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At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statements

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

Subject: Verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.

Date: Wed, 29 Nov 2006 09:34:09 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Greetings, Danny.

My apologies for bothering you, but Dr. Thompson suggested that I verify what he told me, and based on his communications I don't know of any other way to approach this than to ask you five questions.

You may remember that after you contacted me last Thursday I asked you a few questions. In answer to those questions Walt wrote:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

"The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago. They were reported to the proper authorities. No physical actions ever occurred. Tommy apologized to the kids and offered recompense."

This information was superb, for it was just the kind that could be used to answer the critics, especially if it came from both sides: No new allegations of child molestation in the last 30 years, and Tommy apologized for some unspecified thing that didn't involve physical actions.

The difficulty, though, is that according to the 2003 letter that Walt received, Tommy has not yet apologized, and there are additional allegations from as recent as the late 1990's in Virginia. These two points are clearly indicated by the Action Items attached to that letter. The question then arose: Did Walt contact the alleged victims, their families, and the two ministerial licensing associations as invited to do so in that 2003 letter to get their side of the story? His reply was as follows:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

"As I recall the events of 2003, I received a call from Brad Thorp from the General Conference telling me of Pastor Dryden's accusations. Brad appropriately told me that it was not his concern, and that it was ours to handle. As I recall, I contacted Pastor Dryden and heard his side of the story following which I received the letter that is circulating. I was at 3abn at the time and spoke at length with Danny about the matter. He shared with me the details as he understood them. Whether or not I was aware of what generated the letter at that time, I do not remember. Based upon my understanding that Dryden had had a long standing feud with Tommy over factors unrelated to the above accusations, it did not seem indicated to approach the boys in question directly, having been informed that no case had ever been filed with the courts or legal disposition made."

I was chatting with a pastor's wife Sabbath before last about this, and she told me something I had never heard before, based on her experience as a social worker.

While social workers may be able to get enough evidence of molestation to warrant removing a child, the burden of proof for that is different than for criminal convictions, and thus many cases that social workers act on never have charges filed in them. It was her recommendation that whenever background checks are in order, that social services be contacted as well as the court system, since they know more. Thus it is a fallacy to think that just because no case was filed that there are no grounds for further investigation.

At any rate, according to the above, Walt did not contact the alleged victims, their families, or the licensing associations as invited to do so, and instead got his information about no new allegations for 30 years and Tommy's apologies solely from you. The difficulty is that, besides this information contradicting the 2003 letter, it also appears to conflict with the testimony of the alleged victims and the other parties.

This whole situation puts Walt in an awkward light, for he has repeatedly been accused of only getting your side of the story rather than of fairly weighing both sides of a given issue. On the face of it, just looking at appearances, it appears that he was misled on this one.

I will quickly add that I am more than willing to entertain the possibility that you were misled as well by your sources regarding how recent the most recent allegations really were, and whether Tommy apologized. Thus,

Question 1: Can you give me any information that would help me out on this, such as the specific sources of the information you gave Walt in 2003, and ways that I can verify that information in order to establish that all these alleged victims, their families, and the two associations are incorrect?

It appears fair to say that there was a serious error of judgment here when these other parties were not contacted as suggested. Since the 2003 letter specifically asked Tommy to apologize for "deceit," for Walt to put so much weight on his and his brother's side of the story was unwise, if nothing else, for appearance's sake. Plus, it lends support to the idea that Walt has on other issues not fairly weighed both sides of an issue. But I do not wish to criticize him too much, for we all make mistakes, even when we are doing our very best. I certainly have.

And it also appears unwise on your part to not insist that Walt make a thorough investigation of the matter, especially since you might be accused of having a conflict of interest, since Tommy is your brother. But like I said, we all make mistakes, and we just need to be willing to learn from them. We should be as tolerant of the mistakes of others as we want them to be tolerant of our mistakes. And I mean that sincerely.

At any rate,

Question 2: Do you know who asked and authorized Mike Riva to threaten Pastor Dryden with legal action?

When I first heard of that, it just sounded so foreign to the types of things I've heard

Conference officials say about how these kinds of things need to be handled in order to avoid possible liability.

Walt also wrote:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

"We then discussed the situation with the full board."

Question 3: Was a copy of the 2003 letter, along with the suggested "Action Items," given to each board member?

Finally, here is one more bit of information that Walt provided, dealing with the further investigation he conducted recently:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

"Subsequently, after this issue has been brought back to the forefront (I think there is only one person who could have known about this and brought it to world-wide attention, and that person was then on the board and voted with the consensus) I contacted the only person from the Church of God that I could find that knew about the situation, and who had been present and witness to the events. (Except for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records of the allegations.) The picture that was painted by that leader of the Church was exactly as portrayed earlier by Danny. Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was out to get him - a jealousy that has continued to the present. I was again informed that the DA knew about the allegations and not finding a basis, refused to act against Tommy. I have been informed that the Church of God is a congregational type or organization with different jurisdictions in different states and that there was no higher authority that I could speak with to resolve the issue further. It was not entirely clear to me how that worked. I was also told that one leader pestered Tommy over and over again until Tommy voluntarily gave up his ministerial license."

My understanding is that a church became split over this issue because Tommy denied the allegations, some siding with Tommy and some siding with the alleged victims. If the individual referred to above was of the faction that sided with Tommy, I can understand why his or her account would differ so drastically from that of the alleged victims, their families, and the two licensing associations that Tommy is not in good standing with.

Yet on the other side of the question, Gailon, who had not talked with Pastor Dryden as of yesterday sometime, says that he had no problem finding alleged victims and others who also were witnesses to the events and who tell quite a different story. Thus one is left to wonder why Walt just happened to be only able to locate this one individual who tells such a different story. And that leads up to,

Question 4: Who gave Walt the name of this individual to contact, or how did he get their name, and how can I contact that individual to get their side of the story?

Certainly Tommy would have known who sided with him in the church split, and thus I want to make sure that the reason Walt could only locate this single individual was not because that was the only name that either Tommy or you provided to Walt.

And/or, by getting his or her side of the story, it is always possible that I might be able to get information that could be used to vindicate Tommy, such as that he really did apologize.

But as far as proving that there haven't been any allegations for 30 years, I just don't know what I can do about that, given what the 2003 letter plainly states. I welcome your suggestions.

Lastly,

Question 5: What exactly did Tommy apologize for?

I'm guessing that one possible explanation for the discrepancy might be that Tommy did apologize for something, but not for what certain ones wanted him to, and thus it might be helpful to know what he felt he did do wrong that did need apologizing for.

As I told Walt, I have been very concerned that such serious allegations have been on the internet for so long in such a public way. And I am firmly convicted that such public allegations have to be dealt with in a public way. So do think through your responses and try to come across as courteous as possible, so that I can use them to do that without embarrassing anyone connected with 3ABN.

I think it is such a blessing that we can get this one behind us now, if it is possible to do so. You certainly don't need these kind of unresolved issues as the ASI panel process gets in motion.

God bless.

Bob

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Re: At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statemen

Over the last four months since Glenn Dryden's 2003 letter to Walt Thompson was obtained, an informal and totally unofficial network of active and retired pastors and church administrators has pondered the possibility that some of the allegations hovering over a very prominent, independent ministry not controlled whatsoever by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and some of that ministry's key personnel, just might be true.

It is the feeling of some or all that if these allegations against Tommy Shelton are credible, that there should be no attempt at a cover-up, and that our people should be made aware of them. Yet, I speak entirely on my own and not as an official spokesman.

Once again it must be said that Seventh-day Adventists do not condone such things. A Bible verse we often quote says, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12). That includes the commands, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and "Thou shalt not bear

false witness."

And since the allegations under consideration concern an individual who to my knowledge remains a member of the Church of God, not a Seventh-day Adventist, and since the alleged incidents occurred while that member was pastoring Church of God congregations in two different states over a span of maybe 20 years, I will add that the sentiments of the previous paragraph are shared by members of that faith as well. The Church of God condones neither deceit nor child molestation, and believes Christians are called to a life of obedience to these basic, moral values.

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Re: At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statemen

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

Subject: Some additional verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.

Date: Tue, 05 Dec 2006 06:14:06 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Greetings, Danny.

I trust that you received my email attached at the end, which was sent six days ago as a follow-up to the suggestion of Dr. Walt Thompson, your board chairman, that I verify what he had told me. As I have pondered it all, I see some further questions that I need clarification on in order to do just that, and so I will add below to my original five questions what I wrote out over the weekend.

I'll first say that I really hope to hear from you soon, since there are many, many people eager and anxious to hear your side of the story, and see you and Tommy cleared of these allegations being brought by a pastor and members of the Church of God, by members of your own community, and, not maliciously and a bit indirectly, your own board chairman. It is highly critical that there be as little delay as possible.

Dr. Thompson wrote:

Quote:

"The allegations against Tommy were made about 30 years ago."

Frankly, this was the first time I had heard of any allegations of 30 years ago. The oldest allegations I have heard about were the ones that led to the revoking of Tommy's ordination in Illinois in or around 1985, which I have thought were therefore about 20 years ago rather than about 30. Thus,

Question 6: What exactly were these 30-year-old allegations that Walt referred to, and when and in what locality or localities did the alleged events take place?

I have one more chronology-related question. One of your employees, one of the O'Briens, informed me indirectly, maybe a month ago or so, that Pastor Dryden's May 2003 letter to Walt was a rehashing of something that had already been hashed

around in the '90's. At the time I thought that someone must have gotten the dates mixed up somewhere, and that the '80's was really what was intended to be or what should have been said, but something Gailon told me last week makes me wonder if there might be another possibility. Gailon wrote:

Quote:

"Bad news...the 3ABN board in the mid 90's took up the issue of Tommy Shelton as he was working in production at the time. The board clearly determined it was best that Tommy not be working at 3ABN based upon an investigation of the allegations against Tommy at the Ezra COG. Shortly after this decision, Tommy received a call to the Dunn Loring COG and moved to Mannassas, finally into the parsonage."

