](http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/church_manual/)

Apparently censureship lasts no longer than 12 months and is NOT a permanent situation.

I wonder if Linda even had any idea about this. I doubt that the knowledge would have helped anyway. Especially since she had to abide by the gag order Danny gave to her. So going to the board would have been silly at best.

Example. She goes in. They talk... she listens. They ask questions....She has to be silent. Danny knew she would not win no matter what.

Also since she was so isolated from so much and was in so much turmoil in the midst of all that was going on she might have not even realized that the censure would not last very long. It is very apparent she DID NOT have adequate council.  
JMO

Rosyroi

sorry, Rosyroi, but you have missed a very important point here. Censureship may only be for a specific length of time as far as keeping someone from exercising the full rights of church membership.... i.e. the ability to transfer to another church and the privilege of serving in one's local church in either leadership or service roles..... but it makes a STATEMENT which is PERMANENT.... and that statement is that the individual is guilty in the eyes of the church for one or more of the items listed as deserving censureship.... whichever ones the individual is being charged with.

Thus, had the 3abn church succeeded in pushing through a resolution of censorship, it would not only have bound Linda to church membership there rather than allowing her to transfer to the church in which she had been attending for over a year and which had sent an official request for Linda's transfer of membership approximately 10 months before the letter regarding a meeting at which the 3abn church would ask for censure.... (notice that it also claimed that the church board had already voted on such a measure even BEFORE she was notified of this action).... BUT.... and this is the most important point..... it would ALSO have given Danny official church judgement on Linda's guilt.... thus sparing him the necessity of producing "proof" of the relationship with which she had been accused.... and thus giving him an official church sanction on remarriage.... the "right to remarry" that he had been reiterating he needed to have ever since the spring of 2004.

One can perhaps understand this concept a little better by referring to the Lindy Chamberlain case in Australia.... where the Australian pastor's wife who was jailed after being wrongfully accused of murdering her own baby refused to accept an offered "pardon"... since to do so would have been to admit that she was in fact guilty and thus needed a "pardon". She chose to remain in jail until proof was finally obtained that proved her innocence and she was rightfully acquitted rather than merely pardoned.

Linda was in the same sort of forced choice.... only if she relinquished her church membership could she halt the process which would have put her under censure which would mean having the full weight of the SDA church on record as pronouncing her "guilty". And this could never be removed by any reinstatement of full membership privileges. The sentence would stand. Only by having another SDA church show enough confidence in her innocence to accept her as a member "in good and regular standing" upon her "profession of faith".....(a procedure commonly granted to anyone who has been previously baptized into some other church, whether SDA or other Christian church which practices adult baptism) could she avoid having this official church black mark recorded against her name.

Those who counselled her to take this route took all of these things into consideration... as well as the ones you so accurately note... that she stood no chance at all of preventing the 3abn church from putting her under censure as its board had already voted.

Posted by: awesumentor Apr 11 2007, 07:42 AM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 08:52 AM) □

I do have a problem with this statement of yours:

"However, his published statements on various issues clearly reveal that he fails to understand aspects of the issues." You forgot to say "In my opinion" and you forgot to give any evidence. All that means is that Gregory Matthews disagrees with Pastor Lomacang, and Pastor Lomacang has a different understanding than Gregory Matthews. -- and that may mean you lack understanding Gregory...

And what seminary did you attend that qualifies you to say Lomacang must be right and Elder Matthews must be wrong?

QUOTE

I also didn't like it when you said he had no ethics, that was rude and also unproven.

You obviously are not paying attention to the facts, then...

**QUOTE**

I don't know everything about his training.

You don't know \*anything\* about his training, Cindy; you are simply regurgitating what you have been told by others

**QUOTE**

I do know about "callings" and that the qualifications for a Pastor (bishop) are in the bible, and the conference has him listed as a Pastor, if they have no problem why should you? He has 16 plus years of counseling experience...

Because fhb/bystander/wwjd et al said so? Can you name one person you know personally who has had marital counseling from JL?

In His service,  
Mr. J

**Posted by: LaurenceD Apr 11 2007, 07:49 AM**

**QUOTE(Aletheia)**

Really, Diane I don't want to argue, but my position is that either Linda has misrepresented what happened, or every single member of her former Church, her friends, her fellow employees and fellow board members, and even the Non SDA counselors her sister recommended so that they wouldn't be biased, all are lying. That to me is ludicrous indeed, for the only reason we have to believe evil of all those people is one woman who says that is what happened, and those she talked to, who weren't there and didn't see or witness anything.

This statement reminds me of another situation where everyone teamed up against an innocent person. Finally, it became necessary for the lynch mob to manufacture something called "blasphemy" so that the crowd's thirst for blood could be quenched...and they hung him out to dry...and the rest is history.

How could so many possibly have been wrong?

(there's more to this analogy, but I'll stop with that)

**Posted by: watchbird Apr 11 2007, 07:49 AM**

Thank you Gregory, for spelling out your involvement and the reasons for the counsel you gave. I will just point out that you were not the only one. Linda sought and received counsel from many different people. While some originally gave quite different advice, after a little reflection, it is my understanding that they all came to the same position that you have described here.... and that I elaborated on in a previous post. Those who counseled her to take this route included many laypersons, many pastors (including several who offered to accept her as a member in their own churches), professional Counselors, and even some Conference Administrators.

So yes, Linda was well supplied with counsel in this area, and it was all based on SDA policy as expressed in the Church Manual.

**QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 11 2007, 06:02 AM)**

Oh! So it is apparent that she did not have adequate counsel! On what basis do you say that?

I am the one who advised her that she should request that the Thompsonville Church drop her from their membership rolls. As SDA clergy do you really think that I do not know and understand the CHURCH MANUAL, and that censure is a temporary thing. Of course I know that.

This story has been so well published that I am only going to give a brief account of it.

The Thompsonville SDA Church did not move toward the discipline of Linda until it became apparent that Linda had associated with another SDA Church, and had been integrated into its ministry. Linda had moved on with her life. She was involved with a SDA Church, and its ministry. She planned to transfer her membership to that church.

It was at that point that the Thompsonville SDA Church began a process that probably would have led to a vote of censure for Linda. That vote would have prevented Linda from transferring her membership to that other SDA Church. In addition, it would have stopped her ministry within that Church.

I proposed to Linda that she request that her membership be dropped in the Thompsonville SDA Church. At that time, another person organized a very effective public relations campaign to persuade John L, the Thompsonville pastor to grant Linda's request to be dropped. Telephone calls and e-mails were sent to him by many people, and on a daily basis. That campaign, which I did not organize, was very effective. The Thompsonville Church granted her request to be dropped from membership.

As soon as Linda's membership was dropped, another SDA Church granted her membership on Profession of Faith. That process was immediate. I had advised her to seek membership on Profession of Faith, as soon as the Thompsonville Church dropped her. I guided her through that decision-making process.

Some might say that her entry into the other church by Profession of Faith was in violation of the CHURCH MANUAL. I disagree with that. I do not intend to specify the details. I will only say that Linda's acceptance into membership of the other SDA Church was done in compliance with the accepted standards of the SDA Church in North America, and after careful consideration by the involved parties, and consultation with others. If you think it violated the CHURCH MANUAL, you simply do not know what went on.

I am the one who proposed this plan to Linda. I advised interested parties to this process to the point where she became a member of the other SDA Church. However, I was not the one who organized the telephone/e-mail campaign. My advice was given within the guidelines, and accepted practices of the SDA Church in North America. Specific details, and consultations with others do not need to be made public.

I say again: What do you mean that Linda did not have good/adequate advice? You are entitled to your personal opinion. But, I will suggest that you are wrong.

**Posted by: Observer Apr 11 2007, 08:34 AM**

**QUOTE(watchbird @ Apr 11 2007, 07:49 AM)**

Thank you Gregory, for spelling out your involvement and the reasons for the counsel you gave. I will just point out that you were not the only one. Linda sought and received counsel from many different people. While some originally gave quite different advice, after a little reflection, it is my understanding that they all came to the same position that you have described here.... and that I elaborated on in a previous post. Those who counseled her to take this route included many laypersons, many pastors (including several who

offered to accept her as a member in their own churches), professional Counselors, and even some Conference Administrators.

So yes, Linda was well supplied with counsel in this area, and it was all based on SDA policy as expressed in the Church Manual.

Yes, that is true. When Linda seeks advice she seeks it from several people whom she believes to be willing to advise her from the point of her best interests. They may mean that she will seek advice from people who will present different point of view in the issue.

Certainly, I was not alone in this. There were others. I simply made a brief statement which could not include everything.

It was clearly an unusual situation in which people strongly committed to the SDA Church were advising someone to request that they be dropped from membership. That concept took some time to consider and for people to reach agreement. But, in the end, it worked out very well.

Yes, there were/are denominational leaders who support Linda, even though they may not be well known.

---

**Posted by: erik Apr 11 2007, 08:42 AM**

QUOTE(LaurenaD @ Apr 11 2007, 06:49 AM) □

This statement reminds of of another situation where everyone teamed up against an innocent person. Finally, it became necessary for the lynch mob to manufacture something called "blasphemy" so that the crowd's thirst for blood could be quenched...and they hung him out to dry...and the rest is history.

How could so many possibly have been wrong?

(there's more to this analogy, but I'll stop with that)

D,

How you are speaking truth.

Erik

---

**Posted by: Observer Apr 11 2007, 08:49 AM**

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 06:52 AM) □

I do have a problem with this statement of yours:

"However, his published statements on various issues clearly reveal that he fails to understand aspects of the issues." You forgot to say "In my opinion" and you forgot to give any evidence. All that means is that Gregory Matthews disagrees with Pastor Lomacang, and Pastor Lomacang has a different understanding than Gregory Matthews. -- and that may mean you lack understanding Gregory...

I also didn't like it when you said he had no ethics, that was rude and also unproven.

I don't know everything about his training.

I do know about "callings" and that the qualifications for a Pastor (bishop) are in the bible, and the conference has him listed as a Pastor, if they have no problem why should you?

He has 16 plus years of counseling experience...

But beyond that, and probably off topic, who ordained the Apostle Paul, Gregory?

Aletheia, you tell us that I said that John L. "had no ethics." Here is what I actually said:

QUOTE

Every time I read those letters there is one impression that I receive: John L. does not have even a minimal understand of ethical behavior, as defined by the secular world.

Our statement and mine are quite different. I did not make a statement in regard to his ethics. I made a statement in regard to my impression of his understanding of ethics as defined by the secular world.

Does John have and practice ethics? Certainly. Everyone has ethics. You see ethics does not equate with virtue. Ethics may be rotten. They may be unchristian. I have a son who is a correctional officer in a major prison. Those prisoners subscribe to an ethical system.

I have never said that John L. did not have any ethics. I have never commented on his personal ethics. I have simply stated that it is clear that he does not understand secular ethics as defined by the world.

NOTE: I am not accusing John L. of having rotten, unchristian, ethics.

You tell me that my statement was not proven. Yes. But, I did give my reasons for making such. You have ignored that.

Why is it that when I check what you say about someone else's post, I often find that the actual post does not read as you claim it to read. Do you simply not understand what is being said here? Do you intentionally misrepresent what someone has stated. What is going on with your ability to cite and discuss what someone else has posted.

You tell us that John L. has 16+ years of counseling experience. Did you mean pastoral experience? They are not the same.

---

**Posted by: Observer Apr 11 2007, 09:26 AM**

Aletheia said this about John L.:

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 06:52 AM) □

He has 16 plus years of counseling experience...

We need to define what we mean by counseling experience:

- 1) On one level it may simply mean that counseling is telling, or advising, someone on what to do. On this level, someone who is a "busybody" and has spent 25 years of telling others what to do might be said to have 25 years of counseling experience.
- 2) On a professional level, it means that a person has completed a specific educational program, has completed a specific supervised internship, adheres to certain professional standards, and according to the legal requirements where that person practices, may be licensed.
- 3) It also means that the person follows certain plans of relating to the person and the issues, according to the school of counseling that is practiced by that person.
- 4) As I have publicly stated my professional training and experience, I see no need to post that again.

Now, if you are telling us that John L. has 16 years of telling people what to do, I will not argue with you. I will simply accept your statement as fact.

If you are telling us that John L. practices professional counseling, then you should ethically support your statements with comments on his professional training, his certifications, and his practice standards. I will point out that professional standards of ethics, and typical licensure laws require such to be made available to the public at large.

If you are suggesting that John L. is a pastoral counselor, I will ask you if he is certified by the Association of Pastoral Counselors, and/or if he follows their ethical standards.

Yes, I am and have been a member of professional organizations. I was an Associate Member of the American Psychological Association for years, until I decided I did not want to pay their fees any longer. However, I continue to be a member of such professional organizations as I think appropriate for me.

This discussion is important for a variety of reasons:

- 1) It is important to comments that are made in regard to Linda and Danny getting marital counseling. Was it professional quality? What was the approach (school of counseling) that was to be used. Were the counselors free from ethical conflicts? Were they licensed, and where. Etc.
- 2) It is also important in other areas. Comments have been made in regard to Kay Kuzma, and her claimed counseling involvement. She is qualified to do professional counseling. Did she do that with Linda? It has also been claimed that she was unethical in her relationship with Linda. Those charges made against her are of a serious professional nature.

I have publicly stepped in to say that Kay Kuzma did not violate professional ethics because she did not have a professional counseling relationship with Linda. Her relationship with Linda was outside of that of a professional counselor, regardless of the fact that she is a professional counselor.

This is an important distinction. Licensed professional counselors are subject to revocation of their license for major ethical violations. Recently I was talking to a licensed professional counselor, who is a Christian clergy person. He/She had been giving Bible studies to someone, without cost. That person was now suggesting ethical violations of professional counseling standards--not in any way related to sexual misconduct, or to other personal misconduct. As I told that person, you did not have an established professional counseling relationship. You did not meet the requirements that you professionally have for a written contract. Outside of that, you can not be accused of violating professional ethical standards.

FYI, in my opinion, very few SDA Clergy meet the standards to do professional counseling. There are exceptions, but they are clear exceptions.

The published comments that I have read about John L. suggest to me that he did not give Linda any kind of professional counseling. They suggest to me that he is neither trained nor experienced in such.

However, if you only meant to tell us that John L. has devoted 16+ years of his life to telling people what to do, as I do not know the truth of that, I will simply accept it, and not argue with you.

---

Posted by: watchbird Apr 11 2007, 09:31 AM

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 11 2007, 09:34 AM) □

Yes, that is true. When Linda seeks advice she seeks if from several people whom she believes to be willing to advise her from the point of her best interests. They may mean that she will seek advice from people who will present different point of view in the issue.

Certainly, I was not alone in this. There were others. I simply made a brief statement which could not include everything.

It was clearly an unusual situation in which people strongly committed to the SDA Church were advising someone to request that they be dropped from membership. That concept took some time to consider and for people to reach agreement. But, in the end, it worked out very well.

Yes, there were/are denominational leaders who support Linda, even though they may not be well known.

"Unusual" if by that you mean quantitatively speaking. It should not, however, be assumed that this was a completely unique situation and this was the only time that this method of transferring membership had ever been utilized. I had personally known instances where it was both chosen by an individual... and also recommended by the pastors involved... thus I knew that it was within policy guidelines even though seldom utilized and very early on recommended it as an option that I thought appropriate to her circumstances. From the feedback I got from others, I think at least some of them also almost instantly saw this as the preferred.... and possibly the only.... way for her to handle the situation with Christian graciousness.

---

Posted by: LaurenceD Apr 11 2007, 09:41 AM

QUOTE(awesumtenor)

You don't know \*anything\* about his training, Cindy; you are simply regurgitating what you have been told by others.

Good point. I think some are giving too much credit to the DS defenders here. They really don't represent 3abn well at all. Perhaps we should give 3abn a little slack. I'm sure they'd be embarrassed if they knew what was being represented here. Surely 3abn can do better. I learned a long time ago that this DS/3abn defenders team doesn't know nearly as much as they'd like us to believe.

---

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 11 2007, 09:52 AM

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 11 2007, 10:34 AM) □

Yes, that is true. When Linda seeks advice she seeks if from several people whom she believes to be willing to advise her from the point of her best interests. They may mean that she will seek advice from people who will present different point of view in the issue.

Certainly, I was not alone in this. There were others. I simply made a brief statement which could not include everything.

It was clearly an unusual situation in which people strongly committed to the SDA Church were advising someone to request that they be dropped from membership. **That concept took some time to consider and for people to reach agreement. But, in the end, it worked out very well.**

Yes, there were/are denominational leaders who support Linda, even though they may not be well known.



Why do you tell these ridiculous stories? One of those Pastors advising her was Johann was it not?

and "took some time to consider and for people to reach agreement"???

On Thurs Oct 27 a letter is snail mailed to Linda, she calls John on Sat the 29th when she receives it and on Mon Oct 31 the reply is in John Lomacang's hand.

John L. replies and says:

**"Thank you for your speedy response to the letter the Church Board sent to you. I, H- was also pleased to speak to you when you called me Sabbath afternoon. I thought that our conversation went well and I listened to your observations hoping that we would be able to help you. I was somewhat surprised how soon you had Derrell Mundall hand deliver your reply letter to me at my office"**

---

Posted by: watchbird Apr 11 2007, 09:56 AM

QUOTE(LaurenceD @ Apr 11 2007, 10:41 AM) □

Good point. I think some are giving too much credit to the DS defenders here. They really don't represent 3abn well at all. Perhaps we should give 3abn a little slack. I'm sure they'd be embarrassed if they knew what was being represented here. Surely 3abn can do better. I learned a long time ago that this DS/3abn defenders team doesn't know nearly as much as they'd like us to believe.

Whether they know or don't know isn't really the point. I think we can be well assured that they are saying exactly what the DS Defender Unit WANTS them to say. There is a consistency and coherency among the various yarns spun by the Dannyspinners that makes their sources all traceable. If 3abn is "embarrassed" they have only themselves to blame. The reporters are doubtless only repeating what they have been told..... □

---

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 11 2007, 09:59 AM

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 11 2007, 11:26 AM) □

Aletheia said this about John L.:

We need to define what we mean by counseling experience:

- 1) On one level it may simply mean that counseling is telling, or advising, someone on what to do. On this level, someone who is a "busybody" and has spent 25 years of telling others what to do might be said to have 25 years of counseling experience.
- 2) On a professional level, it means that a person has completed a specific educational program, has completed a specific supervised internship, adheres to certain professional standards, and according to the legal requirements where that person practices, may be licensed.
- 3) It also means that the person follows certain plans of relating to the person and the issues, according to the school of counseling that is practiced by that person.
- 4) As I have publicly stated my professional training and experience, I see no need to post that again.

