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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ And Yet Another Newbie Critical of BSDA

Posted by: Watchman Feb 11 2007, 11:01 AM

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Watchmen,

Ok then how do you go about driving the money changers out of the temple of 3abn.

Like it or the Facts remain that at least 3 victims have come forward and more willing the future that is how these things go, there is no way that church should look the other other way on this.

I fully agree that two wrongs do not make a right.

But for you to come on here and say this website is all wrong just is a bit over the top, because it makes it look like you are willing believe that the behavior that has happened is all just gossip which is more of a leap of faith then i can make.

Lets say that very thing about danny was just gossip lets further say that all the other charges against 3abn are false and all gossip. (which i think at this point is bit more then can be hoped for)

Watchman, we are still Talking about pastor that to average viewer is Sda, even though he is not has been accused (I would add based on the pile of witnesses and the silence of the 3abn crowd to defend against the charges, proof the wrongdoing having happened.) of the most trusting breaking act any pastor can do and that is using his office has means to please his personal sexual wants.

Watchman how can you who so clearly have high level of spiritual concern for what is right and wrong , even give the appearance of being willing to look the other way on tommy actions.

Please help to understand that one issue.

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Hi Watchman. Welcome from another Canuck. If you wish just dry-bones facts without any juice, check out <http://www.save3abn.com> or <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/>. (You have to register.)

I have appreciated the fact that Calvin, Clay and Di have allowed these threads to continue. They have been very liberal in allowing Bystander et al to hijack so many of the discussions.

Watchman, I can understand how someone of your integrity could be shocked at the "scantily-clad vainglorious". You may even have a difficult time to stomach the fact that some of the allegations that have been brought forward have been verified by the mouth of two or three witnesses. You may feel more comfortable with other subjects. Some of them are great reading.

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Watchman,

Danny Shelton and those who come here full of bluster, diversion and empty claims often say "Even if everything you say is true..." regarding the problems with some of the actions and attitudes of those in charge of 3abn. Does scripture or SOP counsel us to look the other way when we become aware of heinous sins being perpetrated or condoned? I think not.

Have you read any of the testimonies from the alleged victims of Tommy Shelton? Have you seen that this behavior was not dealt with properly by his brother Danny but instead supported by attempts to keep it secret by intimidation?

Duane Clem testimony:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s...mp;#entry171419>

Scott Clem testimony:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s...mp;#entry168297>

Roger Clem letter to Tommy:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s...mp;#entry162245>

Brad Dunning testimony:

<http://www.blackstda.com/forums/index.php?s...mp;#entry167570>

Ellen White counsels us, quite specifically, how we are to properly deal with our brethren.

"Never question the motives of your brethren; for as you judge them, God has declared you will be judged. Open your hearts to kindness, to the cheering rays of the Sun of Righteousness. Encourage kindly thoughts and holy affections. Cultivate the habit of speaking well of your brethren. Let not pride or selfish righteousness prevent you from making a frank and full confession of your wrong-doings. If you do not love those for whom Christ has died, you have no genuine love for Christ, and your worship will be as a tainted offering before God. If you cherish unworthy thoughts, misjudging your brethren and surmising evil of them, God will not hear your self-sufficient, self-exalted prayers. When you go to those who you think are doing wrong, you must have the spirit of meekness, of kindness, and be full of mercy and good fruits. Do not show partiality to one or more, and neglect other of your brethren because they are not congenial to you. **Beware lest you deal harshly with those who you think have made mistakes, while others, more guilty and more deserving of reproof, who should be severely rebuked for their unChristlike conduct, are sustained and treated as friends.**"--RH Mar. 12, 1895.