I wouldn't even mention this at all since I have no evidence of myself to this effect, but since one of the O'Briens indicated, unless something got garbled in transmission or recollection, which is always possible, that there was some sort of discussion in the '90's, I'll ask the following:

Question 7: Did the 3ABN board determine in the mid-1990's that it was not best for Tommy to work at 3ABN; and if so, on what basis was there a later reversal of their position; and if not, how can I get copies of the board minutes leading up to Tommy's departure so that I can post them and put to rest once and for all this allegation?

You may be tempted to pick out some sort of trivial detail that isn't quite absolutely correct and concentrate on that to the exclusion of everything else, so I would simply suggest that, while you may need to correct some minor errors, you also ensure that you put to rest the major points of concern as well.

Walt wrote to me the following:

Quote:

"Based upon my understanding [obtained from Danny Shelton] that Dryden had had a long standing feud with Tommy over factors unrelated to the above accusations, it did not seem indicated to approach the boys in question directly, having been informed that no case had ever been filed with the courts or legal disposition made."

I think it would be extremely helpful to know more about Dryden's alleged feud with Tommy. This is especially true given the following facts:

- Walt said that the allegations were about 30 years old.
- Pastor Glenn Dryden says that he did not meet Tommy until somewhere around the early '80's or about 1985 when Tommy's ordination was revoked.
- Dryden says that he first became associated with the Dunn Loring, Virginia, church in 1974, served as an assistant pastor from 1983 until 1993, at which time he moved to Illinois.
- He claims that he had a good pastor-to-pastor relationship with Tommy after meeting him.

Question 8: Did Walt mean to say that Dryden was the cause of the original, 30-year-old allegations; is it true that Tommy did not meet Dryden until at the earliest

the early '80's; and if both these points are correct, how is it that the allegations were caused by a feud between two men who had not yet met; or, if this is not what Walt meant, what exactly did he mean?

Since I have no evidence at this point that would indicate that either Tommy or Dryden had achieved celebrity status, I think the following question is in order.

Question 9: Are Dryden's details regarding his states of residence correct (as well as the date of the revoking of Tommy's ordination), and if so, what was the nature of their feud that would have motivated Dryden to promote allegations of child molestation against a pastor who lived 800 miles away from him?

Walt wrote:

Quote:

"The picture that was painted by that leader of the Church was exactly as portrayed earlier by Danny. Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was out to get him - a jealousy that has continued to the present."

Here is an area that becomes a little more nebulous, for it gets into the area of he said, she said, something I prefer to avoid. But it should be mentioned that Dryden denies that this was the case, and claims that there has been no opportunity for jealousy to arise. And frankly, since Dryden arrived in Illinois in 1993 and Tommy left for Virginia in 1995, according to Dryden's chronology, it would seem that there was precious little opportunity for jealousy to arise. Thus,

Question 10: What exactly about Tommy was Dryden jealous of, and during what periods of time and in what ways was this jealousy manifested?

Dryden also claims that Tommy has used this jealousy argument as a smokescreen, but with this variation: He claims that Tommy told the folks in Virginia that allegations had been raised against him because churches around him were jealous of both him and the success he was having. Thus,

Question 11: Is it true that Tommy told the folks in Virginia something even remotely akin to this and if so, what was the nature of the success that Tommy had that surrounding churches of his own denomination would make false accusations against him of such a serious thing as child molestation?

Dryden also claims that Tommy never informed the folks in Virginia regarding what the nature of the allegations against him were. Thus,

Question 12: Who specifically in Virginia did Tommy tell about the exact nature of the allegations against him, and how can I contact them to obtain a signed statement to this effect?

Walt wrote:

Quote:

"Except for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records

of the allegations."

Dryden claims that in early 2003, Roger Clem of West Frankfort confided in him that he had been victimized by Tommy, and that Roger subsequently shared openly about this in his church and about the community.

Question 13: Is it true that a member of your small community did indeed share openly his claim that your own brother had victimized him, and if so, a) when did you first become aware of these new allegations, b) how did Walt arrive at the opinion that there are no other accounts of these allegations than Pastor Dryden's, and c) how is it that you never corrected Walt on this major discrepancy?

Dryden claims that after Roger came forward, that,

Quote:

"It was within a week or less that Tommy called me."

In that conversation Tommy told Dryden, according to him, something along the lines of, "I have something to read to you. Maybe you don't want to even talk to me. It's difficult." Dryden, thinking this was part of Tommy's damage control efforts and that there might be an attempt at manipulation, told him their conversation would need to be face to face and in the presence of another member of the congregation. Dryden had prayer with him, and he claims the meeting never took place.

Dryden then claims that Tommy called up someone who was a pillar in the church and read his statement to them, which convinced them of his guilt.

Dryden says that Tommy has made statements like, "I made some mistakes," and "I have regrets," and has said such for damage control purposes, but has never made a meaningful apology to his knowledge, nothing like Ted Haggard's confession, and that Tommy has been unwilling to be subject to church discipline. Thus,

Question 14: Did Tommy in fact call Dryden and the other individual in the church in early 2003 and make statements to this effect, and if so, how can we get a copy of what he wrote and read at that time, and if not, what evidence or testimony to this effect can be produced?

Question 15: Is it true that Tommy was unwilling to be subject to church discipline even though Walt claims he did apologize for some unspecified thing; and if so, for what reasons was he unwilling; and if not, who can I contact to confirm that he indeed was subject to church discipline?

I would want nothing more than to see you personally vindicated, and to see some sort of plausible explanation for not just one or two or three of the perceived inconsistencies, but for every last one of them. This issue of the allegations against Tommy is only one of many swirling around you and/or 3ABN, and I would take great delight in seeing each one of those issues decided in favor of you.

But I think we clearly need to get the air cleared of this one as soon as possible. It is absolutely crucial that we demonstrate that your word is utterly dependable, or else

the court of public opinion as well as that of ASI will be less inclined to accept solely your testimony and the testimony of the 3ABN board about Linda's alleged guilt of the sin of adultery.

And, as a loyal Seventh-day Adventist church member, a member in the middle of nowhere who is but a lone voice without any actual say-so, I must say that I am a bit concerned because of the potential liability issues that could arise if there ever was a problem in the future. I certainly hope that the apparent way this was all handled would never be used in a court of law as a justification for compromising the financial security of the Illinois Conference, which I understand, from websites affiliated with the church or its leadership, voted to move part of their Academy operations to Thompsonville.

Perhaps this is what concerns me most of all, that somehow in all of this God's cause and my church could be brought into reproach, and we as a people could be blamed for the very type of things that we so ardently oppose, through no fault of our own or because of innocent mistakes on the part of some, all because of the not-so-innocent mistakes on the part of others.

Danny, in all sincerity, I pray that God grant you clear discernment of what is right and what is wrong, and what He wants you to do at this hour. May you stand for the right though the heaven's fall, whether it be for the first time or the millionth time.

And may 3ABN and its ministry be truly blessed by the Spirit of God in the days ahead in proportion to its fulfillment of the conditions laid out by the Lord for the reception of the latter rain

Bob

P.S. I really need ASAP the name and contact info from the Church of God leader Walt referred to but did not name. I don't know who else to contact to hear another side of the story, and talking to him or her may help quite a bit.

Also, Pastor Dryden has expressed personal concern for Tommy, indicating that he wishes that we would all pray for his health during the stress of all this, and that he do the right and appropriate thing.

God bless.

Bob

[First email omitted.]

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 **Re: At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statemen**

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

Subject: RE: Some additional verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.

Date: Tue, 5 Dec 2006 09:16:41 -0600

From: Danny Shelton
 CC: Walt Thompson

Bob,

As you know we are letting ASI handle the situation regarding my divorce from Linda.

Did I have biblical grounds for my part in the divorce of Linda and me.

Many lies have been spread by Linda and others using people like Gailon Joy and others.

According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat.

Either this is true or it is not. Much has been said by Johann, Arild, Barbara K. and people who didn't even know Linda and me.

ASI will decide who is doing the cover up. Somebody is lying! After hearing the testimony and evidence from both sides ASI will make a decision. Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not "scapegoat Linda" to cover up my sins, then, in my opinion it will become obvious to the public that maybe many of these other accusations are lies also.

If on the other hand ASI decides that me and the 3ABN board covered up my sins to scapegoat Linda, then I believe that it will become obvious that I am probably lying when I deny many of the other accusations coming from Linda and her group.

That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this huge issue of mine and Linda's divorce before answering questions of all the other accusations manufactured by Linda, Gailon, Derrell Johann, Barbara Kerr and others who have or has had an ax to grind with 3ABN.

For every person accusing me and 3ABN of doing wrong I can show thousands who will testify of all the good that 3ABN in doing including nearly all of it's employees.

Danny

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I question the wisdom of giving the above reply rather than answering questions, while at the same time trying to say that the following is bogus:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat.

By holding to the position that ASI will only investigate Linda's situation, and by his refusal to answer questions in the meantime, he is in fact lending credence to the idea that he is using Linda as a smokescreen.

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Re: At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statemen

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

Subject: RE: Some additional verification needed for Walt Thompson's statements.

Date: Wed, 06 Dec 2006 08:13:19 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Hi Danny. Thanks so much for your initial reply, which appears below my reply to you.

I must say that I am a little surprised by your reply. I will point out in this email a few difficulties that I see, and why it is extremely difficult for me to use it to clear you of any of the allegations out there, as well as ask some additional questions.

First of all, you will recall that I initially wrote to you a week ago at the suggestion of your board chairman, Dr. Walt Thompson. On Monday, November 27, he gave me some information and said,

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"I would like to request ... that you ... verify [this letter's] contents."

Now Walt gave me only two sources for his information other than Pastor Glenn Dryden. The only one of those two that he named was yourself, and therefore the only way I can fulfill his request is to write to you. And yet you write:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this huge issue of mine and Linda's divorce before answering questions of all the other accusations manufactured by Linda, Gailon, Derrell Johann, Barbara Kerr and others who have or has had an ax to grind with 3ABN."

As you know quite well, Walt has been accused of being a "lemming" and your "surrogate," language I disapprove of. Yet in light of the fact that you as president can so easily disregard the wishes of your own board chairman, I think it fair to ask,

Question 16: How can you demonstrate that Dr. Walt Thompson and/or your board have any definite, real, and actual authority within the 3ABN corporate structure as it currently operates, authority unrelated to whatever you may choose to delegate to them or what is merely described on paper?

