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As the days and weeks went by, the correspondence revealed an unanswered and nagging question: What had the board decided to do? They obviously had decided to do something, but what that something was remained a mystery. To his growing mailing list Gailon wrote on September 30:

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

From: G. Arthur Joy
To: AUToday
Subject: Re: ASI Hearing Panel
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 00:06:20 -0400

... Therefore I must agree with [the high-ranking church leader] and others that ASI would represent a foundation for such a tribunal as the ASI organization has a ready made constitution and bylaws to which 3ABN has agreed to adhere to if they wish to maintain their ASI membership.

The 3ABN Board has agreed in principal to such a panel, but the terms set by the 3ABN Board are as yet unknown. As soon as those are known, I will be happy to advise.

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Yours in the Blessed Hope,

Gailon Arthur Joy
AUREporter

Added on 4/1/2007
Furniture

Added on 3/28/2007
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Added on 3/22/2007
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Added on 3/20/2007
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On the next day he wrote to the high-level church official who had written him just three days before:



Added on 3/17/2007
Walt Admits: No
Evidence

Added on 3/16/2007
Pregnancy Test

Added on 3/15/2007
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Must Read:
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----- Original Message -----
From: G. Arthur Joy
To: *****
Subject: ASI Panel
Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2006 15:17:32 +0000

... I tend to agree with [the high-ranking church leader] that ASI is the correct platform for this process

...

Does anyone know who the contacts are at ASI and who, if anyone is coordinating or attempting to coordinate this process?

Also, does anyone know what 3ABN's terms were for participation?

Gailon Arthur Joy

Two days later came this reply. Answers definitely were not forthcoming:

----- Original Message -----
From: *****
To: G. Arthur Joy
Subject: RE: ASI Panel
Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 21:32:43 -0400

I am still trying to ascertain the information you need as requested in the post below.

Perhaps by this time you have discovered who the contact persons are, and what the selection process for the ASI mediation committee is. I agree that the committee must be selected almost like a jury, and that non-neutral persons should be disqualified.

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Four days later we have this email as well:

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

From: G. Arthur Joy
To: *****
Subject: Re: Absolutely confidentially - FYEO
Date: Saturday, October 07, 2006 3:46 AM

Thompson told me the board agreed to let ASI conduct a panel to hear the issues, although he has not identified what issues and what conditions have been applied.

It is clear that decision is not symbiotic.

Gailon Arthur Joy

Could ASI Be Impartial?

Obviously, Gailon felt fairly comfortable with the idea of ASI being able to impartially investigate the various issues that had come to light. Others, though, did not share his optimism, and concerns kept rolling in from various ones. Consider this insightful comment from one of the major players among the aggrieved:

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

From: *****
To: G. Arthur Joy
Subject: Re: ASI Hearing Panel
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 18:33:08 +0000

Gailon,

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As you have stated yourself, ASI has a history of selected enforcement of their bylaws in regard to their membership and has in fact chosen to "overlook" any instances of non-compliance on the part of 3ABN. Taking these factors alone into consideration, ASI cannot be considered an unbiased venue. ... At best this is a travesty of justice, considering previous behavior exhibited by one of the principles, with the potential to become little more than a witch hunt, easily agreed upon in order to facilitate the "flushing out" of witnesses, leading to the distinct possibility of the compromising of evidence. I fear that in zealotry to find

a solution for an agreeable venue that was acceptable to 3ABN, not all components of this situation have been weighed judiciously.

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It seems unreal to even consider such a possibility, that Danny Shelton might use the ASI tribunal process to find out who had their doubts about him, and then retaliate against them. But since some of the allegations against him are that he has done things along this line in the past, in order for there to truly be an impartial review of the allegations, such possibilities would have to be guarded against.

Clearly, Gailon wasn't as suspicious as those closer to Danny were, as can be seen from his reply to the above:

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

From: G. Arthur Joy

To: *****

Subject: Re: ASI Hearing Panel - FYEO

Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2006 08:37

Thank you for your perspective. I believe the e-mail clearly delineates the basis for ASI having arisen. There is no surprise and it was fielded appropriately to the 3ABN board as delineated. The 3ABN board did pass the proposal. Terms are not known and it is hardly cut in stone.