"I saw that many souls have been destroyed by their brethren unwisely sympathizing with them, when their only hope was to be left to see and realize the full extent of their wrongs. But as they eagerly accept the sympathy of unwise brethren, they receive the idea that they are abused; and if they attempt to retrace their steps, they make halfhearted work. **They divide the matter to suit their natural feelings, lay blame upon the reprover, and so patch up the matter. It is not probed to the bottom, and is not healed, and they again fall into the same wrong, because they were not left to feel the extent of their wrong, and humble themselves before God, and let Him build them up. False sympathizers have worked in direct opposition to the mind of Christ and ministering angels.**" Testimonies 1 page 213

I would suggest that you take care in passing judgement on us and the burden we have to see truth revealed and the ministry of 3abn saved.

PB

Posted by: princessdi Feb 11 2007, 03:19 PM

Those who find our site so offensive are generally offered the option of boycotting the sight. I'll like to offer that to you.

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Good point, i have been bless by that section, but i would guess i am much younger then watchman and still need to learn much in life.

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Posted by: wwjd Feb 11 2007, 05:04 PM

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Pete
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Pete you cross the line. What would give you the right to make such judgements on this individual?

edited for content....

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Thanks.

Posted by: seraph|m Feb 11 2007, 10:44 PM

As noted by others, he must be talking about the avatars, like mine. If one doesn't like my avatar well, that's on them. I like it, my honey likes and outside of the two of us if none other likes it that's ok, cuz it ain't about them.

BTW, the haterade is being served outside, so don't feel obligated to stay, please.

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



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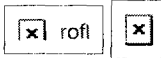
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Just wondering,
nw

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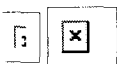


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then get rid of the underlying issues, and the discussion will die out, so why not focus the fix instead saying to those trying to fix it are are wrong.

erik

Posted by: princessdi Feb 12 2007, 11:41 AM

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Posted by: Watchman Feb 12 2007, 12:27 PM

QUOTE(erik @ Feb 12 2007, 11:12 AM)

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erik

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
Friend:

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Posted by: Ralph Feb 12 2007, 12:36 PM

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yes there is a way that seems right Watchwoman..... perhaps that could apply to you too? Just a thought... unless of course you are ready to be translated and stopped by to correct the wayward before being taken up in your flaming chariot.... 

Have a great day....

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Richard, they just do not get it. □

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After reading Alethia's posts at yahoo early this morning, I am convinced more than ever that she does not understand she only is driving more people here. Her sarcasm in her most recent posts does not help my understanding of anything but certainly colors my evaluation of anything she has to say.

They do not understand that their F in netiquette adds nothing to their cause either.

I sometimes wonder why they do not set up their own website or blog and state what they believe to be true. They can set their rules for posters and answer questions. Since it would reflect what they believe is accurate and they could direct people there for the truth, they should not have any problem answering questions or explaining when they can't and why not.

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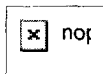
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Posted by: erik Feb 13 2007, 09:44 AM

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Friend: I have no problem with what you quoted. I am in agreement with it. However, nowhere does she state to take out full page ads in the newspaper, which is essentially what this would have been tantamount to in her day. If you read my other posting from the previous page where she quotes the apostle Paul and the difficulty he was having with false teachers, you will quickly understand that what she means by speaking out does not mean spreading it abroad. Furthermore, how many people on this website are directly involved and know from firsthand experience what is going on at 3abn? Those who do have first hand experience absolutely must do their duty. God requires it. However, to the rest, prayer and fasting is our duty. Anything other than this is not seeking the will of God, but merely satisfying gossip.

Watchman,

So it is not the duty of the church members to hold the leadership of the church, and the independent ministries accountable for there actions even if that layperson has not had direct contact with the the goings on?

I fully agree that fasting and prayer are needed at this time, but to say that is the sole duty i think not, the leadership of the sda church has already it appears taken some behind the sences actions. the laity has a duty to makes sure this topic is not just swept under the rug, like things like this have been done before.

