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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ How Did 3abn Pass The Test?

Posted by: Green Cochoa Mar 25 2007, 07:57 AM

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<http://www.ministrywatch.com/mw2.1/pdf/tw1102.pdf>



Posted by: Clay Mar 25 2007, 09:24 AM

hey Greenie.... good to see you....

Posted by: mozart Mar 25 2007, 09:29 AM

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Posted by: Noahswife Mar 25 2007, 09:38 AM

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Posted by: Pickle Mar 25 2007, 10:01 AM

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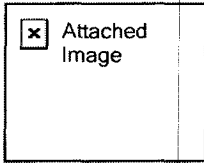
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Thanks so much for that info.

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Even then some of the ministries listed are featured on 3ABN:

Posted by: beartrap Mar 25 2007, 04:45 PM

The new list.

<http://www.ministrywatch.com/mw2.1/pdf/tw2307.pdf>

Posted by: Pickle Mar 25 2007, 05:02 PM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Mar 25 2007, 02:42 PM)

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Copyright suit? Copyright? Huh?

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Mar 25 2007, 08:28 PM

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I ain't even gonna lie. Soon as the report came on I went to search for 3ABN....

Sho' did...


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Posted by: princessdi Mar 25 2007, 08:40 PM

I saw part of this report on GMA Friday morning. The whole report was part of the 20/20 to be aired Friday night and was one of three stories where normal everyday people got fed up with certain situations, and did something about it. One of the others was a woman who was tired of folks in her neighborhood being baby mamas and daddys and not being married. She now has hosted at least one ceremony where 10 of these couples are given a wedding.

Those ministries were chosen because the citizen who did the investigation used to contribute to those ministries, and he got fed up with the opulent lifestyles. So it wasn't like a investigation by 20/20, just a regular citizen. That is probably why 3ABN was not even considered, the man is not Adventist, and his

concern was amongst the evangelicals.

Now, my thoughts on why it hasn't hit the radar at all is that most have been very diligent in getting even GC to look in on BSDA and save2abn.com, did anybody think to call 20/20, primetime, Dateline, 60 Minutes. I don't think so. Why? My belief is we are more afraid of this reflecting badly upon the Adventist church, than we are of someone who perpetrates these offenses in the name of God. We are content to just go along as long as we don't let the world know that we even have dirty laundry let alone air it.....so it stays in the dark. The Bible, however, promises that it will come to the light. Bringing these things to light within the church has not gotten any kind of decent response, let alone brought any changes. The way I see it, when the media gets a hold of it, it could be a story of how we dealt positively when we, indeed, had issues within the church, or we can continue on the route on which we are travelling and GC will be scrambling a day late and a dollar short, to get some PR about 3ABN being an independent ministry and not an "official part" of the Adventist church and how they just happen to carry every important event to the church on their network. BTJM 

Posted by: calvin Mar 25 2007, 10:00 PM

The mainstream media has not picked up this story because it is not newsworthy. This mostly is about a 3 year old and very stale messy divorce. Please folks, this is not newsworthy to most Adventists, so why would the media care? After over 16,000 posts on this subject, there is very little substance here nor any recent developments.

Tommy was found out, but now gone from 3ABN and there were never any charges filed, no story here.

From what Fran has presented with the financial irregularities, IMO it is not material to make much differences, no story here either.

So, somebody tell me where is the story?

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Mar 25 2007, 10:41 PM

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Posted by: Bystander Mar 26 2007, 01:01 AM

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PB, TS was not a priest and 3abn is not a "parish." apples with oranges.

Posted by: calvin Mar 26 2007, 08:00 AM

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Posted by: Clay Mar 26 2007, 08:06 AM

QUOTE(calvin @ Mar 26 2007, 09:00 AM)

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there isn't one except for those who are into 3abn..... and since it is an independent ministry, the church can distance itself from 3abn anytime it wishes IF say 3abn became bad press.... However some of us were of that opinion from day one....

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Mar 26 2007, 08:59 AM

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My analogy was that Tommy being "gone" does not solve the problem just as it didn't solve the problem for the RCC to move offending priests from parish to parish. Yes, the vast scale of pedophile priests far outweighs one protestant pastor but the attempted solution by 3abn was the same. The victims have not been taken care of properly.

One pastor + x number of victims + the leader of a world wide conservative Christian ministry allegedly covering it up = less than a mainstream media story? Perhaps. But then look at the legs the Haggard story got.

Posted by: LadyTenor Mar 26 2007, 01:40 PM

Several of you have mentioned that SDA ministries are not mainstream but look closely at the list supplied by MinistryWatch that they have deemed to be "suspect" about making financial records public. I saw three ministries listed with affiliations to the Adventist Church, namely, Amazing Facts, Quiet Hour and Your Story Hour. If I am not mistaken, these are all independent ministries with SDA affiliations.