I think this question is vital since it does indeed affect perceptions of how the divorce and remarriage were handled, as well as how the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations were handled, and perhaps even the success or failure of the appeal of the

tax case I understand 3ABN has pending.

In light of the fact that it is now one week since I requested the name of the other source so that I can verify Walt's information, I think it fair to ask,

Question 17: What might be the reason or reasons why there is such hesitancy to provide that name, as well as the name of the person who gave that name to Walt Thompson?

You write:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat."

I believe the term "smokescreen" would be more appropriate than "scapegoat."

You also write:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"After hearing the testimony and evidence from both sides ASI will make a decision. Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not 'scapegoat Linda' to cover up my sins, then, in my opinion it will become obvious to the public that maybe many of these other accusations are lies also."

By referring to only two "sides" when you full well know that there are many more parties than two, and by pitting ASI's conclusions regarding your divorce and remarriage against all the remaining allegations, you again demonstrate that you have chosen not to allow ASI to review all the allegations, a fatal mistake in my opinion.

In other words, while claiming to be false the perception that you are trying to use the Linda issue as a smokescreen, you then go on to prove that that perception of the situation is correct. Thus,

Question 18: Will you and/or the 3ABN board make a formal request in writing to ASI that they examine all allegations of financial, operational, and personal misconduct, and will you provide us a copy of that letter as soon as possible, and if not, could you please list whatever you are afraid of that you might lose from such a process, and why?

You write:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"Much has been said by Johann, Arild, Barbara K. and people who didn't even know Linda and me.

"...

"That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this huge issue of mine and Linda's divorce before answering questions of all the other accusations manufactured by

Linda, Gailon, Derrell Johann, Barbara Kerr and others who have or has had an ax to grind with 3ABN."

John Lomacang on September 1 told me the same, that all these allegations were manufactured by or are the result of Linda and "her boyfriend," the doctor, and their allies. I told him I can't buy that, since the not-quite-most-recent Tommy Shelton allegations date from the first half of 2003, about a year before Linda's alleged affair. Thus,

Question 19: How did Linda, Derrell, Johann, and Barbara manufacture the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations a year before Linda's alleged affair; what sort of ax to grind against 3ABN would Church of God member Roger Clem have in 2003 that he would come forward and accuse Tommy, not 3ABN, of child molestation; and what sort of ax to grind against 3ABN would motivate members/attendees of the Church of God congregation Tommy pastored in Virginia to accuse Tommy, not 3ABN, of sexual misconduct before he ever returned to Illinois around 2000 and began working at 3ABN again?

Lastly, you write:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"That's why I choose to wait until ASI handles this **huge issue** of mine and Linda's divorce" (bold added)

As serious as the allegations are that you lied about Linda having an affair in order to justify divorcing her, it is fair to ask,

Question 20: By saying this, are you suggesting that being accused of intentionally lying about your wife being an adulteress is an extremely more serious issue than the allegation that you intentionally lied to your board chairman about the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, and thus put innocent children at continued risk?

I think these are the only challenges I see in your reply, challenges that make it difficult to use to clear you of the allegations against you. And as I have expressed to you before, I think that if you truly have the best interest of 3ABN at heart, you will need to immediately alter the way you address these issues. There is a desperate need of greater transparency, straightforwardness, and openness if these issues are ever going to go away, and I am certain that you must realize that.

May God grant you special courage and wisdom at this time.

Bob

[Danny's reply omitted.]

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Subject: Final questions for now on Tommy Shelton allegations.

Date: Wed, 06 Dec 2006 11:48:57 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Hi Danny.

I think this may be the last email I send you regarding the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, and I will try to end it on an encouraging note.

Again, I want to just say that you and I initiated this discussion one week ago because your board chairman, Dr. Walt Thompson, gave me some information and said:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

"I would like to request ... that you ... verify [this letter's] contents."

The following is what I can thus far come up with regarding some of the allegations against Tommy:

- Walt claims that there are allegations of some sort against Tommy regarding children that are 30 years old.
- Tommy's ordination with the Church of God, Anderson, was revoked around 1985 because of allegations of child molestation arising from his pastoring the Ezra congregation in West Frankfort, Illinois.
- Roger Clem claims that he was molested at the age of 16, which would be about 1988, while Tommy was pastoring the breakaway Ezra congregation that had sided with him and against the previous alleged victims.
- Tommy pastored a Church of God congregation in Dunn Loring, Virginia, from 1995 to about 2000, and then left apparently because of the surfacing of some sort of sexual misconduct allegations against him.
- Just now in late 2006 we have a new allegation of child molestation coming to light in Virginia at the Church of God congregation where he used to pastor.

Gailon has talked to quite a few individuals on this matter. As of this point, I have only spoken to Walt Thompson, Church of God pastor Glenn Dryden, a member of the board of the Dunn Loring congregation who wished to remain anonymous, and alleged victim Roger Clem.

Walt wrote:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson

"Based upon my understanding that Dryden had had a long standing feud with Tommy over factors unrelated to the above accusations ...

"Dryden was jealous of Tommy and was out to get him - a jealousy that has continued to the present."

Both Roger Clem and the Dunn Loring board member I spoke with made it very

plain that there was no malice, no feud, and no jealousy between the two men. The board member said that they had known Dryden and his family since 1990, and that they first heard rumors two years ago, which was a year or more before Dryden returned to Virginia. (Why did they hear about it only two years ago? They said they had had a lesser position and thus would not have been privy to such allegations.)

Question 21: Do you believe that the above scenario(s) and time line painted by these four individuals is fairly accurate, and if so, why did you essentially tell Walt Thompson, as he claims, that there were no new allegations for the last 30 years, and if not, how many more individuals do you think I should interview before concluding that the above time line is essentially correct?

Walt wrote:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson
"No physical actions ever occurred."

Pastor Dryden, based on what alleged victims have confided to him, and Roger Clem, based on his own experience, both declare that this is false. Thus,

Question 22: Do you personally believe that no physical action occurred, and if not, what way would you propose that we establish that none indeed occurred?

Soon after Clem came forward in 2003, Tommy phoned him. Clem says that it was somewhere around a year later when he sent a letter to Tommy. That letter ended with the following:

Originally Posted By: Roger Clem
"I will tell you up front, if I get a letter or phone call from your brother or an attorney that in any way appears threatening, I will immediately go to the sheriff's office and file charges against you. This has gone on long enough with nothing being done. This is Not a threat. It all rests on you Tommy, let your conscience be your guide. I will not wait long before I will decide what action is best to resolve this."

Clem says that before Tommy had a chance to open and read the letter, Tommy's wife had opened it, even though it was addressed to Tommy, and read it to their daughters, and was calling Clem about it.

Question 23: Is there any tendency among Tommy's family to try to cover for him when these sort of allegations come up?

Clem had stated clearly, "I will not wait long before I will decide what action is best to resolve this," and he claims that Tommy called him the next day, this second phone call taking place a year or so after the previous one, and said,

Originally Posted By: Tommy Shelton
"What do you want me to do?"

Clem replied,

Originally Posted By: Roger Clem
"Register as a sex offender."

Clem claims that Tommy replied,

Originally Posted By: Tommy Shelton
"Well, that's just not going to happen. I've dealt with it with my family. I've dealt with it in counseling. That's all I feel I should have to do."

Thus,

Question 24: Do you believe that Tommy did indeed make this much of an admission verbally and/or made anything akin to this kind of reply, and if so, a) do you agree that all that's necessary for someone to do who has had allegations of child molestation leveled against them for so many years is to deal with it in their family and in counseling, and b) can you please describe for us the nature, timing, and duration of the counseling Tommy obtained?

I touched on the next one previously. Walt wrote:

Originally Posted By: Walt Thompson
"Accept for pastor Dryden's personal accounts, there are apparently no other records of the allegations."

Clem has two brothers. In one of the two calls Tommy made to Clem in 2003 and 2004, Clem asked Tommy,

Originally Posted By: Roger Clem
"Did the same thing happen to my brother that happened to me?"

And, according to Clem, Tommy replied,

Originally Posted By: Tommy Shelton
"Which one?"

Other things that Clem claimed were that people caught Tommy with boys doing things that he shouldn't have been doing on back roads and such. He claims that abuse happened at church, at Tommy's house and in his car, and right down the road from the first building of "3 Angels."

Dryden wrote:

Originally Posted By: Pastor Glenn Dryden
"In the summer of 1993 as my wife and two teenage sons and I were preparing to relocate from Northern Virginia to West Frankfort, Illinois, Tommy Shelton again was visiting in Virginia and asked to meet with my wife and I. During this meeting he alerted us that we may 'hear some things' when we got to Illinois. He also informed us at this meeting that he had been caught in a lie during his pastorate at the Ezra Church of God, intimated extenuating circumstances and said he had sought and received forgiveness. Indeed we did hear some things after arriving in West

Frankfort, Illinois, in mid-1993, including the circumstances surrounding the lie (He was found alone with a young man in a home to which he had access and when challenged said the young man [who was out of view] was his son when in fact he was not. The individual who came upon him confirmed this by immediately driving to the church school Tommy's son attended and finding his son there.). It was not until another victim's mother spoke with me in early 1996 that I fully realized that not only was sexual abuse of adolescent boys the nature of the allegations but that there was substance to these allegations as well."

Clem told the same story without being asked, and added this one detail: The lady from the congregation after seeing Tommy's son at the school drove back to the house and saw a red-faced boy leaving it, trying to cover his face.

After Clem came forward in early 2003, he claims that Tommy called him shortly thereafter. Clem was very open about everything in his church and community, and told me by name about two ministry leaders or pastors of two different faiths, individuals who had backed Tommy previously, whom he approached and informed that the allegations were true after all because it had happened to him. One of those men said, "You don't know how much that disturbs me."

Question 25: Would you consider that these accounts are essentially correct, and if so, why did Walt think there were no other accounts of allegations except for Dryden's, and if not, which precise points would you dispute and which ones would you not?