Now, if you are telling us that John L. has 16 years of telling people what to do, I will not argue with you. I will simply accept your statement as fact.

If you are telling us that John L. practices professional counseling, then you should ethically support your statements with comments on his professional training, his certifications, and his practice standards. I will point out that professional standards of ethics, and typical licensure laws require such to be made available to the public at large.

If you are suggesting that John L. is a pastoral counselor, I will ask you if he is certified by the Association of Pastoral Counselors, and/or if he follows their ethical standards.

Yes, I am and have been a member of professional organizations. I was an Associate Member of the American Psychological Association for years, until I decided I did not want to pay their fees any longer. However, I continue to be a member of such professional organizations as I think appropriate for me.

This discussion is important for a variety of reasons:

- 1) It is important to comments that are made in regard to Linda and Danny getting marital counseling. Was it professional quality? What was the approach (school of counseling) that was to be used. Were the counselors free from ethical conflicts? Were they licensed, and where. Etc.
- 2) It is also important in other areas. Comments have been made in regard to Kay Kuzma, and her claimed counseling involvement. She is qualified to do professional counseling. Did she do that with Linda? It has also been claimed that she was unethical in her relationship with Linda. Those charges made against her are of a serious professional nature.

I have publicly stepped in to say that Kay Kuzma did not violate professional ethics because she did not have a professional counseling relationship with Linda. Her relationship with Linda was outside of that of a professional counselor, regardless of the fact that she is a professional counselor.

This is an important distinction. Licensed professional counselors are subject to revocation of their license for major ethical violations. Recently I was talking to a licensed professional counselor, who is a Christian clergy person. He/She had been giving Bible studies to someone, without cost. That person was now suggesting ethical violations of professional counseling standards—not in any way related to sexual misconduct, or to other personal misconduct. As I told that person, you did not have an established professional counseling relationship. You did not meet the requirements that you professionally have for a written contract. Outside of that, you can not be accused of violating professional ethical standards.

FYI, in my opinion, very few SDA Clergy meet the standards to do professional counseling. There are exceptions, but they are clear exceptions.

The published comments that I have read about John L. suggest to me that he did not give Linda any kind of professional counseling. They suggest to me that he is neither trained nor experienced in such.

However, if you only meant to tell us that John L. has devoted 16+ years of his life to telling people what to do, as I do not know the truth of that, I will simply accept it, and not argue with you.

Personally I am not interested in arguing with you define things or pontificate about that or others. You are entitled to your opinion. I just wish you'd state that when you write judgments about individuals you disagree with, instead of acting like everything out of your mouth is absolute truth, and if people disagree that is because they as you say "lack understanding".

We need a hot air balloon smiley around here.

---

Posted by: watchbird Apr 11 2007, 10:00 AM

Thank you Gregory, for posting this analysis of what can be meant by "counseling experience". Mostly I'm responding here since I posted above so soon after you did that I wanted to be sure your detailed analysis was seen by bringing it forward here.

But I also want to add that from a layman's point of view..... over long years of experience..... that while almost all Adventist pastors, trained or untrained, will enter into what the layperson assumes is a "counseling relationship".... the chances are very great that the pastor himself doesn't even have enough counseling training to know what those words really imply. And it seems as though there are very, very few Adventist pastors who have even had enough counseling experience so they recognize when an individual needs counseling of a professional nature.

Certainly, "telling someone what to do" is not professional counselling.... and in every account given which claims that Linda received "counselling" there is enough included to show that without exception EVERY person who is said to have "counselled" her, in fact, only told her "what to do". Which means that we are left with a unified account from all sides of the table saying that Linda in fact received NO true "counselling" from anyone connected with or contacted by Danny or the 3abn board.

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 11 2007, 10:26 AM) □

Aletheia said this about John L.:

QUOTE

(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 06:52 AM)

He has 16 plus years of counseling experience...

We need to define what we mean by counseling experience:

- 1) On one level it may simply mean that counseling is telling, or advising, someone on what to do. On this level, someone who is a "busybody" and has spent 25 years of telling others what to do might be said to have 25 years of counseling experience.
- 2) On a professional level, it means that a person has completed a specific educational program, has completed a specific supervised internship, adheres to certain professional standards, and according to the legal requirements where that person practices, may be licensed.
- 3) It also means that the person follows certain plans of relating to the person and the issues, according to the school of counseling that is practiced by that person.
- 4) As I have publicly stated my professional training and experience, I see no need to post that again.

Now, if you are telling us that John L. has 16 years of telling people what to do, I will not argue with you. I will simply accept your statement as fact.

If you are telling us that John L. practices professional counseling, then you should ethically support your statements with comments on his professional training, his certifications, and his practice standards. I will point out that professional standards of ethics, and typical licensure laws require such to be made available to the public at large.

If you are suggesting that John L. is a pastoral counselor, I will ask you if he is certified by the Association of Pastoral Counselors, and/or if he follows their ethical standards.

Yes, I am and have been a member of professional organizations. I was an Associate Member of the American Psychological Association for years, until I decided I did not want to pay their fees any longer. However, I continue to be a member of such professional organizations as I think appropriate for me.

This discussion is important for a variety of reasons:

- 1) It is important to comments that are made in regard to Linda and Danny getting marital counseling. Was it professional quality? What was the approach (school of counseling) that was to be used. Were the counselors free from ethical conflicts? Were they licensed, and where. Etc.
- 2) It is also important in other areas. Comments have been made in regard to Kay Kuzma, and her claimed counseling involvement. She is qualified to do professional counseling. Did she do that with Linda? It has also been claimed that she was unethical in her relationship with Linda. Those charges made against her are of a serious professional nature.

I have publicly stepped in to say that Kay Kuzma did not violate professional ethics because she did not have a professional counseling relationship with Linda. Her relationship with Linda was outside of that of a professional counselor, regardless of the fact that she is a professional counselor.

This is an important distinction. Licensed professional counselors are subject to revocation of their license for major ethical violations. Recently I was talking to a licensed professional counselor, who is a Christian clergyperson. He/She had been giving Bible studies to someone, without cost. That person was now suggesting ethical violations of professional counseling standards--not in any way related to sexual misconduct, or to other personal misconduct. As I told that person, you did not have an established professional counseling relationship. You did not meet the requirements that you professionally have for a written contract. Outside of that, you can not be accused of violating professional ethical standards.

FYI, in my opinion, very few SDA Clergy meet the standards to do professional counseling. There are exceptions, but they are clear exceptions.

The published comments that I have read about John L. suggest to me that he did not give Linda any kind of professional counseling. They suggest to me that he is neither trained nor experienced in such.

However, if you only meant to tell us that John L. has devoted 16+ years of his life to telling people what to do, as I do not know the truth of that, I will simply accept it, and not argue with you.

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 11 2007, 10:18 AM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Apr 11 2007, 12:00 PM) □

Thank you Gregory, for posting this analysis of what can be meant by "counseling experience". Mostly I'm responding here since I posted above so soon after you did that I wanted to be sure your detailed analysis was seen by bringing it forward here.

*But I also want to add that from a layman's point of view.... over long years of experience.... that while almost all Adventist pastors, trained or untrained, will enter into what the layperson assumes is a "counseling relationship".... the chances are very great that the pastor himself doesn't even have enough counseling training to know what those words really imply. And it seems as though there are very, very few Adventist pastors who have even had enough counseling experience so they recognize when an individual needs counseling of a professional nature.*

Certainly, "telling someone what to do" is not professional counselling.... and in every account given which claims that Linda received "counselling" there is enough included to show that without exception EVERY person who is said to have "counselled" her, in fact, only told her "what to do". Which means that we are left with a unified account from all sides of the table saying that Linda in fact received NO true "counselling" from anyone connected with or contacted by Danny or the 3abn board.

We need to define what we mean by counseling experience:

- 1) On one level it may simply mean that counseling is telling, or advising, someone on what to do. On this level, someone who is a "busybody" and has spent 25 years of telling others what to do might be said to have 25 years of counseling experience.
- 2) On a professional level, it means that a person has completed a specific educational program, has completed a specific supervised internship, adheres to certain professional standards, and according to the legal requirements where that person practices, may be licensed.
- 3) It also means that the person follows certain plans of relating to the person and the issues, according to the school of counseling that is practiced by that person.
- 4) As I have publicly stated my professional training and experience, I see no need to post that again.

Now, if you are telling us that John L. has 16 years of telling people what to do, I will not argue with you. I will simply accept your statement as fact.

If you are telling us that John L. practices professional counseling, then you should ethically support your statements with comments on his professional training, his certifications, and his practice standards. I will point out that professional standards of ethics, and typical licensure laws require such to be made available to the public at large.

If you are suggesting that John L. is a pastoral counselor, I will ask you if he is certified by the Association of Pastoral Counselors, and/or if he follows their ethical standards.

Yes, I am and have been a member of professional organizations. I was an Associate Member of the American Psychological Association for years, until I decided I did not want to

pay their fees any longer. However, I continue to be a member of such professional organizations as I think appropriate for me.

This discussion is important for a variety of reasons:

- 1) It is important to comments that are made in regard to Linda and Danny getting marital counseling. Was it professional quality? What was the approach (school of counseling) that was to be used. Were the counselors free from ethical conflicts? Were they licensed, and where. Etc.
- 2) It is also important in other areas. Comments have been made in regard to Kay Kuzma, and her claimed counseling involvement. She is qualified to do professional counseling. Did she do that with Linda? It has also been claimed that she was unethical in her relationship with Linda. Those charges made against her are of a serious professional nature.

I have publicly stepped in to say that Kay Kuzma did not violate professional ethics because she did not have a professional counseling relationship with Linda. Her relationship with Linda was outside of that of a professional counselor, regardless of the fact that she is a professional counselor.

This is an important distinction. Licensed professional counselors are subject to revocation of their license for major ethical violations. Recently I was talking to a licensed professional counselor, who is a Christian clergy person. He/She had been giving Bible studies to someone, without cost. That person was now suggesting ethical violations of professional counseling standards--not in any way related to sexual misconduct, or to other personal misconduct. As I told that person, you did not have an established professional counseling relationship. You did not meet the requirements that you professionally have for a written contract. Outside of that, you can not be accused of violating professional ethical standards.

FYI, in my opinion, very few SDA Clergy meet the standards to do professional counseling. There are exceptions, but they are clear exceptions.

The published comments that I have read about John L. suggest to me that he did not give Linda any kind of professional counseling. They suggest to me that he is neither trained nor experienced in such.

However, if you only meant to tell us that John L. has devoted 16+ years of his life to telling people what to do, as I do not know the truth of that, I will simply accept it, and not argue with you.

There is already a separate thread where all can discuss counseling to your hearts content, as this subject has already been discussed off topic in another thread, and that thread was created.

I'm just going to say.

There is a big difference between pastoral Counseling, and worldly Counseling.

Pastors are concerned with leading their flock and pointing out error and sin and need to show the right way to go, that is their responsibility as a Pastor.

The world is concerned with the Id and the ego and the super Ego, and "How do you feel" "what do you want"

God's says that way is wrong. It's all about Self.

---

**Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 11 2007, 10:20 AM**

**QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 12:18 PM)**

There is already a separate thread where all can discuss counseling to your hearts content, as this subject has already been discussed off topic in another thread, and that thread was created.

I'm just going to say.

There is a big difference between pastoral Counseling, and worldly Counseling.

Pastors are concerned with leading their flock and pointing out error and sin and need to show the right way to go, that is their responsibility as a Pastor.

The world is concerned with the Id and the ego and the super Ego, and "How do you feel" "what do you want"

God's says that way is wrong. It's all about Self.

Your ignorance and your lack of objectivity is showing again Cindy... everything is not Freudian...

In His service,  
Mr. J

---

**Posted by: Aletheia Apr 11 2007, 10:22 AM**

**QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Apr 11 2007, 12:20 PM)**

Your ignorance and your lack of objectivity is showing again Cindy... everything is not Freudian...

In His service,  
Mr. J

All I'm saying is, if you want a psycho analysis go to a shrink. You want spiritual guidance and counsel go to your pastor.

It's not rocket science.

---

**Posted by: Clay Apr 11 2007, 10:29 AM**

**QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 11:22 AM)**

All I'm saying is, if you want a psycho analysis go to a shrink. You want spiritual guidance and counsel go to your pastor.

It's not rocket science.

And you would be wrong... not all counseling is psychoanalytical... if you knew something about counseling you would know that..... and pastors cannot give guidance.... nor

counsel... they cannot live your life.... you have to decide with God's help what He would have you do....

Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 11 2007, 10:33 AM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 12:22 PM)

All I'm saying is, if you want a psycho analysis go to a shrink. You want spiritual guidance and counsel go to your pastor.

It's not rocket science.

And all I am saying is... you have less than a zero idea of what you are talking about. It is not rocket science, true... but from your obvious lack of understanding, it may as well be...

In His service,  
Mr. J

Posted by: princessdi Apr 11 2007, 10:33 AM

...and they were not affecting spiritual guidance either. They were basically badgering Linda to stop talking to the Dr. treating her son, because Danny said so. That is not counseling either spiritual or worldly.

We are not going to over look your statement as being altogether false. First problem being you can also have a christian psychiatrist. This fear and lack of knowledge is why christians walk around with their issues unresolved. There is so much more wrong with that one statement, Cindy.

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 08:22 AM)

All I'm saying is, if you want a psycho analysis go to a shrink. You want spiritual guidance and counsel go to your pastor.

It's not rocket science.

Posted by: Observer Apr 11 2007, 10:45 AM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 08:52 AM)

Why do you tell these ridiculous stories? One of those Pastors advising her was Johann was it not?

and "took some time to consider and for people to reach agreement"???

On Thurs Oct 27 a letter is snail mailed to Linda, she calls John on Sat the 29th when she receives it and on Mon Oct 31 the reply is in John Lomacang's hand.

John L. replies and says:

**"Thank you for your speedy response to the letter the Church Board sent to you. I, H- was also pleased to speak to you when you called me Sabbath afternoon. I thought that our conversation went well and I listened to your observations hoping that we would be able to help you. I was somewhat surprised how soon you had Derrell Mundall hand deliver your reply letter to me at my office"**

Aletheia: I tell those stories because I was personally involved. You were not involved with Linda. I happen to know that the discussion went on for some time. The exact details do not need to be posted.

Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 11 2007, 10:50 AM

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 11 2007, 12:45 PM)

Aletheia: I tell those stories because I was personally involved. You were not involved with Linda. I happen to know that the discussion went on for some time. The exact details do not need to be posted.

Talk about misguided zeal... Cindy do you really expect that your n-th hand hearsay account should carry more weight than the account of a principal involved in the situation?

You may say you know what you've been told by others.. but you were not there. Observer was there and involved... yet you think we should believe you over him?

If you do, that borders on the delusional...

In his service,  
Mr. J

Posted by: Observer Apr 11 2007, 11:00 AM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 09:18 AM)

There is already a separate thread where all can discuss counseling to your hearts content, as this subject has already been discussed off topic in another thread, and that thread was created.

I'm just going to say.

There is a big difference between pastoral Counseling, and worldly Counseling.

Pastors are concerned with leading their flock and pointing out error and sin and need to show the right way to go, that is their responsibility as a Pastor.

The world is concerned with the Id and the ego and the super Ego, and "How do you feel" "what do you want"

God's says that way is wrong. It's all about Self.

es, that is what pastors do. It is not professional counseling. I do a lot of stuff that is not professional counseling. I give Bible studies. That is not professional counseling. I lead people to a greater understanding of what the Bible says, and that is not professional counseling.

But, there is also a place for professional counseling.

You can talk about the Id, the Ego, and the Supper Ego all that you want. Be careful that you do not show your ignorance of counseling. The vast majority of professional counseling provided today is not psychoanalytic. Psychoanalytic counseling in terms of the number of people who receive it is in the vast minority.

There are any number of schools of counseling that are not based upon Freud.

Frankly, if you understood counseling, the marital issues that are attributed to Linda and Danny would probably be better served by schools of counseling other than psychoanalytic.

To illustrate from the medical field: If I have a heart problem and it is determined that I need to be cardio-converted no one is going to suggest that I receive a heart transplant. Yes, it would cardio-convert me. But, it would not be the treatment of choice. There are clearly other treatments, much less invasive, that would be better suited to cardio-convert me.

So also, it is highly likely that the marital issues that Linda and Danny faced would be better served by some type of counseling other than one that is Freudian based.

It took time because it was not an easy decision for Linda to decide to ask for her membership to be dropped.

Lethia does not know when these decisions began. She does not know when they ended with a final decision. She simply does not know.

---

**Posted by: princessdi Apr 11 2007, 11:23 AM**

Second we obviously see things very differently here, from differing viewpoints, and we may just have to agree to disagree for now. It is actually because of my experiences that I do not see Danny as people accuse him. Sure he seems to talk without thinking first sometimes but that doesn't make him evil. I don't idolize him, as people claim but you know what, I like him, and I think he's got the raw deal here.

You are going to have to explain how you think he got a raw deal. He is still on TV, remarried with the lion share of the assets from the former marriage, living life like nothing ever happened.....Well, accept for the part that he just can't keep from talking about "how she done him wrong". Please tell me what part of that is a raw deal

I will explain what I know, and understand about those counseling sessions, and it isn't what you are saying everyone knows.

First I have never heard anything negative or heard anybody finding fault with John Lomacang, or with the Thompsonville Church until the problems arose because of Linda's relationship with the Doctor. Suddenly he is evil and biased and part of a conspiracy against her. As far as I can tell the only reason that "everyone" believes all these negative things about those counseling sessions is because Linda said that to others and they repeated it, and so on. She gave her view to the Dr, to Johann and to whoever would listen because someone had to be wrong here, and as she admitted no wrong the fault had to be with everyone else.

But there something a little wrong with the little girl marching out of step in the band and saying did you see how good I did and how everyone was out of step but me? They all tried to tell me I was wrong but I knew better, so I just kept on going. Don't you agree it's mean for them to keep picking on me?

I don't know what this paragraph about the little girl means, Cindy.

The truth is Pastor Lomacang came to 3ABN because of Linda, she thought very highly of him.

Which is why his actions now are viewed as backstabbing.

People are reacting here like he want over to the house to attack her, and continued to do so. That isn't the case at all. Loving and caring for another means sometimes you have to disagree and say that is wrong. As a Pastor J.L has a greater responsibility to do so. The truth is Linda went to him first, He heard her story first. She asked him to come to her house and talk to Danny. If anything he was at first biased in her favor having heard her side first.

