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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ 990 Inventory Totals

Posted by: Pickle Apr 3 2007, 12:58 PM

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Posted by: Pickle Apr 3 2007, 02:06 PM

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Reported totals on hand at the end of those years.

Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 3 2007, 02:10 PM

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Not being a retailer, what "inventory" do they need to keep on hand? Is this including fixed and long-term assets? That would make for a boatload of 10 Commandments twice removed books...

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: mozart Apr 3 2007, 02:14 PM

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 3 2007, 02:25 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 3 2007, 01:14 PM)

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If it is retail inventory, those are huge numbers. If it includes cameras, jibs, furnishings, etc. it is a reasonable amount, IMO.

Posted by: Pickle Apr 3 2007, 02:34 PM

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Posted by: mozart Apr 3 2007, 02:56 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 3 2007, 01:36 PM)

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Welcome to BSDA Shinejoy!

What book are you talking about? What book did Linda and Danny write?

PB

vell the others might remember it was how 3abn got started. And how he met Linda.

The name of the book is A channel of Blessing it was written by Bob Ellis i didn't finish but now i have lost interest.

Posted by: Pickle Apr 3 2007, 04:12 PM

Who is on the cover of it? Did Bob Ellis personally write it?

Posted by: watchbird Apr 3 2007, 05:07 PM

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Posted by: Pickle Apr 3 2007, 05:26 PM

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I'll be interested to hear your analysis since this is your expertise.

Posted by: lurker Apr 3 2007, 08:10 PM

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Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 3 2007, 08:46 PM



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Hope you enjoy the BSDA experience.

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Have a wonderful day,

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Bob, I believe this would be a reasonably accurate statement as to what inventory is. The website shows they sell books, cds, dvds, tapes and a shirt. I can't imagine they keep the 36" satellite dishes and receivers in inventory but at 199.00 each that would be a lot of them. I suppose they might have gotten stuck with the old skyangel dishes and receivers but i would not think that could be listed at full value.

And since we know that no profit is being made by anyone on the TC-TR (TIC) and the publisher/printer is practically giving them away per Aletheia, I can't imagine 3abn would/should have a large inventory of them either.


Any other suggestions what that number would represent?

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You're sooooooo bad ! 

i think danny interviewed bob ellis when the book came out. seems like i saw that on a "today" prog.

Posted by: Johann Apr 4 2007, 06:30 AM

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It must have been January 2003 when Linda gave me several pages of copies of the manuscript of this book. She called Bob to get his permission that I could get it. Then during Camp Meeting in May 2003 the book was released and Bob Ellis was featured. I met him on that occasion.

Posted by: shinejoy Apr 4 2007, 08:43 AM

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of course but alot the actions are disappointing on how they are handling things i don't know if i could do better. I know i enjoyed 3abn when linda was on and yes i have kept up with it all when i first notice linda wasn't on anymore. I do hope and pray that the Lord will fix this he is all powerful.

Posted by: SandyColorado Apr 4 2007, 01:08 PM

I have to laugh about the book "Channels of Blessings." I guess it was in 2003 that I called 3ABN for something - and they said that they had the books "buy one get one free." I took them, kept one and sent one to my sister in Idaho. Interesting reading. Miracles and love all over the place.

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have been waiting for responses as to the original statements. I hate to do long posts, but the finances of 3ABN require more than a sentence or two.

.....\$ Increase.....	% Increase
2000.....\$.....88,160.....	Baseline.....100%
2001.....\$.....276,360.....\$.188,200.....213%
2002.....\$.....618,377.....\$.342,017.....124%
2003.....\$.....850,165.....\$.231,788.....37%
2004.....\$.....1,313,507.....\$.463,342.....55%
2005.....\$.....1,397,326.....\$83,819.....6%

Using 2000 as a baseline figure, you can see the dollar amount of each year's inventory increase plus the percentage of the increase over the previous year increase.

To obtain a fair, a better picture, it would be nice to see the Sales and Cost of Goods Sold for these same periods of time.

1. This would suggest there is a good possibility that there was no inventory manager in 2000 that could devote 40 hours per week maintaining the stock levels at the lowest cost possible, yet being able to fill orders for a 2-3 week period. No one has time to run and count how many of a product is available for sell.
2. There is the likelihood the software used by 3ABN is not up to date. There are several software packages available that will cover non-profit entities and enterprises. This type of accounting package is Modified Accrual. It will handle the sales that are used to support the ministry. They have perpetual inventories so you can count on a moments notice what is on hand and what must be ordered. You tell the computer to let the item get down to say 25, you tell the computer to reorder when the inventory hits 25. When that happens, a purchase order goes to the printer and is also filed as a Purchase Order in the software and it can send the purchase order to the vendor in some circumstances. When the order is received. You must pull up the Purchase Order and accept what came in the shipment and tell it what is on back-order to track that. Everyday the computer comes on and the inventory is pulled up the flags will be there. To Do: Order, Shipment over due PO#..... Pay invoice # There are no holes for things to get "Lost"... When a step gets missed, the computer lets you know.

