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**Posted by: inga Dec 27 2006, 02:24 PM**

It alarms me that so many people are still buying into the idea that Linda Shelton committed "spiritual adultery."

It alarms me because it seems like thousands of peopel put more stock in what Danny Shelton says than in what the Bible says. So please join me in examining what the Bible says on the subject.

First of all, the concept of "spiritual adultery" **is** in the Bible. It has nothing to do with unfaithfulness to one's spouse but it has everything to do with unfaithfulness to the God of heaven .

In the Bible God often refers to Himself as being "married" to His people. The concept is found throughout the Old and New Testament, and I'll present a few examples easily found through a word search. Some of these texts should be very familiar to readers of this board.

#### QUOTE

Isaiah 62.3-5

Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. or as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and **as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.**

Jeremiah 3.14

Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for **I am married unto you:**

Malachi 2.11

**Judah hath dealt treacherously**, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; **for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.**

Isaiah 54.5

For **thy Maker is thine husband**; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Jeremiah 3.20

Surely **as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel**, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 31.31-33

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although **I was an husband unto them**, saith the LORD:

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

I trust that the concept of the church being the "bride of Christ" as well as "the marriage supper of the Lamb" is familiar to readers of this board. In Ezekiel we find a very specific reference:

**QUOTE**

Ezekiel 16.28, 30-32

Thou **hast played the whore also with the Assyrians**, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied.

How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman; In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire; But **as a wife that committeth adultery**, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!

Note that in Ezekiel, unfaithfulness to God is specifically compared to physical adultery against one's husband. God says that Israel is playing the whore by building "high places" on which she worships other gods. **This unfaithfulness to God would then be biblical "spiritual adultery,"** since God is a Spirit (according to Jesus when speaking with the Samaritan woman.) This has been the meaning of "spiritual adultery" as long as God's church has existed -- until certain modern teachers came along and re-defined the term.

When Danny accuses Linda of spiritual adultery, he is doing several things:

1. He is re-defining a biblical concept to suit his own purpose. Does he have the right to change God's word? Is that not the right of God alone, should He so choose? (What Danny appears to be saying is that Linda lusted after someone else. So he's referring to mental/emotional adultery.)

2. How does he **know** what's going on in Linda's mind -- whether it's "spiritual" or mental adultery? It seems obvious that Linda didn't tell him, "I'm lusting after so and so." If she had, Danny would be sure to tell us. Thus Danny is taking the prerogatives of God to Himself by declaring that he knows, for a fact, what is going on in Linda's heart.

Of course, if we assume that Danny actually [i]knows[/i] what the Bible says -- which should be a reasonable assumption -- then he is also claiming to himself the prerogatives of God, saying Linda committed adultery with some other god besides himself.

Any way you cut it, Danny's accusing Linda of spiritual adultery says many more negative things about himself than about Linda.

Accepting Danny's word that Linda committed "spiritual adultery" also says several things about the people who accept it.

1. It indicates lack of biblical knowledge and a willingness to accept someone's else's word, in the place of personal Bible study.
2. It indicates a willingness to accept Danny's self-evaluation of having (at the very least) prophetic insight so as to be able to read thoughts and motives.

Any way you cut it, accepting Danny's accusations of Linda indicates more negative things about the those who accept it than about Linda.

That's just the way I see it.

You may disagree, but if you expect us to take your disagreement as anything more than a display of ignorance, please supply some valid reasons (e.g. biblical basis or other verifiable data) for your disagreement.

Some other facts to investigate:

What is the biblical basis for divorce? (This has been discussed before, but it would be good to have all factual data, as opposed to opinions & rumors, in one place.)

What has been Danny Shelton's verifiable behavior during and since 2004? (e.g. marital status, residence, travels, etc., including verifiable dates.)

What has been Linda Shelton's verifiable behavior during and since 2004? (e.g. marital status, residence, travels, etc. including verifiable dates.)

These facts are important because people seem to believe a number of things that are quite contrary to verifiable facts.

Please respect the purpose of this thread and address the facts or the biblical evidence.

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**Posted by: princessdi Dec 27 2006, 03:27 PM**

But there is nothing spiritual about that lust. That man's mind is not dwelling in the spiritual.

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**Posted by: Panama\_Pete Dec 27 2006, 03:34 PM**

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See the following script.

Pete

#### **WHEN IT'S TIME TO LEAVE**

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**MARK A. FINLEY**

<http://www.iiv.org/tvprogram/scripts/program-863-script-1.html>

The problem of Thyatira is the problem of **spiritual adultery** . Adultery is an illicit union with a person who's not your true spouse. Adultery speaks of unfaithfulness. It's a breaking of sacred vows.

This letter really addresses an entire period of church history, the period of the Dark Ages. **The Christian church symbolized by Thyatira, was unfaithful to her true lover, Jesus Christ and unfaithful to His Word. She broke her vow and loyalty to her Lord.**

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**Posted by: Eddy Dec 27 2006, 03:40 PM**

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
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**Posted by: Grace Dec 27 2006, 05:20 PM**


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

Actually it does matter; it is the crux of the issue. Because of the church's teaching on divorce and remarriage in order to marry Brandy without stepping out of the bounds laid by the church's position he had to show Linda was adulterous. He could not prove a physical adulterous relationship... but with Linda effectively gagged, he has been able to cast enough aspersion for folk to believe her guilty... belief that continues to be entrenched, as one can see... but it begs the question... if the charge he makes is shown to be fraudulent what of his subsequent marriage to Brandy? I am speaking from the perspective of the church; as far as the state is concerned he needed no reason at all to divorce Linda... but the standard of the church is markedly higher...and it is the attempting to give the appearance of having met that standard which has brought this discussion to where it is... the issues with the continued bearing of false witness not withstanding.