How I understand it is it went like this. She called and was talking to her pastor about the situation of her friendship with this Doctor, and asked him if his wife Angle had any male friends, and how he felt about that.

So-- he explained that she had one very good friend who she had known for years before he'd met her. He said he'd met him and liked him too and that he knew it was simply a platonic friendship and so their conversations on the phone a couple times a year didn't bother him.

This was the first he'd heard from either Danny or Linda about this and it didn't sound like there was a problem to him, so Linda asked him to come over and talk to Danny.

When he got there rather than telling Danny he was wrong, he told Danny that Linda had told him her side of the story and said "now let's hear yours"

After hearing about all the hours being spent on the phone and how Danny had caught her in lies several times and how after looking up the phone calls on the internet, she had started buying phone cards so they wouldn't show up on the bill, and after talking to both of them

Pastor Lomacang explained to Linda that her situation was a whole different story then the one with he and his wife, and there were many other factors here, and that she needed to stop the relationship before it hurt their marriage further. This was just one of many hours the pastor spent counseling...

Now I know some or many are going to say that's heresy. Yes it is, It came secondhand from someone who directly asked Pastor L about it, and relayed what was said to me, and now I am repeating it, so it is thirdhand. I would not do so except the words and testimony of John Lomacang are in the letter above regarding this, and his is a first person account and he is talking right to Linda about this:

JL is not evil, but he is biased and part of the problems Linda is experiences. He has compromised himself as a pastor. The only thing JL did was to listen to Linda first. Do we even know if he knew the situation before she talked with him? You know that is entirely possible. But if not, he listened to Linda, and then Danny and chose to side with Danny. What could Danny have told him, really? We already know from your account that there was no adultery on Linda's part. Because he said his counsel was to stop before something happened to further damage her marriage. He did not talk to her about an adulterous affair. Danny was just whining about the time she spent on the phone with the Dr.....about her son. And since it was more that his allotted 15 mins, it had to be something wrong.....Voila! "spiritual adultery". Because that was his initial claim and grounds for the divorce. Which is ridiculous, since it doesn't exist. So there was no overwhelming evidence of actual adultery. I am sure you know the drill with jealous insecure men, they ask you are you fooling around you say no, but they are sure you are lying.

Really, Diane I don't want to argue, but my position is that either Linda has misrepresented what happened, or every single member of her former Church, her friends, her fellow employees and fellow board members, and even the Non SDA counselors her sister recommended so that they wouldn't be biased, all are lying. That to me is ludicrous indeed, for the only reason we have to believe evil of all those people is one woman who says that is what happened, and those she talked to, who weren't there and didn't see or witness anything.

Every single one of them is operating on information furnished by.....Danny.....whom they trust.....just like you.....

And over and over what is presented doesn't match what Linda has said.

I do not see persecution or meanness in the letters above. I see a Church Pastor dealing with an erring member in the most loving and compassionate way possible. Some don't like the scriptural references, well they were given for our example and that's what he's using them for.

But as is obvious others here find fault. I guess that's what they want to see, and nothing I'm going to say will change that.

I find it ironic that those who keep asking for proof, never accept anything offered. Guess that's why they haven't ever got what they've asked for, all they'd do is pick things apart individually and deny it and still insist nothing had been proven. But to me all those individual things they deny can't be denied when you put them all together.

Cindy when you first came here you asked for first hand information. In many cases, you were given that first hand information. Two of them are from Johann, who was present and involved in many of the incidents in question, and the other which is the testimonies of the victims of TS. You have rejected both of those for often second hand information which supposedly comes from Danny, but not directly to you, but still through another person or two. Why when we have first hand testimony would we accept second, or even in this cases admittedly, third hand information from you?

Anyway, I doubt Fran will answer, because Nathan had nothing to do with Linda's relationship with the Doctor, that is simply how they met, after the beginning he never entered into it, so obviously Danny wasn't asking her to choose between him and her son. He was asking her to choose him, and she chose the Doctor.

....and you have first hand proof of this.....? Cindy that is what you have been told by Bystander, wjwd, Lee,.....You may have to come to a very difficult realization.

So I guess people can keep writing ugly things about everyone who thinks or ever thought Linda made poor or wrong choices. I think I'm done with this thread. I also think maybe Gregory and others are right, a civil court is the last and probably only option available here.

It is not about Linda poor or wrong choices. We cannot judge them because we don't know them. We only have Danny's words as to what they were, and because of his own actions and lies, he is less than credible. I am not about protecting or defending Linda. I have already said that she put her new husband before her son, which is a horrible thing for a mother to do. I really think she set up this president by doing so, and Danny was not happy about her finally choosing her son as she should have from the beginning. One more time is Linda did each and everything Danny and his cohorts accuse her of, he is still more than wrong for the way he handled this whole situation. He was unChrist-like, calculating, mean, vindictive and he got the 3ABN board and the church to help him do his dirty work. That is what I have a problem with. The only thing it has to do with Linda is that the wrong was done against her. If he turned around and did the something to Brandy, he would be wrong a second time.(which BTW, does fall into the "reaping what one's sow's", what goes around comes around", "karma" whatever you want to call it category.)

But I do appreciate your spirit and sincerity in answering me Di.

God bless--  
[/quote]

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 11 2007, 12:34 PM

QUOTE(awesumentor @ Apr 11 2007, 11:50 AM) □

Talk about misguided zeal... Cindy do you really expect that your n-th hand hearsay account should carry more weight than the account of a principal involved in the situation?

You may say you know what you've been told by others.. but you were not there. Observer was there and involved... yet you think we should believe you over him?

If you do, that borders on the delusional...

In His service,  
Mr. J

The letters have dates on them....

Posted by: Fran Apr 11 2007, 12:50 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 10 2007, 04:21 PM) □

Fran,

Aletheia: Of course Nathan's a grown Man, as are my 2 boys, and they've struggled with some of the same (issues) as Nathan, in addition my Oldest is bi-polar. and so I personally know how hard it is as a mother to try to support and help without condoning or enabling,

**Fran: So do I. We adopted 5 Eskimos that all have severe Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).**

Aletheia: So I have every sympathy with Linda in that regard. What I never had was a relationship with any of my Son's Doctors beyond what was considered professional and necessary for the well being of my Son.

**Fran: There was no relationship between Linda and the Doctor! Go and re-read those documents on <http://www.save3abn.com>.**

Aletheia: Thanks to God they are both recovering and becoming what he wants them to be.

**Fran: Praise God for deliverance for your children. There is no greater joy.**

Aletheia: I also had a husband who was an alcoholic and drug addict, and could not help himself much less our boys.

**Fran: This sentence says it all. No wonder your boys had problems. I am sure you had a hand full of problems too. I am glad to see the words, "I also HAD a husband**

Aletheia: He was abusive, controlling, possessive and VERY jealous, yet even he could not find anything to complain of regarding any of the Doctors or me.

Aletheia: As you claim to SEE so well, and are so defensive of Linda. Help me to understand what it is that you see here, that I cannot.

**Fran: I see that everything was preplanned. Danny wanted to get rid of Linda at least a year before the doctor came on the scene! There was a group at 3ABN that began to pray for a way to remove Linda from 3ABN.**

**Fran: That would place the "praying" to have starting about the time of receiving the letter about Tommy Shelton. You know, that letter from another church where Tommy had been a pastor.**

**Fran: Remember also that Linda objected to Tommy, Danny's brother, being hired a few years back. Danny's board sided with Linda. This is where Danny realizes Linda is no longer an asset, but a liability to Danny's desired actions. Thus Danny began his preplanned campaign to discredit/remove Linda. This began before the Doctor ever came onto the scene!**

**Fran: All of those praying this prayer were praising God for having answered their prayers by sending the doctor. God made a way to remove Linda from 3ABN as well as from Danny. Praise be to God!**

Aletheia: What do you really know about Nathan and the Doctor, other than one visit to Norway in January of 2004?

**Fran: This is a very subjective question. Maybe my answer should be, "About as much as you know about them," since I have no clue what you know.**

Aletheia: His drug use? Recovery? Any ongoing treatments or visits to Norway? Any on going conversations or even a relationship between Nathan and Dr A? Any contact at all?

**Fran: These are as subjective as the previous question. Maybe my answer should be, "About as much as you know about them," since I have no clue what you know.**

Aletheia: What do you really know of Linda's ongoing relationship with Doctor A, after the beginning of 2004?

**Fran: Before March 7 there was no personal relationship. Before the divorce in June 2004, there was no relationship. After the divorce, there is no relationship.**

Reference Dannys letters on <http://www.save3abn.com>.

Fran: Weren't we on the subject of John Lomacang? Oh well, I decided to try to answer what you asked.

Fran:  
Do tell, please.

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 11 2007, 12:51 PM

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 11 2007, 12:00 PM) □

It took time because it was not an easy decision for Linda to decide to ask for her membership to be dropped.

Aletheia does not know when these decisions began. She does not know when they ended with a final decision. She simply does not know.

Just so you know, I took Nursing, including psychiatric Nursing, and even had ongoing education as required, and have worked in mental health jobs, also, so I'm not a total idiot about this subject, although not a Doctor or expert either. But Frankly I am bored with all your arguments, the subject of what can be called counseling, and what cannot, and therefore doesn't count as official counseling for Linda, doesn't interest me.

What does is your statement above.

I know you all claimed she dropped her membership to avoid the censure and that letter came on Oct 27 2005. And she requested her membership be dropped on Oct 31 2005.

So are you now claiming that she was talking about this with you all, and making decisions about this before then?

WHY?

Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 11 2007, 01:14 PM

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 11 2007, 03:02 AM) □

Oh! So it is apparent that she did not have adequate council! On what basis do you say that?

I am the one who advised her that she should request that the Thompsonville Church drop her from their membership rolls. As SDA clergy do you really think that I do not know and understand the CHURCH MANUAL, and that censure is a temporary thing. Of course I know that.

This story has been so well published that I am only going to give a brief account of it.

The Thompsonville SDA Church did not move toward the discipline of Linda until it became apparent that Linda had associated with another SDA Church, and had been integrated into its ministry. Linda had moved on with her life. She was involved with a SDA Church, and its ministry. She planned to transfer her membership to that church.

It was at that point that the Thompsonville SDA Church began a process that probably would have led to a vote of censure for Linda. That vote would have prevented Linda from transferring her membership to that other SDA Church. In addition, it would have stopped her ministry within that Church.

I proposed to Linda that she request that her membership be dropped in the Thompsonville SDA Church. At that time, another person organized a very effective public relations campaign to persuade John L, the Thompsonville pastor to grant Linda's request to be dropped. Telephone calls and e-mails were sent to him by many people, and on a daily basis. That campaign, which I did not organize, was very effective. The Thompsonville Church granted her request to be dropped from membership.

As soon as Linda's membership was dropped, another SDA Church granted her membership on Profession of Faith. That process was immediate. I had advised her to seek membership on Profession of Faith, as soon as the Thompsonville Church dropped her. I guided her through that decision-making process.

Some might say that her entry into the other church by Profession of Faith was in violation of the CHURCH MANUAL. I disagree with that. I do not intend to specify the details. I will only say that Linda's acceptance into membership of the other SDA Church was done in compliance with the accepted standards of the SDA Church in North America, and after careful consideration by the involved parties, and consultation with others. If you think it violated the CHURCH MANUAL, you simply do not know what went on.

I am the one who proposed this plan to Linda. I advised interested parties to this process to the point where she became a member of the other SDA Church. However, I was not the one who organized the telephone/e-mail campaign. My advice was given within the guidelines, and accepted practices of the SDA Church in North America. Specific details, and consultations with others do not need to be made public.

I say again: What do you mean that Linda did not have good/adequate advice? You are entitled to your personal opinion. But, I will suggest that you are wrong.

I'm sorry I said what I did about the no council to Linda. Sounds like what you counseled was the best she could get. That was very informative. I am very glad you were with her in this terrible trying time in her life. Also thank you to those who sent emails, telephone calls etc to help Linda. Thank you for the details.  
tosyroi

Posted by: Observer Apr 11 2007, 02:22 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 12:51 PM) □

Just so you know, I took Nursing, including psychiatric Nursing, and even had ongoing education as required, and have worked in mental health jobs, also, so I'm not a total idiot about this subject, although not a Doctor or expert either. But Frankly I am bored with all your arguments, the subject of what can be called counseling, and what cannot, and therefore doesn't count as official counseling for Linda, doesn't interest me.

What does is your statement above.

I know you all claimed she dropped her membership to avoid the censure and that letter came on Oct 27 2005. And she requested her membership be dropped on Oct 31 2005.

So are you now claiming that she was talking about this with you all, and making decisions about this before then?

WHY?

The question "why" is not an appropriate question for me to respond to. I am not going to tell why or when we gave Linda every item of advice. I am not going to tell you why and when Linda may have asked us every question that she asked us.

No one ever suggested that you were a total idiot in the area of counseling. However, you present yourself in a manner that suggests that you have a limited understanding of counseling. Your presentation may be 100 per-cent wrong. But, that is how several of us see you.

As to you being bored with my comments: Don't respond to them if you are bored by them. Your continued responses suggest that, based upon the energy you expend in replying to them you are far from bored. But, again, that is simply your presentation, which may not reflect where you actually are.

---

Posted by: **awesumentor** Apr 11 2007, 03:08 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 02:51 PM) □

Just so you know, I took Nursing , including psychiatric Nursing, and even had ongoing education as required, and have worked in mental health jobs, also, so I'm not a total idiot about this subject, although not a Doctor or expert either. . But Frankly I am bored with all your arguments, the subject of what can be called counselling, and what cannot, and therefore doesn't count as official counseling for Linda, doesn't interest me.

OK... I'll concede you aren't a \*total\* idiot on this subject... however you are, as it were, clueless... despite your purported education and background... your statements sound like they come from the age when frontal lobotomies were deemed therapeutic and forced sterilization of mental patients and the retarded was considered state of the art.

Note to Cindy... they don't do those things any more... and you have a \*lot\* of catching up to do before you can discourse on this subject knowledgeably in any wise...

In His service,  
Mr. J

---

Posted by: **mozart** Apr 11 2007, 03:37 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 08:59 AM) □

Personally I am not interested in arguing with how you define things or pontificate about that or others. You are entitled to your opinion. I just wish you'd state that when you write judgments about individuals you disagree with, instead of acting like everything out of your mouth is absolute truth, and if people disagree that is because they as you say "lack understanding".  
We need a hot air balloon smiley around here.

al, you do exactly what you are accusing here only you rarely do it in as kind of a way. let's try to keep this intelligent ok? even though you say things that others think are untrue or half truths, at least you seem to be making an effort to be more civil about it. let's not go backwards.

QUOTE(awesumentor @ Apr 11 2007, 09:50 AM) □

Talk about misguided zeal... Cindy do you really expect that your n-th hand hearsay account should carry more weight than the account of a principal involved in the situation?

You may say you know what you've been told by others.. but you were not there. Observer was there and involved... yet you think we should believe you over him?

If you do, that borders on the delusional...

In His service,  
Mr. J

please.....let's try not to attack one another with insults ok? we have a window of opportunity here for peaceful discussion. let's not waste that.

---

Posted by: **PeacefullyBewildered** Apr 11 2007, 03:53 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 08:18 AM) □

There is already a separate thread where all can discuss counseling to your hearts content, as this subject has already been discussed off topic in another thread, and that thread was created.

I'm just going to say.

*There is a big difference between pastoral Counseling, and worldly Counseling.*

Pastors are concerned with leading their flock and pointing out error and sin and need to show the right way to go, that is their responsibility as a Pastor.

**The world is concerned with the Id and the ego and the super Ego, and "How do you feel" "what do you want"**

**God's says that way is wrong. It's all about Self.**

Cindy,  
Do you have a scripture you can quote that supports your position?

Each individual "Self" was important enough in our Savior's eyes that He chose to die to pay sin's price for each one. And then we have Matthew 22:39 that says we are to "love your neighbor as yourself".

Just some thoughts that your statements brought to mind.

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 08:22 AM) □

All I'm saying is, if you want a psycho analysis go to a shrink. You want spiritual guidance and counsel go to your pastor.

It's not rocket science.

Did you take your son to a doctor to treat his Bi-polar condition? Did you take him to your pastor? Cindy, Christians are not the only human beings that God blesses with talents to be used to help His children.

Sure, there are some branches of psychology that might be too "out there" for Christian consumption, but utilizing a wise, well-trained counselor to help with relationship or emotional needs is not any different than going to a medical doctor who doesn't happen to be an Adventist.



Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 11 2007, 04:15 PM

Oi,

Aletheia said:

QUOTE

But there something a little wrong with the little girl marching out of step in the band and saying did you see how good I did and how everyone was out of step but me? They all tried to tell me I was wrong but I knew better, so I just kept on going. Don't you agree it's mean for them to keep picking on me?

If I am understanding the point of her story correctly, she sees that a co-founder of 3abn is that little boy/girl marching out of step with the rest of the band but thinking he/she is the only one doing it right and, further, is surrounded with people who are supporting his/her delusion. Interesting metaphor.

Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 11 2007, 04:25 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 11 2007, 05:37 PM) □

al, you do exactly what you are accusing here only you rarely do it in as kind of a way. let's try to keep this intelligent ok? even though you say things that others think are untrue or half truths, at least you seem to be making an effort to be more civil about it. let's not go backwards. please.....let's try not to attack one another with insults ok? we have a window of opportunity here for peaceful discussion. let's not waste that.

That was not an insult... it was an observation. In this society, hearsay never trumps an eyewitness on any level in any forum or venue.

It's just not done.

Cindy has nothing but hearsay. She has personally witnessed nothing that she is talking about. All of the details, questions and responses she offers are being fed to her by others, many of whom also did not witness any of these things but are merely spouting what was fed to them... not unlike tying a piece of lard on a long string and throwing it among a gaggle of geese...

Observer and Johann, OTOH, are principals in this affair. They are involved and have seen, said and heard things that Cindy has only gained knowledge of second or third hand or worse...

Yet she persists in believing that what she says should be found more credible than what they and others who have been involved say.

If you have a better word than 'delusion' for that I welcome it.

In His service,  
Mr. J

Posted by: Observer Apr 11 2007, 05:59 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 06:52 AM) □

I do have a problem with this statement of yours:  
"However, his published statements on various issues clearly reveal that he fails to understand aspects of the issues." You forgot to say "In my opinion" and you forgot to give any evidence. All that means is that Gregory Matthews disagrees with Pastor Lomacang, and Pastor Lomacang has a different understanding than Gregory Matthews. -- and that may mean you lack understanding Gregory...

I also didn't like it when you said he had no ethics, that was rude and also unproven.

I don't know everything about his training.