I would suggest that 3ABN does not have software of this kind

2000

1. The amount of inventory for 2000 could be said to be a reasonable inventory. This would have included Satellites and Receivers.
2. 2000 figures are used as the baseline for the increases from year to year.

2001

1. This is the year the auditors that left 3ABN with sore bottom for sure. The report had to have a devastating effect on Danny and the board.
2. Did these reports go to all board members?
3. Or did the reports get whisked away to the lawyers and no one else got to see them?
4. The increase in Inventory could be from past shipments that had not been processed at the time of their receipt.
5. This increase actually shows that there was an effort to book the entire received inventory.

Here is where I want to stop with some questions and comments.

1. First and foremost, is 3ABN a Business, or a Not for Profit entity?
2. Does Danny own it or do the viewers in the pews own it? (Since the donor's money was used to create it and fund its activities)
3. The Danny Lees Shelton Printing/Publications Co. does much of the printing of 3ABN items. Do they also reproduce the CD/DVDs, or is this done within 3ABN?

-a. Who does DLS Printing have as customers?
-b. Are 51% or more of the items printed/reproduced for 3ABN?
-c. Shouldn't the Printing Company belong to 3ABN if this is the case?
-d. Since Danny owns the printing company, is he receiving profits at 3ABN's expense?
-e. Where is the printing facility located?
-i. Is it on 3ABN property?
 -1. If so, does Danny pay a lease or rent to 3ABN?
 -2. If so, where is that income listed as Income for 3ABN?
 -ii. If the printing company located on Danny Shelton's 18 acres?
 -1. If so, who built it?
 -2. Did the board approve it, or was it just done?
 -3. Who owns all the assets?
 -4. Were these assets purchased from 3ABN?
 -5. If so, what was the selling price?
-f. Did the board approve the establishment of the Danny Lee Shelton Printing Co.?
-g. How does this stand up against the policy that none are to receive gain at 3ABN's expense?

Bob, see what you do to me? Sorry for all the questions and such. I have a whole lot more questions about this and other areas of the IL vs. 3ABM Property Tax Lawsuit and 990's.

I have no clue as to the paper weight of the book in question, but I understand the importance.

Who published the book? Or is that a given?

All of the figures are used from the Inventory figures provided by Bob. Statements are my opinion.

In my opinion, and nothing else, I can see where this reflects some padding of the 3ABN inventory. It looks as if orders were placed to give the printer a profit, but pad the inventory of 3ABN. These are just my opinions mind you.

The increase in 2005 may have been because they had to get more large dishes to replace all the Dish, dishes. However, the largest dollar increase is in 2004. Is this how money was raised to take care of Linda? Is this where the money came to purchases 1/2 of a drastically under valued home?

IMO the dollar increases and percentages for all of these years should be explained.

Don't you LOVE the skin we are in? I sure do!

Posted by: Pickle Apr 5 2007, 06:41 AM

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Fran,

Save3ABN now has the 990's from 2001-2005. That's right. The 2002 990 is there too, something unavailable to me when I started this thread. <http://www.save3abn.com/3abn-form-990s.htm>

On page 1 you have lines representing inventory sold and non-inventory sold, as well as the cost of goods sold or basis of the items sold.

Attached to the 990 is a series of statements in the back. Statement 4 tends to be the one about assets, and statement 7 and 8 tends to be the one that lists cost of goods sold.

The cost of goods figure in the statement matches the one from page 1, but it is labeled "Cost of Goods - Satellites." Thus, according to the way the 990 reads, the books, CDs, etc. all cost nothing. It is only the "satellites" that cost anything. That doesn't make any sense to me.

Secondly, there was an increase of \$4.5 million in cost of assets labeled as "Machinery & Equipment" in 2003 in statement 4. Why such a huge jump? Is that where the license is for WDQN? Of course, it wouldn't make sense to call a radio license "machinery" or "equipment." And even if that is where it is, WDQN only cost \$600,000 cash. What was all the other \$4 million spent for in 2003?

I've asked a few people and they don't have a clue.

QUOTE(Fran @ Apr 4 2007, 11:02 PM)

Who does DLS Printing have as customers?