Clem claims, as Dryden did, that Tommy has never given a meaningful apology. He also says that Tommy has never apologized in writing and is manipulative. In his letter sent around 2004 to Tommy, Clem wrote, among other things,

Originally Posted By: Roger Clem

"When someone would confront you about what you did, you would try to take the attention off of what you did by having some sort of health problem (loss of memory, heart problems, nervous breakdown). It seemed odd to me that you recovered quick when you realized that you were in the clear. You really disgust me. It makes me sick to realize how many lives you damaged and the only time that you feel the need to apologize is when it all comes back up again. Then you put on this POOR PITIFUL ME act (how you wish it didn't happen, the reason you do this is because you were abused as a child, you would take it all back if you could, and the all-time favorite, please don't put my family through this again). What about what you put all of us through?"

Question 26: Is there any truth to the allegation that Tommy resorted to manipulative behavior, such as having transient health problems and/or trying to create sympathy in order to hush up the accusers; and can you give us examples of when and to whom Tommy apologized either before a big public spectacle took place, or when he apologized in writing, or both?

In the same letter, Clem writes:

Originally Posted By: Roger Clem

"Then what makes me mad is when your brother calls to try to scare people into not saying anything or when the church receives a letter from Mike Riva telling us to stop saying anything. ... I will tell you up front, if I get a letter or phone call from your brother or an attorney that in any way appears threatening, I will immediately go to the sheriff's office and file charges against you."

Similarly, the board member I spoke with from Dunn Loring, Virginia said that whenever allegations would arise, you would "execute a lot of pressure," and "make them go away."

Question 27: Is it true that you called people who were raising allegations, and what exactly did you say that might have given them the idea that you were trying to pressure them into silence?

Your Illinois Tax Case lists as one of the attorneys present,

Originally Posted By: 3ABN v. Dept. of Rev. of the St. of Il.
"Mr. D. Michael Riva for 3 Angels Broadcasting Network."

On June 13, 2003, Riva issued a letter that appears to be a reply to Pastor Glenn Dryden's letter of May 14, 2003. In that letter of seven paragraphs, paragraphs 1, 2, 6, and 7 contain language threatening legal action against both the Ezra Church of God and Pastor Dryden. From what I can tell, and I am not an attorney, the only legal basis he gives for such a potential lawsuit appears in paragraphs 3-5, and consists of supporting arguments after the following sentence:

Originally Posted By: D. Michael Riva

"Even if the actions occurred, there is no criminal jeopardy as the statute of limitations has long since passed." (bold added)

Question 28: Do you think that it was wise for an attorney who does or has served the network that preaches the undiluted three angels' messages to use this sort of logic to threaten a non-Adventist minister with legal action in order to shut him up regarding his concerns over alleged child molestation?

Since the attorney who sent this threatening letter does or has served 3ABN, this question appears in order:

Question 29: Did Mr. Riva perform his services for Tommy Shelton pro bono, or did Tommy pay for them out of his own pocket, or did you pay for them out of your own pocket, or did 3ABN cover the cost, and what sort of documentation can you provide to substantiate your answer?

Pastor Dryden writes:

Originally Posted By: Pastor Glenn Dryden

"Tommy vaguely alluded to the allegations in Illinois at times in his preaching when invited by our founding pastors to minister at the Community Church of God in the late 1980s. He did so by speaking not of the allegations but of the 'persecution' he and his family suffered as a consequence. He was successful in drawing sympathy

thereby as he spoke of hardship suffered by he and his family." (bold added)

Now let us consider the following facts:

- A special 3ABN Live telecast on August 10, 2006, claimed that you and 3ABN were receiving "**persecution**" and that "lies" were being told about you.
- Shelley Quinn in that broadcast, to all appearances, compared you to John the Baptist, Linda to Herodias, and Salome to Linda's daughter.
- Before Shelley identified the daughter she was speaking of as being Salome, she described her as one who had become "entangled in the web of deceit," when the Bible story does not indicate that there was any deceit involved in regard to Herodias and Salome.
- Linda's daughter had previously issued a signed and confidential statement alleging that you had sexually assaulted her.

Thus it appears that that broadcast was particularly attempting to call Linda's daughter's allegations a lie and "**persecution**," even though throughout the broadcast the claim was repeatedly made that you and the others would not be defending yourselves.

Question 30: Would you have any comment to make about this apparent similarity between how Tommy (according to Dryden) and you have both related to allegations of sexual misconduct?

On November 4 you wrote to me and said, among other things,

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"I will just say this, ... I have done nothing legally wrong in my administration with 3ABN."

According to what Hal Steenson and John Lomacang told me, I'm uncertain that this is true. But I won't go into that now.

I want to end by sharing with you a story from the Spirit of Prophecy, a story from a sermon given by Ellen White in Minneapolis in 1888 and from an 1888 letter, that is hard for me to read without getting choked up. I was talking to my family about it yesterday, and even though it's been a long time since I read it through, it still got to me. And while formatting it for this email, I could not refrain from weeping.

If any of the more serious allegations against you, Tommy, and anyone else are true, I invite you and them to consider following the example of the man she referred to, and just see if perchance there may be a possibility that you will reap similar results of blessings and good will, and that the cause of God will advance with much greater power.

Originally Posted By: Ellen G. White

"We have seen of the grace of God since we met you last. ... I was at the Selma camp meeting. During my stay there I was introduced to a tall man--over six feet tall--and well proportioned. When he took my hand he seemed much affected and said, 'I am

so glad to meet you; I am thankful that I can speak with you.' After going into the tent a brother came in and said, 'That man has a history.' Then he went on and told how a year before he had been converted; how he had once kept the Sabbath but had gone back, and how he claimed that he never had been converted. Then after he gave up the truth he went back into the company of hard cases, and Satan took complete possession of him. Two or three were linked with him in his wickedness--men who would not want it to be known that they were in such business. They stole and did wickedness in every way.

"He was not a licentious man; he had a wife and he respected her. She was a Sabbathkeeper, and he would not allow a word to be said against her. This was the position he took; he loved her, but not enough to stop his evil course. He did not care for the spoil of his robberies, but did it for the enjoyment he found in it. Well, Elder [E.P.] Daniels was holding meetings, and he was speaking on confession. What was said seemed to take hold of this man's mind, and he could not resist. He seemed to turn white, and then left the tent. He could not stand it. He went out and then he came back again. This he did three times; he looked as if he were going to faint away.

"After the meeting had closed he said, 'I must talk to you, sir.' He told Elder Daniels his condition and said, 'Is there any hope for me? I am a lost man; I am undone; I am a sinner. Will you pray for me? I dare not leave this place to go home for fear the Lord will cut me down in my sins.' He said he could not stay in the tent, and went out again and again, but did not dare remain outside for fear the power of the devil should fasten on him and that would be the last of him.

"They prayed for him, and the man was converted right there. The defiant look was gone; his countenance was changed. 'Now,' said he, 'I have a work to do. I stole thirty-one sheep from that man in Selma, and I must go and confess to him.' Elder Daniels was afraid to have it known for fear they would shut him up. He said he would rather go to prison and stay there than to think that Christ had not forgiven his sin. So he started, with a young man who before this was engaged with him in thefts, to go and see the man. He met the man on the road and stopped him. The man commenced to shake like an aspen leaf. He was an infidel. Well, he got on his knees before them in the road and begged to be forgiven. The man asked, 'Where did you get this? What has brought you into this state? I did not know that there was any such religion as this.' They told him that they had been down to the camp meeting, and heard it preached there. 'Well,' said he, 'I will go over to that meeting.'

"They confessed to having burned houses and barns. And they went to the grand jury and confessed to having stolen here and there. Mind, they confessed to the authorities. They said, 'We deliver ourselves up. Do with us as you see fit.' So the case was considered in court, and they had a council over the matter. One suggested that they better put those men through. The judge looked at him and said, 'What, put him through? Put a man through that God is putting through? Would you take hold of a man that God is taking hold of? Whom God's forgiving power has taken hold of? Would you do that? No, I would rather have my right arm cut off to the shoulder.' Something got hold of those men so that they all wept as children.

"The report of that experience went everywhere. People thought that there was a power in this truth that was in nothing else--a power that shows that Jesus lives. We

have seen the power of His grace manifested in many cases in a remarkable manner." (1888 Materials, pp. 81, 82)


"Brother Will Smith is a man that was converted last year. He was in the truth years ago, but for some reason gave it up, and the devil took possession of him, and he became a desperado. His wife kept the Sabbath. He is a tall, well developed, powerfully built man. He went into all sorts of lawlessness, stealing, and tried to kill, but his victim did not come in just when he was prepared to kill him. Last year at Fresno under the labors of Elder [E.P.] Daniels he was powerfully wrought upon, and he repented with another backslider who had gone with him in all his wickedness. Then commenced the work of confession and restitution. One man they went to see and met him in the road and down they went in the very dust and dirt on their knees, weeping and confessing, and the infidel wept like a child. 'Now,' said they, 'We want you to forgive us, and we do not ask you to arrest us for stealing your sheep, but we ask pardon; we will pay every cent of the cost of the sheep.'

"The man who had been wronged said, 'What has wrought upon you to make this confession?' Said they, 'We have been attending the campmeeting, and the spirit and power of God and the religion of Jesus Christ have taken hold upon us.' 'Well,' said the man, 'If the work done there is of this order I must go there,' and he did go, and he did tremble under the sharp arrows of God. The influence of these confessions made to many others who have been wronged, is as far reaching as eternity. This man in his wickedness had nothing, but since his conversion the Lord has blessed him greatly with means, and he is using it in making restitution and in advancing the cause of truth. He is free, generous to a fault, he is humble as a child, sitting at the feet of Jesus, ready and willing to do anything. He takes 150 Signs and distributes. He has done more missionary work alone the past year than the whole Fresno Church together." (Manuscript Releases, vol. 6, pp. 150, 151)

May God grant you, Tommy, and the rest by His grace the courage to right every wrong, whether that wrong be small or great.

Bob

Johann
(300+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/06/06 07:35
PM

 **Re: At Walt Thompson's suggestion, letters to Danny Shelton seeking verification of Walt's statemen**

Let's pray this will be accepted in the spirit it is written, and that it will be taken seriously!