I do know about "callings" and that the qualifications for a Pastor (bishop) are in the bible, and the conference has him listed as a Pastor, if they have no problem why should you?

He has 16 plus years of counseling experience...

But beyond that, and probably off topic, who ordained the Apostle Paul, Gregory?

O. K. Aletheia:

For the purpose of this discussion, let us accept at face value your claim that Elder John L. is a counselor, and as evidenced by his 16+ years of counseling experience does do counseling.

Do you understand the legal liability that you have potentially placed the IL Conference in, or rather the legal liability that Elder L. has potentially placed the IL Conference?

Do you understand the ramifications of the Odenthal case which comes from MN?

Of course, I understand that a case heard by the MN Supreme Court does not set a precedent in IL. However, as one who has studied psychiatric nursing, and understands counseling, I am certain that you understand the Tarasoff case. You likely know that the Tarasoff case became a model that was adapted by probably all of the 50 states of the United States.

Based upon your knowledge of the history of the Tarasoff case, it is unlikely that you would seriously attempt to tell us that the Odenthal case has no relevance for someone in IL.

NOTE: I am very briefly making a statement about a very complex case that went back and forth between the District and Appellate courts until the MN Supreme Court rendered a decision that resulted in the parties reaching a settlement without a trial by the District Court.

In brief the MN Supreme court ruled that the MN Conference of SDA could be sued, and held liable for a failure to supervise the counseling activities of a SDA pastor whom the Court had determined held himself out to be a counselor, and did represent himself as giving marital counseling to the Odenthals. In that ruling the Court ruled that the MN Conference did not have the protection of the First Amendment to the Constitution due to the fact that the pastor involved represented himself as providing the Odenthals with marital counseling.

If what I expect happens actually takes place, Aletheia and others will comment adversely on me and/ or my post. If they finally respond to my question, they will begin to back track in their claims in regard to Elder L. being either a counselor, or in providing counseling for 16+ years.

Let us see what they do.

Citation: Tarasoff v. Regents of the University of California (1976)

See: <http://www.atoday.com/220.0.htm> for a longer discussion of the Odenthal case which I wrote for ADVENTIST TODAY.

Posted by: Panama\_Pete Apr 11 2007, 06:41 PM

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 11 2007, 10:26 AM) □

The published comments that I have read about John L. suggest to me that he did not give Linda any kind of professional counseling. **They suggest to me that he is neither trained nor experienced in such.**

However, if you only meant to tell us that John L. has devoted 16+ years of his life to telling people what to do, as I do not know the truth of that, I will simply accept it, and not argue with you.

<http://www.pacificpressprofiles.com/bio.php?id=35>

**"John received an Associates Degree in Electronics before continuing his education at Oakwood College and Valencia College in Orlando, Florida. Though he is an ordained minister, he has received no formal training in that area."**

Posted by: from-the-pew Apr 11 2007, 06:42 PM

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 11 2007, 08:59 PM) □

Let us see what they do.



Posted by: princessdi Apr 11 2007, 07:02 PM

Where is that fainting smiley when I need it!!! You gots to be kiddin!!!! Electronics?!!!! So does this mean he really needs to be working with the computers at 3ABN? □

Yeah I really want to see what they say about this one.....Also, I need to see how well the ramifications of that case is comprehended.....

What are you watching, FTP?....Have some popcorn? □ P Wait I needs some serious fried meaty bits for this one! I got some veggie bits, too. Have some? Propel?

QUOTE(Panama\_Pete @ Apr 11 2007, 05:41 PM) □

<http://www.pacificpressprofiles.com/bio.php?id=35>

**"John received an Associates Degree in Electronics before continuing his education at Oakwood College and Valencia College in Orlando, Florida. [b]Though he is an ordained minister, he has received no formal training in that area."**[/b]

Posted by: Clay Apr 11 2007, 07:05 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 11 2007, 08:02 PM) □

Where is that fainting smiley when I need it!!! You gots to be kiddin!!!! Electronics?!!!! So does this mean he really needs to be working with the computers at 3ABN? □

Yeah I really want to see what they say about this one.....Also, I need to see how well the ramifications of that case is comprehended.....

What are you watching, FTP?....Have some popcorn? □ P Wait I needs some serious fried meaty bits for this one! I got some veggie bits, too. Have some? Propel?

when was he at Oakwood is what I want to know.....and what did he get one of those Certificates in Church Leadership that they sometimes give to men who are older or are already preachers and then send them on their way?

Posted by: mozart Apr 11 2007, 07:19 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 11 2007, 03:53 PM) □

Cindy,  
Do you have a scripture you can quote that supports your position?

Each individual "Self" was important enough in our Savior's eyes that He chose to die to pay sin's price for each one. And then we have Matthew 22:39 that says we are to "love your neighbor as yourself".

Just some thoughts that your statements brought to mind.

Did you take your son to a doctor to treat his Bi-polar condition? Did you take him to your pastor? Cindy, Christians are not the only human beings that God blesses with talents to be used to help His children.

Sure, there are some branches of psychology that might be too "out there" for Christian consumption, but utilizing a wise, well-trained counselor to help with relationship or emotional needs is not any different than going to a medical doctor who doesn't happen to be an Adventist.

very well said my dear [x]

Posted by: mozart Apr 11 2007, 07:59 PM

QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Apr 11 2007, 04:25 PM) [x]

That was not an insult... it was an observation. In this society, hearsay never trumps an eyewitness on any level in any forum or venue.

It's just not done.

Cindy has nothing but hearsay. She has personally witnessed nothing that she is talking about. All of the details, questions and responses she offers are being fed to her by others, many of whom also did not witness any of these things but are merely spouting what was fed to them... not unlike tying a piece of lard on a long string and throwing it among a gaggle of geese...

Observer and Johann, OTOH, are principals in this affair. They are involved and have seen, said and heard things that Cindy has only gained knowledge of second or third hand or worse...

Yet she persists in believing that what she says should be found more credible than what they and others who have been involved say.

If you have a better word than 'delusion' for that I welcome it.

In His service,  
Mr. J

awesum,  
in just the comments today, you have called her ignorant and an idiot as well as delusional. you ask: "If you have a better word than 'delusion' for that I welcome it." well, how about incorrect, uninformed, misinformed, wrong, misconceived, refusing to see the writing on the wall, blindly loyal, out of touch ..... you could have said, "your line of thinking is delusional" instead of making a frontal attack. if we are to stand in judgement of wrongdoing let's be sure we are not doing wrong ourselves. i don't agree with anything AL says and i've poked fun at her; told her to take a pepto, etc. and sometimes she makes me really angry and i've fussed at her for being so hateful. it's counterproductive to turn our "information and informing quest" into a bunch of insulting bickering. what does that say about our own character? i just want us to act like Christians even when we feel "righteous indignation". i'm sounding all "perfect" now and that's nauseating, but i just want us to get this resolved and i don't want other people to think we are just on here fighting [x] and spreading gossip. [x] se that makes us no better than those we are trying to bring to justice. just a suggestion. don't go postal on me. [v] ?n

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 11 2007, 07:02 PM) [x]

Where is that faintin smiley when I need it!!! You gots to be kiddin!!!! Electronics????! So does this mean he really needs to be working with the computers at 3ABN? [x]

Yeah I really want to see what they say about this one.....Also, I need to see how well the ramifications of that case is comprehended.....

What are you watching, FTP?.....Have some popcorn? [x] F Wait I needs some serious fried meaty bits for this one! I got some veggie bits, too. Have some? Propel?

i be faintin' but i aint smilin [v] [v]

Observer, You took your smart pills today. WOW !

Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 11 2007, 08:24 PM

Now that we are discussing JL qualification for 16 years of counseling, I have a question or three.

1. How long has John been in pastoral service?
2. How long has he sung with Heritage Singers?
3. Does this time singing with Heritage Singers count with the 16 years of counseling?
4. Did John attend Amazing Facts College of Evangelism?
5. If so how long did he attend?
6. Did any of the classes include learning how to counsel?

Just asking questions.  
Rosyroi

-----  
editing for more questions.

Apparently John attended Oakwood college and another college(Valencia?).  
What classes did he take while attending these colleges?  
From his bio they don't appear to be ministerial/pastoral related.

If my questions are not appropriate I will apologize now to beat the rush.

Rosyroi

Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 11 2007, 08:25 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 11 2007, 09:59 PM) [x]

awesum,  
in just the comments today, you have called her ignorant and an idiot as well as delusional. you ask: "If you have a better word than 'delusion' for that I welcome it." well, how about incorrect, uninformed, misinformed, wrong, misconceived, refusing to see the writing on the wall, blindly loyal, out of touch ..... you could have said, "your line of thinking is delusional" instead of making a frontal attack. if we are to stand in judgement of wrongdoing let's be sure we are not doing wrong ourselves. i don't agree with anything AL says and i've poked fun at her; told her to take a pepto, etc. and sometimes she makes me really angry and i've fussed at her for being so hateful. it's counterproductive to turn our "information and informing quest" into a bunch of insulting bickering. what does that say about our own character? i just want us to act like Christians even when we feel "righteous indignation". i'm sounding all "perfect" now and that's nauseating, but i just want us to get this resolved and i don't want other people to think we are just on here fighting [x] and spreading gossip. [x] se that makes us no better than those we are trying to bring to justice. just a suggestion. don't go postal on me. [v] ?n

I be faintin' but i aint smilin [v] [v]

Your objection is noted for the record.

In His service,  
Mr. J

---

**Posted by: inga Apr 11 2007, 11:10 PM**

QUOTE(Panama\_Pete @ Apr 11 2007, 07:41 PM) □

<http://www.pacificpressprofiles.com/bio.php?id=35>

**"John received an Associates Degree in Electronics before continuing his education at Oakwood College and Valencia College in Orlando, Florida. Though he is an ordained minister, he has received no formal training in that area."**

Of course, that explains a lot.

However, it does **not** excuse him calling himself a counselor and not having the ethical sense to see that even if he were a counselor, he had a conflict of interest in the Danny/Linda conflict. He is not "evil," as Aletheia likes to say we are suggesting. However, he does not have the sensibilities of a good pastor -- and not even the basic ethical standards of the world. (A Christian pastor should have higher standards, not lower ones.)

What he wrote to Linda re church discipline (using discipline to direct her to a church where she could find healing) is just plain nonsense and inexcusable coming from anyone sitting on a church board, let alone a pastor. He really *should go back to school*. But would training give him the sensibility of a good pastor? □

**Please note, Aletheia, that we are not basing our opinion of JL's involvement on anything Linda said, but on what he wrote and you shared.**

---

**Posted by: Johann Apr 12 2007, 02:13 AM**

QUOTE(inga @ Apr 12 2007, 07:10 AM) □

Of course, that explains a lot.

However, it does **not** excuse him calling himself a counselor and not having the ethical sense to see that even if he were a counselor, he had a conflict of interest in the Danny/Linda conflict. He is not "evil," as Aletheia likes to say we are suggesting. However, he does not have the sensibilities of a good pastor -- and not even the basic ethical standards of the world. (A Christian pastor should have higher standards, not lower ones.)

What he wrote to Linda re church discipline (using discipline to direct her to a church where she could find healing) is just plain nonsense and inexcusable coming from anyone sitting on a church board, let alone a pastor. He really *should go back to school*. But would training give him the sensibility of a good pastor? □

**Please note, Aletheia, that we are not basing our u wilof JL's involvement on anything Linda said, but on what he wrote and you shared.**

About 50 years ago C. Witchebie (sp?) tried to initiate some education in pastoral counseling as a part of our ministerial training. While attending some of his classes in pastoral counseling I asked him how I should deal with a certain lady who was having serious problems, where I thought I could be of help with my Christian experience and help her with the words of Jesus Christ.

At first CW's words chocked me, but I have often reflected on them since.

- Stay away from her. With the limited amount of knowledge you have in counseling you will do her more harm than if you try to remove her appendix without being a medical doctor.

And here I thought I could do the job because I had learned so much from his wisdom.

In my dealings with John Lomacang I have wished he had a better knowledge of Scripture and how to apply the words of Jesus Christ to your Christian experience. That may give him some better insight into how counseling works.

We must not forget how Ellen White stresses the importance of studying how the mind works to give us a background of how to deal with people. Just like Aletheia I have also worked in a psychiatric ward and dealt with all kinds of patients. Some of the patients were physicians and lawyers, and they revealed quite a bit to me. It always pays to have your ears and eyes open so the words of our Lord can have a grater impact in our lives. Let us pray for understanding.

---

**Posted by: Observer Apr 12 2007, 06:44 AM**

QUOTE(Panama\_Pete @ Apr 11 2007, 05:41 PM) □

<http://www.pacificpressprofiles.com/bio.php?id=35>

**"John received an Associates Degree in Electronics before continuing his education at Oakwood College and Valencia College in Orlando, Florida. Though he is an ordained minister, he has received no formal training in that area."**

Thank you for posting information regarding Elder L's educational and training background. I was aware of that. But, I did not want to post on it as I could not document what I knew. You have supplied the documentation.

I will make two comments:

1) John L. appears to have neither formal educational training nor experience in counseling and marital counseling.

Clinical training programs in counseling focus on ethics. In my formal training I was required to take course work in ethics. In addition, my supervised clinical training focused on ethical issues. Did I recognize them? Did I apply them to my counseling experience?

Elder L's published comments picture him as a person who simply does not understand the ethical issues related to counseling.

2) I will comment on the standard educational and experiential route for entry in the SDA ministry in North America, and what John L. has missed by his entry by an alternative route.

Let me be clear. The SDA denomination has recognized Elder L. as an ordained SDA clergy person. As such, whatever respect you might give to a person who holds that office is due Elder L. However, that respect for the office does not prevent one from questioning the one who holds that office, and how that person practices ministry in the SDA Church. John L. is fully qualified to perform the duties of a SDA minister. As an ordained SDA minister, he has the responsibilities to practice ministry according to accepted standards.

The typical standard for entry into SDA ministry in North America requires that a person have a degree from a SDA college in one of the fields of Religion/Theology. The purpose of this is to be certain that the individual understands SDA beliefs, has accepted them, and can defend them. In addition, some minimal experience is given in some aspects of pastoral

ministry, and also preparation is given for some course work that must be taken at a later time.

John appears to have a background in electronics, rather than the above background. This should not be considered as disqualifying one for SDA ministry. I am going to assume that John L. understands, and has accepted SDA beliefs. It is not unusual for people to come into SDA ministry without the above background. Some have been very successful. The above background may be helpful, but its lack is not a killer.

Following graduation as above, the standard expectation is that one will obtain a Master of Divinity degree (MDiv) from Andrews. Yes, I know that there are exceptions. But, that is the standard expectation.

In the MDiv. program the focus is as follows:

a) There is a further in-depth study of SDA history and doctrine. But, this is done from a perspective of its application in the congregational life.

There is something to be said for experience and maturation. In my Seminary class, one student confessed that he would have a struggle in baptizing a male who wore a beard. With that, another student confessed that he would struggle with baptizing a chiropractor. Then there was discussions regarding women who wore wigs. Well, both of the above Seminary students are ordained SDA clergy. They have matured, and been successful.

b) Part of this development comes from the interaction with other students, and their struggles and attempts to do ministry in an Adventist congregation. NOTE: In the MDiv. program many of the students will have worked in a pastoral setting providing ministry to a congregation. After I left Andrews, and pastored a congregation, some of my experiences were used in teaching pastoral students at Andrews.

c) The MDiv. program typically provides ongoing supervised pastoral experience. Someone in a post mentioned the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism. I do not know if that training experience is formally connected with Andrews. But, that is the type of experience that students in the MDiv. program would receive.

There is of considerable value to place pastoral students in supervised pastoral experience programs where they can gain and grow.

It is unfortunate that Elder L. lacks the above background which would have enriched his preparation for and his practice of pastoral ministry.

But, there is one last comment that I need to add:

John L's failure to have the above background severely limits his ability to practice ministry:

a) We are graduating more students from ministerial courses than the denomination can employ. This means that some of our graduates, in order to find ministerial employment must be employed in ministry by organizations that may not be SDA. These may be military, hospital and prison chaplaincies. NOTE: While these people may work for non-SDA organizations, they represent the SDA Church, are endorsed/credentialed by the SDA Church, and practice ministry according to SDA standards that are applied to them.

The standard for employment in these fields requires a MDiv. degree, and pastoral experience; and in some cases there are additional requirements.

Because John L. lacks this background, he will not be eligible to be employed as I have listed above. You might say that he will never need to be so employed. That may not be true. Local SDA Conferences are sometimes required to reduce the number of ministers due to financial restraints, and those clergy are out looking for employment. They may need to consider some of the options I have listed above.

b) In addition, some SDA Conferences have come to the point where they are unable to hire people who do not have the MDiv. background that I have listed above, and do not employ pastors who have entered the SDA ministry from an alternative background.

The apparent reality is that John L. may have entered the SDA ministry from an alternative background to pastor the congregation associated most closely with 3-ABN. If the time comes that it is believed that there should be a pastoral change, John L. may be limited in his options? Yes, it may be that the JL Conference would at that time be able to transfer him to another congregation? But, it still just may be that John is limited in the pastoral opportunities that he has outside of the congregation that is associated with 3-ABN? On the other hand, his musical abilities, as long as they may last, may help to make up for this?

---

Posted by: LaurenceD Apr 12 2007, 07:47 AM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Apr 11 2007, 09:56 AM) □

Whether they know or don't know isn't really the point. I think we can be well assured that they are saying exactly what the DS Defender Unit WANTS them to say. There is a consistency and coherency among the various yarns spun by the Dannyspinners that makes their sources all traceable. If 3abn is "embarrassed" they have only themselves to blame. The reporters are doubtless only repeating what they have been told..... □

"Bare with me" (lol, as someone here misspoke the other day).

There's a real expectation on a Christian forum like this, that when one enters into a dialogue with another member, one is actually having a dialogue with that person...not someone else. No one wants to have a conversation with a member who has to send the comments to someone else and wait for an official response. Perhaps that's why the silence is so deafening with certain questions of the DS defender unit. Neither of them knows how to respond.

---

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 12 2007, 08:38 AM

QUOTE(LaurenceD @ Apr 12 2007, 08:47 AM) □

watchbird, Apr 11 2007, 09:56 AM:

Whether they know or don't know isn't really the point. I think we can be well assured that they are saying exactly what the DS Defender Unit WANTS them to say. There is a consistency and coherency among the various yarns spun by the Dannyspinners that makes their sources all traceable. If 3abn is "embarrassed" they have only themselves to blame. The reporters are doubtless only repeating what they have been told.....

"Bare with me" (lol, as someone here misspoke the other day).