FOR example, i personally know of pastor from the south that left his wife and ran off with a lady from the conference office, they moved to the state of Michigan and in a couple of years he was pastoring again, no repentance no going back his former wife and even saying sorry. PLease tell me how that is ok, things against 3abn are much worse and much bigger so no i do not think that the layity should be quiet given the track record of the leadership of the sda church on sexual sins.

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
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



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
Posted by: inga Feb 14 2007, 12:55 AM

QUOTE(wwjd @ Feb 13 2007, 01:05 AM)

PB can you really say that the rumors, slander, gossip, insinuation and the use of the words: I think, it seems, I hear, looks like, it appears, to be fact telling words?

I suppose you think you're telling "facts" when you write about the "master puppeteer" who is manipulating every one of us??    

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You may think that's a better way to go. 

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Posted by: Panama_Pete Feb 14 2007, 02:14 PM

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With that being the case, slowly read the following letter from Barbara Kerr and tell us what you think. Here's the link:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=10489>

More than that, find the 16th paragraph in that letter which starts out: "**I prayed that God would show me the truth in the situation and I asked for wisdom to respond to each of them. Whenever Linda and I began to reconnect again, Danny became angry. His words were more than unkind as he spoke "ugliness" about his former wife.**"

Tell us, Watchman, if you "sincerely question" anything in that 16th paragraph.

Pete

Posted by: seraph|m Feb 14 2007, 02:52 PM

QUOTE(brother4life @ Feb 14 2007, 03:01 PM) □

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brother4life, nice of you to share. With that which you have said in

mind, we recommend the following: Physician heal thyself.

Be Blessed

Posted by: Ralph Feb 14 2007, 02:53 PM

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I wouldn't want you to defile your mind by wasting precious time if you believe that this is, "Idle gossip, frivolous chitchat, the cruel slander, the base innuendo, [that] weaken the intellect and corrupt the heart."

How will you feel when this hits the press, and you find that much of what you read is fact rather than fiction. Will it shake your faith? Prepare yourself, for it could easily happen.

So And, unless you feel that it is "idle gossip", do join us in the chat room. That is where you will get to know about the writers.

Posted by: seraph|m Feb 14 2007, 03:19 PM

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Some here sincerely question, you making the presumption, that you are called to be the conscience of BSDA. Which some might also find offensive.

Watchman, look into the mirror and be reminded that you are a sinner just like the rest here... physician heal thyself.

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Feb 14 2007, 04:07 PM

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By checking, are you thoroughly familiar with the subjects? How extensive has been your reading? Rather than a blanket statement such as this, please list the allegations and innuendos you are referring to so that we may see if it is a subject that needs to be addressed.

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You'll get no argument from me that time is precious. What I would like to know is how do you know that we are *not* on a mission to improve in mind or morals?

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Brother4life, you have correctly discerned the discussion process here. Good job.

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When heinous sin and injustice is brought before a disciple of Christ, is that not a call to get involved? What did the Good Samaritan do after many "pious" men, men who spent large blocks of time studying the scriptures, distanced themselves from that bloodied victim lying on that rocky road? Praise God that this lowly Samaritan tended to him, spent time transporting him to a place of safety and then used his precious means to see that he was taken care of properly!

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Please read 1 Corinthians 5 and see Paul's commission to us. Pay extra close attention to verses 12 and 13. It is so clear that God will judge the outside world but we are to judge our brethren. Can you tell me who Duane is? How about Roger or Brad or a 25-year-old man whose pastor allegedly molested him when he was but 8-years-old. What does scripture and SOP counsel us to do when we find out that a person claiming the name of Christ has abused the trust of his lambs? I believe that it is our **DUTY** (yes, I'm speaking loudly here) to console and build up the victims as well as do all in our sphere of influence to prevent other young people from falling victim as well. Please show me anything in scripture or Ellen White that refutes this. Testimonies Volume 3 page 265 and on tells us we have a duty to reprove sin. If we don't, "**the people of God, as a body, will be held responsible for those sins.**"

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You are, quite obviously, a deeply spiritual and compassionate person. I pray that you will be able to see the important mission that many of us are on. I, for one, believe that the LORD has laid this burden on my heart. I would be wrong to turn away.