DLS is a publisher. As a publisher, they don't have to have any printing facilities. They can just hire it all done elsewhere. But typically one would expect DLS to be responsible for marketing the book and paying for the printing costs. That's typically what publishers do.

Posted by: Fran Apr 5 2007, 03:34 PM

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Thank you for your information. I am also glad all of the 990's including the 2002 990 are present and accounted for.

Bob, about DLS Publications, tell me again, how a publisher gets its income and what expenses would be incurred for that income?

Doesn't 3ABN have its own Marketing Department?

Another author I know writes books and purchases the books and sells them at pennies above the cost of the book. Every time an order is made, he receives the royalties; which he should.

It seems to me that DSL is the middle man getting paid to market his own books? Is this correct? Does he pay 3ABN for advertising the book on 3ABN TV, 3ABN Radio, and on the 3ABN Internet websites?

What I guess I am really trying to ask is why doesn't 3ABN buy the books straight from the printer instead of Danny?

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Very interesting observations Fran. I'm listening.....



Posted by: Pickle Apr 5 2007, 04:09 PM

Fran,

I don't have all the answers, because Danny ain't talkin'.

I've heard a little, though. And it doesn't sound real good.

In my opinion, if 3ABN is buying enough of the books in one swoop to pay for the entire printing costs of the entire run, if they are doing all the marketing, then really they should be the publisher, and they should pay the royalties to the author.

But what appears to be happening is that 3ABN is paying someone else more for the books than if they themselves had been the publisher. Where is the difference going?

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Doesn't 3ABN have its own Marketing Department?

Another author I know writes books and purchases the books and sells them at pennies above the cost of the book. Every time an order is made, he receives the royalties; which he should.

It seems to me that DSL is the middle man getting paid to market his own books? Is this correct? Does he pay 3ABN for advertising the book on 3ABN TV, 3ABN Radio, and on the 3ABN Internet websites?

What I guess I am really trying to ask is why doesn't 3ABN buy the books straight from the printer instead of Danny?

It really looks like this is another way for Danny to get more income since;

1. Danny decides the cost of the book to 3ABN;
2. Danny decides the retail cost of the book to the public;
2. This cost would include his royalties AND a profit;
3. Does he get paid a fee to "Publish" these books at his favorite printer and to Market them all over 3ABN. He must get a healthy income if he will not even reveal that income to the 3ABN Board!

Maybe this is wrong. Did I hear you correctly?

Fran,

Please keep the number information coming some of us do not know how to read the numbers but are very interested in them.

Erik

Posted by: Fran Apr 5 2007, 04:32 PM

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It seems clear to me that Danny gets it, one way or the other. (DLS the company and Danny Lee Shelton the person are one and the same - Right?)


Why else would he not come clean and at least tell his own board members how much he is making?

Since the donors pay for those book orders through their donations, they might have a strong desire to know this information.

More on this later. I have a meeting in an hour.

Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 5 2007, 07:35 PM

About DLS Publishing Co. Inc. I read somewhere else in in a scanned tax info in this forum that Danny Shelton is owner of the co. and DLS Publishing Co. Inc. was at his home address. I wrote the address down but misplaced the address.

I don't know anything about publishing companies but it seems like it would take up more space than someone's home address. Mabe he has a building on the property that does the publishing. Or do I have the idea wrong? 

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Posted by: Pickle Apr 5 2007, 08:41 PM

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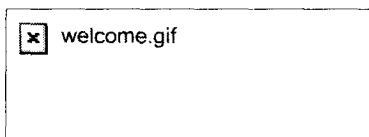
At the bare minimum these days, you'd need a computer to have a publishing company. You need something to do layout on, at the very least.

Thus a large building is not required.

Posted by: Jnana15 Apr 5 2007, 09:07 PM

QUOTE(shinejoy @ Apr 4 2007, 10:33 AM)

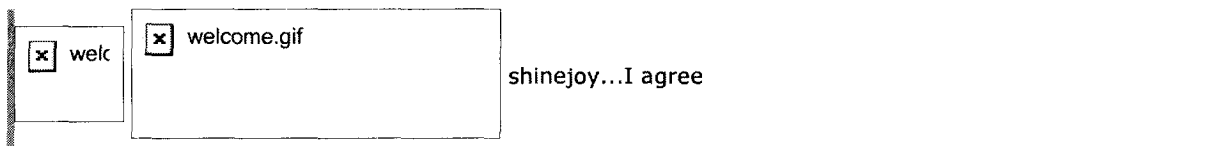
I do hope and pray that the Lord will fix this he is all powerful.



shinejoy...I agree

Posted by: shinejoy Apr 6 2007, 11:33 AM

QUOTE(Jnana15 @ Apr 5 2007, 07:07 PM)



vell a acouple weeks ago my husband wanted me to write to Doug B. see what we could he could thinking of
ill this stuff going on. Well i got a response would you believe it but it wasn't directly from Doug it was the
lesk of his Sec. and she said Doug said the church there should be taking care of it and we shouldn't read
jossip and pray for 3abn. Some how i wondered if he really sent that. I have alot of repect for Doug and i
ove to here him but how could not know what is going on!!!! I don't have the letter for seem reason i can't
ind it

Posted by: Fran Apr 8 2007, 01:09 AM

To anyone;

QUOTE

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need, therefore, how could it pertain to the subject at hand.