There's a real expectation on a Christian forum like this, that when one enters into a dialogue with another member, one is actually having a dialogue with that person...not someone else. No one wants to have a conversation with a member who has to send the comments to someone else and wait for an official response. Perhaps that's why the silence is so deafening with certain questions of the DS defender unit. Neither of them knows how to respond.

You guys are free to speculate, postulate or surmise all you like, but it doesn't mean you have a clue about who or what you are talking about.

As one who has been labelled such, allow me to say, you don't. That is false.

What a bunch of garbage.

---

Posted by: Clay Apr 12 2007, 09:16 AM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 12 2007, 09:38 AM) □

You guys are free to speculate, postulate or surmise all you like, but it doesn't mean you have a clue about who or what you are talking about.

As one who has been labelled such, allow me to say, you don't. That is false.

What a bunch of garbage.

and neither do you Cindy as you have stated you are not a witness to anything.... so it seems you are in the same garbage you have accused others of being in...

**Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 12 2007, 09:19 AM**

**QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 12 2007, 10:38 AM)**

You guys are free to speculate, postulate or surmise all you like, but it doesn't mean you have a clue about who or what you are talking about.

As one who has been labelled such, allow me to say, you don't. That is false.

What a bunch of garbage.

We do know that you, by your own admission are "not a witness". We do know that you, by your own admission, have never spoken to or met Linda or Danny. We know that your postings continue to be "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing"

so you would be best served to take your own advice and recognize that while you are free to speculate, postulate, pontificate ( had to throw that one in because you do it so often... along with obfuscate, denigrate and playa hate ) or surmise all you like, but it doesn't mean you have a clue about who or what you are talking about.

In His service,  
Mr. J

**Posted by: Lee Apr 12 2007, 09:54 AM**

**QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Apr 12 2007, 10:19 AM)**

We do know that you, by your own admission are "not a witness". We do know that you, by your own admission, have never spoken to or met Linda or Danny. We know that your postings continue to be "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing"

So you would be best served to take your own advice and recognize that while you are free to speculate, postulate, pontificate ( had to throw that one in because you do it so often... along with obfuscate, denigrate and playa hate ) or surmise all you like, but it doesn't mean you have a clue about who or what you are talking about.

In His service,  
Mr. J

Mr. J, what is your problem? You are a grandfather but you act like a 2 year old. You are being an internet stalker. You are using harassment against Aletheia behind every one of her posts. Much of what Aletheia is saying is true. You don't have to accept it. But you do need to stop your stalking her.

**Posted by: Clay Apr 12 2007, 10:00 AM**

**QUOTE(Lee @ Apr 12 2007, 10:54 AM)**

Mr. J, what is your problem? You are a grandfather but you act like a 2 year old. You are being an internet stalker. You are using harassment against Aletheia behind every one of her posts. Much of what Aletheia is saying is true. You don't have to accept it. But you do need to stop your stalking her.

I cant be true because she by her own admission is NOT a witness to anything.... Now, since you dipped your spoon in this kool aid, are you stepping forward to say you witnessed something? If so what? Where is your evidence or proof? If you are not a witness then you are doing what Cindy is doing... and likewise are playing in the same garbage....

As for the other accusation stalking is a strong term, and it is not taken lightly... as a member here Mr. J can respond to any post anywhere on this forum... if you think that responding to posts is stalking behavior then we are all guilty.....

You might want to chill....

**Posted by: Hersheys99 Apr 12 2007, 10:05 AM**

**QUOTE(Lee @ Apr 12 2007, 10:54 AM)**

Mr. J, what is your problem? You are a grandfather but you act like a 2 year old. You are being an internet stalker. You are using harassment against Aletheia behind every one of her posts. Much of what Aletheia is saying is true. You don't have to accept it. But you do need to stop your stalking her.

Main Entry: stalk-ing  
Function: noun

the act or crime of willfully and repeatedly following or harassing another person in circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to fear injury or death esp. because of express or implied threats; broadly : a crime of engaging in a course of conduct directed at a person that serves no legitimate purpose and seriously alarms, annoys, or intimidates that person


Well for starters this is a public forum & per the definition of stalking he is far from stalking her. For him to stalk her he would have to follow her from web site to web site. Just because people call her into accountability for the stuff she posts don't make them stalkers.


**Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 12 2007, 10:07 AM**

**QUOTE(Lee @ Apr 12 2007, 11:54 AM)**

Mr. J, what is your problem? You are a grandfather but you act like a 2 year old. You are being an internet stalker. You are using harassment against Aletheia behind every one of her posts. Much of what Aletheia is saying is true. You don't have to accept it. But you do need to stop your stalking her.

Get a grip, Lee. Cindy has come to where I am; I haven't come to her. I was here long before you and she knew this forum existed. As for stalking her... in your and her dreams perhaps. She is getting nothing more than she is giving to gailon and pickle and others... in fact a good deal less. You say \*much\* of what Cindy says is true... which means that some of it is not true. Why dont you go through her posts and mark out the parts which are true and the parts which are lies... since you obviously know.


stalking cindy... 

We're gonna have to put you in a Harlequin novel 12 step program... because they are coloring your reality 

In His service,  
Mr. J

---

**Posted by: Johann Apr 12 2007, 10:13 AM**

**QUOTE(Lee @ Apr 12 2007, 05:54 PM)** 

Mr. J. what is your problem? You are a grandfather but you act like a 2 year old. You are being an internet stalker. You are using harassment against Aletheia behind every one of her posts. Much of what Aletheia is saying is true. You don't have to accept it. But you do need to stop your stalking her.

It would be an important revelation if you'd spell out which parts of her posts are true. That would make it much easier to deal with her. Since you know that only much of what she says is true, you must be having some misgivings.

---


**Posted by: Noahswife Apr 12 2007, 10:19 AM**

**QUOTE(Hersheys99 @ Apr 12 2007, 11:05 AM)** 


Main Entry: stalk-ing  
Function: noun


: the act or crime of willfully and repeatedly following or harassing another person in circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to fear injury or death esp. because of express or implied threats; broadly : a crime of engaging in a course of conduct directed at a person that serves no legitimate purpose and seriously alarms, annoys, or intimidates that person

Well for starters this is a public forum & per the definition of stalking he is far from stalking her. For him to stalk her he would have to follow her from web site to web site. Just because people call her into accountability for the stuff she posts don't make them stalkers.

Hi Hersheys99 

Mr. J has already responded to Lee but her post has made me wonder about something. 

I wonder if Linda has been subjected to any behavior by some in real life that others might consider stalking or worse. 

It often seems to me these types of posts contain a good degree of projection. Has anyone else noticed that? 

nw  
C"

---

**Posted by: Johann Apr 12 2007, 10:28 AM**

**QUOTE(Hersheys99 @ Apr 12 2007, 06:05 PM)** 

Main Entry: stalk-ing  
Function: noun

: the act or crime of willfully and repeatedly following or harassing another person in circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to fear injury or death esp. because of express or implied threats; broadly : a crime of engaging in a course of conduct directed at a person that serves no legitimate purpose and seriously alarms, annoys, or intimidates that person

Well for starters this is a public forum & per the definition of stalking he is far from stalking her. For him to stalk her he would have to follow her from web site to web site. Just because people call her into accountability for the stuff she posts don't make them stalkers.

Some live by the motto, "Live life dangerously!" Lee might be using such expressions because she loves to look down her nose at the face of a judge?

---

**Posted by: Noahswife Apr 12 2007, 10:47 AM**

**QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 11 2007, 06:59 PM)** 

O. K. Aletheia:

For the purpose of this discussion, let us accept at face value your claim that Elder John L. is a counselor, and as evidenced by his 16+ years of counseling experience does do counseling.

**Do you understand the legal liability that you have potentially placed the IL Conference in, or rather the legal liability that Elder L. has potentially placed the IL Conference in?**

**Do you understand the ramifications of the Odenthal case which comes from MN?**

Of course, I understand that a case heard by the MN Supreme Court does not set a precedent in IL. However, as one who has studied psychiatric nursing, and understands counseling, I am certain that you understand the Tarasoff case. You likely know that the Tarasoff case became a model that was adapted by probably all of the 50 states of the United States.

Based upon your knowledge of the history of the Tarasoff case, it is unlikely that you would seriously attempt to tell us that the Odenthal case has no relevance for someone in IL.

NOTE: I am very briefly making a statement about a very complex case that went back and forth between the District and Appellate courts until the MN Supreme Court rendered a decision that resulted in the parties reaching a settlement without a trial by the District Court.

In brief the MN Supreme court ruled that the MN Conference of SDA could be sued, and held liable for a failure to supervise the counseling activities of a SDA pastor whom the Court had determined held himself out to be a counselor, and did represent himself as giving marital counseling to the Odenthals. In that ruling the Court ruled that the MN Conference did not have the protection of the First Amendment to the Constitution due to the fact that the pastor involved represented himself as providing the Odenthals with marital counseling.

If what I expect happens actually takes place, Aletheia and others will comment adversely on me and/or my post. If they finally respond to my question, they will begin to back track in their claims in regard to Elder L. being either a counselor, or in providing counseling for 16+ years.

Let us see what they do.

Citation: Tarasoff v. Regents of the University of California (1976)

See: <http://www.atoday.com/220.0.html> for a longer discussion of the Odenthal case which I wrote for ADVENTIST TODAY.


don't want Observer's post to get lost on this thread and his questions to Aletheia ignored (although I am sure he would not object if Lee or FHB respond for her since that is a common trait on this and other forums). The highlighting is mine so the questions are not lost.


Aletheia, Lee, etc how about a response? As Observer has stated. Let's see what you do. Will you respond?


nw  
C"


Posted by: watchbird Apr 12 2007, 10:50 AM

QUOTE(Noahswife @ Apr 12 2007, 11:19 AM) □

Hi Hersheys99 

Mr. J has already responded to Lee but her post has made me wonder about something. 

I wonder if Linda has been subjected to any behavior by some in real life that others might consider stalking or worse. 

It often seems to me these types of posts contain a good degree of projection. Has anyone else noticed that? 

nw  
C"

Several first hand witnesses have affirmed that they witnessed such behaviour as you describe.

It has also been affirmed by a number who have had first hand experience with DS that they frequently noticed that the very things they had witnessed DS do were the things that he most frequently accused others of doing.

So yes to both questions.

Posted by: Fran Apr 12 2007, 10:57 AM

Actually Aletheia has brought things to the table.

She brought us the church manual guidance and the John Lomacang letter. (Which I had previously read)

My hat is off to her. Everything she brings does exactly what she wants it to do! It gives us another birds eye view of 3ABN.

She acts like these things don't concern her, yet she brings them to our attention. I say she is aware of what she is doing!

The Thompsonville church IS the 3ABN Church! Call it what you will, but in actuality it is the 3ABN church!

If it walks like a duck; (Waddle, Waddle)

If it talks like a duck; (Quack, Quack)

It must be a duck! Waddle, waddle, quack, quack)

Something is broken and needs to be fixed!

Why is it still a Conference Church and not a CHURCH? I know, I know!!

The Conference would have to pay all of JL's Salary and thus be controlled by the Conference and not Danny. Oops, we can't have that, now can we?

3ABN owns the pastor and the church. That is the way Danny likes it!

Control, control, control, Power, power, power, Danny's way, Danny's way, Danny's way. Like Burger King, I get it MY way!

We should thank Aletheia. I would like to. The letter to Linda from John Lomacang speaks volumes about the situation at the 3ABN church AND 3ABN!

So, thank you Aletheia. Maybe you have more to bring to the table? I would sure love to see it, seriously.

I am seriously thanking you for posting these things. No tongue in cheek this time.

Posted by: LaurenceD Apr 12 2007, 11:02 AM

QUOTE(Aletheia)

What a bunch of garbage.

Inless, of course, just the opposite is true. It wouldn't be speculation if it was said with good cause. You probably realize we have had people here who admitted it wasn't their thoughts they posted, but that of someone who'd just emailed them.

Just speaking of just the opposite being true, if you were watching DS on 3abn last night, you know he was enraged while referring to all the speculation being said about him on the internet. He said not to respond to any of it. He said "perfect peace have they which love they law and nothing shall offend them." He seemed really offended, and didn't smile once.



the whole hour except to smirk at his own jokes--which by the way didn't seem to be going over very well with his audience. I could sense the fire in his eyes while the sagging wrinkles around the neck line appeared deeper and deeper. You could tell there was no peace in his life. He did explain though that he'd been through a lot in the last couple of years.

---

**Posted by: Aletheia Apr 12 2007, 11:10 AM**

**QUOTE(Noahswife @ Apr 12 2007, 12:47 PM) □**

I don't want Observer's post to get lost on this thread and his questions to Aletheia ignored (although I am sure he would not object if Lee or FHB respond for her since that is a common trait on this and other forums). The highlighting is mine so the questions are not lost.

Aletheia, Lee, etc how about a response? As Observer has stated. Let's see what you do. Will you respond?

nw  
C:"

Ok Noah's wife. In my opinion,

Someone who cannot understand the legal ramifications of slander and libel in regards to what they and their fellow accusers have done here, and on the save 3ABN site, etc. has no business questioning the ethics, morals, of anyone, or asking me, or 3ABN if we understand the the legal ramifications here.

He has presented himself as Counsior, adviser, and advocate, and would be far better served looking in the mirror and asking first hmself that, and then Linda and her defenders, and the rest of the 3ABN accusers.

For as far as I am concerned they are without excuse.

I won't be further drawn into UGLY.

And am putting myself on a 3 day leave.

Good bye

---

**Posted by: princessdi Apr 12 2007, 11:11 AM**

Actually, he pastored at least one church( I want say it was two, but not sure) that I know of in Northern California Conference. He and his wife are very nice people. They actually lived near my Mom in a small city so she saw them quite often in the stores, etc. He and his wife also used to visit our church on their rare weeks off. Let me say that he is also. He and Doug Bachelor participated and a round table discussion program with R. C. House and other denominational leaders. I was really proud of them, the did quite well!

I absolutely do not believe JL is evil. I think he is a good and extremely knowledgeable man. However, we all make bad choices. It is those thimes when the enemy convinces us that we have gone too far. I just think this move to 3ABN started apositive, but is now a negative.

---

**QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 12 2007, 05:44 AM) □**

The apparent reality is that John L may have entered the SDA milnistry from an alternative background to pastor the congregation associated most closely with 3-ABN. If the time comes that it is believed that there should be a pastoral change, John L. may be limited in his options? Yes, it may be that the IL Conferene would at that time be able to transfer him to another congregation? But, it still just may be that John is limited in the pastoral opportunities that he has outside of the congregation that is associated with 3-ABN? On the other hand, his musical abilities, as long as they may last, may help to make up for this?

---

**Posted by: watchbird Apr 12 2007, 11:13 AM**

**QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 12 2007, 09:38 AM) □**

You guys are free to speculate, postulate or surmise all you like, but it doesn't mean you have a clue about who or what you are talking about.

OTOH... you just might be surprised if you knew how much we know..... □

---

**Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 12 2007, 11:42 AM**

**QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 12 2007, 01:10 PM) □**

I won't be further drawn into UGLY.

And am putting myself on a 3 day leave.

Good bye

Do what you must... but if it was all that UGLY... you'd leave and not return... and one of those days you wouldn't be able to post here anyway because it will be Sabbath and this subforum is closed then...

So it's not like you are doing a whole lot... but if it makes you feel empowered... knock yourself out.

We'll be here when you get back...

In His service,  
Mr. J

---

**Posted by: Noahswife Apr 12 2007, 12:36 PM**

QUOTE(Fran @ Apr 12 2007, 12:57 PM) □

The Thompsonville church IS the 3ABN Church! Call it what you will, but in actuality it is the 3ABN church!

If it walks like a duck; (Waddle, Waddle)  
If it talks like a duck; (Quack, Quack)  
It must be a duck! Waddle, waddle, quack, quack)

Fran,

Based on my perception of your delightful sense of humor, I thought I would also provide a link to a discussion where genuine fake ducks were detected.

[http://images.google.com/imgres?](http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.schaudt.us/watercolors/hires/bogus354by258.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.schaudt.us/watercolors/boguss.html&h=348&w=354&sz=26&hl=en&start=8&tbid=NE0hTtzg7mUkhM:&tbid=119&tbid=3Fq%3Dbroken%2Bduck%26gbv%3D2%26svnum%3D10%26hl%3Den%26sa%3DG)

[imgurl=http://www.schaudt.us/watercolors/hires/bogus354by258.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.schaudt.us/watercolors/boguss.html&h=348&w=354&sz=26&hl=en&start=8&tbid=NE0hTtzg7mUkhM:&tbid=119&tbid=3Fq%3Dbroken%2Bduck%26gbv%3D2%26svnum%3D10%26hl%3Den%26sa%3DG](http://www.schaudt.us/watercolors/hires/bogus354by258.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.schaudt.us/watercolors/boguss.html&h=348&w=354&sz=26&hl=en&start=8&tbid=NE0hTtzg7mUkhM:&tbid=119&tbid=3Fq%3Dbroken%2Bduck%26gbv%3D2%26svnum%3D10%26hl%3Den%26sa%3DG)

Attached thumbnail(s)

 Attached Image

Posted by: Clay Apr 12 2007, 12:47 PM



it would be good if they were walking in a straight line... but I sense its more like this.....

Posted by: Fran Apr 12 2007, 12:49 PM

<http://thompsonville22.adventistchurchconnect.org/>

This is the Thompsonville Church Web Site. You tell me.

Is this representative of a church, or is this a Quack, Quack, Waddle, Waddle, Duck, Duck, 3ABN, 3ABN church.

Decide for yourself.

Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Apr 12 2007, 12:51 PM

QUOTE(awesumentor @ Apr 12 2007, 12:42 PM) □

Do what you must... but if it was all that UGLY... you'd leave and not return... and one of those days you wouldn't be able to post here anyway because it will be Sabbath and this subforum is closed then...

So it's not like you are doing a whole lot... **but if it makes you feel empowered...** knock yourself out.

We'll be here when you get back...

In His service,  
Mr. J

Actually Mr. J, I think you've hit on something there. Pickle always seems to get info that no one else has. I have thought for a long time that she was jealous of him.

Posted by: Snoopy Apr 12 2007, 01:57 PM


QUOTE(Fran @ Apr 12 2007, 01:49 PM) □


<http://thompsonville22.adventistchurchconnect.org/>

This is the Thompsonville Church Web Site. You tell me.

Is this representative of a church, or is this a Quack, Quack, Waddle, Waddle, Duck, Duck, 3ABN, 3ABN church.

Decide for yourself.

 Yup. Look at the address.