Therefore there is someone out there who is not connected to the SDA church who has placed these "Adventist" ministries on the list of ministries who are suspect in disclosing financial records.

This does not mean, however, that there is something illegal going on at any of these ministries, or any of the other ones MinistryWatch has placed on their list.

Posted by: Clay Mar 26 2007, 02:54 PM

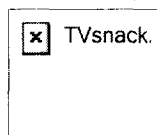
this thread is closed for now.... FHB so to prove your point you "attack" the credibility of Mr. Joy and by default Pickle and Observer since you say they are his spokesmen.....

It may be reopened later.....

Posted by: calvin Mar 26 2007, 09:13 PM

Topic reopened but let's stay on topic.

Posted by: seraph|m Mar 27 2007, 06:44 PM



Posted by: Green Cochoa Apr 1 2007, 05:50 AM

Speed Reader Alert! The following quote is NOT about 3ABN, but about one of its main competitors.

QUOTE

Newly revealed facts and allegations regarding questionable financial transactions at Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) – initially reported in the **Los Angeles Times** – coupled with MinistryWatch.com's previous concerns about the dubious "prosperity theology" often heard on TBN and the unusually large profits and investments generated by TBN's operations, have caused MinistryWatch.com to issue a second Donor Alert for this ministry. Our concerns have only increased as a result of TBN's public response, which is at times both caustic and misleading.

Accordingly, MinistryWatch.com is recommending a dramatic plan of action for the restoration of donor confidence in TBN, the world's largest Christian television network. This plan would allow for a full investigation of the issues by a newly formed, completely independent commission of Christian leaders; for complete financial transparency at TBN to be realized; for a plan of action to be produced to raise the theological, financial, management and governance integrity of TBN to a level equivalent to those of most major Christian ministries; for repentance and restoration to occur for the Crouch family; and, for Paul and Jan Crouch to make restitution to TBN if findings warrant such action. The specific recommendations, which are guided by biblical principles, are found below.

...MinistryWatch.com recommends that TBN's thousands of donors prayerfully consider withholding any future donations to the ministry...

Should ...actions not be taken by the Crouches within a reasonable amount of time, MinistryWatch.com would regrettably have no alternative but to recommend to the IRS and the relevant state attorneys general that a full government-led investigation of the charity be undertaken to ensure that donors are being treated fairly and that the ministry's charitable purpose, rather than the Crouches' reported lavish lifestyle, is being diligently pursued.

For the full text, including some more specifics:
http://ministrywatch.com/mw2.1/pdf/MWDA_092804_TBN.pdf

A few comments:

1) News is frequently created by the news production team in the absence of any "real" news to fill the air time/space. Having once "made the news", it then has opportunity to be mirrored in other news outlets as being "news." The decision for what is news, and what is not news, then, is often in the subjective hands of the news room producer(s). It usually follows a general set of guidelines, beginning with the all-important question of whether or not this "news" is relevant to the target audience. Once published/broadcast, the news team often receives more information from the public at large about it, and this can fuel the interest and continuation of that topic in subsequent news productions. There are already examples of very similar types of "news" having been presented to the public, such as the case in the above quote, which mentions an article in the LA Times.

2) News, nowadays, is as much online as through other sources. Anyone can be a news writer by simply posting online. Online news can be instantly accessible to the entire world, and no modern news team would choose to deny the importance of the internet for finding and gathering news.

3) Do not underestimate the status of 3ABN in the public eye. It is not necessarily just a "small potato." Note the following quote:

QUOTE

3ABN is the second-largest owner of Low Power TV stations in the U.S. In 2006 their broadcast outlets in the U.S. numbered over 100 stations, and they currently have several more construction permits.

The network also has a large Production Center in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, and has produced a wide

variety of Russian language television and radio programming since 1993. The programs are aired throughout the Russian-speaking countries on approximately 150 television stations and several satellite channels.

In 1999 and 2000 3ABN expanded into radio and satellite television in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Currently 3ABN is distributed around the world via 8 satellites, and through streaming video and audio on the Internet.

The 3ABN Radio Network is growing rapidly in affiliates due to the FCC allowing for low power FM stations in the United States.

For full article of quote above: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/3ABN>

It seems, then, that it may only be the hand of God which keeps 3ABN out of the limelight, either to preserve His honor, or to give more time for certain ones to make things right.

If you are one who needs to make things right, be aware that God is more merciful than His enemy. David, having wrongly numbered the people, made the choice to fall into the hands of God for his punishment, rather than the hands of the enemy. Will you?

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