In His service,  
Mr. J

**Posted by: inga Dec 27 2006, 05:42 PM**

**QUOTE(Eddy @ Dec 27 2006, 04:40 PM)** 

Once again a misunderstanding from a play on words.  Either way it doesn't matter. Because either way we still don't know her heart to judge.

Whew! Eddy, you have a way of deflating one's ego.  I just wrote a lengthy post explaining, with Bible texts, what "spiritual adultery" is and is not. And then you come on here and write a "reply" demonstrating that you haven't understood a word I wrote. 

This was not a "play on words," but a misuse of a very real term.

Maybe a summary will help:

**Spiritual adultery is unfaithfulness to God.**

Unless Danny is God, Linda cannot commit spiritual adultery against him.

Apparently Danny meant "mental adultery" (which you incorrectly equate with spiritual adultery). But even then, there's no way for Danny to know, as you pointed out.

Furthermore, even if Danny could **know** that Linda committed mental adultery (fantasized about someone other than Danny), that does not constitute biblical grounds for divorce.

FACTS:

Danny divorced Linda without biblical grounds.

Danny married Brandy, who is much younger than Linda.

Linda is still single and has no plans to remarry at this time.

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Nope; your point is spot on...

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**Posted by: Brother Sam Dec 27 2006, 09:08 PM**

A few years ago I became acquainted with some charismatics believe.

They believe God talks to them and what he says supercedes what the bible says.

Shame on the adventist, John Lomacang, and the board for listening to Danny Shelton and spiritual adultery. Its not adventist doctrine its charismatics doctrine,

Is that why he like charismatics! And they call him a prophet.

**Posted by: Green Cochoa Dec 27 2006, 10:06 PM**

First of all, I think it only fair to say that the term "spiritual" can and does have more than one usage. I agree that the traditional interpretation, when coupled with "adultery," clearly refers to

leaving our "first love" Christ in search of other "lovers" (gods). However, it is also true that the term "spiritual" carries other meanings, and might be fairly applied to the sense of the term in which Jesus spoke of committing adultery in the heart.

For example, Jesus also said that Lazarus was not dead. But he was dead. How then was he not dead? Spiritually. Jesus also said that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were alive, which can only have been in a "spiritual" sense. So the term "spiritual" can apply to anything in our spiritual lives which exists beyond the physical realm.

However, where I completely disagree with the term of "spiritual adultery" is the use of it in connection with a "legal" (spiritual) right to divorce. Obviously, according to earthly laws, anyone can divorce and remarry for any cause--or none at all. So we are speaking of the spiritual realm of permission here. Biblically speaking, there is no precedent, command, nor permission given for divorce on the basis of a so-called "spiritual adultery."

Since I have presented a clear basis for this using some scripture in another thread, I will recommend those who haven't read it to go there rather than repeating that here.

Three posts:

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To summarize briefly, in logical form:

- 1) Jesus said if your intention is to lust after someone when you look at them, it is as though you've already committed adultery. (adulterer)
- 2) If you hate your brother, it is as though you've already murdered him. (murderer)
- 3) James 2:10 says to break the law on one point is to break the law on every point.

Therefore, if you can divorce over the adulterous thoughts, without the actions, of your spouse, you should also be able to imprison a "murderer" for his/her hatred. And to carry it one step further in the same logic, if your spouse breaks any one of the 10 Commandments, this means he/she has broken the commandment against adultery, and therefore you would have permission to divorce.

I hope it becomes abundantly clear, in light of the final result of such logic, why this reasoning is not Biblical.

**Posted by: inga Dec 28 2006, 12:57 AM**

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Not without doing great violence to the English language. Dictionaries chronicle the way words are used by most speakers of the language. You'll find the most up-to-date data at [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com). (Certainly older usage does not make room for the kind of usage you envision). Here are the definitions of "spiritual" from Dictionary.com:

spir-it-u-al



- adjective 1. of, pertaining to, or consisting of spirit; incorporeal.
- 2. of or pertaining to the spirit or soul, as distinguished from the physical nature: a spiritual approach to life.
- 3. closely akin in interests, attitude, outlook, etc.: the professor's spiritual heir in linguistics.
- 4. of or pertaining to spirits or to spiritualists; supernatural or spiritualistic.
- 5. characterized by or suggesting predominance of the spirit; ethereal or delicately refined: She is more of a spiritual type than her rowdy brother.
- 6. of or pertaining to the spirit as the seat of the moral or religious nature.
- 7. of or pertaining to sacred things or matters; religious; devotional; sacred.
- 8. of or belonging to the church; ecclesiastical: lords spiritual and temporal.
- 9. of or relating to the mind or intellect.
- noun 10. a spiritual or religious song: authentic folk spirituals.
- 11. spirituals, affairs of the church.
- 12. a spiritual thing or matter.

Notice that the word is used in a sense implying religious exercise **or** a faculty of man distinguished from the body. It is not used in place of "mental" (e.g. fantasizing) or "emotional." As PrincessDi pointed out, there's nothing "spiritual" about lusting after a person.

So far I've not heard of anyone referring to lusting as spiritual adultery other than Dan Shelton and his supporters. One might expect it also of certain charismatics, considering their teachings, but I know of none for sure.

#### QUOTE

For example, Jesus also said that Lazarus was not dead. But he was dead. How then was he not dead? Spiritually.

While I appreciate your biblical arguments up to this point, I must take exception to your interpretation here. This kind of "spiritual" application allows us all sorts of strange doctrines. Let's take a look at what Jesus actually said, in context:

#### QUOTE

John 11.11-14

These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

Recognizing that a common way for Jews of the time to refer to a person dying was that he was going to "sleep with his fathers," what Jesus said makes perfect sense. When the disciples misunderstood to which kind of "sleep" he was referring, he told them plainly that Lazarus was dead.