A, perhaps when you return you could enlighten us on the history of "Angel Lane". I already know, but I'd sure like to hear your facts! Also, I'd be very interested in any information you might have regarding the EMPTY SDA CHURCH BUILDING that sits only a few miles down the road from 3ABN. Any idea who might own it? And what they are hoping to do with it? Could it be a bit overpriced?? 

Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Apr 12 2007, 02:28 PM

QUOTE(Snoopy @ Apr 12 2007, 01:57 PM) □

r. Yup. Look at the address.

A, perhaps when you return you could enlighten us on the history of "Angel Lane". I already know, but I'd sure like to hear your facts! Also, I'd be very interested in any information you might have regarding the EMPTY SDA CHURCH BUILDING that sits only a few miles down the road from 3ABN. Any idea who might own it? And what they are hoping to do with it? Could it be a bit overpriced?? □

There is actually a Baptist church in there now.

Posted by: watchbird Apr 12 2007, 02:42 PM

QUOTE(Snoopy @ Apr 12 2007, 02:57 PM) □

r. Yup. Look at the address.

A, perhaps when you return you could enlighten us on the history of "Angel Lane". I already know, but I'd sure like to hear your facts! Also, I'd be very interested in any information you might have regarding the EMPTY SDA CHURCH BUILDING that sits only a few miles down the road from 3ABN. Any idea who might own it? And what they are hoping to do with it? Could it be a bit overpriced?? □

Since I have not personally been to the 3abn campus, the address "Angel Lane" is quite meaningless to me... and possibly it is to many others also. So perhaps you would tell us more about its location. I think we have some of the history of the building that is now the church already posted on BSDA. Perhaps someone would be so kind as to look that up and post its url. I'd also like to know what you know about the "history" of "Angel Lane". It is from many people's bits and pieces of information that we are best able to construct the most complete picture.



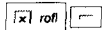
QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Apr 12 2007, 03:28 PM) □

There is actually a Baptist church in there now.

Very interesting... Do you know if they are purchasing it or are merely renting?

Posted by: mozart Apr 12 2007, 03:30 PM

NW, you better WATCH IT missy or you might find yourself looking down your nose at a judge!! □



QUOTE(Noahwife @ Apr 12 2007, 10:19 AM) □

Hi Hersheys99 □ h

Mr. J has already responded to Lee but her post has made me wonder about something. □

I wonder if Linda has been subjected to any behavior by some in real life that others might consider stalking or worse. □

It often seems to me these types of posts contain a good degree of projection. Has anyone else noticed that? □

nw  
C"i"

Posted by: from-the-pow Apr 12 2007, 03:31 PM

I am not sure what I'm supposed to be able to tell from the Thompsonville church website. That is the generic template for church websites that most Adventist Churches are being encouraged to use. (see <http://www.adventistchurchconnect.com/>). The only thing that looks very specific there is the "Contact Us" page with the pastor's name, street address, etc.

Having seen this template many a time, I personally see nothing on the church website as evidence either way. □

If y'all are seeing something on that website that I'm not, do enlighten, please!

Posted by: mozart Apr 12 2007, 03:41 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 12 2007, 11:11 AM) □

Actually, he pastored at least one church( I want say it was two, but not sure) that I know of in Northern California Conference. He and his wife are very nice people. They actually lived near my Mom in a small city so she saw them quite often in the stores, etc. He and his wife also used to visit our church on their rare weeks off. Let me say that he is also.

He and Doug Bachelor participated and a round table discussion program with R. C. House and other denominational leaders. I was really proud of them, they did quite well!

I absolutely do not believe J.L. is evil. I think he is a good and extremely knowledgeable man. However, we all make bad choices. It is those times when the enemy convinces us that we have gone too far. I just think this move to 3ABN started positive, but is now a negative.

tend to agree with you di. i think danny pushed J.L. into a position that he was just not qualified for or expecting, but he has had plenty of time to rethink that, don't you think?.

Posted by: awesumentenor Apr 12 2007, 03:51 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 12 2007, 05:30 PM) □

NW, you better WATCH IT missy or you might find yourself looking down your nose at a judge!! □

☒ rofl ☐

shouldn't that be "I'll get you, my pretty... and your little dog too..."

n His service,  
Ar. J

Posted by: Snoopy Apr 12 2007, 04:17 PM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Apr 12 2007, 02:42 PM) □

Since I have not personally been to the 3abn campus, the address "Angel Lane" is quite meaningless to me.... and possibly it is to many others also. So perhaps you would tell us more about its location. I think we have some of the history of the building that is now the church already posted on BSDA. Perhaps someone would be so kind as to look that up and post its url. I'd also like to know what you know about the "history" of "Angel Lane". It is from many people's bits and pieces of information that we are best able to construct the most complete picture.

☒ Attached Image

Jh my - sorry. My bad to assume everyone is familiar with the campus. Note the attached map - which I found on the 3ABN website, before anyone accuses me of making it up...

☒

See how 3ABN HQ is about 10 miles off of Interstate 57 on State Highway 149 and Charley Good Road? Note how Highway 149 continues on to its end when it runs into Highway 34? The distance between 3ABN HQ and the end of Highway 149 is a mile, maybe two. Now, see how Angel Lane connects Highway 149 and Highway 34? See how it cuts off a mile or two if driving between the 3ABN HQ and the Uplink Center? This is probably the nicest, most well kept road in the county. The 3ABN apartments mentioned in other threads on this forum are on Angel Lane, as is the home Melody used to live in.

Now, three guesses who "built" this road and who "named" it...

BTW, the old church which is apparently now in use by the Baptists, is about 2/3 of the distance between I-57 and 3ABN HQ on Highway 149 (closer to 3ABN), so probably 3 miles away...

Posted by: calvin Apr 12 2007, 04:38 PM

Twenty buck Aletheia will not last three days without her BSDA 3abn fix. Anybody want to take that bet? You are addicted to this topic like the rest of us.

Oh...and by the way, I can see you when you are on Anonymously. Hi Cindy ☐

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 12 2007, 12:10 PM) □

Ok Noah's wife. In my opinion,

Someone who cannot understand the legal ramifications of slander and libel in regards to what they and their fellow accusers have done here, and on the save 3ABN site, etc. has no business questioning the ethics, morals, of anyone, or asking me, or 3ABN if we understand the the legal ramifications here.

He has presented himself as Counselor, adviser, and advocate, and would be far better served looking in the mirror and asking first himself that, and then Linda and her defenders, and the rest of the 3ABN accusers.

For as far as I am concerned they are without excuse.

I won't be further drawn into UGLY.

**And am putting myself on a 3 day leave.**

Good bye

Posted by: princessdi Apr 12 2007, 04:53 PM

QUOTE(calvin @ Apr 12 2007, 02:38 PM) □

Twenty buck Aletheia will not last three days without her BSDA 3abn fix. Anybody want to take that bet? You are addicted to this topic like the rest of us.



Oh..and by the way, I can see you when you are on Anonymously. Hi Cindy

See now, Calvin, I think I tried to tell her this a couple of weeks ago.....but then she was posting, too!

t was the address FTP, On Angel Road. The church is on 3ABN property. It moved from it's old location onto the property of 3ABN. See the map so graciously provided by Snoopy.

QUOTE(from-the-paw @ Apr 12 2007, 01:31 PM)

I am not sure what I'm supposed to be able to tell from the Thompsonville church website. That is the generic template for church websites that most Adventist Churches are being encouraged to use. (see <http://www.adventistchurchconnect.com/> ). The only thing that looks very specific there is the 'Contact Us' page with the pastor's name, street address, etc.

Having seen this template many a time, I personally see nothing on the church website as evidence either way.

If y'all are seeing something on that website that I'm not, do enlighten, please!

Posted by: Snoopy Apr 12 2007, 04:57 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 12 2007, 05:53 PM)

It was the address FTP, On Angel Road. The church is on 3ABN property. It moved from it's old location onto the property of 3ABN. See the map so graciously provided by Snoopy.

Not only on 3ABN property but on a road that 3ABN paid for!!!

Posted by: princessdi Apr 12 2007, 05:29 PM

Uh Fearless Leader, I find myself in need of that fainting smiley again.....

QUOTE(Snoopy @ Apr 12 2007, 02:57 PM)

Not only on 3ABN property but on a road that 3ABN paid for!!!

Posted by: Snoopy Apr 12 2007, 05:38 PM

QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Apr 12 2007, 03:28 PM)

There is actually a Baptist church in there now.

Oh - good to know. I'm glad it is being used.

Posted by: Uncle Sam Apr 12 2007, 05:55 PM

[quote name='Snoopy' date='Apr 12 2007, 03:17 PM' post='191172']



Oh my - sorry. My bad to assume everyone is familiar with the campus. Note the attached map - which I found on the 3ABN website, before anyone accuses me of making it up...



See how 3ABN HQ is about 10 miles off of Interstate 57 on State Highway 149 and Charley Good Road? Note how Highway 149 continues on to its end when it runs into Highway 34? The distance between 3ABN HQ and the end of Highway 149 is a mile, maybe two. Now, see how Angel Lane connects Highway 149 and Highway 34? See how it cuts of a mile or two of driving between the 3ABN HQ and the Uplink Center? This is probably the nicest, most well kept road in the county. The 3ABN apartments mentioned in other threads on this forum are on Angel Lane, as is the home Melody used to live in.

Now, three guesses who "built" this road and who "named" it...

BTW, the old church which is apparently now in use by the Baptists, is about 2/3 of the distance between I-57 and 3ABN HQ on Highway 149 (closer to 3ABN), so probably 3 miles away...

I am not sure if this matters but I was told that Angel Lane was a gravel road until a single donor had it paved. It was a donor that has been seen singing on 3ABN.

Posted by: lookin4truth Apr 12 2007, 06:24 PM

QUOTE(Fran @ Apr 12 2007, 02:49 PM)

<http://thompsonville22.adventistchurchconnect.org/>

This is the Thompsonville Church Web Site. You tell me.

Is this representative of a church, or is this a Quack, Quack, Waddle, Waddle, Duck, Duck, 3ABN, 3ABN church.

Decide for yourself.

I was a little surprised when I went to the web site, and found that it did not mention 3ABN, but did advertise for the Hope Channel under the media link.

As a matter of fact, this seems to be a template, which other SDA Churches use.

Here are some examples: (Note: some different graphics, but all the same links and style)

<http://mountvernon23.adventistchurchconnect.org/>

<http://saintelmo22.adventistchurchconnect.org/>

<http://streator22.adventistchurchconnect.org/>

<http://anderson22.adventistchurchconnect.org/>

Sorry, I was catching up, and posted a response to Fran before reading all the replies

---

**Posted by: Observer Apr 12 2007, 07:04 PM**

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 12 2007, 03:41 PM) □

I tend to agree with you di. i think danny pushed J.L. into a position that he was just not qualified for or expecting, but he has had plenty of time to rethink that, don't you think?.


Thank you for sharing your knowledge of Elder L's prior pastoral experience.

---



**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 12 2007, 08:00 PM**

QUOTE(calvin @ Apr 12 2007, 03:38 PM) □

Twenty buck Aletheia will not last three days without her BSDA 3abn fix. Anybody want to take that bet? You are addicted to this topic like the rest of us.

Oh...and by the way, I can see you when you are on Anonymously. Hi Cindy 

(Do I detect a bit of embarrassed sputtering off in the distance?)

  I'm not touching that bet! I was going to check the list each day, but now that I know you can see her even if she checks in anonymously I'll just sit back and wait for your updates!

Yep, addicted we all are...

---

**Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Apr 12 2007, 08:39 PM**

QUOTE(calvin @ Apr 12 2007, 03:38 PM) □

Twenty buck Aletheia will not last three days without her BSDA 3abn fix. Anybody want to take that bet? You are addicted to this topic like the rest of us.

Oh...and by the way, I can see you when you are on Anonymously. Hi Cindy 



---

**Posted by: lookin4truth Apr 12 2007, 09:07 PM**

QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Apr 12 2007, 10:39 PM) □

Gems of Wisdom  
"Lisa and Ronda are not Danny's biological father." -- wwd, 2/8/07  
"Watchbird, The facts prove the above lie." -- wwd, 2/13/07  
"Another lie that can be proven..." -- Bystander, 3/18/07  
"The thing about lies is they can be proven." -- Aletheia, 3/22/07

Duane,

No matter how many times I read your GEMS OF WISDOM they just crack me up.



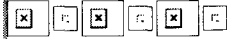
---

**Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 12 2007, 09:50 PM**

QUOTE(lookin4truth @ Apr 12 2007, 07:07 PM) □

Duane,


No matter how many times I read your GEMS OF WISDOM they just crack me up.




kinda like my two new gems of wisdom I recently added. Not as cute as yours Duane but I think I will keep em for awhile for reminders.



losyroi

**Posted by: calvin Apr 12 2007, 09:52 PM**

Well here is an update from this afternoon. She didn't make it to dinner time. 


**QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 12 2007, 09:00 PM)** 


(Do I detect a bit of embarrassed sputtering off in the distance?)

  I'm not touching that bet! I was going to check the list each day, but now that I know you can see her even if she checks in anonymously I'll just sit back and wait for your updates!



Yep, addicted we all are...

**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 12 2007, 09:58 PM**

**QUOTE(calvin @ Apr 12 2007, 07:52 PM)** 

Well here is an update from this afternoon. She didn't make it to dinner time. 

Thanks for the update, Boss!

PB smugly pats the crisp \$20 dollar bill safely ensconced in her pocket and   )

**Posted by: mozart Apr 12 2007, 10:08 PM**

**QUOTE(awesumentenor @ Apr 12 2007, 02:51 PM)** 

Shouldn't that be "I'll get you, my pretty... and your little dog too..."

In His service,  
Mr. J


    good one awesum

**QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 12 2007, 06:04 PM)** 

Thank you for sharing your knowledge of Elder L's prior pastoral experience.

it wasn't me greg. it was di

**Posted by: mozart Apr 12 2007, 10:20 PM**




**QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 12 2007, 09:08 PM)** 

    good one awesum

it wasn't me greg. it was di

!! AL 

**Posted by: princessdi Apr 12 2007, 11:45 PM**

Every last one of you is jusst wrong that this! LOL!!!   Cindy, jes come on home, Gurl! Ok, come on everybody, group hug for Aleitheia! 

**Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Apr 12 2007, 11:57 PM**

**QUOTE(lookin4truth @ Apr 12 2007, 09:07 PM)** 

Duane,

No matter how many times I read your GEMS OF WISDOM they just crack me up.



Thank you.....thank you.....



QUOTE(Rosyroi @ Apr 12 2007, 09:50 PM) □

I kinda like my two new gems of wisdom I recently added. Not as cute as yours Duane but I think I will keep em for awhile for reminders.

Rosyroi

Yes, I was wondering about the "looking down your nose at a judge" comment. Judges sit on the bench, which is elevated way above the courtroom floor. For someone to look down there nose at a judge, wouldn't they have to be, like, REALLY tall?

Just wondering.... □

Posted by: Fran Apr 13 2007, 12:27 AM

About the Thompsonville SDA Church website;

Don't churches post calendars and prayer meeting topics?

Is the pastor the only Point of Contact (POC)? I found only one page about the Thompsonville church and that had information about how to contact JL.

You are right, it is very generic! It told me zero about the Thompsonville Church. You can learn about anything BUT the Thompsonville Church.

My amazement was in what IS NOT on the site, more so than what IS on the site.

It appears that the Church Campmeeting is the 3ABN Campmeeting.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 13 2007, 07:27 AM

QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Apr 12 2007, 09:57 PM) □

Thank you.....thank you.....



Yes, I was wondering about the "looking down your nose at a judge" comment. Judges sit on the bench, which is elevated way above the courtroom floor. For someone to look down there nose at a judge, wouldn't they have to be, like, REALLY tall?

Just wondering.... □

Duane,

That's what I was thinking. They would have to be larger than life....or perhaps up on a pedestal, or at least a ladder. Could one get a ladder through the courthouse metal detectors?

And, Duane, your Gems of Wisdom are not only humorous, they are also real historical treasures now that Bystander and wwid are no longer with us.

Posted by: from-the-pew Apr 13 2007, 07:31 AM

QUOTE(Fran @ Apr 13 2007, 02:27 AM) □

About the Thompsonville SDA Church website;

Don't churches post calendars and prayer meeting topics?

Is the pastor the only Point of Contact (POC)? I found only one page about the Thompsonville church and that had information about how to contact JL.

You are right, it is very generic! It told me zero about the Thompsonville Church. You can learn about anything BUT the Thompsonville Church.

My amazement was in what IS NOT on the site, more so than what IS on the site.

It appears that the Church Campmeeting is the 3ABN Campmeeting.

Yeah, you'd think the churches would post that info... but not always! This new adventist connect idea is good, in that it gets websites for churches that wouldn't otherwise have one, however, some churches I've seen have switched from their more informative sites to the generic template! Our pastor tried to get me to drop our custom website in favor of adventist connect. Needless to say, I wasn't interested.

As for the Thompsonville church: I think its pretty clear that its location is awfully close to 3abn (on the property), has a lot of employees (8-9) on the board, and a pastor paid by 3abn (1/3 - 1/2 salary).... those factors are all I believe is needed to justify investigating whether or not 3abn has undue influence on the operation of the church.

My church has a similar "institutional" influence, and although the first two factors I listed above are not a guarentee of the church being controlled, the third one is a real red flag to me.

Posted by: princessdi Apr 13 2007, 09:55 AM

Yes, FTP, we really do have several places like that Loma Linda, OC, Andrews, Well, pretty much all of our college areas, but the churches are admittedly belonging to those institutions. The LL church does not sit on LL grounds and then claim not to be the LL church, same with OC, Andrews, etc. To me it is such an unnecessary lie to tell. Very problematic.


Posted by: Snoopy Apr 13 2007, 10:28 AM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 13 2007, 10:55 AM) □


Yes, FTP, we really do have several places like that Loma Linda, OC, Andrews, Well, pretty much all of our college areas, but the churches are admittedly belonging to those institutions. The LL church does not sit on LL grounds and then claim not to be the LL church, same with OC, Andrews, etc. To me it is such an unnecessary lie to tell. Very problematic.




□ ...and to what point?? Why is it so bad to say it is the 3ABN Church? I don't get it □



From an analysis perspective, if we start with a population that includes the entire membership of said church and then subtract the number of members who are either employed by, volunteer at, or are otherwise affiliated with 3ABN, we could probably count those remaining on one hand...JMO... 