Bob Pickle
(1000+ Member
(MSDAOL))
12/08/06 10:59
PM

 **Truce?**

This was the appeal I sent to Danny Wednesday night.

I wish I could say that the reply I got back was not defiant. That reply will not be posted at this time.

Bob

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

Subject: Truce?

Date: Wed, 06 Dec 2006 19:41:51 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

Hi Danny.

This is more of a pastoral letter than anything else.

You know, before I sent that last email, I was really beginning to feel bad for you. It looks like such an impossible situation, with no good solutions, like a bad dream. I would not want to be in your shoes just now.

I've been in bad situations before (nothing like this, though), and it sure wasn't fun. It can be so devastating. And I truly do feel bad for you.

What do you think would bring the most glory to God, and be truly the best for 3ABN? Would it not be to step aside after doing what you can to facilitate the immediate implementation of some of the structural reforms Gailon has had in mind, where there are proper checks and balances to prevent this kind of thing from ever happening again?

I just thought I would try to reach out to you before, well, before whatever happens next.

Did you have opportunity to read that story from the SOP I attached to the end of my last letter? What did you think of that? I honestly could not read it without breaking down and crying. Praise God for His mercy, power, and grace!

Long ago I had a sermon entitled, "Mercy for Manasseh." Too many people think they have sinned too much to be pardoned, forgiven, cleansed, and saved. Well, Manasseh was a preacher's kid of sorts, offered his own kids up as sacrifices, sawed Isaiah in half, and filled Jerusalem with blood, and the Bible even says that God sent Judah into captivity because God couldn't forgive Manasseh's sins.

Yet in spite of all that, when Manasseh was in a dungeon in Babylon, he turned to God and prayed, and God forgave him personally even though He could not forgive the nation as a whole for those sins, and Manasseh was restored to his throne.


Then he immediately went about trying to undo all the damage he had done. Of course he couldn't succeed in that entirely, but he tried, and that's all that God is looking for.

Now if God could pardon Manasseh, he most certainly can pardon you and me. Praise His name!

Do you believe that? That's the first and biggest step, to believe. Would you take that step just now?

Bob

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/10/06 07:15
 PM

 **Re: Truce?**

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

Subject: RE: Truce?

Date: Wed, 6 Dec 2006 23:18:59 -0600

From: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson

Bob,

If you really are a pastor I feel sorry for you. You should know better than to listen to rumors and false accusations and judge those are doing the work of God. It seems your time would be better spent winning souls than trying to destroy people.

Please don't feel sorry for me. I am very happy. I have spent the last 22 years of my life doing what God has called me to do.

God's word does not tell us that serving Jesus will be easy. Look what happened to the Son of God when he walked among people. They wrongly judged Jesus just as you and Gailon and others are doing with me and the 3ABN board and others as you see fit. You are a pawn in Linda's hand and you apparently don't even know it or maybe it's just that you don't care.

I don't know.

You might want to ask yourself how you would have stood had you lived on earth when Jesus was here. Would you have judged Him also and found Him wanting?

I feel sorry for you and Gailon and others who have fallen for lies. I am very confident that an unbiased ASI group will see truth when it is presented to them.

You and Gailon have judged me based on rumors and lies. The ASI group will judge me and Linda based on evidence. I have told you all along that I have evidence that I have not presented to you because I didn't need to. I was saving it for the right time if necessary. I believe that now is the time to present eye witnesses and evidence at the ASI hearing.

3ABN has always had check and balances. Our financial records are in perfect order. We have nothing to hide. It's just that we don't have to show every one who comes along all our records just because he thinks he is a Sherlock Holmes as you and Gailon seem to think you are.

You have bought Linda's lie hook line and sinker because you have believed a few people who claim to "know" certain things.

You will ultimately find you are wrong even tho you may never admit it.

Linda knows all the bad seeds she has planted about the management of 3ABN is not true. It is all a smoke screen. If all this wrong doing had been going on all these years then she would also be accountable as she was the VP of 3ABN. Yes, she was privy to all facets of this ministry. No secrets were kept from her.

Why is she now "spilling the beans". If she honestly saw such terrible mis

management why didn't she do the right thing and bring glory to God by giving everyone a chance to correct wrong doing or as a last resort "spill the beans" to the right authorities. We are supposed to love God more than father mother sister or brother. I realize all this is going over your head, but for some reason I'm writing it anyway.

3ABN is God's ministry. He will take care of us as He has for the last 22 years.

I'm amazed that if those of us in leadership are so crooked and such awful liars as you and your group seem to think, that God would continue to bless us in every way.

This has been our best year ever financially. Our wills and trust department has brought in more money this year than ever before also.

Virtually every day I hear from or about people around the whole world who have given their life to Jesus by watching 3ABN and others who have already joined the SDA church because of the ministry of 3ABN.

The bible says we will know people by their fruits. The fruit of 3ABN's labor under the direction of our 3ABN board, with God's added blessings, has been wonderfully successful in the last 22 years. But the truth is we have never grown so fast as we have the last 2 1/2 years.

Bob, you are trying to look at the physical side of the controversy between good and evil. Satan is the prince of the flesh. Those who follow after flesh will/have been deceived. You will only make it through to the kingdom of God when you begin to live in the spiritual world

If I lived in the physical realm I might be troubled and discouraged and might even want to quit. But because the picture that God shows all of us when we look at the spiritual realm is,, that God has us in the palm of His hand! He will never leave us or forsake us. In the spiritual realm one praises God for trials and tribulation thrown at him. This is the Jesus treatment. We all deserve this kind of treatment. It purifies us as gold in the fire.

No Bob, the last thing on my mind right now is resigning from 3ABN. I will resign when the Lord is ready for it.

Most of the complainers are not the prayer warriors and financial contributors to 3ABN. You have a few people following the deception road you are traveling, but for the most part, people support those who are giving them spiritual food.

You can believe Gailon and Linda if you choose. But I know first hand about their lies they have told. Barb Kerr just wrote me and told me that Gailon is voicing that he has uncovered at least 8-10 affairs that I have had since I married Linda. God knows and I know that is lie. There has never been one!

I have talked to church leaders who tell me that Gailon Joy could not be Christian. They judge him by his fruits, his emails he sends them. He is not making an impact on responsible SDA's for the good. Quite the contrary. To the spiritually discerning Christian, it is easy to read Gailon's arrogance, his pride, his hatred towards me and any who oppose his views. In the long run, I'm predicting that he will be no help to Linda's cause.

I shocked that you as a pastor, if you are one, would rally behind someone with so un Christian of a spirit. It seems it would be easy for you to see. Most people I have talked to that he has sent emails to them, say things like "This guy is a nut". Some have said he is obviously led by the Devil, ect, ect. When you wake up outside your little chatroom world you will find he has no credibility. People finding out that he is a convicted embezzler has helped your little group also.
 You don't need to answer this email to you.
 Ps. I didn't read the last two emails from you. I just deleted them so I don't know what story you are talking about, but you don't need to bother to re send it.
 Thanks,

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/10/06 07:16
 PM

 **Re: Truce?**

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

Subject: Re: Truce?

Date: Sat, 09 Dec 2006 20:41:13 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow

Greetings.

I hesitate to send a copy of this to Elder Denslow too, since some of the points seem less important than the major, major issues we have been discussing the last ten days, but since he is the conference president and a member of the 3ABN board, I do think I need to keep him abreast of all of this correspondence. Particularly, I think he needs to see the pastoral appeal I wrote to Danny late Wednesday, as well as your reply to it, both of which appear at the bottom of my reply to yours.

You'll have to pardon me, but I'm not exactly sure who to address this reply to. I can see at least five internal clues in your reply that Danny Shelton was not the author. And a couple others who have read it are likewise absolutely positive that Danny didn't write it. So I will address you as the author, but speak of Danny in third person.

You write:

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"It seems your time would be better spent winning souls than trying to destroy people."

You will be happy to know that just last Sunday afternoon, I spent four and a half hours in a Bible study in a home of a family of ten. Wasn't sure what to expect since the idea was for them to share with me where Adventists could improve in their doctrines. We ended up covering the topics they chose such as the Spirit of Prophecy, the scapegoat, the investigative judgment, the perpetuity of the law of God and spiritual gifts, law and grace, Christ in the Old Testament, and the Sabbath. We parted with them asking for literature about the Sabbath.

We didn't discuss the state of the dead, though. My daughter had covered that last time we met.

You write:

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"I feel sorry for you and Gailon and others who have fallen for lies. ... You and Gailon have judged me based on rumors and lies."

I am not sure what to make of this. Since our current discussion began Wednesday a week ago because of Dr. Walt Thompson's written statement that Danny had essentially misled him regarding the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, are you trying to say that Danny's trusted board chairman and staunch defender was lying to me?

You write:

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"I am very confident that an unbiased ASI group will see truth when it is presented to them. ... The ASI group will judge me and Linda based on evidence."

In my opinion, Danny's persistent refusal to allow ASI to review all the allegations, including the elaborate fabrication Dr. Thompson indicated that Danny told him in 2003 in order to cover up the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of his brother's child molestation allegations, that persistent refusal is a fatal mistake. And that fact is obvious to nearly everyone who knows about it.

You write:

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"Our financial records are in perfect order. We have nothing to hide. It's just that we don't have to show every one who comes along all our records just because he thinks he is a Sherlock Holmes as you and Gailon seem to think you are. You have bought Linda's lie hook line and sinker because you have believed a few people who claim to 'know' certain things."

Maybe Danny didn't tell you that I didn't believe outright what Gailon wrote about his trying to hide during his distribution of marital assets case the amounts that he pocketed from the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* last spring. That's why I wrote Danny on Oct. 31 and asked him if he was indeed trying to hide that, and I also asked him how much royalty was paid by whom and to whom. Did he really get 11 cents a book x 4.5 million books = roughly \$500,000?

Since in Danny's four replies he evaded all attempts to clarify that figure, he thus led me to believe that his personal profits from that free distribution must have been substantial. And on Nov. 3 he did say:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"The info Galon or whomever, gave you about royalties and costs of books ect. is a

lie also. ...

"I will not at this time divulge any more info about this book at this time. I may when mine and her settlement case is over."

