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## **Excerpts from Pastor Glenn Dryden's June 2003 Reply to Riva**

[Pastor Glenn Dryden responds to 3ABN Attorney Mike Riva's threat, a threat that to all appearances was an attempt on the part of 3ABN president Danny Shelton to cover up and silence the child molestation allegations against his brother, Tommy Shelton.]

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