Posted by: from-the-pew Apr 13 2007, 10:44 AM

QUOTE(Snoopy @ Apr 13 2007, 12:28 PM) 

 ...and to what point?? Why is it so bad to say it is the 3ABN Church? I don't get it   
From an analysis perspective, if we start with a population that includes the entire membership of said church and then subtract the number of members who are either employed by, volunteer at, or are otherwise affiliated with 3ABN, we could probably count those remaining on one hand...JMO... 

I have no problem with it being the 3abn church... as long as the local attending membership is happy with it.

The problem in this case, is whether or not the board is a freethinking board, or whether there are strings attached - you know, the purse / marionette strings....


Are there strings? 




I do however, start to wonder when me thinketh "the lady protesteth too much...."

Posted by: princessdi Apr 13 2007, 10:59 AM

Exactly Snoopy! The problem with that in this particular case is as FTP says, is the board at the church free thinking, or is it also the same rubber stamp the 3ABN board seems to be. I believe they have members in common. Therefore, in particular, would Linda had gotten a fair hearing in their presence. We already know that the pastor presiding over the meetings was already....biased toward Danny's side of the story, and we can be pretty sure the other board members with direct 3ABN affiliation would also vote in favor of Danny's wishes. How many of them were involved in the 3ABN's board decision to have her sign a gag order for 250K? IOW, did Danny also use this board to act out his vindictive actions fueled by his own anger?

Plus, Cindy's people are just to eager for her to lead us to believe that they church has less to do with 3ABN than is actually does....come on now.....on the property?

QUOTE(Snoopy @ Apr 13 2007, 08:28 AM) 

 ...and to what point?? Why is it so bad to say it is the 3ABN Church? I don't get it   
From an analysis perspective, if we start with a population that includes the entire membership of said church and then subtract the number of members who are either employed by, volunteer at, or are otherwise affiliated with 3ABN, we could probably count those remaining on one hand...JMO... 

Posted by: from-the-pew Apr 13 2007, 11:00 AM

Maybe I'd better elaborate a bit more, because first I used the term "red flag" then I said "I have no problem...."

I really don't have a problem with it being the 3abn church... but, yes, the pastors salary being paid by 3abn is a red flag to me. Why? money. plain and simple. No matter how much we try to let truth influence us, and not money, money still speaks to our subconscious. To me, this means that no matter how honorable a man John Lomacang is (and I believe he tries to be), having 3abn pay part of his salary puts him in a position where he (minimally subconsciously, maybe consciously) doesn't want to bite the hand that feeds him. Translation? He will put more weight on the wishes of one Mr. Danny Shelton than I believe is ethical for a pastor to do. (I believe this effects the board/church members as well.)


This is something I must take into account when evaluating his communications with Linda.

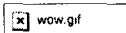
Posted by: mozart Apr 13 2007, 01:13 PM

Who me?? 

Larger than life?? 

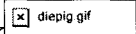
 cutr

Up on a pedestal? Awww.... :  than

 wow.gif

 che

REALITY CHECK

 diepig.gif



QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 13 2007, 06:27 AM) 

Duane,

That's what I was thinking. They would have to be larger than life...or perhaps up on a pedestal, or at least a ladder. Could one get a ladder through the courthouse metal detectors?

And, Duane, your Gems of Wisdom are not only humorous, they are also real historical treasures now that Bystander and wwd are no longer with us.

Posted by: mozart Apr 13 2007, 01:33 PM

as for the church thing, i have a couple thoughts on my mind. i used to have 3abn on, in my house, for several hours a day, almost every day and usually all day long on sabbath.

#1- i remember hearing 3abn talking about building a little chapel on the property for small weddings and prayer time whenever someone needs that, etc. (sounds quaint right?)

#2- i don't remember hearing anything about building a full size church or the thompsonville church moving over to 3abn property.

#3-if there is a "chapel" and a full-size church on 3abn property, why were danny and brandy married privately on the 3abn set?

I hope brandy is keeping a diary. This all seems like it would be very bizarre to her. I can't imagine them not wanting to be married in a church. It certainly was convenient enough. I'd love an answer to that because it just seems all too much like Danny knew he was doing something wrong and wanted to keep it a secret. Maybe his conscience was bothering him too much to be married in the church? a TV set is more commercial and non-spiritual than a church wouldn't you think? maybe.....the SDA church would not allow him to be married in the church? has anyone looked into that or does anyone actually know?

Posted by: awesumentenor Apr 13 2007, 01:39 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 13 2007, 03:33 PM) □

#2- i don't remember hearing anything about building a full size church or the thompsonville church moving over to 3abn property.

seem to recall vague wisps of something about the building that is the church was initially supposed to be a full-scale model of the sanctuary... or at least donations were solicited or that and at least with part of those funds a multipurpose building was built that is used as the church... I'll have to wade through some stuff to see if that recollection is accurate... unless someone who knows can help me jog my memory...

In His service,  
Mr. J

Posted by: mozart Apr 13 2007, 01:41 PM

just □ sorry mr.J, i just edited prior post, can you take a look back pls?

Posted by: mozart Apr 13 2007, 01:54 PM

QUOTE(awesumentenor @ Apr 13 2007, 12:39 PM) □

I seem to recall vague wisps of something about the building that is the church was initially supposed to be a full-scale model of the sanctuary... or at least donations were solicited for that and at least with part of those funds a multipurpose building was built that is used as the church... I'll have to wade through some stuff to see if that recollection is accurate... unless someone who knows can help me jog my memory...

In His service,  
Mr. J

well, not exactly. when we were there for the first campmeeting, about 2000 or 2001, we were given a tour and part of the tour was of a building built for the purpose of housing a full scale sanctuary that was donated to 3abn. also, in that building was a small theatre supposedly for the purpose of showing a video documentary of the sanctuary prior to people being led on a tour of the full sanctuary.  
i had also seen a 3abn today show interviewing the person who used that full-size sanctuary for many years in a road tour/show. he was retiring and donated it to 3abn. i'm thinking it was worth a lot of money and spiritual value so danny said they were going to build a building there on 3abn property to house that exhibit for all to see ). anyone know if that happened?

Posted by: inga Apr 13 2007, 02:45 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 13 2007, 02:54 PM) □

well, not exactly. when we were there for the first campmeeting, about 2000 or 2001, we were given a tour and part of the tour was of a building built for the purpose of housing a full scale sanctuary that was donated to 3abn. also, in that building was a small theatre supposedly for the purpose of showing a video documentary of the sanctuary prior to people being led on a tour of the full sanctuary.  
(i had also seen a 3abn today show interviewing the person who used that full-size sanctuary for many years in a road tour/show. he was retiring and donated it to 3abn. i'm thinking it was worth a lot of money and spiritual value so danny said they were going to build a building there on 3abn property to house that exhibit for all to see ).

is I understand it, the original donor donated not only the sanctuary display, but also the money to build the building to house the display. The display stood around long enough to be damaged, without the money being used for the building. When the building was finally finished, it was turned into a church, without consulting the original donor.

have no idea what happened to the display. Someone from Thompsonville can probably tell us.

Posted by: Brenda Apr 13 2007, 04:14 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 14 2007, 05:33 AM) □

#3-if there is a "chapel" and a full-size church on 3abn property, why were danny and brandy married privately on the 3abn set?

I hope brandy is keeping a diary. This all seems like it would be very bizarre to her. I can't imagine them not wanting to be married in a church. It certainly was convenient enough. I'd love an answer to that because it just seems all too much like Danny knew he was doing something wrong and wanted to keep it a secret. Maybe his conscience was bothering him too much to be married in the church? a TV set is more commercial and non-spiritual than a church wouldn't you think? maybe.....the SDA church would not allow him to be married in the church? has anyone looked into that or does anyone actually know?

have no idea about the answers to these questions, but if they were married by a licensed SDA minister, I cannot think they could not have chosen to be married in a church if that's what they wished.

I think as far as the church is concerned, there are restrictions on whom ministers can marry (eg, they cannot marry a baptised SDA to a nonbaptised person), and the venue is up to the couple.

For my remarriage we chose a friend's garden with our pastor officiating, and there would be many couples who make similar choices. I am neither defending nor criticising in this post, I just do not see the venue as an issue if the marriage was performed by a credentialed pastor.

Posted by: mozart Apr 13 2007, 04:31 PM

QUOTE(Inga @ Apr 13 2007, 02:45 PM) □

As I understand it, the original donor donated not only the sanctuary display, but also the money to build the building to house the display. The display stood around long enough to be damaged, without the money being used for the building. When the building was finally finished, it was turned into a church, without consulting the original donor.

I have no idea what happened to the display. Someone from Thompsonville can probably tell us.

That does sound familiar about the donor of the display also contributing to the funding for the building, but as I stated, we were given a tour of that very building. walls, stairs and drywall had been done, but the building wasn't finished completely at that time. How do you know they did not consult the original donor?

Posted by: Observer Apr 13 2007, 04:50 PM

QUOTE(Brenda @ Apr 13 2007, 04:14 PM) □

I have no idea about the answers to these questions, but if they were married by a licensed SDA minister, I cannot think they could not have chosen to be married in a church if that is what they wished.

I think as far as the church is concerned, there are restrictions on whom ministers can marry (eg, they cannot marry a baptised SDA to a nonbaptised person), and the venue is up to the couple.

For my remarriage we chose a friend's garden with our pastor officiating, and there would be many couples who make similar choices. I am neither defending nor criticising in this post, I just do not see the venue as an issue if the marriage was performed by a credentialed pastor.

Danny and Brandy were married by an ordained SDA minister, credentialed by the IL Conference.

It is clear that they could have been married in the Thompsonville Church building.

In this day and age, ordained SDA ministers can often perform marriage ceremonies for whomever they chose.

Posted by: mozart Apr 13 2007, 05:58 PM

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 13 2007, 03:50 PM) □

Danny and Brandy were married by an ordained SDA minister, credentialed by the IL Conference.

It is clear that they could have been married in the Thompsonville Church building.

In this day and age, ordained SDA ministers can often perform marriage ceremonies for whomever they chose.

So I guess they just didn't want to wed in the church. hmmm....odd

hope he didn't do it on the set just to rub it in linda's face. it appears they redecorated the whole set after linda left. whoever did it sure likes the color red. i miss the porch. know what i mean?  si

Posted by: Snoopy Apr 13 2007, 06:06 PM

QUOTE(Inga @ Apr 13 2007, 03:45 PM) □

As I understand it, the original donor donated not only the sanctuary display, but also the money to build the building to house the display. The display stood around long enough to be damaged, without the money being used for the building. When the building was finally finished, it was turned into a church, without consulting the original donor.

I have no idea what happened to the display. Someone from Thompsonville can probably tell us.

Here's what I think happened, but this is mostly third-hand info - I may have even read it here somewhere.

The sanctuary exhibit was owned, or at least maintained, by the Clairemont SDA Church in San Diego. (That part I know for a fact as I attended church there and actually toured the life-size sanctuary exhibit. It was FANTASTIC!!) When not set up in a parking lot somewhere, the exhibit lived and traveled in a semi-truck, an 18-wheeler if I remember correctly.

Apparently the exhibit was later donated to 3ABN along with the money to build a permanent home for it there. Work on that structure began but slowed/stopped for some reason. Interestingly, this was around the time of the Illinois property tax lawsuit that 3ABN lost on the grounds that it was a business rather than a ministry (In a nutshell, and I believe

3ABN appealed). Upon learning what the state considers property used "for ministerial purposes," the structure intended to house the sanctuary exhibit would also not qualify as exempt. So, the structure was re-designed into what is now the worship center - which does qualify as exempt from property tax.

I'm happy to be corrected on any of that...

---

**Posted by: vanburton Apr 15 2007, 08:20 AM**

There is a life size wilderness sanctuary (named Messiah's Mansion) headed to the Walla Walla area via 18 wheeler in mid-May. It will be on display for 10 days for people to tour through. It is coming from Oklahoma Academy where it is kept. I don't know if it is the same one in discussion here.

---

**Posted by: watchbird Apr 15 2007, 08:50 AM**

---

**QUOTE(vanburton @ Apr 15 2007, 09:20 AM)**

There is a life size wilderness sanctuary (named Messiah's Mansion) headed to the Walla Walla area via 18 wheeler in mid-May. It will be on display for 10 days for people to tour through. It is coming from Oklahoma Academy where it is kept. I don't know if it is the same one in discussion here.

This is interesting. Please keep us informed. Perhaps someone from either the Oklahoma Academy or the Walla Walla area would know the history of this exhibit.

---

**Posted by: watchbird Apr 15 2007, 10:12 AM**

---

**QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Apr 13 2007, 02:39 PM)**

I seem to recall vague wisps of something about the building that is the church was initially supposed to be a full-scale model of the sanctuary... or at least donations were solicited for that and at least with part of those funds a multipurpose building was built that is used as the church... I'll have to wade through some stuff to see if that recollection is accurate... unless someone who knows can help me jog my memory...  
In His service,  
Mr. J

---

**QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 13 2007, 02:54 PM)**

well, not exactly. when we were there for the first campmeeting, about 2000 or 2001, we were given a tour and part of the tour was of a building built for the purpose of housing a full scale sanctuary that was donated to 3abn. also, in that building was a small theatre supposedly for the purpose of showing a video documentary of the sanctuary prior to people being led on a tour of the full sanctuary.  
(i had also seen a 3abn today show interviewing the person who used that full-size sanctuary for many years in a road tour/show. he was retiring and donated it to 3abn. i'm thinking it was worth a lot of money and spiritual value so danny said they were going to build a building there on 3abn property to house that exhibit for all to see ). anyone know if that happened?

I don't think that we have ever accumulated all the pieces to this story.... though as Mr J said, there have been some of it posted here on BSDA. Here are two of those.

Since this narrative is only a small section from the longer work, The Televangelist, which was posted as one long post, I'll copy the portion having to do specifically with this donation here....

#### The Lady and the Sanctuary

The years went by, and countless lives were broken and destroyed; sacrificed on the alter of the televangelist's ministry. One day an elderly lady contacted the ministry. She had worked diligently to get the televangelist's TV network carried on the local cable companies, and now she had another idea. She wanted the ministry to have a small model of the Old Testament sanctuary.

After several months of trying, she was allowed to speak with the televangelist himself. She was awed to be conversing with this representative of God. She told him her idea and said that she would provide the finances to make it happen. Prior to taking her call, the televangelist asked a few questions and found that her husband was a very wealthy retired physician. Now he told her that God was impressing him that instead of a miniature model, they were to build a full scale replica of the sanctuary that would be used as a museum, and include a theatre. He assured her that God had spoken to her.

Now the televangelist showed her a piece of property that was across the street from his ministry headquarters and told her that this was the place where God wanted his sanctuary. This was an eighty-acre tract of land that was already for sale. She wrote him a check for the amount of the property and what he estimated it would cost to construct the museum.

Construction of the facility began and then was halted. Funds were diverted to build a school with a large gymnasium adjacent to the museum. A large pond was excavated, a road was built, and apartments were constructed. The museum building sat there, an empty shell.  
Several years later, the televangelist decided to redirect plans for the sanctuary building and turn it into a large auditorium and church. The local school district had successfully sued for the ministry to pay property taxes. The court decided that as they were not a church, taxes must be paid.

The elderly lady called repeatedly, but the televangelist would not take, or return her calls. She finally spoke with someone else in the ministry and told her story. She had planned on spending several thousand dollars for a sanctuary model until the televangelist convinced her that God wanted her to fund the much larger project. The check that she wrote to the televangelist was their life savings. Now she was destitute. Her husband got a divorce, and her children scorned her. From time to time they called and told her that all of this was for nothing. A master con artist had swindled her. Where was the sanctuary museum he had promised? Hadn't God told the televangelist to build it? Hadn't God told him that she was to fund it?--- taken from The Televangelist, post number 1 of the thread by that name.

A post by Sister <http://www.blackstda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=8572&view=findpost&p=126588> in the thread "Danny sheldon Marries... again" gives a few additional details. Here are the most pertinent parts of that post.

A lady gave money with the commitment from Danny that it was to be used for a Sanctuary exhibition, actually for the building to house the exhibit. She would come quite often to visit, attending the Thompsonville SDA church (the 3ABN church) and to check on the progress of the project. She was really excited to think that she was able to help with this project. A SDA church in southern California donated it's life size portable Sanctuary exhibit to 3ABN to be housed in the building the lady had donated the money to construct. Well, the Sanctuary exhibit articles sat in the trailer (the size that had to be hauled by an 18 wheeler) for years. With the humidity in southern Illinois, I can just imagine the damage that might have come to it. Meanwhile, the shell of a huge building was constructed, the outside finished. Inside nothing much was done. There was no floor, only dirt, water and mud. Some insulation was hung up on the inside, but after a few years with nothing more done, it starting peeling off the inside walls. The lady that donated the money came less and less often. No further progress was made and the building remained in that condition for a number of years.

Then the big court case came with the state of Illinois investigating 3ABN right to claim property tax exemption came about and Danny had a large acreage parcel of land just down the road and across the street with only the 3ABN elementary school, some housing for guests, a nice area where he put in a double-wide trailer for his daughter, Melody, (but he did not allow any of the other workers to have their trailers there, and a pond where Danny like to take out his little boat and go fishing. Now there was a need quickly change the use of the property, so Danny took the shell of the Sanctuary Exhibit, added wings on two sides, beautifully finished the interior and there was the new worship center. Danny sold the existing Thompsonville church which was about a 8 minute drive away from 3ABN and a 5 minute drive from the West Franklin SDA church. Moved his congregation into the new worship center and could now prove that the land was used for ministry.

There are still questions that are unanswered. Hopefully others who are reading this will fill in some of these for us.

Posted by: lurker Apr 15 2007, 12:49 PM

I remember there was at one time an Adventist minister who toured with a full size model of the wilderness sanctuary. He would be on 3ABN from time to time and wear a priest's garments and explain different things about the sanctuary. I felt like Danny coveted the display and would nag the minister about donating it to 3ABN. He didn't seem inclined to do so at the time. I seem to remember that it was once on display in Washington DC in the mall area and drew a lot of people. Claremont church comes to mind as a sponsoring church but that could be wrong. I don't remember the minister's name but I can see a picture of him in my mind.

Posted by: mozart Apr 15 2007, 01:40 PM

QUOTE(lurker @ Apr 15 2007, 12:49 PM) □

I remember there was at one time an Adventist minister who toured with a full size model of the wilderness sanctuary. He would be on 3ABN from time to time and wear a priest's garments and explain different things about the sanctuary. I felt like Danny coveted the display and would nag the minister about donating it to 3ABN. He didn't seem inclined to do so at the time. I seem to remember that it was once on display in Washington DC in the mall area and drew a lot of people. Claremont church comes to mind as a sponsoring church but that could be wrong. I don't remember the minister's name but I can see a picture of him in my mind.

yeah i remember that.