Posted by: Clay Feb 14 2007, 04:13 PM

Since I have been here from the start of the 3abn saga, it does not take me long to read the newest or latest posts... likewise as an administrator I don't mind donating some time here making sure that the discussion process takes place without too much contention..... its my hobby.... and I enjoy it.... likewise, many of us are able to multitask.... able to do multiple things at the same time..... so it may not be as time consuming as some think.....

Posted by: Nuggie Feb 14 2007, 04:53 PM




It's really unfortunate that, once again, others feel the need to pass judgement on what other poeple do. With all due respect brother4life, it's not your call how any person on this board spends their time. If someone wants to be here 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, that is their decision. Once Calvin has given us permission to be here without any time restrictions, how we spend our time is our responsibility. You have no idea whether or not a person is using their gifts to serve God or others, and, quite frankly, it's not your business. Nobody should have to justify why they spend time here. I find this to be so offensive. The **real work** of the enemy is to cause us to have divisive, judgmental attitudes towards each other and look down our collective noses on people who we consider to be "less holy" than we are.  I'm so glad that God is the only being who will ultimately judge how I spend eternity...

Posted by: watchbird Feb 14 2007, 05:04 PM

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We are told to "leave it to God." We are. But, leaving it to God does not mean to do nothing. It

means to respond as God has called upon us, and the ultimate resolution will rest in God's hands.




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At this point in time, several of us believe that litigation is likely to soon begin. It may start with four people as defendants. If this does happen, it is likely to be only the beginning of media attention, as well as civil attention that may expand beyond the expectations of those who began this part of the process. But, however it develops, God is good. God will guide. God's will will be accomplished.

Stand-by folks to see how this develops.

Posted by: Bystander Feb 14 2007, 07:29 PM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Feb 14 2007, 04:04 PM)

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Maybe the same person that made you judge over 3abn

Posted by: 2shine4Him Feb 14 2007, 09:48 PM

Hello fellow brothers and sisters:

I am not here to judge anyone. The LORD has given us all a free will to do with as we choose. This is something that neither God nor satan can touch. We all have opinions and are free to voice them. I just want to quote Jesus from John 13:34, 35 - "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." Romans 14:8, 10 says: Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves one another has fulfilled the law. Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Brothers and sisters, we read in 1 Timothy 1:15 that "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." Paul saw the degradation of sin and understood the sinfulness of human beings. This is why he placed himself first among sinners. I am certainly no better than Paul, and neither is anyone else. This includes anyone in the human race, including the Sheltons.

Romans 12:17-21 says "Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

We can only give account for ourselves, but we all know what the power of prayer can do for our loved ones and our enemies. We all have skeletons. In Matthew 19:17, the Lord tells us that no one is good but One, that is, God. No one has been translated for many years, so we all have

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Watchman, please explain to me in detail exactly what I said that was offensive. You do not have the right to make such accusations without some sort of evidence to corroborate your allegations. Furthermore, as a member of the body of Christ, if you think I have done something offensive, you should contact me and not post it openly to all. There are numerous ways to contact members here on BSDA and you should avail yourself of them.

I'm not sure if you venture to any other forums on this site, but if you do, you will discover through my comments that I am a very upfront person who does not hide between posts...so if you want to contact me, it is quite simple...but let me make it very easy for you...

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Posted by: LadyTenor Feb 14 2007, 10:49 PM

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Thank you for reminding this person how Christians ought to deal with "issues" with others, whether perceived or actual... □

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brother4life, thank you for your reply. So, you are definitely in the thick of things there in Illinois.

What is your personal opinion about the charges against Tommy Shelton? Have you read his confession over on save3abn.com? I really am interested in your take on this. How about the article posted here yesterday from Adventist Today?