And as I made very clear in my next reply to Danny, I took these words to mean that he was indeed hiding how much he had profited from the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* during the distribution of marital assets proceedings. Correct me if I am wrong, but Danny did not correct my perception in his replies of November 4 and 5, and still today, I am at a loss to take his words in any other way.

In other words, I have come to believe that Danny did make a killing on the free distribution of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*, and that he was trying to hide the amounts of those profits during his distribution of marital assets proceedings, I have come to believe that because of Danny's own testimony, not because of what Gailon or any of Danny's critics have said.

You write:

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"Linda knows all the bad seeds she has planted about the management of 3ABN is not true. It is all a smoke screen. If all this wrong doing had been going on all these years then she would also be accountable as she was the VP of 3ABN. Yes, she was privy to all facets of this ministry. No secrets were kept from her."

This has been my concern almost from the beginning. I have been concerned that Danny might try to take anyone and everyone down with him, including the totally innocent and those who have simply made some innocent mistakes.

Whether Linda falls into that category, I cannot say and do not know. But I would advise Danny that it will not be good PR for his cause if he starts trying to drag a host of others into the midst of this.

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"I'm amazed that if those of us in leadership are so crooked and such awful liars as you and your group seem to think, that God would continue to bless us in every way. This has been our best year ever financially. Our wills and trust department has brought in more money this year than ever before also."

I am a bit puzzled at this. The book of Job; Mat. 5:45; Luke 12:16-20; 16:23-25; Rev. 3:17; and other passages all tell us that material blessings are not necessarily evidence that we are in the Lord's will, and Seventh-day Adventists have always believed and taught that. Are you suggesting that Danny no longer believes this?

You write:

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"No Bob, the last thing on my mind right now is resigning from 3ABN. I will resign when the Lord is ready for it."

I think any unbiased onlooker to our discussions the last ten days would say that the Lord is ready for it. Shall we take a poll?

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"Most of the complainers are not the prayer warriors and financial contributors to 3ABN."

This may in part be due to the fact that Danny apparently ensures that those who don't personally agree with his course are removed from or prevented from being on 3ABN's email lists. I only suggest that because I signed up a long time ago and have yet to receive a thing.

And of course, anyone who finds out that Danny's own board chairman has essentially admitted that Danny misled him regarding the serious nature, wide extent, and recent timing of the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations would likely hesitate to continue financially supporting 3ABN, until these extremely serious issues are resolved. Most folks probably do not want to contribute to a ministry if they think their contribution just might possibly get diverted from the Lord's work and be used instead to defend and settle cases of alleged child molestation. And with the apparent negligence that Danny has shown in this matter, one can only dream of the amount of punitive damages a jury just might award.

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"You can believe Gailon and Linda if you choose. But I know first hand about their lies they have told. Barb Kerr just wrote me and told me that Gailon is voicing that he has uncovered at least 8-10 affairs that I have had since I married Linda. God knows and I know that is lie. There has never been one!"

For the record, I am basing what I believe to be fact upon what Danny, Dr. Thompson, Hal and Mollie Steenson, John Lomacang, Melody Firestone, and the O'Briens have said.

As far as how many affairs Gailon said that Danny has had, Gailon's actual wording in his email of Nov. 26 states that Danny has had "inappropriate relationships," not "affairs." I would very much appreciate Danny writing back and stating unequivocally that he has not had one single inappropriate relationship in the last 22 years.

Regarding Barb Kerr's main reason for writing Danny:

Originally Posted By: Barb Kerr

"I am writing once again to ask you to donate the master copies of all of my cooking videos to my ministry. I now have my non-profit 501(c)(3) status and would be happy to give you a receipt for your donation. I would also like, in writing, a statement that gives me the rights to use the programs as I see fit. I appreciate so much your generosity towards my ministry since you are no longer airing the programs or selling them."

Will Danny be donating the master copies of and rights to Barbara Kerr's cooking

programs that she put so much effort and time into, and if so, when, and if not, why not?

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"I have talked to church leaders who tell me that Gailon Joy could not be Christian."

Which church leaders have told Danny that? How can we be sure that this statement is any more factual than the fabrication that the child molestation allegations against Tommy Shelton are all 30 years old?

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"People finding out that he is a convicted embezzler has helped your little group also."

Yes, as he explained in detail to Danny, Gailon did convert to his own use money that he had an interest in, which according to Vermont statute constitutes embezzlement. In laymen's oversimplified, imprecise, and not quite accurate terms, he stole his own money. This sounds just a tad more serious than the charge that Ellen White plagiarized since she didn't use quotation marks and cite references in every instance where she copied from her own writings.

Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"Ps. I didn't read the last two emails from you. I just deleted them so I don't know what story you are talking about, but you don't need to bother to re send it."

Here is something which one of Danny's friends pointed out to me when he called the other day. Danny wrote on Tuesday:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"According to you and Gailon and several others, the 3ABN leadership including myself, have covered up my wrong doing by making Linda the scape goat. ... Should ASI decide that the 3ABN board and myself did not 'scapegoat Linda'"

I replied in my next to last email:

Originally Posted By: Bob

"I believe the term 'smokescreen' would be more appropriate than 'scapegoat.' "

And in this email you write:



Originally Posted By: Unknown Author

"It is all a smoke screen."

Danny's friend thought that this indicated for sure that either you or Danny had indeed read my next to last email, contrary to your assertion. Or, as someone pointed out, instead of reading them, maybe Danny had someone read my last two emails to him. Thus, he could have known their contents without actually reading them.

Thanks so much for passing on this reply to Danny.

	Bob
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/10/06 07:17 PM</p>	<p>Re: Truce?</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: Truce? Date: Sun, 10 Dec 2006 09:03:58 -0600 To: Danny Shelton CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow</p> <p>Sorry to bother you again, Danny's penman, but I think the following should be added to my reply to your reply.</p> <p>Romans 2:1 says, "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."</p> <p>You wrote:</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Unknown Author "I have talked to church leaders who tell me that Gailon Joy could not be Christian. They judge him by his fruits, his emails he sends them. He is not making an impact on responsible SDA's for the good. Quite the contrary. To the spiritually discerning Christian, it is easy to read Gailon's arrogance, his pride, his hatred towards me and any who oppose his views. In the long run, I'm predicting that he will be no help to Linda's cause. I shocked that you as a pastor, if you are one, would rally behind someone with so unchristian a spirit. It seems it would be easy for you to see. Most people I have talked to that he has sent emails to them, say things like 'This guy is a nut'. Some have said he is obviously led by the Devil, ect, ect."</p> <p>Arrogance, pride, hatred toward anyone who opposes his views, an unchristian spirit. If that really is the correct way to characterize Gailon Joy's emails, then perhaps you and he have a few things in common. Take, for example, the emails Danny sent Johann on May 31 and June 3, 2004, or some of the ones Danny has sent me. "It seems it would be easy for you to see."</p> <p>Truly hoping that you both might surrender all to our Lord Jesus at this eleventh hour,</p> <p>Bob</p>
<p>7Trumpets (New Member (MSDAOL)) 12/10/06 07:43 PM</p>	<p>Re: Truce?</p> <p>"Danny's reply" certainly did not sound like it was coming from Danny. Glad you caught that one.</p>
<p>Daryl Fawcett</p>	

<p>(16000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/10/06 09:09 PM</p> 	<p>Re: Truce?</p> <p>Bob,</p> <p>How do you know it didn't come from Danny?</p>
<p>Redfog (600+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/10/06 09:51 PM</p> 	<p>Re: Truce?</p> <p>It's interesting to know that business that are doing well are all blessed by God, i.e. casino's, the mob, beer companies, drug cartels....</p> <p>Redfog</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/11/06 12:06 AM</p>	<p>Re: Truce?</p> <p>Daryl,</p> <p>Can't say, 'cause next time they might do a better job and then it would be harder to tell.</p> <p>RedFog,</p> <p>Good point.</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/15/06 10:01 AM</p>	<p>Question on discrepancy regarding automobile title.</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Question on discrepancy regarding automobile title. Date: Thu, 14 Dec 2006 09:44:17 -0600 To: Danny Shelton CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow</p> <p>Greetings, Danny.</p> <p>I came across a discrepancy yesterday, and was wondering if you could help me out with it. I'll write this as if I'm tacking it on to the four emails I sent at Dr. Walt Thompson's suggestion (he had written me and said, "<u>I would like to request ... that you ... verify [this letter's] contents</u>"), even though the topic is a little different.</p> <p>For the last four months I've tried to avoid digging through the details regarding your divorce and remarriage. It just hasn't interested me; I haven't been on a mission to</p>

exonerate Linda. But it does seem appropriate to finally look into the topic a little.

What I'm trying to do is avoid any and all details that are based merely on your or Linda's word, and stick with concrete facts that can be irrefutably proven using legal and other documents. Thus, your statements to Gailon in your email of October 8, 2006, caught my attention.

You will recall that in that email you went into a bit of detail about how good a "liar" Linda is, and then described the watch incident. Since you and she dispute the cost of the watch, the reason for the gift, and the precise circumstances of its discovery, I want to ignore that and just touch on the following:

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"She told me that she was going to go lay out by the swimming pool. I decided to go look in her car for any evidence to support the PI's claim that had not been mailed to me yet. Our car door was locked. **Yes, I'm aware that she claims it was her car but I have proof that it is titled to both she and I even unto this day.** She didn't apparently remember that I too had keys to this Toyota Sequoia. I opened the car door and opened the glove compartment. What did I see? Yes, I saw the same watch described to me by the PI.

...

"I then pulled the picture of the watch from underneath my shirt and showed it to her at which point she yelled out, **"I can't believe you broke into my car and got into my personal belongings!** This is abuse!" (bold added)

I received a fax of Linda's automobile title from her bank yesterday. You can view the title's top half, the half that contains all the details, at Maritime. The VIN on the title did check out as belonging to a Toyota Sequoia (4 dr. wagon/sport utility with a 4.7 V8), so you are correct about that. I'll put below the portions that concern the date of purchase, the date the title was issued, and the owner(s) listed on the title:

PURCHASE DATE
12/30/02

DATE ISSUED
02/11/03

OWNER(S) NAME AND ADDRESS

LINDA'S SHELTON
 2954 NEW LAKE RD
 WEST FRANKFORT, IL 62896

FIRST LIENHOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS

Question 31: Can you explain how Linda's title has had only her name on it since February 11, 2003, when you claimed that your name was also on the title, or do you have any other explanation for this discrepancy?