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Why even put it in the same paragraph with the matter about 3ABN/Danny not being controlled by the SDA
Church?

Was this just a convenient way to bring up the matter of yet "another" instance that information was not
provided about something?

I believe it was used as a lead in for the next paragraph. On the surface it looks bad for Linda, but is it really?
Later about that paragraph.

The link is an adobe PDF file. You can save it on your computer. It might be a good thing to have in the days
to come. I would recommend you download the 990's posted @ <http://www.save3abn.com> . The two relate to
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Bob;

Checking my notes, I failed to enter a very important calculation!

Just how much did the inventory increase in those 5 years?

\$ 1,309,166.00 (Million)

Does this bring this into clearer, new light? Why would inventory increase by that enormous amount? I am so sorry I forgot that big detail!

Remember the books were given away in 2006.

What happened to cause the largest years increase?

What year was it that SkyAngel dropped 3ABN? That would be the year the larger satellites would have been added to the inventory.

When did 3ABN purchase DLS Books? Are all those books still in inventory since there has been no large decrease in inventory?

More questions later when we compare other numbers.

I am slow posting. bare with me. Must be these eyes of mine, plus the new smaller keyboard! Why are the keys so much closer together than before? I want to hit D but get the S instead. Can I retrain my touch or must I put an add in the paper for my old keyboard model that still works? rofl

Posted by: Pickle Apr 8 2007, 06:22 AM

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interesting, Fran.

- Danny testified that he had written three books, as if that might help his case.
- The books were not entered into evidence, as if they would hurt his case.
- Danny has chosen to withhold evidence from a court of law.

How why has he withheld evidence from a court of law?

- Is Judge Rowe a convicted embezzler?
- Does Judge Rowe publish information about Danny on a website?
- Did Judge Rowe refuse to go along with set-in-concrete rules laid down by Harold Lance?
- Has Judge Rowe used a username at Wikipedia that includes the initials "Dr"?
- Is Danny trying desperately to hide something?

As far as Judge Rowe's statement that the books had nothing to do with the property, I think she meant that they don't help determine that the property should indeed be tax exempt

Posted by: Green Cochoa Apr 8 2007, 07:00 AM

I'm certainly not an expert in this field, but that does nothing to prevent me having some questions about the data on those 990s. Would someone be so kind as to contribute to my understanding on a few points?

1) Why are the salaries bouncing around so much? What are the variables?

Example: Moses Primo is listed as receiving: \$50,359; \$63,630; \$69,732.14; \$50,818; and UNLISTED for years 2001 through 2005 respectively. You see him increasing until 2004, and then he gets a serious cut in pay of \$19,000. Then, apparently he gets a promotion to a directorship which removes the necessity of listing his salary on the form in 2005. Interesting how he gets "demoted" before he gets "promoted," or am I misunderstanding something here?

Example: Linda Shelton gets: \$117,110 in 2004 as a non-officer, non-director, yet bearing the title of "vice president." In 2005 she gets \$82,922 as a "former" officer/director. Is it just me, or do those figures seem to be inflated above what the separation agreement allowed for? And, how do those numbers relate to her divorce? Is there a relationship to that, on the part of the non-profit entity?

2) Why is it that Danny Shelton signed the form June 30, 2003 (for 2002 return), and October 28, 2002 (for 2001 return), but all the rest have the dates blacked out? Are these forms due April 15?

3) Total contributions and gifts for each year, 2001-2005, are listed as: \$12,323,162; \$14,057,326; \$10,902,656; \$13,581,898; and \$14,060,275. Basically, I don't see any particular trend here, other than that the contributions seem to be following the economy. I remember how the economy took a nosedive after 2001, which likely hit the pocket books of most people the hardest about a year or two later, and has been on the mend since. I'm I missing any grand reason to announce the great increase in donations

since Linda left in 2004? Perhaps I need to see the 2006 form.