Saying that Lazarus was "spiritually not dead" would imply that Jesus taught that there is spiritual life apart from the body. That is far from the truth. For clarification of this issue, please see [http://www.glow.cc/theo/eternal\\_life/index.htm](http://www.glow.cc/theo/eternal_life/index.htm). If anything in that essay is not clear, please PM me.

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Again, let's take a look at the context to get a better picture of what Jesus meant:

I believe you're referring to the incident chronicles in Matthew 22.31, 32 and surrounding texts: "But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,


I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

Jesus was speaking to the Sadducees who didn't believe in a resurrection. They had come to him with an "unsolvable" problem -- seven brothers who had been married to the same wife. Whose wife, they asked, would she be in the resurrection?


"Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven." (verses 29, 30) That answered their spoken question.

However, then Jesus got down to the **real** issue -- the resurrection which the Sadducees denied and the Pharisees affirmed. They had brought up this "problem" to make the doctrine of the resurrection seem ridiculous. Jesus now confirms the doctrine of the resurrection by referring to familiar Scriptures of the time -- that God presented Himself as the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. What would be the sense if these men had passed into eternal annihilation?

By contrast, Jesus affirmed the resurrection by saying God is a God of the **living** -- seeing that the state between the end of physical life and the resurrection was commonly understood as a sleep, or a suspension of life, rather than annihilation, this made sense. (The Hebrews knew nothing of a soul distance from a body or of any existence separate from the body. Please reference the URL I gave above where I give the biblical basis for my statement here.)

I do agree with your arguments in the "Questions for Joe" thread you referenced and in the rest of this post to which I responded. Thank you for saying it so well. 

**Posted by: HUGGINS130 Dec 28 2006, 01:41 AM**

regardless the term spiritual adultery doesn't mean one should go out and divorce their spouse...there are reasons a man and woman should probably divorce, but spiritual adultery isn't one...I guess we can say I am off lurk mode at the present time... 

**Posted by: Green Cochoa Dec 28 2006, 01:48 AM**

Inga,

I recognize that your interpretation of those verses regarding Lazarus, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the traditional interpretation. I'm really not wishing to argue this point, but perhaps, for the sake of clearing up any misunderstanding of them, I will try to clarify a little.

Actually, it is surprising to me that more people have not understood this. Remember, God lives in the present. He is the "I AM." When Jesus says, therefore, "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. God is not the God of the dead, but of the living," He is speaking in present tense for a reason. This is not making reference to the future resurrection directly. Indirectly, yes, it does imply that the patriarchs will be raised in Christ. But Lazarus is a big clue here to what Jesus was trying to teach. Jesus clearly said Lazarus was not dead, only asleep. Once again, using the present tense. Once again, Lazarus is physically dead at the time of that statement.

You see, "spiritually" (if you will please allow me to use the term this way for I honestly know of no other word to apply here), Lazarus was alive. In the same way that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are alive. In the same way that you or I can be alive through Christ.

Contrast this with Jesus' scathing rebuke to the Pharisees that they were as "whited sepulchres" filled with "dead men's bones!" Obviously, Jesus saw them as "walking dead" (spiritually dead while physically alive). Lazarus and the patriarchs were physically dead while spiritually alive.

To go a step further, and this is a major point of the gospel which many theologians have never comprehended, Jesus says "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Jesus proceeds to tell everyone things like:

(To Lazarus' sister)

John 11:24-26 "Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

I would ask of you this same question. Do you believe that by believing in Jesus you will never die?

(To Nicodemus)

John 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

This is in present tense. If you believe, you have (now) everlasting life. It's not really a big mystery! It's just that Jesus thinks on a spiritual plane, whereas our minds tend to focus on the temporal and physical realm.

I appreciate your kindness in discussing this, and I know that these concepts are not easy to understand. Nicodemus, Martha, and I too--we all have difficulty grasping the beauty of this message. But Jesus would not have expressed it to his dearest friends, and to the scholar Nicodemus, if He felt it was too much for their understanding--unless, of course, it was more for our benefit.

**Posted by: Green Cochoa Dec 28 2006, 05:25 AM**

Inga,

Going back over what you have said, and reflecting on what you may have thought I was saying, I have seen a few things I should clarify further.

First, regarding those deceased who are "spiritually" alive: They are in the grave. They have no "spirit" floating around in heaven. I'm not promoting any strange doctrine here at all. I'm well acquainted with such as Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, Psalm 115:17, etc. and in full agreement with them. However, why is it that we speak of people being "asleep in Jesus?" The Bible speaks of it in these terms. I have to assume that Paul understood the concept of spiritual death and life, versus physical death or life, for in 1 Corinthians 15:51 he speaks of this "mystery" and says "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed."

If we consider this for but a moment, it quickly surfaces that only the living can sleep. But why then do we speak of the "dead" sleeping? It is because Jesus looks at it from a different perspective. Life and death can be physical or spiritual. Those who deny God and reject Him choose death for themselves. Those who choose Christ, choose life. This "spiritual" life is that only which can have eternal consequence. The physical state of death or life is only temporary.

When Jesus died on the cross, it is my understanding that He died not just the ordinary physical death, but the spiritual death that we each deserve for our sins. This was to give us spiritual life.

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Now, the link to the essay you included opens a whole 'nother can of worms! For the Bible teaches that the fire of hell is eternal--but now you will really think I'm strange! Best we leave that for another thread.

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Blessings!

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**Posted by: Eddy Dec 28 2006, 11:21 AM**

Okay, first let's get this out so there is no confusion. There is spiritual adultery, and the other lets call "mental adultery".