It would not surprise me if Linda has difficulty telling the truth, and so if you do have irrefutable, concrete evidence similar to the above that Linda has indeed lied, please send it to me at your earliest convenience.

Regarding my previous four emails containing questions about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, I do hope you can soon provide either some answers to explain the discrepancies or at least issue an apology for how those allegations were handled. I think it is absolutely vital that you give some sort of response as soon as possible that either directly addresses those discrepancies or makes an apology, for each day that goes by without this, it just seems that your credibility is called more and more into question.

Trusting that your day will be filled with the peace that passes understanding, peace that comes from the presence of the Spirit in a heart renewed and cleansed by divine grace,

Bob

Bob Pickle
 (1000+ Member
 (MSDAOL))
 12/19/06 11:48
 PM

Re: Question on discrepancy regarding automobile title.

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

Subject: Question on Linda's vacations with the doctor.

Date: Sun, 17 Dec 2006 21:44:00 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson

Hi Danny.

I noticed that in your email to Gregory Matthews on Oct. 27, 2004, that you got very specific about the number, location, timing, and duration of vacations that Linda took with the doctor, and that you stated that you had proof of these things. If you do have such proof, I would definitely consider joining your camp. What sort of proof do you have?

	<p>It's been two and a half weeks since I wrote you at Dr. Walt Thompson's request. Have you been able to find any explanations for the discrepancies regarding your brother's child molestation allegations?</p> <p>Did you get my last email about the automobile title discrepancy? If so, have you been able to find an explanation yet for that discrepancy?</p> <p>Bob</p>
<p>Johann (300+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/21/06 12:21 AM</p>	<p>Re: Question on discrepancy regarding automobile title.</p> <p>It so happens that my wife, Irmgard and I, rode with Linda in that very Toyota around the holidays in 2003 - it was either December 2003 or January 2004. I later rode in it in May 2004, and then in July 2005. I had also seen Linda driving it in January 2003. Still the same vehicle.</p> <p>Johann Thorvaldsson</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/21/06 08:20 AM</p>	<p>Re: Question on discrepancy regarding automobile title.</p> <p>Thanks for that info, Pastor Thorvaldsson.</p>
<p>Bob Pickle (1000+ Member (MSDAOL)) 12/21/06 08:26 AM</p>	<p>Questions pertaining to conversation with Hal Steenson</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- Subject: Questions pertaining to conversation with Hal Steenson Date: Wed, 20 Dec 2006 22:29:36 -0600 To: Danny Shelton CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow</p> <p>Greetings, Danny.</p> <p>In my [second] email to you of December 6, I left you hanging a bit at the end, and I don't think that's fair. So I thought I'd write you again and fill my comment in a little. In that email I wrote:</p> <p>Quote: "On November 4 you wrote to me and said, among other things,</p> <p>Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton " 'I will just say this, ... I have done nothing legally wrong in my administration with 3ABN.'</p> <p>"According to what Hal Steenson and John Lomacang told me, I'm uncertain that this is true. But I won't go into that now."</p>

It isn't fair to you to keep you hanging forever on that one, so I will touch on it now. On August 3 or 4 (most likely 4), 2006, at the ASI Convention, I had opportunity to privately ask Hal Steenson a few questions without anyone overhearing us. One of those questions was simply when your daughter Melody got married. Hal diverted the conversation to that of you and Linda, a topic I wasn't even going to touch, and gave me as proof of Linda's guilt three things:

- Since the only Bible grounds for divorce and remarriage is fornication, and since you got remarried, Linda has to be guilty.
- Since the board is composed of godly people and they went along with it, Linda has to be guilty.
- There is a recording that is so bad, conference presidents have listened to it and after 30 seconds they say, "Turn it off," it is that convincing.

As of late October, your conference president had not yet heard it. Thus,

Question 32: Who all has heard this recording, and which conference presidents have heard it, or did Hal get his details mixed up?

I found the following at <http://www.rcfp.org/taping/consent.html> and <http://www.rcfp.org/taping/states/illinois.html>, information that is particularly relevant to reporters. I would imagine that under the statutes individuals would be treated roughly similar, but I'm not an attorney, and so I do not know for sure. The actual state statute appears [here](#), and I'll quote just a little from it as well.

Originally Posted By: Info on legal implications of recording conversations.
"Criminal purpose. Federal law requires only one-party consent to the recording and disclosure of a telephone conversation, but explicitly does not protect the taping if it is done for a criminal or tortious purpose." (<http://www.rcfp.org/taping/consent.html>)

"720 Ill. Compiled Stat. Ann. 5/14-1, -2: An eavesdropping device cannot be used to record or overhear a conversation without the consent of all parties to the conversation under criminal statutes. An eavesdropping device is anything used to hear or record a conversation, whether the conversation is in person or conducted by any means other than face-to-face conversation, such as a telephone conversation.

"In addition, it is criminally punishable to disclose information one knows or should know was obtained through an eavesdropping device. Offenses of the eavesdropping law are punishable as felonies, with first offenses categorized as lesser felonies than subsequent offenses. 720 Ill. Compiled Stat. Ann. 5/14-4. Civil liability for actual and punitive damages is authorized as well. 720 Ill. Compiled Stat. Ann. 5/14-6." (<http://www.rcfp.org/taping/states/illinois.html>)

"Sec. 14-2. Elements of the offense; affirmative defense.

"(a) A person commits eavesdropping when he:

...

"(3) Uses or divulges ... any information which he knows or reasonably should know was obtained through the use of an eavesdropping device." (720 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/Article 14)

You'll notice that Illinois law appears to cover the recording of any type of conversation, while federal law seems to specifically concern just telephone conversations.

Question 33: Is Hal correct that such a recording exists and/or was made, and if so, how many parties were there to the conversation and how many of those parties gave their consent to being recorded?

Question 34: Assuming that the recording does exist and/or was made, to whom, besides myself, and by whom was information from that recording divulged, and can you demonstrate that the taping was not done for a tortious purpose?

Out of everything that Hal told me, this recording was the one thing that was concrete, not merely based on someone's word. I therefore told him I wanted to hear it. At that point he proceeded to say, "You are led of the pits of hell." "You are one sick puppy." "You are sick." "You need to get a life." "You need to be born again." He then repeatedly threatened to call security. It was quite an unnerving experience.

Question 35: Do you have any explanation for the stark contrast between the relative ease at least one 3ABNer manifested when talking about evidence of Linda's infidelity, and the apparently extreme paranoia manifested when asked to actually give proof that such evidence really exists?

That's it for this one.

Have you found anything to explain the title discrepancy yet? Or anything that would explain the discrepancies that Walt said you told him regarding your brother's child molestations allegations, and which Walt wanted me to verify? Did you get the email I sent Sunday about the proof you said you have about Linda taking a number of vacations with the doctor in the U.S. and Europe between May and October 2004?

Hope to hear from you soon.

Bob

Bob Pickle
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01/02/07 05:54
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Questions on John Lomacang's claims.

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

Subject: Questions on John Lomacang's claims.

Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 14:09:31 -0600

To: Danny Shelton

CC: Walt Thompson, Elder Ken Denslow, Pastor Lomacang, Mollie Steenson

Hi Danny.

Before getting to the subject of Pastor Lomacang's claims, I'd like to review just a little bit. This series of communications was initiated by yourself when you wrote me on November 23. That email exchange led to Dr. Walt Thompson's emails to me of November 24 and 27 in which he gave me information about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations, and your handling of those allegations, at the end of which Walt wrote:

Originally Posted By: Dr. Walt Thompson

"I would like to request that you ... verify [this letter's] contents."

Since Dr. Thompson, your board chairman, had given me only one named source out of two sources for his information, and since you were that single named source, the only way I could fulfill this part of Dr. Thompson's request was to contact you further. I therefore wrote you on November 29, December 5, December 6, and a second time on December 6 seeking verification for the information Dr. Thompson had given.

Yet to date I have received nothing at all from you that makes any attempt whatsoever to verify Dr. Thompson's information. With that in mind, please note the following from Judge Rowe's opinion in 3 Angels Broadcasting Network v. The Department of Revenue of the State of Illinois:

Originally Posted By: Judge Barbara S. Rowe

"I must conclude from the evidence of record, that applicant is controlled by Danny and Linda Shelton, and all final decisions are made by them and not by a disinterested impartial board of directors" (p.36).

I think it very important to make some sort of reply to the questions raised as soon as possible, for each week that goes by just raises more questions: If the wishes of the 3ABN board chairman can so easily be ignored by yourself over such serious issues as the alleged mismanagement and cover up of child molestation allegations, is Judge Rowe correct in her assessment after all? And could that potentially be used to undermine a future appeal of her decision?

Toward the end of my second email of December 6, I wrote:

Quote:

"On November 4 you wrote to me and said, among other things,

Originally Posted By: Danny Shelton

"I will just say this, ... I have done nothing legally wrong in my administration with 3ABN."

"According to what Hal Steenson and John Lomacang told me, I'm uncertain that this is true. But I won't go into that now."

In my email to you of December 20, I explained to you what Hal Steenson had told me, but I made no comment about what John Lomacang had told me. I will do that now.

On or before August 24, 2006, Pastor John Lomacang wrote a gentleman named Jonathan the following, which was posted on the adventism_prophecy at yahoogle.com email discussion list::

Originally Posted By: John Lomacang

"If you honestly want to know the truth you can call me. Sorry for the misrepresentations that you have read and heard. When we talk on the phone you can ask me any questions that you wish. I am leaving my home number. Please call me. If there is anyone who is willing to hear what they are not being told you can have them call me there also."

Taking Pastor Lomacang up on his invitation, I called him on September 1. In that conversation he referred to a concrete piece of evidence against Linda, namely phone card phone records. According to him:

- These phone card phone records amounted to hundreds of hours of phone calls made by Linda to Norway.
- Regarding how these records were obtained, John stated that there is a phone number one can call to get them.
- When asked whether he had personally seen these records, John replied, "Yes."