Posted by: joyce Apr 15 2007, 05:46 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 15 2007, 12:40 PM) □

yeah i remember that.

Are you thinking of Ted Tesner by chance? That may be the name, but not positive. He was a pastor in the San Diego area. I think it is now called the Messiah ?? It was at Loma Linda last year and is coming to Washington State in May I think. I know folk in Loma Linda that were involved with giving tours when it was there.

Joyce

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 15 2007, 05:53 PM

QUOTE(joyce @ Apr 15 2007, 04:46 PM) □

Are you thinking of Ted Tesner by chance? That may be the name, but not positive. He was a pastor in the San Diego area. I think it is now called the Messiah ?? It was at Loma Linda last year and is coming to Washington State in May I think. I know folk in Loma Linda that were involved with giving tours when it was there.

Joyce

I remember hearing about the exhibit when it was set up in Loma Linda and know someone who helped with the tours as well. Small SDA world, huh!

Posted by: princessdi Apr 15 2007, 05:54 PM

Yes, and while you all are filling in all the other blanks, please take a line or two to explain to me why Danny was selling the T'ville church?

QUOTE(watchbird @ Apr 15 2007, 08:12 AM) □

Then the big court case came with the state of Illinois investigating 3ABN right to claim property tax exemption came about and Danny had a large acreage parcel of land just down the road and across the street with only the 3ABN elementary school, some housing for guests, a nice area where he put in a double-wide trailer for his daughter, Melody, (but he did not allow any of the other workers to have their trailers there, and a pond where Danny like to take out his little boat and go fishing. Now there was a need quickly change the use of the property, so Danny took the shell of the Sanctuary Exhibit, added wings on two sides, beautifully finished the interior and there was the new worship center. **Danny sold the existing Thompsonville church which was about a 8 minute drive away from 3ABN and a 5 minute drive from the West Franklin SDA church.** Moved his congregation into the new worship center and could now prove that the land was used for ministry. [/color] [/indent]

There are still questions that are unanswered. Hopefully others who are reading this will fill in some of these for us.

Posted by: Snoopy Apr 15 2007, 06:28 PM

QUOTE(joyce @ Apr 15 2007, 06:46 PM) □

Are you thinking of Ted Tesner by chance? That may be the name, but not positive. He was a pastor in the San Diego area. I think it is now called the Messiah ?? It was at Loma Linda last year and is coming to Washington State in May I think. I know folk in Loma Linda that were involved with giving tours when it was there.

Joyce

You know, that could be it. The pastor I recall lived in the Loma Linda area (I think in Grand Terrace) but pastored in San Diego. He was an older gentleman, quite tall, gray hair and his wife was a big-wig in health-care somehow, I think.

QUOTE(vanburton @ Apr 15 2007, 09:20 AM) □

There is a life size wilderness sanctuary (named Messiah's Mansion) headed to the Walla Walla area via 18 wheeler in mid-May. It will be on display for 10 days for people to tour through. It is coming from Oklahoma Academy where it is kept. I don't know if it is the same one in discussion here.

Maybe that is it! Maybe the exhibit is not lost after all!

 PTL.gif

Posted by: mozart Apr 15 2007, 06:53 PM

Ken Cox lives in Grand Terrace. but i dont think it was him.

QUOTE(Snoopy @ Apr 15 2007, 06:28 PM) □

You know, that could be it. The pastor I recall lived in the Loma Linda area (I think in Grand Terrace) but pastored in San Diego. He was an older gentleman, quite tall, gray hair and his wife was a big-wig in health-care somehow, I think.

Maybe that is it! Maybe the exhibit is not lost after all!

 PTL.gif

yeah claremont does sound familiar. does anyone remember the name of that baby faced preacher that is on 3abn from time to time? seems it might have been him.

QUOTE(lurker @ Apr 15 2007, 12:49 PM) □

I remember there was at one time an Adventist minister who toured with a full size model of the wilderness sanctuary. He would be on 3ABN from time to time and wear a priest's garments and explain different things about the sanctuary. I felt like Danny coveted the display and would nag the minister about donating it to 3ABN. He didn't seem inclined to do so at the time. I seem to remember that it was once on display in Washington DC in the mall area and drew a lot of people. Claremont church comes to mind as a sponsoring church but that could be wrong. I don't remember the minister's name but I can see a picture of him in my mind.

Posted by: from-the-pew Apr 15 2007, 07:48 PM

I am unclear on whether or not there are two sanctuary exhibits. It was my understanding that the man who "did" a sanctuary exhibit quit... but I'm not sure of this info. Its all tied in with Tami McGrew and the Riverside church, somehow, if I remember correctly.

One thing I DO know, the Messiah's Mansion is out of Oklahoma Academy, and the website is www.messiahsmansion.com, and is managed by Clayton Leineweber. There are photos of him on the site.

Interestingly, I saw a sanctuary exhibit at the Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, WI, but I do not find appearances in WI listed on the Messiah's Mansion website.

Posted by: Panama\_Pete Apr 15 2007, 08:08 PM

For anyone who is unfamiliar with this subject, a "Sanctuary" Realplayer link is here.

<http://www.programsnow.org/programs/vop/00/vops0032.ram>

The transcript is here:

"LONNIE: Yes, and we have another perspective on Leviticus as well. In order to better understand how it applies to life today, I spoke recently with Pastor Ted Tessner. His church has built a reconstruction of the Leviticus sanctuary to help people better understand the Old Testament."

[http://web21.tagnet.org/previous\\_broadcasts/2000/august\\_2000/s0032.html?s0032%2Bcal](http://web21.tagnet.org/previous_broadcasts/2000/august_2000/s0032.html?s0032%2Bcal)

Posted by: Jnana15 Apr 15 2007, 10:34 PM

QUOTE(Joyce @ Apr 15 2007, 06:46 PM) □

Are you thinking of Ted Tesner by chance? That may be the name, but not positive. He was a pastor in the San Diego area. I think it is now called the Messiah ?? It was at Loma Linda last year and is coming to Washington State in May I think.

I know folk in Loma Linda that were involved with giving tours when it was there.

Joyce

Yes, it is Ted Tessner. I went to the exhibit several years ago and took lots of pic's and bought books and T-shirts. It was a production of the "Omega Broadcasting Corp." back then.

Posted by: Johann Apr 17 2007, 05:15 AM

QUOTE(Fran @ Apr 13 2007, 08:27 AM) □

About the Thompsonville SDA Church website;

My amazement was in what IS NOT on the site, more so than what IS on the site.

It appears that the Church Campmeeting is the 3ABN Campmeeting.

I have not been there since 2004, but then there was no doubt that Mr. Danny Shelton was the supreme ruler at the Camp Meeting held at the Church that belonged to 3ABN. Nothing indicated the Illinois Conference was involved.

Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 17 2007, 12:15 PM

QUOTE(Johann @ Apr 17 2007, 04:15 AM) □

I have not been there since 2004, but then there was no doubt that Mr. Danny Shelton was the supreme ruler at the Camp Meeting held at the Church that belonged to 3ABN. Nothing indicated the Illinois Conference was involved.

Yes I agree with that thought. I couldn't have said it better myself or even been able to add to it.

BTW

It is my understanding that several independent ministries have some kind of campmeeting that is offered within the USA. Some are large and some are small. Some campmeetings are for just a weekend and some use longer time span. I think it depends on how many people attend to finance the event.

Either most or all of these campmeetings are listed in Adventist World, North American edition. At least this is my understanding. If I am wrong I will be corrected.

Rosyroi

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Apr 17 2007, 02:35 PM

QUOTE(lurker @ Apr 11 2007, 08:36 AM) □

Have you ever heard of someone who was prosecuted for a crime and refused to admit to a lesser crime in order to "plea bargain" and get a less harsh sentence. They refused because they were innocent but but were convicted of the more serious crime.

Well I believe that is what happened between Linda and her accusers. She thought they would believe her because she knew she was innocent and that the lack of evidence would prove it. But she failed to understand that sympathy is almost always with the husband in such cases. There is much sympathy (sometimes even admiration) for sexually straying among the brethren. There would have been much more sympathy for her if she had "admitted" to adultery and "repented" than telling the truth as she did.

Excellent analogy!

□

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 12:18 PM) □

...The world is concerned with the Id and the ego and the super Ego, and "How do you feel" "what do you want"

God's says that way is wrong. It's all about Self.

The BIBLE states - "Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart...." That would speak to "what you want". Now why is "what I want" wrong.... (per you) - yet per the BIBLE it is not?

Get right or get left.....

QUOTE(awesumentenor @ Apr 11 2007, 12:20 PM) □

... everything is not Freudian...

That be trippin' me out too! Folks that don't have any "true knowledge" of psychology, therapeutic interventions, and ways of assisting patients in the psyche area always reach for Freud - and don't realize that he is but a piece of a giant puzzle. Jes like a puzzle - if you take out one piece; the whole picture is not complete....

□

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 11 2007, 02:51 PM) □

Just so you know, I took Nursing , including psychiatric Nursing, and even had ongoing education as required, and have worked in mental health jobs, also, so I'm not a total idiot about this subject, although not a Doctor or expert either. . But Frankly I am bored with all your arguments, the subject of what can be called counselling, and what cannot, and therefore doesn't count as official counseling for Linda, doesn't interest me.

Just because I pick up trash in my yard doesn't make me a garbage man/woman. Just because I can "throw down" in the kitchen - doesn't mean I am to be called a "cook".... As for the subject being about what "official counseling" is or isn't - it should be of a concern to you.

Why?

One of the repeatedly mentioned arguments is that Linda received "professional" counseling/counseling. If she did receive "counseling" and it was shoddy or not correctly "trained" - then was it really counseling?

□

QUOTE(princesadi @ Apr 11 2007, 09:02 PM) □

Wait I needs some serious fried meaty bits for this one! i got some veggie bits, too. Have some? Propel?

You gotta snack on something...this is a hot mess....

□ sni

QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Apr 13 2007, 01:57 AM) □

Thank you.....thank you..... □ than

Yes, I was wondering about the "looking down your nose at a judge" comment. Judges sit on the bench, which is elevated way above the courtroom floor. For someone to look down there nose at a judge, wouldn't they have to be, like, REALLY tall?

Just wondering... □

Quite tall. Like 12-20 feet tall....

Go Yao...

□ sni yet some more....

Posted by: princesadi Apr 17 2007, 02:52 PM

The BIBLE states - "Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart...." That would speak to "what you want". Now why is "what I want" wrong.... (per you) - yet per the BIBLE it is not?

Get right or get left.....

I know that's right!!

Just because I pick up trash in my yard doesn't make me a garbage man/woman. Just because I can "throw down" in the kitchen - doesn't mean I am to be called a "cook".... As for the subject being about what "official counseling" is or isn't - it should be of a concern to you.

Why?

One of the repeatedly mentioned arguments is that Linda received "professional" counseling/counseling. If she did receive "counseling" and it was shoddy or not correctly "trained" - then was it *really* counseling?

Not to mention a good many hours were claimed to have been given by JL, and can you believe his degree is in electronics??!! Man!! I need that fainting smiley!!! Electronics, Gur!!!! But he was a-counselin' somebody! They threw that out there like she was seeing Dr. Joyce Brothers, and she was talking to the man who could have been on the Geek Patrol from Best Buy! LOL!!!

Oops! did I say that out loud? Sorry! let me straighten up now. Ahem!!!

You gotta snack on something...this is a hot mess....

sn!

Ok??!!!!!

---

Posted by: SoulEspresso Apr 17 2007, 04:30 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 17 2007, 01:52 PM)

You gotta snack on something...this is a hot mess....

sn!

Ok??!!!!!

I got some three-cheese Kettle Chips here ...

sn!

---

Posted by: princessdi Apr 17 2007, 04:38 PM

Alrighty now, have a seat here, SE! Have some popcorn, fried meaty or veggie bits?(a BSDAthing)

QUOTE(SoulEspresso @ Apr 17 2007, 02:30 PM)

I got some three-cheese Kettle Chips here ...

sn!

---

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Apr 17 2007, 06:13 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 17 2007, 05:38 PM)

Alrighty now, have a seat here, SE! Have some popcorn, fried meaty or veggie bits?(a BSDAthing)

SE is down wid that.....

I know him fa sho!

sn!

---

Posted by: SoulEspresso Apr 17 2007, 08:46 PM

QUOTE(PrincessDrRe @ Apr 17 2007, 05:13 PM)

SE is down wid that.....

I know him fa sho!

sn!

Meaty bits, veggie bits, it's all virtual anyway ...

rofl

I do thank you.

\*passes the chips over in exchange for meaty bits\*





Posted by: mozart Apr 17 2007, 10:09 PM

you gals are crackin' me up

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 17 2007, 02:52 PM)

The BIBLE states - "Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart...." That would speak to "what you want". Now why is "what I want" wrong.... (per you) - yet per the BIBLE it is not?

Get right or get left.....

I know that's right!!

Just because I pick up trash in my yard doesn't make me a garbage man/woman. Just because I can "throw down" in the kitchen - doesn't mean I am to be called a "cook".... As for the subject being about what "official counseling" is or isn't - it should be of a concern to you.

Why?

One of the repeatedly mentioned arguments is that Linda received "professional" counseling/counseling. If she did receive "counseling" and it was shoddy or not correctly "trained" - then was it *really* counseling?



Not to mention a good many hours were claimed to have been given by JL, and can you believe his degree is in electronics?!!!! Man!! I need that fainting smiley!!! Electronics, Gur!!!! But he was a-counselin' somebody! They threw that out there like she was seeing Dr. Joyce Brothers, and she was talking to the man who could have been on the Geek Patrol from Best Buy! LOL!!!

Oops! did I say that out loud? Sorry! let me straighten up now. Ahem!!!

You gotta snack on something...this is a hot mess....



Ok??!!!!

Posted by: from-the-pew Apr 18 2007, 06:52 AM

I'm more interested in a homemade frozen fruit smoothie myself.... Anyone else want one? I'll throw in some more fruit!

Posted by: SandyColorado Apr 18 2007, 12:25 PM

QUOTE(from-the-pew @ Apr 18 2007, 05:52 AM)

I'm more interested in a homemade frozen fruit smoothie myself.... Anyone else want one? I'll throw in some more fruit!

Do you make yours with Tofu? I love to do that - and add some protein to my fruities...

Posted by: from-the-pew Apr 18 2007, 04:47 PM

QUOTE(SandyColorado @ Apr 18 2007, 02:25 PM)

Do you make yours with Tofu? I love to do that - and add some protein to my fruities...

I don't usually use tofu. But that would be good. They are vegan, though!

Posted by: Noahswife Apr 18 2007, 07:45 PM

QUOTE(from-the-pew @ Apr 18 2007, 08:52 AM)

I'm more interested in a homemade frozen fruit smoothie myself.... Anyone else want one? I'll throw in some more fruit!

OK...I am late to this party but don't want to be left out.

The smoothie I just made has water, protein powder, soyagen, frozen bananas and Breyers Strawberry Cheesecake ice cream.....I have some to share with the person who gets here first....

(I knew I needed something to get through AI if sanjaya survives.....)

Posted by: SoulEspresso Apr 18 2007, 08:21 PM

I'm relatively new to BSDA, but this thread has really wandered  off

Glad I lined up at this table, though ... bits of all kinds ...  I'll take some of everything, please.

Posted by: roxe Apr 18 2007, 09:00 PM

QUOTE(SoulEspresso @ Apr 18 2007, 08:21 PM)

I'm relatively new to BSDA, but this thread has really wandered  off

Glad I lined up at this table, though ... bits of all kinds ...  I'll take some of everything, please.

get used to it, SE... most here are fixated on food   
and food will come up quicker than a finger snap!!

just don't try to diet while on this forum... next to impossible!  rofl

(and I'm one of 'em... every time i come here reading, i get hungry... even after a full meal  )  
(but i don't stop  )

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 18 2007, 09:24 PM

QUOTE(Noahswife @ Apr 18 2007, 06:45 PM)

OK...I am late to this party but don't want to be left out.

The smoothie I just made has water, protein powder, soyagen, frozen bananas and Breyers Strawberry Cheesecake ice cream.....i have some to share with the person who gets here first....

(I knew i needed something to get through AI if sanjaya survives.....)

rofl   rofl  rofl  rofl

Don't tell! I'm on the west coast and still haven't seen who goes yet!

Posted by: princessdi Apr 19 2007, 12:03 AM

Sorry SE, the topics do tend to wander from time to time. Everybody got their snacks, now? Oh, NW, May i please have some of your smoothie. That sounds good!

Ok Everybody back on topic.....who is going to say soemthing about the counseling sessions, or othe comments about these letters.....Electronics!

Posted by: mozart Apr 19 2007, 12:35 AM

QUOTE(SandyColorado @ Apr 18 2007, 11:25 AM)

Do you make yours with Tofu? I love to do that - and add some protein to my fruities...

Nahhhhhhhhhhh...that's too healthy.

QUOTE(Noahswife @ Apr 18 2007, 06:45 PM)

OK...I am late to this party but don't want to be left out.

The smoothie I just made has water, protein powder, soyagen, frozen bananas and Breyers Strawberry Cheesecake ice cream.....i have some to share with the person who gets here first....

(I knew i needed something to get through AI if sanjaya survives.....)

hmm...can you make that with just the frozen bananas and the Breyer's I.C.?   rofl

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 18 2007, 11:03 PM)

Sorry SE, the topics do tend to wander from time to time. Everybody got their snacks, now? Oh, NW, May i please have some of your smoothie. That sounds good!

Ok Everybody back on topic.....who is going to say soemthing about the counseling sessions, or othe comments about these letters.....Electronics!

OK MZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ Di, if you insist.

Can anyone say "Radio Shack"?

Posted by: roxe Apr 19 2007, 06:58 PM

Perhaps JL's counselling consists of crossing wires just to see the sparks fly, eh??

sorry, couldn't resist...

Posted by: mozart Apr 19 2007, 11:50 PM

ewwwwwwwwwwwww...not touching that one.

QUOTE(roxe @ Apr 19 2007, 05:58 PM)

Perhaps JL's counselling consists of crossing wires just to see the sparks fly, eh??

sorry, couldn't resist...

Posted by: SoulEspresso Apr 20 2007, 05:08 PM

Unnecessary cruel comment self-censored ...

Posted by: Snoopy Apr 21 2007, 11:19 AM

QUOTE(roxe @ Apr 19 2007, 07:58 PM)

Perhaps JL's counselling consists of crossing wires just to see the sparks fly, eh??

sorry, couldn't resist...



Good one, Roxe!!!