**QUOTE(Grace @ Dec 27 2006, 06:20 PM)**

Let me see. If I'm a married woman and I spend a long time on the phone with a man other than my husband, I commit spiritual adultery. But it's possible to lust for another women, in a homo sense. So, I commit spiritual adultery if I talk on the phone to a woman for a long time. What about spending a long time with people (men and women) in a forum? I suppose it could be labeled as committing spiritual adultery too. Rats!!! I have been spending more than ten minutes... a day!!! I'm glad my hubby is not looking for a way to get rid of me, or I'd be done!

Is this  off ?

I don't think that talking on the phone for a long time equals lust or mental adultery or any of the above. Is this what made Danny think he could accuse his wife of mental adultery?

**QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Dec 27 2006, 06:40 PM)**

Actually it does matter; it is the crux of the issue. Because of the church's teaching on divorce and remarriage in order to marry Brandy without stepping out of the bounds laid by the church's position he had to show Linda was adulterous. He could not prove a physical adulterous relationship... but with Linda effectively gagged, he has been able to cast enough aspersion for folk to believe her guilty... belief that continues to be entrenched, as one can see... but it begs the question... if the charge he makes is shown to be fraudulent what of his subsequent marriage to Brandy? I am speaking from the perspective of the church; as far as the state is concerned he needed no reason at all to divorce Linda... but the standard of the church is markedly higher...and it is the attempting to give the appearance of having met that standard which has brought this discussion to where it is... the issues with the continued bearing of false witness not withstanding.

In His service,

Mr. J

Now, that's pretty messed up [img alt="reply icon" data-bbox="355 148 390 165"]. Because unless she confessed, he cannot prove at all that she committed mental adultery. But that does bring up a question. Should mental adultery be a legit reason for divorce?

Personally I do not think so, but I'm one of those people who are in it through thickest to thinnest. I don't even think adultery is a good enough reason for divorce, unless it is a continuous thing. BTJM

**QUOTE(inga @ Dec 27 2006, 06:42 PM)** [img alt="quote icon" data-bbox="428 271 443 286"]

Whew! Eddy, you have a way of deflating one's ego. [img alt="reply icon" data-bbox="515 306 540 323"] I just wrote a lengthy post explaining, with Bible texts, what "spiritual adultery" is and is not. And then you come on here and write a "reply" demonstrating that you haven't understood a word I wrote. [img alt="reply icon" data-bbox="565 340 590 357"]

Sorry about that. [img alt="reply icon" data-bbox="268 406 293 423"] You just don't hear much about the literal spiritual adultery.

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**Posted by: princessdi Dec 28 2006, 11:23 AM**

Okay, first let's get this out so there is no confusion. There is spiritual adultery, and the other lets call "mental adultery".

Right! spiritual adultery is against God, not man{general}. Mental is that of which the Bible speaks about *lusting after a woman in your heart, but as you said, no one can know that unless you tell them.*

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Now you got it, Girlie! However he then called it "spiritual adultery". That would not wash, and he has since distanced himself from that phrase. Yes, he actually called it that because she was on the phone more than 15 mins. with a man who was not her husband.....he left out the part about it being a Dr. who was treating Linda's son, Danny's stepson, for drug abuse. We didn't find that out until later. Danny acted as if he had no idea why she was on the phone with a man that long.

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**Posted by: Eddy Dec 28 2006, 11:37 AM**

**QUOTE(princessdi @ Dec 28 2006, 12:23 PM)** [img alt="quote icon" data-bbox="468 828 483 843"]

Now you got it, Girlie!

 Yeah, I'm learning. You know I'm new to all this.

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
**Posted by: inga Dec 28 2006, 11:56 AM**

"Green Cocha,"

Thanks for the detailed reply. I really appreciate it.  It clarifies a lot of things.

**QUOTE(Green Cochoa @ Dec 28 2006, 06:25 AM)** 


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Thanks for taking a look at least.  I agree that the fire of hell is as eternal as that which burned up Sodom and Gomorrah. (See Jude 7) Any other eternal fire would present the problem of an uninhabitable earth (because of the eternal fire) or a separate place in God's universe in which sinners are eternally tortured, as taught by those who do not understand that God only has inherent immortality. But you're right, if this is discussed, it should be in another thread.

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I did not take issue with the concept of multiple meanings, but with the **particular meaning** implied in "spiritual adultery." It goes contrary to the accepted usage of the word *spiritual*.

As for the multiple meanings I posted, it didn't require much "dredging." Copying the dictionary definitions from <http://www.dictionary.com> is all it took. Dictionaries are rather useful for purposes of determining accepted usage of language. 

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Agreed on the issue of "spiritual suicide." It perfectly fits the accepted usage of the term. But could your justification for "spiritual adultery" mean that physical adultery does not affect one's spirituality?

 (A rhetorical question, since I don't think you mean that.)

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Agreed. I just don't believe that mental adultery is more "spiritual" than physical adultery.  (I'm not saying you do, by the way -- just that the terminology implies that.)

Once again: Biblically speaking, spiritual adultery is unfaithfulness to God, and that usage harmonizes with the dictionary meaning of "spiritual."

Calling the other "mental adultery" gets us on the same page. Only God knows whether anyone committed mental adultery, unless there's concret evidence such as a record of sexually explicit exchanges -- either in written or audio format. Of course, I understand Danny & cohorts **have claimed** that such evidence exists. However, with all the other trashing of Linda that they have done, the fact that they haven't come forth with any credible evidence is a pretty good argument in favor of there being no such evidence.