I either was told by or got the impression from John that these phone cards were purchased from Wal-Mart. Linda agrees with this detail:

Originally Posted By: Linda Shelton

"I do not remember everything precisely, but I do know I purchased phone cards from Walmart."

Wal-Mart's web site presently lists three Wal-Mart branded, AT&T prepaid phone cards. I therefore called AT&T and spoke to multiple customer service representatives to ensure that I was getting the correct information. These representatives told me:

- Anyone who has access to both the phone card and the PIN number can obtain the following information for 60 days after a call is made:
 - The called-from and called-to area codes and/or country codes, but not the actual called-from and called-to numbers.
 - The date and time of the call, the duration of the call, and the amount of total "minutes" or billed units the call cost.
- These records are available verbally over the phone. They are not available in writing or through the mail, a policy that has been in force for at least several years.
- The only way to obtain written records and actual called-to and called-from numbers is by subpoena.

In light of the recent Hewlett-Packard scandal, it seems appropriate to ask,

Question 36: Did you or anyone else obtain a subpoena to obtain these records, and if not, were these records either obtained illegally or forged, or was John being less

than truthful when he said he had personally seen these phone card phone records, or is there any other explanation for this major discrepancy?

Since according to AT&T call-to and call-from numbers cannot legally be obtained without a subpoena,

Question 37: How exactly did you determine which calls were made by Linda, and which calls were made to Dr. Abrahamsen, which ones to Pastor Thorvaldsson, which ones to Irmgard Thorvaldsson, and/or which ones to some other individual in Norway?

As far as phone card phone records actually existing, it would be nice to chalk this one up to an innocent mistake, but that does not appear possible, as will be seen later.

Here are a couple other details from Pastor Lomacang's conversation:

- John promised that I could see for myself the same phone card phone records that he had seen if I came to 3ABN.
- He promised that I could bring anyone I wanted to with me, and we could all see these phone card phone records.
- When I told him that it was unrealistic to ask someone to travel all that distance (there are less expensive ways to obtain such documentation), he said that that wasn't his decision, and that if it were up to him, he would have nailed the coffin shut a long time ago.

Thus, according to Pastor Lomacang, since it wasn't his decision and since if it were up to him these records would be more freely available, it must have been the decision of the 3ABN board or 3ABN management that this piece of evidence could be seen if one traveled to 3ABN. Therefore,

Question 38: Whose decision was it that these phone card phone records could be seen by whomever came to 3ABN and asked to see them?

This phone conversation with Pastor Lomacang was September 1. By September 8 it had dawned on me that if I went to my brother's wedding, I would be returning home right by 3ABN on October 23. That fact led me to pursue taking John up on his offer to see these phone card phone records. I accordingly communicated with him via email on the following dates:

- September 8.
- October 2.
- October 3 (a).
- October 3 (b).
- October 10.
- October 16.
- October 17.

Why I wrote that many times may be apparent shortly.

The only reply I ever got was on October 2:

Originally Posted By: John Lomacang

"I received your email. You will need to contact the general manager of 3ABN to make an appointment. Her name is Mollie Steenson. If she approves then your trip will occur. She will determine the usefulness and necessity of your meeting."

It did sound a bit strange that Mollie would decide whether I could go to my brother's wedding, but it is likely that John just made a poor choice of wording.

I accordingly wrote Mollie on:

- October 3.
- October 10.
- October 16.
- October 17.

The only reply I have ever received came on October 17, before the final communication listed above:

Originally Posted By: Mollie Steenson

"Rather than making the evidence available to individuals, which 3ABN has that validate the basis for the actions we have had to take in this matter, we have turned this matter over to a group of respected church leaders who will be looking at all the evidence, not just portions of it, and they will publicly give their findings in the near future."

Out of the eleven emails I sent John and Mollie regarding seeing these phone card phone records as promised, the phrase "phone card(s)" occurs ten times, and that does not include when a previous email was attached to a new one for reference purposes. Not once in the two replies I got from John and Mollie did they indicate that there had been some mistake, and that these phone card phone records were really something else or did not exist after all. Thus it is difficult to assume that there has been some sort of misunderstanding.

I also mentioned in my email to Mollie on October 3:

Quote:

"[John] indicated that that wasn't his decision. So I assume that it was 3ABN's board or management that determined that those interested in seeing this evidence can indeed see it if they come to 3ABN."

Mollie thus far has made no correction to this conclusion that it was a decision by the 3ABN board or 3ABN management that anyone who wished could see these phone card phone records if they came to 3ABN.

Now for the next troubling discrepancy. John explicitly said on September 1 that these phone card phone records documented hundreds of hours of calls. I used the phrase "hundreds of hours" 15 times in my eleven emails to John and Mollie, not including the number of times that this phrase appeared in the previous emails I

attached. Not once did John or Mollie indicate that John was mistaken in his claim.

But here is information from Wal-Mart and AT&T that raises questions about this claim:

- Wal-Mart currently sells Wal-Mart branded AT&T prepaid phone cards in denominations of 150, 500, and 1000 minutes.
- 1000 minutes would be the equivalent of 16 hours and 40 minutes if the calls were domestic calls that were billed at that flat rate with no surcharges, and thus "hundreds of hours" would require a minimum equivalent of 12 phone cards.
- Each minute of actual time to a land line in Norway currently costs 7 "minutes," and thus "hundreds of hours" using 1000-minute cards to a land line in Norway would require a minimum equivalent of 84 phone cards, assuming that there were no surcharges.
- Each minute of actual time to a cellphone in Norway currently costs 20 "minutes," and thus "hundreds of hours" to a cellphone in Norway using 1000-minute cards would require a minimum equivalent of 240 phone cards, assuming that there were no surcharges.

Since every phone card has different PIN numbers, in order to legally obtain information for "hundreds of hours" of calls, one would need to get a hold of a lot of Linda's phone cards, and she does admit that you did borrow one and refused to return it. Thus,

Question 39: How many of Linda's phone cards did you in actuality get a hold of, and how many hours of time do they really represent, including and not including recharges?

In my eleven emails to John and Mollie, I asked the following question a total of six times beginning with September 8, and though it is rapidly approaching four months later, neither of them has had the courtesy to give any sort of reply. Thus,

Question 40: Did John's statement that there were hundreds of hours of phone calls by Linda to Norway refer to a) actual time spent on the phone or b) billed units; in other words, did "hundreds of hours" really mean 10 to 30 hours of actual time spent on the phone, since we must divide the value of the phone card by a factor ranging from perhaps 7 to 20?

John also stated on September 1 in our phone conversation that his involvement in this whole matter began on March 9, 2004. In trying to figure out the details about these phone card phone records, I asked him whether these calls were made prior to March 9. He said that they were. Thus,

Question 41: Over how long a period of time do these phone card phone records cover, and over that period of time, how many days was Linda actually in the States and Dr. Abrahamsen actually in Norway, and according to these phone card phone records, what was the total amount of time Linda spent on the phone to Norway (allowing us to calculate an average amount of time per day and per week)?

To make it easy to follow everything, here is Mollie's sole reply again from October 17:

Originally Posted By: Mollie Steenson

"Rather than making the evidence available to individuals, which 3ABN has that validate the basis for the actions we have had to take in this matter, we have turned this matter over to a group of respected church leaders who will be looking at all the evidence, not just portions of it, and they will publicly give their findings in the near future."

There were a total of four questions in my reply of October 17 to the above:

Quote:

"1) Has there been a change of policy since September 1, when Pastor Lomacang promised that we could see the phone card phone records if we came by? He indicated that that wasn't his decision. Or was he somehow totally mistaken?

"2) Pastor Lomacang indicated that these records showed hundreds of hours of phone calls, but I have thus far been unable to confirm from him that these hundreds of hours are actual time spent on the phone rather than billed phone card units. Can you confirm this?

"3) What group of respected church leaders has the matter been turned over to? Who are they?

"4) Will they be making public the evidence that supports their findings, or will they only make public their findings?

"I ask this last question because from a damage control and apologetic perspective, the only real way to put all the rumors to rest once and for all is to come across as if 3ABN has nothing to hide.

"Take for example these phone records, which Pastor Lomacang stated emphatically that he had personally seen. After he promised that we could see them if we stopped by, it has taken more than five weeks to discover that 3ABN will not allow this, and that gives the impression that they either do not exist or that they do not say what he claimed they say.

"This is even more so the case since I asked him on September 8 and October 2 and October 3 and October 10 and October 16 whether the hundreds of hours were actual minutes or billed minutes, and though I did get a short reply from him on October 2, he has yet to answer that simple question. The definite impression being given is that there never were hundreds of hours spent on the phone."

Since it is now two and a half months later and still no reply from Mollie, I will ask the following of you:

Question 42: Who made and authorized the dramatic change in policy between September 1 and October 17 regarding who could see these phone card phone records, and why did it take from September 8 (one week after John promised they

could be seen) until October 17 to be informed that there had indeed been a change in policy?

Question 43: What group of respected "church leaders" has the matter been turned over to, have they agreed to investigate the matter and is it certain that they will do so, and if so, what specific issues have they agreed to investigate, and if not, why have they not agreed and/or why is it not certain?

Question 44: Have they agreed to examine the question of whether the phone card phone records or any other evidence, such as the recording Hal Steenson alleged exists, was legally or illegally obtained, and if not, will evidence of this sort even be allowed to be considered?

Question 45: Will both the findings of, and the evidence considered by, these respected "church leaders" be released, and if not, what sort of process is in the works to assure Seventh-day Adventists everywhere that the findings will not constitute yet another attempt at evasion, stonewalling, and/or cover up?

Trusting that this new year will be much more pleasant for you then last year has been,

Bob

Daryl Fawcett
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01/02/07 06:21 PM



Re: Questions on John Lomacang's claims.

It will be interesting to see what kind of a reply you will receive, assuming you will even receive a reply.

Daryl Fawcett
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02/05/07 06:35 PM



Re: Questions on John Lomacang's claims.

I assume you never did receive any reply?

Bob Pickle
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02/06/07 03:58

Re: Questions on John Lomacang's claims.

No reply whatsoever.

PM