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Gailon Arthur Joy

Investigation by Church Leaders? "No Way!" Says Danny

And then there was the claim that Danny had made it clear that he would not agree to be investigated by a panel composed of church leaders, but would agree to a panel under the auspices of ASI. Consider this email from a former, high-ranking 3ABNer, one that also refers to the touchy question of just exactly how much money Danny Shelton made from the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*:

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

From: *****

To: G. Arthur Joy

Subject: RE: MAP

Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2006 17:02:39 -0700

Hello Gailon,

Thank you for the update. ...

I think the idea of a mixed, neutral tribunal is a good one, as any one in Linda's camp has completely written off the Three Angels board as a fair and unbiased tribunal. While that is perhaps not entirely fair, it is true that the board gives Danny a tremendous amount of latitude in operation, and gives him the benefit of almost every doubt. Thus, I imagine that either [Linda's daughter] or Linda will only appear before a neutral, church related body, perhaps that includes 3ABN board representation. The sticking point, ironically, may well be Danny, who has told me that he is unwilling to place his fate in a group made up of church leaders.

I have wondered about the numbers. When I spoke with Danny about a month or so ago, he insisted that numbers were up by a couple of million. But when I spoke with a board member he indicated that the finances were not doing well, in part relating to a tremendous amount of money 3ABN put into the "Ten Commandments Twice Removed Book" which was distributed by the millions during the spring. I am quite certain that Danny received royalties on this, probably to the tune of several hundred thousand dollars, although he is refusing to disclose the amount to his own board members. This is a gross conflict of interest and also an improper personal inurement that could cause the ministry to lose its tax exempt status if it came to light. ...

In any event, Danny needs at least a leave of absence to have these things sorted through and for him to re-orient himself. He has been used by God, has had a good heart, but has, in my opinion, become confused and misguided over the last couple of years. It is questionable whether the Three Angels board, on its own, can come to grips with these issues.

Let me know how things unfold,

Blessings,

Why? What difference would it make whether it was ASI or church leaders that made up the panel? Only time would tell.

Contacting Ron Christman and Deb Young

At some point Gailon needed to contact the ASI secretary and president, and nudge the process along, as well as address the concerns of the various participants that would need to appear before the upcoming ASI tribunal. Accordingly, he wrote them on October 3:

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

From: G. Arthur Joy

To: Ron Christman

CC: Deb Young

Subject: 3ABN Panel by ASI

Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 22:22:22 +0000

Dr. Walter Thompson has informed me that ASI has agreed to be the appropriate platform upon which to hear allegations regarding 3ABN. While I agree that in theory ASI is the appropriate platform and clearly has some jurisdiction here, and by voluntary assent would have full jurisdiction to hear the allegations and make appropriate findings, I also recognize there are some clear and serious conflicts that need to be clarified.

Below is representative of several responses to the ASI panel concept. To make this option more palatable, we need to know what terms and conditions ASI is considering to invoke such a panel, including but not limited to, the issues under consideration, the process for selecting a panel, the powers of the panel, the rules of evidence for such a panel, in what form the findings will be presented, to whom will they be presented, and what enforcement, if any, ASI expects to oversee?

I believe we are gaining ground with the concept, but cannot go forward promoting this process until we have some clear and convincing answers that will demonstrate that the panel

process will be an even playing field and the panel will not be manipulated or "politicized" prior to, during or after the hearing; will be selected in a process that is inclusive of the "victims" participation; that panel members have been appropriately questioned as to prejudice or perception regarding the issues to be addressed.

I ask that you give this VERY prayerful consideration and I will be happy to be available for discussion of the issues.

The Church of God's Remnant awaits your careful and prayerful response as you take upon yourself this momentous and perhaps unprecedented process.