Blessings,  
Inga

**Posted by: Green Cochoa Dec 28 2006, 07:50 PM**

Inga, regarding the eternal fire of hell, I would encourage you to read the following verses, in this order:

Isaiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 15  
Deuteronomy 4:24  
Isaiah 43:2  
Daniel 3:25  
Revelation 3:18  
Jude 7

And then tell me with what you could logically replace the term "eternal fire" in that last verse.

(The first two texts you will want to compare and contrast together carefully.)

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Yes, there are four major realms for us:

Spiritual  
Mental  
Physical  
Emotional

To which of these does "sin" have a direct relationship? I think it's the "spiritual" realm. This is why I

have said earlier, and I still feel, that the term "spiritual adultery" can have more than one application, if not meaning.

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human divorce...btjm...

**Posted by: inga Jan 1 2007, 11:35 PM**

When we limit ourselves to the facts of the matter, as opposed to speculation, it would probably be a good idea to remember who are the first-hand actual witnesses.

Linda, is of course, a first-hand witness, but she may have reasons to see things differently from Danny.

Dr. Abrahamsen is a first-hand witness, but Danny has implicated him as being involved. Johann Thorvaldssen is a first-hand witness, and Danny has not been able to come up with any evidence to support his accusations of Pastor Thorvaldssen, who was the European liaison for 3ABN.

The testimonies of all three persons above agree in the essential details.

Danny Shelton is **not** a first-hand witness of the serious allegations against Linda. He wasn't there. He has said he has "evidence" but hasn't been able to produce it. Considering all the things he has said about Linda thus far, it's a safe bet that his inability to present credible evidence demonstrates that there isn't any.

**Posted by: Panama\_Pete Mar 6 2007, 06:56 AM**

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<http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-demise-of-marriage-1.htm>

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

From: Danny Shelton

To: Johann Thorvaldsson

Subject:

Date: Sunday, August 08, 2004 9:20 AM

"They all told her that **spiritual adultery virtually always turns into physical adultery**. They told her that eventually these "innocent" conversations with this other man would end up in meeting together physically. Because before very long these long conversations would not be enough to fill her emotional needs. The next step would be to meet together which virtually always takes this problem from spiritual adultery to physical."

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 Danny Shelton's information on spiritual adultery seems to originate with a book by John Sandford. So, I looked at John Sandford, the author

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<http://www.cultlink.com/sentinel/sandford.html>

Some of **John Sandford's** exhortations given under supposed divine revelation serve his own agenda and **his own vision of Christian unity between Protestants and Catholics**. Sandford treats **anyone standing in the way of such unbiblical unity as the enemy and uses his assumed position as a prophet to spiritually threaten** the Bereans who question his ecumenical bent..

"That's where we have been, as we discovered **Methodists, Lutherans, Baptists, Roman Catholics and so many other Christians of every denomination all being filled with the Spirit, rattling our theologies together, joining ourselves to one another with a lot of noise.**

He got one thing right! When sound theology is mixed with false theology one has to "rattle" them to do so."

<http://www.psychoheresy-aware.org/elijahhouse.html>

Elijah House was founded in 1974 by **John and Paula Sandford, who are avid proponents of inner healing prayer. For more than two decades, Elijah House has published a collection of books by the Sandfords that advocate many of the same concepts Ed Smith teaches in his Theophostic Prayer Ministry training materials.**

**John Sandford has referred to himself as a "super-spook mystic always having dreams, seeing visions, and having far-out experiences" (Healing the Wounded Spirit, p. 255). One of those experiences included healing the traumatic memory of a cow** that had been shocked by lightning — a story Sandford relates in A Comprehensive Guide to Deliverance and Inner Healing (p. 231-232). He says: "Memories need to be healed in animals as well as in people. Demons must be cast away, but not without removing their access by healing the memories" (p. 235). This idea that hurtful memories provide access to demonic inhabitation, which Smith applies to Christians, and not animals, was heavily promoted in Smith's writings over the years.

The Sandfords are self-admitted disciples of Agnes Sanford (no relation), who is considered the mother of the **healing-of-the-memories movement**. John Sandford opens his classic work on inner healing — The Transformation of the Inner Man — with the story of Sanford, whom he met in 1961. He says, "I knew by my psychological training that Agnes was praying for the inner boy [his inner child] from conception to thirteen whom I could not reach. It worked. I was healed" (p. 4). He then goes on to describe a dream about Sanford, which he said God showed him was all about "turning on lights in [Sandford's] 'tower of knowledge'" (pp. 4-5).

DesVoignes says: "**Sandford teaches that as part of transformation, the counselor must take a person through visualization, back into their childhood, even back into the womb, to contact their inner child, find out what the problem was at that time, speak to it , and this will allow changes to be made in the present life.**"

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**Posted by: Panama\_Pete Mar 6 2007, 07:44 AM**

Note: these two letters are what I recall of the "Spiritual Adultery" episode. Emphasis is mine.

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Dear Stan:

God has put a spiritual "hole" in each of our hearts that can be filled by Him. When it is, we will be so bonded that we will give up family, career, everything for Him. God has given us marriage to understand how two people can become one--so we can better understand the trinity, but the spiritual "hole" shouldn't be filled with a human.

Unfortunately, if the hole is filled with another person, problems are created--especially if the person is not one's spouse! That's why we have so many pastors leaving the church--they have allowed their spiritual hole to be filled with another person whom they are helping spiritually. Too much Bible study and spiritual counseling with persons of the opposite sex can lead to emotional dependence and the person is willing to give up everything for this person. **This is basically what Spiritual Adultery is.** No, there does not have to be physical contact. However, in most cases it leads to that because as a man spends time meeting a woman's emotional needs, he unconsciously feels there should be a sexual payoff. And when a woman's emotional needs are met, she is more open to a sexual relationship.