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=12505>

If Tommy is guilty of the allegations against him, do you think it is important to get that out into the open to protect other young people from falling prey to the same abuse? This type of behavior cannot flourish when eyes are open. It depends on secrecy and intimidation to thrive. When eyes are closed, for whatever motivation, children are at risk of becoming victims.

If Tommy is guilty of the allegations against him and his brother Danny and other family members are guilty of covering up this behavior by intimidation and secrecy, allowing more and more young people to become victims and have their lives devastated, do you think it is important to get that out into the open so that people can see the true character of the guilty parties? Is keeping a secret like this to the detriment of so many young people really the Christian thing to do?

Yes, we all have beams in our eyes but I believe we still have a duty to do the right thing.

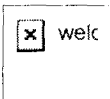
Posted by: Noahswife Feb 15 2007, 10:27 AM

QUOTE(Ralph @ Feb 14 2007, 03:53 PM) []

Welcome to this forum. I had read for a few months before I started posting, and even at that, I didn't jump into the deep end of the pool with words of advice on how this forum should be run. I wonder if you have taken time to look over the other twenty-odd subjects mentioned. You may feel more comfortable with *Praise and Testimonies*, *Devotional Thoughts*, *Sabbath School Lesson Study*, etc. I am curious to know why you chose this particular forum for your first post unless you have a specific interest in what is being discussed.

I wouldn't want you to defile your mind by wasting precious time if you believe that this is, "Idle gossip, frivolous chitchat, the cruel slander, the base innuendo, [that] weaken the intellect and corrupt the heart."

How will you feel when this hits the press, and you find that much of what you read is fact rather than fiction. Will it shake your faith? Prepare yourself, for it could easily happen.

So  welc And, unless you feel that it is "idle gossip", do join us in the chat room. That is where you will get to know about the writers.



nw

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Feb 15 2007, 01:01 PM

QUOTE(2shine4Him @ Feb 14 2007, 08:48 PM) []

Hello fellow brothers and sisters:

I am not here to judge anyone. The LORD has given us all a free will to do with as we choose. This is something that neither God nor satan can touch. We all have opinions and are free to voice them. I just want to quote Jesus from John 13:34, 35 - "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." Romans 14:8, 10 says: Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves one another has fulfilled the law. Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Brothers and sisters, we read in 1 Timothy 1:15 that "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." Paul saw the degradation of sin and understood the sinfulness of human beings. This is why he placed himself first among sinners. I am certainly no better than Paul, and neither is anyone else. This includes anyone in the human race, including the Sheltons.

Romans 12:17-21 says "Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

We can only give account for ourselves, but we all know what the power of prayer can do for our loved ones and our enemies. We all have skeletons. In Matthew 19:17, the Lord tells us that no one is good but One, that is, God. No one has been translated for many years, so we all have some work to do. Our characters are the only thing we are taking to Heaven with us. My prayer is that, starting with me, we will show mercy and triumph over judgment (James 2:13).

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Because I know that Jesus spilled his precious blood for every person on this Earth, those that claim Him as Savior and those choosing to follow a different master alike, I feel duty-bound to look on each person with all of the love that is humanly possible for me to muster as well.

Let me ask you to ponder a few scenarios:

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Posted by: sonshineonme Feb 17 2007, 03:22 PM

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Posted by: SoulEspresso Feb 18 2007, 02:23 AM

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I think some of the people on these boards have been called by the Lord to expose these things. All of us have posted stuff we're not proud of later, even if they made us or others laugh at the time--but I think most people are here because they love the Lord and other people.

If Danny were my best friend or twin brother, I'd still tell him and his friends to step down and allow a free and open inquiry into these difficulties.

But I bet they're not brave enough. I bet the press does the inquiry in the long run. (Or they publish what they've already got.)

