

**Mollie Steenson**

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**From:** Trust Services  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2007 9:38 AM  
**To:** Mollie Steenson  
**Subject:** FW: [Spam]Just wondering...

Dear Mollie,

I am forwarding this to you as you may wish to respond to this e-mail. I will print a copy for Leonard and Rita and they can respond when they return from Europe.

3ABN Trust Services

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Mon 5/7/2007 4:30 AM  
**To:** Trust Services  
**Subject:** [Spam]Just wondering...

Why should I give donations or put funds in this ministry until all of the allegations are cleared up? Why would Amazing Facts be a part of all of this? Does this mean that Amazing facts is condoning what is going on? Jesus is coming soon and this needs to be cleared up so that His work can go forward...The article below only states what thousands of people all over are thinking... Thank you very much,



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Reporting for Adventist moderates and progressives

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**An open letter to Danny Shelton:**

*Editorial Comment: An earlier version of this open letter to Mr. Danny Shelton, dated April 26, 2007, was e-mailed to various Seventh-day Adventist organizations and denominational officers including Adventist Today, Ms. Mollie Steensen and Mr. Danny Shelton of 3ABN, Douglas Batchelor of Amazing Facts and the Office of the President of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. The original letter was not signed. Adventist Today does not publish anonymous communications, unless we have direct contact with the author, determine his or her standing including the purpose for writing the letter, and the reason for wishing the communication to be unsigned. This AToday has done. The letter writer states that he has multiple sources inside the 3ABN ministry. He has requested that his name be kept confidential and that the letter be signed only by his initials to avoid any possible embarrassment to members of his family. The letter writer does not want to see the church embarrassed by the problems at 3ABN. In the letter writer's view, these problems will "especially shake the foundation of faith of new converts to Adventism brought in*

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*by the ministry of 3ABN." – Erv Taylor, Executive Editor, AToday.*

Dear Mr. Shelton:

First, thank you for having the vision to create a satellite based SDA ministry to help spread the Gospel. You'll be remembered as the driving force behind 3ABN. There may be many stars in your crown in the Kingdom for your efforts. Along with Linda Shelton, you have done a wonderful thing by establishing a worldwide media platform for spreading the Gospel when our own church leaders failed to have the same vision.

Now, as with all entrepreneurs, there comes a time when it is right for your departure from the ministry. And, as with many entrepreneurs, you may have overstayed your time at 3ABN. Your continued involvement now stands to jeopardize all the good work you have done helping to spread God's message of Salvation.

Your presence at 3ABN increases the chances that wrongs you stand accused of doing, by employees of 3ABN, will become public knowledge ... way beyond 3ABN's audience and SDA Church members. This situation is explosive. It contains titillating elements the popular media loves in stories that show Christians in a negative way (abuse of power, money, sex, adultery, misuse of charitable funds, extravagant expenditures, pedophilia and homosexual behaviors by a minister of God). It has the potential to bring great shame upon the SDA Church – such as has never been seen in its almost 150 year history. You are the lightning rod that attracts criticism from many Seventh-day Adventist. Criticism, not because of whom you are or your background, but, because of your own questionable actions and possible wrong doings during your tenure at 3ABN. Power is very corrupting and it appears, unfortunately, that you and your family may have failed the test.

For too long, according to sources inside the ministry, you have been allowed to run 3ABN as your personal fiefdom, rewarding those you like, and persecuting or punishing those whom have lost your favor. The Board of Directors has been incredibly weak, lacking depth of character in applying sound judgment and proper oversight on the operations of 3ABN. They have failed to properly manage the ministry to keep it out of harms way. It now stands to lose some or all of its tax exemption standing in the State of Illinois. Collectively, your actions have jeopardize the charitable standing of the ministry and you have put all of our donations at risk – causing us to cheat the IRS if we have claimed past donations as charitable contributions -- when 3ABN's status as such is revoked.

Danny, our money was given to 3ABN in trust. These funds were not given to Danny Shelton. They were actually gifts to God from all of us who want to help spread His message of Salvation. We did not give our money and items of value to 3ABN for the personal benefit of you and your family. Once you began asking for broader financial support in donations from SDA Church members, your personal use of 3ABN should have ceased as you had a fiduciary duty to use these monies in an appropriate manner by employing them solely in the work of spreading the Gospel. As trustees for God's funds, you and the Board of Directors are held to high standards for their use. Unfortunately, it appears that the temptation to abuse your power of the purse may have proven too strong for your own soul.

Do you really think you are being persecuted, as you mentioned on a 3ABN broadcast a number of weeks ago when speaking a Conference President who had once been relieved duties by his constituency? You are not. You are, however, being called to account for your actions and

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asked to make things right. Your belief that you are being persecuted tells me the Holy Spirit is still working on your conscious. Ask for God's forgiveness and do not lose that beautiful crown He has waiting for you in His Kingdom. Unfortunately, the longer you stay at 3ABN, and the longer this mess festers, the longer Satan has to harden your heart against repenting publicly for your sins. You are placing your Heavenly reward in jeopardy. What a shame, you gain the whole world of 3ABN but you lose your own eternal soul.

I have been impressed by God to send you this message:

*"Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin"*

*Mene ...* God has numbered the days of your reign at 3ABN, and they are soon ended.

*Tekel ...* You have been weighed in God's balances and have failed the test.

Jesus said if you break one of "my" Commandments you are guilty of breaking them all.

*Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery ...*

What happened to the sanctity of marriage in the SDA Church? Your third marriage took place just weeks after a stealth offshore divorce from Linda Shelton was granted. According to Linda's own web site, where she refutes your allegations of adultery, it was a short 3 ½ month period from your first accusation against her to the date your divorce was granted. That hardly seems to be enough time to seek spiritual counsel to save a marriage. If the allegations of adultery that you and the 3ABN Board of Directors have publicly made against Linda Sue Shelton do not hold true, then yourself are guilty of committing adultery in the eyes of God. Statement number 23 of the Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church on 'Marriage and the Family' (see [www.adventist.org](http://www.adventist.org)) states, "Regarding divorce, Jesus taught that the person who divorces a spouse, except for fornication, and marries another, commits adultery."

In my opinion, individuals whom entered into questionable "quickie" divorces and then subsequently marries another in a matter of just weeks should not be a public face of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Yes, I know 3ABN is not "owned" by the Church and may not receive Church funds directly. It does, however, receive direct ongoing Church support through broadcasting of Church developed or sponsored programming, by frequently broadcasting from local SDA Churches, and by near daily appearances of Church employee's as guests or speakers on 3ABN. Your network was also given the privilege of broadcasting the recent General Conference meetings held in St. Louis. As President of 3ABN and its primary representative, you are a de facto spokesperson for the worldwide Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

*Thou Shalt Not Steal ...*

Allegations made by others suggest there have been questionable book royalty deals between yourself and 3ABN. Your family also stands accused of not paying fair value to the ministry for certain gifts given by donors to 3ABN but now in the possession of the Shelton family. An expensive grand piano has been mentioned. It is suggested that you also gave donations of up to \$20,000 in 3ABN funds to a local public high school for

purchase of new gym equipment. I gave my money to 3ABN to help spread the Gospel ... not to help enhance your personal esteem in the local community. Danny, most shocking are allegations suggesting you might be enjoying new furniture paid for by the ministry but delivered to your home instead of the 3ABN set for which it was purchased. I understand that 3ABN got your old living room furniture. Be that as it may, I personally accused you of abusing power by spending 3ABN funds unwisely and frivolously on a private jet aircraft. Dateline NBC advanced the same embarrassing criticism when they did their revealing exposé of corruption the Benny Hinn Ministry. Spending ministry money for your personal comfort instead of being a good steward and flying on less expensive commercial aircraft, albeit a bit more inconvenient is in very bad taste. It shows poor judgment on the part of the Board of Directors when those funds could have been better spent on other things to help advance God's cause. Jesus suffered on the cross for our salvation. Couldn't you suffer a bit too by flying on commercial flights instead of using an obscenely expensive Cessna Citation jet?

*Thou Shalt not Lie ... Thou Shalt not bear False Witness*

I was incredibly saddened to learn of Linda's sudden departure from 3ABN almost two years ago. After all, it was her on-air presence that first drew my attention to the ministry. She is largely responsible for opening the heart of this backsliding SDA member to reaffirm his commitment to Jesus Christ. She has a wonderful comforting way of communicating and 3ABN lost a great asset when her employment was abruptly terminated. Shamefully, you and others at 3ABN perpetrated lies about Linda Shelton's departure, including members of the captive Board of Directors. If I am wrong, prove me so by agreeing to the public ASI sponsored hearings that she has requested and you seem to be making every effort to avoid. Let the truth see the light of day. If I am wrong, I herewith publicly apologize and ask for your forgiveness. However, I have no reason to question the truth of Linda Shelton's own statements. You believe she is wrong, has committed adultery, and you have evidence to prove that fact. If so, publicly show the evidence you say you have against her to prove that you yourself are not guilty of committing adultery.

*Parsin ... Your 3ABN kingdom will be divided and given to Amazing Facts and to those at 3ABN untouched by your family's corruption.*

Why do you still have a web-link on the 3ABN web page to your brother's personal web site when it is public knowledge that he has been a sexual predator / pedophile in the past? I give you the names of Pastor Brad Dunning, Duane and Roger Clem to name a few victims of Tommy Shelton's inappropriate sexual advances who have come forward publicly. Many e-mails are found on [www.save3abn.org](http://www.save3abn.org), as you are well aware that confirm these facts.

In conclusion, Danny, it is time for you to Repent. Publicly acknowledge your sins against Church members who have supported 3ABN in the past. Ask for forgiveness. Pay back any funds you and your family may owe the ministry from your past misappropriation or misuse of 3ABN assets.

Sadly, as a result of what appear to be unacceptable mistakes and inappropriate actions by yourself and the 3ABN Board of Directors, I along with many others, have made the decision to stop our financial support of 3ABN until there is an honest "spring" cleansing of its management. We have no other recourse to take except to withhold funds from 3ABN to help impress upon the leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that the time has come for serious action. I ask that senior leaders of the General Conference get directly involved if Pastor Batchelor and the new 3ABN Board of Directors can not see the importance of cleansing the temple of SDA media of its nemesis.

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Danny, please save us all further embarrassment and quietly leave 3ABN before you end up destroying the ministry and its ability to be effective in saving souls.

Your brother in Christ,

DER of Palm Springs, California

P.S. – I don't know Linda Shelton. I have never met nor spoken with her or had any form of communication with her before this e-mail. All I know is ... she may have been unjustly accused and publicly persecuted by Danny Shelton and people beholden to him for their positions and / or incomes.

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