Here's a book I think may be helpful. Spiritual Adultery by Charles H. Dove. You can get it through Amazon.com

Sincerely,

Kay

### **Kay Kuzma's Correction**

"To: Stan McCluskey

Stan,

I had heard there was a book on spiritual adultery. I mistakenly went up on Amazon.com and found the one by Dove--thinking that was the one that had been recommended to me. I made a mistake. **The Christian book on spiritual adultery is really** called, Why Some Christians Commit Adultery, by **John Loren Sandford** . Again, I have not read the book. I have no idea who Dove is...never read a word from him...and like you, I never want to! I'm sure glad you're the only person I've mentioned that book to!!!! Innocent mistakes can too easily become mountains!

Kay

I reminded her that permission had been given to add her note to this Forum.

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**Posted by: Noahswife Mar 6 2007, 09:33 AM**

QUOTE(Panama\_Pete @ Mar 6 2007, 08:44 AM)

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Or two or three days or maybe an entire book.

However, I suspect if Aletheia or the others address this thread or this post they will point out Freud's flaws and errors rather than discuss the author Mr. Sanford and his interesting viewpoints or why Ms Kuzma would even be aware of and recommending his book. Do you think they can stay on topic and address this interesting post?

No wonder Danny said in the email discussed elsewhere that Linda needed new friends.

If WWJD, Lee and cronies buy into this no wonder they don't understand why the rest of us don't see what they see in the emails that have been posted. They need to get off the compound.

Thanks for sharing this back story and doing the research for us Panama\_Pete.

nw  
C"j"

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Mar 6 2007, 02:05 PM**

PP,

Yikes! Shades of the Burmuda Triangle! I agree with NW, thank you so much for doing this research.

As each of the puzzle pieces slip inexorably into place, the picture is becoming so clear!

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**Posted by: PrincessDrRe Mar 6 2007, 04:16 PM**

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If you are trying to insinuate he was being disingenuous, you are equally guilty of disingenuity... the entirety of the reads thusly:

#### QUOTE

In my work as a counselor-of-clergy, one of the most baffling questions is: why do so many clergy and people-helpers commit adultery?

I'm writing a major paper on this issue, which will be posted in due course: together with another article on 'Sex and Singles'...

Where do we start? Here's one place: the need of every human being for intimacy (Genesis 2:18), which people-helpers/clergy are involved in every working day. God has created us with a deep need to be loved when we are 'known'. Spiritual and emotional wholeness happens when the dynamic of confession/forgiveness occurs. God's unconditional love is incarnated when another human being accepts us when they know the worst about us...

But in our world children and adults are not loved unconditionally. Parents, teachers/authority figures and peers 'loved' us to the degree that we are 'good' or clever or conform or satisfy other criteria for acceptance. And because most men were not properly initiated into manhood by their fathers (mothers can't do that: ask for my article on that) and most women were not nurtured adequately by their fathers (I have something on that too), we have in our 'bent world' an increasing number of adults living with a mild-to-severe love-deficit.

If I marry a wife to find a nurturing mother, or a husband to find a nurturing father, all sorts of codependent behaviours develop. I'm supposed to marry a mate, not someone whose main function is to carry the baggage of unmet emotional needs I've brought from my childhood.

Now people-helpers/clergy are very vulnerable at this point. A client/parishioner may project their unmet 'love-deficit' needs into the counseling relationship. 'No one has ever understood me like you do' is a common come-on. The counselor is burnt out, tired, emotionally drained, frustrated in their marriage or whatever, and gets hooked. They share with the client feelings which don't belong in this context and find comfort and refreshment in this relationship. One thing leads to another, and as John Sandford says in his quite brilliant book 'Why Some Christians Commit Adultery' (Tulsa, OK: Victory House, 1989), 'the first and greatest cause of sexual adultery, among well-meaning Christians, is spiritual adultery [which happens when] married persons share with someone else what ought to have been shared first or only with their own spouses' (p.7).

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The context of the quote is speaking of clergy that fall...and is attempting to look back with hindsight

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If you have incontrovertible proof of adultery, put it out there. If you don't admit it... but this "I have proof but I can't show it to you" game is not working...all you need is the "for reasons of National Security" and I'd swear you were Scooter Libby... and you see how well toeing the party line worked out for him today...

Danny's minions and lackeys should take heed...

In His service,  
Mr. J

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**Posted by: Bystander Mar 6 2007, 06:12 PM**

**QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Mar 6 2007, 04:16 PM) □**

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
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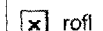
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I know what you mean! I'm just glad my children and grandkids don't read here. They would also be

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**Posted by: Panama\_Pete Mar 7 2007, 01:42 AM**

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**QUOTE(fallible humanbeing @ Mar 6 2007, 04:51 PM) □**

PP,

Have been reading your research and doing some of my own on the subject and its origins. I thought it was interesting that you left out the #3 from the classical wisdom list. I find it interesting because it holds a lot of wisdom in regards to husband/wife relationships even outside the discussion of spiritual adultery.

(Emphasis is mine)

3. So: **don't become isolated, particularly from your spouse; be careful when you keenly anticipate an appointment with someone or invent even 'innocent' excuses to spend inappropriate amounts of private time with that person**; listen to the warnings of others; confess to a spiritual director or supervisor; join a small group where you can be accountable; **be willing not to see the person in question in private - ever again**; and ask for someone with spiritual discernment to pray for a 'separation' or 'loosing' of spirits - particularly if it led to sexual adultery (see 1 Cor. 6:15-20). Finally: **deal with the roots of your own dysfunction.**

Now that seems like wise counsel - especially within this discussion. Why did you leave it out?