Well, I was just a little interested in whether I could make heads or tails of the numbers myself, having taken but few business courses. There are certainly some things that anyone could understand, if they put a little "investigation" into it. Most of it, however, seems meaningless to me.

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 8 2007, 08:18 AM

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Posted by: LaurenceD Apr 8 2007, 10:24 AM

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The reason this is important is because Judge Rowe was limited to the information the applicant provided, and she says so in several places. She talks plenty about the combined uses (commercial and and not for profit uses) and how it is not appropriate under the corporation's filing.

Do you understand what 3abn was doing wrong?

Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 8 2007, 11:00 AM

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We all see what we want to see. My glasses don't view the same way your glasses view the BSDA threads and save3abn.org. So sorry.

I believe that posting the numbers gives those who do understand the numbers the chance to give their expert opinion so the rest of us can be enlightened.

JMO

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


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Posted by: Snoopy Apr 8 2007, 12:01 PM

QUOTE(Snoopy @ Apr 8 2007, 12:44 PM)

duplicate post...

Posted by: lurker Apr 8 2007, 02:18 PM

This website tells what "red flags" to look for in 990's and what they mean:
http://www.businessjournalism.org/pages/biz/2007/04/key_areas_to_explore_in_form_9/

Posted by: djconklin Apr 8 2007, 02:19 PM

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I agree wholeheartedly! We don't have to look any further as to why people aren't beating the doors down to become members and why we lose members almost as soon as they are brought in.

Posted by: mozart Apr 8 2007, 03:27 PM

Al, first you insult to try to make people appear ignorant, then you list a bunch of questions that you ask as if you know the answer already. if you don't know the answers, may i suggest, since you seem to be aware of so much of the intricate details going on at 3abn, that you find the answers to your questions and then post them here. that would seem more productive to me.

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Posted by: LaurenceD Apr 8 2007, 03:41 PM

djc, because you're a newbie here (welcome), allow me to say...

This is what happens when you accuse someone of something, don't follow scriptural process, and leave the world to guess what *really* happened. It's the thing that conspiracy theories are made of. Why leave someone to guess? Full disclosure to the stockholders is in order, not - "shall we get on with things, this is water under the bridge." This is what someone who has something to hide can only wish for...that the public supporters will forget and forgive. NOT!

Oh, the scripture...

1Tim 5:19 Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. 20 Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning.

realize some claim Mat 18 is to be followed...

Mat 18:15 If your brother sins against you, [b] go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. 16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' [c] 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. 18 I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be [d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be [e] loosed in heaven. 19 Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Trouble is, those who claim to follow this scripture won't clearly define how they determined there was sin, because they can't reveal the evidence. Tricky, eh? Unless one can demonstrate what one is claiming, by calling it such, one is saying nothing at all. Just a common rule of philosophy and logic.

Just to be clear: scripturally, where are the witnesses? What is the accusation, and how can someone call that sin? And, said parties should stop saying they have evidence if they can't demonstrate what they are saying. No one here, or on TV, is necessarily going to believe one side or the other, except what gets sorted out in the court of public opinion. And tons of people make their minds up by how this court proceeds. It does more than create a healthy kind of scepticism towards the whole story -- and I say story, because what's a revelation to a witness, is merely a story to anyone else, at least in this case -- it demonstrates a lot and helps people decide...in spite of lack of evidence.

Public discussion can be healthy for both sides. It ain't going away...like some would wish. So, best to face what's left -- head on. I've found it very helpful.

Posted by: mozart Apr 8 2007, 03:45 PM

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Aletheia, did you not say elsewhere in relationship to another topic of discussion:

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Mar 18 2007, 04:00 PM)

Certainly I know, otherwise I wouldn't say anything.

Posted by: Fran Apr 8 2007, 07:03 PM

QUOTE(Noahswife @ Apr 8 2007, 04:46 PM)

Aletheia, this is so NOT TRUE. If 3ABN is carrying its operating supplies as inventory, then they REALLY have an accounting problem! Inventory is anything HELD FOR RESALE!! Pens, paper, etc are considered SUPPLIES!! Just because it is "stocked" doesn't make it inventory....

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Posted by: djconklin Apr 8 2007, 07:15 PM

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Unless, of course, one happens to be selling said pens and paper, etc..

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Posted by: mozart Apr 8 2007, 08:23 PM

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oooooooooooooooooooooooooooo i like that

Posted by: Snoopy Apr 8 2007, 08:32 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 8 2007, 03:45 PM)

Folks, a bunch of nasty argueing is not resolving any of this. let's try to be civil, intelligent and clear minded without anger and insults. that's just a waste of time. if you are sincere, you will try to sincerely reason with one another.

You are SO right, mozart!! Thank you for re-direction!!