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Posted by: daylily Feb 18 2007, 07:40 AM

I read it the way Grace read it:)

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I would submit that you are still too new to know who is who.... welcome to BSDA....

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without getting too far off topic, I believe you are wrong... It is quite arrogant to believe that God has chosen us to accomplish his work? He has given us some work to do, but let's be clear He finishes his own work.... trust that.....

As for your other.... everyone posting here is not claiming that they are the director of a ministry that reaches people world-wide....

Posted by: watchbird Feb 18 2007, 09:06 AM

..... After reading a few posts this morning, I think it is time to sort a few things out..... starting with the rather "deadly serious" post which occasioned my first comment.....




QUOTE(Watchman @ Feb 14 2007, 02:25 PM)

Friends:

After reading the post under Calvin's Corner, --"Request from GC Legal" and the ensuing comments, particularly "Lady Tenor/Black SDA Faithful, **and other offensive content** on this website, I sincerely question the choice of language used. As Christians, we are called to a higher standard. People are entitled to their opinions, but how we express them, is the difference. Jesus said "that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man." Matt. 15:11. Jesus also said in Mark 12:31 "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." and "love your enemies" Matt. 5:44. We must speak the truth--in love-- or not at all. My prayer is that you will consider Jesus' words, and bear them in mind, **as you continue to address these issues in the future. Let us never forget that Jesus Christ is our sinless example.** "For we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." 1 Cor. 4:9. **We are not really in an out-of-the-way-corner after all.**

Coupled with Watchman's initial post with which she started this thread.... which I will spare you all of except the first and last sentences.... you can go back to the beginning if you want to read it all... **"There is nothing Christlike about this website."..... "Oh why is sensationalism, such a delicate morsel! And why is gossip, such a juicy tidbit to swallow for those wise in their own conceit?"** I responded with just the one line.....

QUOTE(watchbird @ Feb 14 2007, 06:04 PM)

So who set YOU as judge over US?.....   

To which Bystander retorted.....

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
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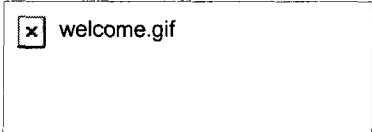
..... which I got quite a chuckle over.... realizing that it was quite tongue in cheek..... and the picture of a lowly seagull being "seconded" as being able to "handle that situation" once I thought on it a bit..... set me to rolling on the floor laughing for real! 

I mean... hey.... seagulls keep a watchful eye on.... and are the garbage disposal units of.... the beaches of the world... and do a magnificent job of cleaning up what would otherwise develop into piles of carrion.... fishy carrion even..... but.... it takes a whole flock of seagulls to accomplish the task, all working together harmoniously..... though admittedly, if one only listens to the squawking as they seemingly squabble over some specific item on their menu of the day, one could miss the underlying cooperation and teamwork which gets the job done and the beaches cleaned and kept fit for human occupation, enjoyment, and inspiration.

But ONE seagull singled out and nominated for "handling the situation"?????

Never happened.....  

Thank you Ida, for your lovely and unique sense of humor..... and btw.....



..... We'll look forward to hearing from you often.... for I know you

have a rather unique "window" into all of the goings on that are being exposed and discussed on our site.

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 18 2007, 09:08 AM

The problem is that Danny went out and put Linda's supposed sin in public view. How can that be

countered if not also by public disclosure of his wrong doings in the matter. No I would not want my sins (not that I have any you understand) all over the internet, however I'm not a public figure making public accusations against another. Danny started this apparently with no thought that others would actually hold him, the "anointed one" accountable. "He done bit off a bit more than he could chew", as some would say.

Richard

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Posted by: Rosyroi Feb 18 2007, 11:42 AM

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Ida,

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Posted by: husbandoftheyear Feb 18 2007, 10:21 PM

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2shine...

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Posted by: roxe Feb 19 2007, 08:53 PM

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I would beg tommy and danny to think long and hard about that thought.

Erik

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