- FHB

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Pete

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**Posted by: Johann Mar 7 2007, 05:27 AM**

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**QUOTE(Bystander @ Mar 7 2007, 02:12 AM) □**

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From Pilate to Herod and back to Pilate. No responsibility.

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Mar 7 2007, 07:43 AM**

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**QUOTE(Panama\_Pete @ Mar 7 2007, 12:42 AM) □**

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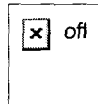
What will you say to try to obfuscate this? An honest man would apologize to Panama\_Pete for casting aspersions when none were deserved, IMO.

PB

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**Posted by: Johann Mar 7 2007, 04:41 PM**

In every one of these discussions Bystander, wwjd, Lee, or one of the others do all in their might to divert the discussion



Reality is as follows as far as I have experienced it:

1. Shortly after Linda and Brenda came back from their short trip to Norway, Danny and Brenda spent a lot of time together, at the end of which Linda was accused of planning to commit adultery by going to Florida to meet Dr. Arild Abrahamsen there. Danny was so certain of this that he wrote the letter that is displayed elsewhere here on BSDA as a proof that their marriage was finished and that she could not return to him.
  2. When Danny discovered that Dr. Abrahamsen never left Norway, so it was really impossible to accuse them of adultery, then he had to save face, and that was done by someone finding that book on which he could speak of spiritual adultery. This was based on phone calls.
  3. When discussions on BSDA revealed that spiritual adultery was not a valid reason for a divorce, then he had to invent a third excuse for the divorce, and now it was really getting difficult. So Garwin McNeilus came to his aid by paying for Private Investigators to spy on us on our trip to Illinois. You would not expect that Danny would spill his secret, but that is exactly what he did. He kept calling to let us know that he knew exactly where we were and what we were doing. So we knew right from the beginning that we were being tracked. Somehow Danny thought we were so stupid that we would let those PI catch us even if we knew they were on our heels. Wouldn't any normal person realize then that even if there was some kind of love relationship going on, then we would see to it that the PI would never catch us? We even talked about this several times when we heard of the PI surrounding us.
- Somehow I am having a difficult time accusing the Danny gang of exercising the gift of normal thinking. In stead they still imagine that with their distractions they can get normal thinking people to think in completely unrealistic terms just to make it possible to justify how Linda was treated.
4. When nothing else worked they keep hammering on the thought that they are still looking for a new reason to justify Danny Shelton. Somewhere a reason must be found.

This reminds me of the boy who was about to get caught who fell on his knees and prayed, Jesus make it so that it never happened! - except here they seem to pray, Lord, make Linda guilty of what never happened, or do a miracle to make it have happened that Linda is guilty!

Danny is still telling people on 3ABN that the Lord shows him things. Now he claims that the Lord has shown him that Satan is the god of details, because details disturb him. What is he trying to make out of this new doctrine?

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**Posted by: wwjd Mar 7 2007, 06:45 PM**

Post this again if you want to, without the shouting.

Calvin

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Mar 7 2007, 07:15 PM**

Sorry but I can't read your post when you are yelling so loudly that your voice fills the whole page. Besides I can't stand being around screeching people. Gives me a migraine headache. Of course if you would cool down and edit your words.....

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**Posted by: calvin Mar 7 2007, 07:22 PM**

Stop the shouting wwjd. Don't do it again.

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**Posted by: Pickle Mar 7 2007, 07:53 PM**

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**QUOTE(Johann @ Mar 7 2007, 04:41 PM)**

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I think all anyone wants to see is a little fairness, and people being dealt with in a similar fashion. It wasn't right for Ahab to "mercifully" spare Ben-Hadad and mercilessly allow Naboth to be killed. The dichotomy is too great between how Danny and Linda were dealt with, between how Tommy and Linda were dealt with, between how Melody and Linda were dealt with.

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Mar 7 2007, 07:59 PM**

Bob when you put it that way it becomes obvious that it was simply a case of Danny no longer wanting Linda around.

**QUOTE(Pickle @ Mar 7 2007, 08:53 PM)**

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Do you have receipts with his name on them? If not, it isn't wise to make statements of fact about what GM did or did not do.

He kept calling to let us know that he knew exactly where we were and what we were doing.

Now this is what I would like everyone to think about. If, he was just trying to "throw" LS away, if he was just looking for an "excuse" to get rid of her as this board maintains, why on earth would he warn her that she was being watched? If he truly just wanted her out of his life, he would want every piece of evidence of wrong doing that he could get. He would never warn her and take a chance on good pics to prove he was right. That is....if he was just trying to get rid of her.

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Substitute the DS name with the LS name there, and you would be describing yourself and several others.

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**Posted by: PrincessDrRe Mar 7 2007, 10:33 PM**

**QUOTE(calvin @ Mar 7 2007, 09:22 PM)**

Stop the shouting wwjd. Don't do it again.

WWJD (Why-Would-Ja-Doit) didn't know they were yellin..... demonic forces don't hear well (hence the "fall") and yell to make themselves heard to others.....

....now - **A BIT OF YELLING** is not a problem. Just to be sure that someone hears....but to **YELL** down a whole page....

Jes like children - if you yell at them they don't hear...but I don't listen to demons anyway.

The LORD rebuke you in the name of JESUS!

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**Posted by: Ralph Mar 7 2007, 11:30 PM**

**QUOTE(Eddy @ Dec 28 2006, 10:21 AM)**

Okay, first let's get this out so there is no confusion. There is spiritual adultery, and the other lets call "mental adultery".

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**I don't even think adultery is a good enough reason for divorce, unless is a continuous thing.** BTJM

Sorry about that.  You just don't hear much about the literal spiritual adultery.