Gailon Arthur Joy ...

There was no reply. So Gailon sent out a second copy of the above, with the subject line, "3ABN Panel by ASI - 2nd notice." This time there was a response, from ASI president Deb Young, and her reply contradicted the information Gailon had gotten from Walt Thompson:

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

From: Deb Young
To: G. Arthur Joy
CC: Ron Christman, Walt Thompson
Subject: Re: 3ABN Panel by ASI - 2nd notice
Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 22:27:48 +0000

Dear Brother Joy,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and impressions so candidly. ...

Second, and at this juncture most important, ASI has not decided it would play any particular role in this matter. That is not to be misinterpreted as having no concern about the situation. ASI believes in the 3ABN ministry, its purpose and outreach, and we are prayerful that further actions will bring a conciliatory outcome. That being said, you should know that we would only be involved in a neutral environment, having addressed to our satisfaction the same terms you expressed - issues to be investigated, consent and availability of all parties to participate, credibility and

objectivity of "panelists," expectations for actions to conclusions, etc. We would expect that any group/process would require these criteria be met. Further, we recognize that the integrity of any process is dependent upon several factors that assure fairness and equity. It should be the goal to ascertain these are present before moving forward in any level of participation.

...

Sincerely,
Debbie Young

So when would ASI make up their mind? The weeks dragged on.

That Elusive October 1st Board Meeting

Meanwhile, attention had been given for an entire month or so to the 3ABN board meeting that was scheduled to be held on October 1, right after the September 3ABN camp meeting. The date of that board meeting raises some questions as to why Harold Lance's January 24, unilateral statement says that the date of the board's request to ASI was September 24. Did they not discuss the matter at all at their regular board meeting? What happened?

What follow are four emails from September 7 through October 6 that all refer to the October 1 3ABN board meeting.

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

From: G. Arthur Joy
To: Linda Shelton
Subject: Re: For Your Eyes ONLY
Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 14:20:13 +0000

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If the board acts responsibly then I believe 3ABN can be preserved. ... As I said, I am sure it will be in the hands of the board and I suspect they will act decisively on October 1, 2006.

The problem is that there are just too many leaks and too many people who sense that the King is wounded and are finding some pretty innovative ways to file a host of

complaints. Frankly, management has unleashed the fury of so many people by their vicious actions and by their own failures to take corrective action when legitimate complaints are raised, it will now be impossible to keep the genie in the bottle. The board will have to act!!!

We have to make it a matter of prayer and earnest effort to persuade the board to act decisively and correctly, and let the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to act upon the hearts of all to work in the best interest of the 3 Angels Messages. After all, that is the purpose and it should be preserved to fulfill it's purpose.

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Gailon A Joy

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

From: G. Arthur Joy

To: *****

Subject: Re: ***** and 3abn (Westphal)

Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2006 12:39 AM

Hi, *****:

Strangest thing happened the other day, we were asked to investigate a complaint from 3ABN Trust Services. ...

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Seems as though with every rock we turn we find yet another mess. Serious problems here and we stand close to being able to lose access to this media entity if we do not move carefully.

... trying to meet a deadline as the board next meets October 1, 2006. A lot of "palace intrigue" mixed in

Thanks Again, Gailon

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

From: Linda Shelton
To: G. Arthur Joy
Subject: Re: 3ABN Administraton
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 13:18:10 +0000

Hi Gailon,

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I know you are busy getting ready for the October 1 thing, but did you have a chance to call the Illinois AG yet? ...

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

From: *****
To: G. Arthur Joy
Subject: Re: Absolutely confidentially - FYEO
Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 21:26:17 -0700

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What came of the board meeting at 3abn not many days ago? Do you know?

ASI would finally contact someone on November 12, what the board had decided would finally be revealed on December 3, and the date of their vote would finally be revealed on January 24. And yet Harold Lance has the audacity to blame the breakdown on a lack of communication on the part of Gailon's team in his January 24, unilateral statement.

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Lies hide in darkness & blame everyone else."***