Right on, Eddy! I really appreciate your comments. You were very discerning to write what you did. People are quick to quote Matthew 5:32 that reads:

**QUOTE**

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery

But rarely does anyone quote the parallel passage in Mark 10:11 that reads:

**QUOTE**

And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.

or Luke 16:18 that reads:

**QUOTE**

Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.

I have seen a married couple, who was not getting along, split for the weekend and each partner shack up with someone else, so that they could give the other partner an excuse to remarry. Stupid, but it happened.

I have also seen couples, where there has been infidelity, work things out and keep their home together. Yet, OTH, I have seen dysfunctional homes where there is no adultery. I see red when a woman is belittled or battered by her "loving" spouse. It is not only bad for the wife but it is bad for the children.

I have noted that men who blame their wives for infidelity are the ones who have skeleton's in their own closet. I think of the saying, "To a hammer, everything looks like a nail."

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**Posted by: Johann Mar 7 2007, 11:40 PM**

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**WWJD** Discussions on BSDA revealed???? You have to be kidding. Makes sense I guess that this would be your reality.

Go back to the discussions that took place here on BSDA after Danny's appearance to answer questions back in 2004.

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Do you have receipts with his name on them? If not, it isn't wise to make statements of fact about what GM did or did not do.

I have Danny Shelton's word for it that GM was paying for this service. If you claim that this is not true, then you are making a statement that Danny Shelton is a liar.

Who is less trustworthy, you or Danny Shelton?

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**Posted by: princessdi Mar 7 2007, 11:44 PM**

Bro. Ralph, sometimes those skeletons is fleshed out and have names.....

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**Posted by: Fran Mar 8 2007, 01:28 AM**

**QUOTE(wwjd @ Mar 7 2007, 08:27 PM) □**

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**QUOTE(Johann @ Mar 7 2007, 04:41 PM)**

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**Fran: This subject was discussed in detail on Club Adventist with biblical proof that Spiritual Adultery was not the adultery spoken of as a prerequisite to a Biblical Divorce. Some of the information was copied over to BSDA and much information has been added to the discussions here on BSDA.**

**Fran: Is this your first encounter with this subject matter on BSDA?**

**Fran: When were you first introduced to the term, Spiritual Adultery?**

**Fran: What scriptures would you use to justify Spiritual Adultery being the same as Physical Adultery?**

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**WWjD: Do you have receipts with his name on them? If not, it isn't wise to make statements of fact about what GM did or did not do.**

**Fran: WWjD, There are no receipts necessary. This information has come several times over the years straight from 3ABN and through emails. Please ask Danny, I am sure he will be able to set your mind at ease about this matter.**

**Fran: The question begs to be asked, "Why would the Private Investigators continue following Linda even after the divorce." At the end of that marriage, what Linda did or did not do was none of Danny's business. Surely you know this. However, sometimes some people have a hard time letting go of their possessions. It is really a difficult situation for everyone involved. The worst thing a recently divorced person can do is try to cultivate a new relationship, while healing the open wounds of an old, very long relationship.**

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**Fran:** In the minds of some, there is a conscious decision that you want a new life that is better than the one you have, so therefore, over the years, usually the one that wants the marriage dissolved will have had time to decide this is the best action to take. However, the party that gets left behind has not had that preparation time to figure out what has/is happening! It leaves their world in a spin.

**Fran:** Somehow, in different people, there is a problem with the thought processes in the brain. This person is married, but they see this person they are married to is not able to live up to what they feel they are entitled to. They begin to feel that they deserve better. They even begin to mentally justify all of their actions as normal. As time passes, the giving up just can't be done. They don't want that person anymore, but they don't want anyone else to have their throw away partner. An obsession comes over these people and it is "do or die". I believe Danny Shelton has this problem. This is just my opinion, mind you. He has justified everything he has done by statements, but no proof.

**Fran:** I am of the opinion that this has truly become a problem for you to grab hold of. Even though you may not be directly involved in the divorce, I see you as a family member suffering because of the things that are happening. What happens to 3ABN will end up happening to you too.

**Fran:** That is why we are appealing to Danny to give it up.

**1. Spiritual Adultery is not grounds for a Biblical Divorce. Someone, maybe Kay Kuzma, lead Danny to think this through her recommended reading material, This is not Biblical.**

**2. The phone calls were probably legitimate calls, however, Danny probably saw those minutes/hours as actual minutes/hours and didn't even think to adjust for all of the other added minutes to cover the international phone call cost. This is also understandable! Why continue to repeat what everyone now knows is not true.**

**3. What is the worst thing that could happen if Danny continues in the course he is following? Think about it. What is the very worst thing that could happen over these 2 points? Is it so hard to say, "I was misled in the matter of Spiritual Adultery." I was so crushed that I just went temporarily crazy!"**

**4. What is the worst thing that would happen if Danny admitted that when he saw those phone records that he did not realize that it cost much more than one minute for international calls? What would happen if he talked about this on air and he admitted he was wrong, but at that time he did what he felt was right?**

**5. Are you willing to see 3ABN fall because Danny Shelton can not admit he was wrong? I do NOT want to see that happen at all. Why can't they call in help to get things straight once and for all? Soon it will be too late. Please, Please think about these two things long and hard. They are really no big deal, They are such trivial things, but have become mountains because of Danny claiming he has proof of something different. Yet he does not produce it. Is Danny willing to let 3ABN fall when he could produced proof? This**

**would have long disappeared and we all would be talking about other issues by now, for sure. Think about it.**

**Maranatha**

**Now I must close out by saying that the above is my opinion and only my opinion. This is my Q-CY/M-A/P-L Statement. (Quick, Cover Your/My A--/Posterior Legally.)**

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