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### **BlackSDA \_ 3ABN \_ Take It To The Church.**

**Posted by: Observer Jan 31 2007, 07:35 AM**

There has been considerable discussion in regard to whether or not the issues with 3-ABN should be resolved within the denomination (SDA Church) or whether they should be resolved by the civil authorities. I have decided to make some brief comments on those issues:

CHURCH MANUAL: The 2000 edition of the CHURCH MANUAL states: "While there are, in the modern world, occasions for seeking decrees of civil courts, Christians should prefer settlement within the authority of the church, and should limit the seeking of such decrees to cases that are clearly within the jurisdiction of the civil courts, and not within the authority of the church or for which the church agrees it has no adequate process for orderly settlement. . . . Examples of such cases may include, but are not limited to, the settlement of insurance claims, the issuance of decrees affecting boundaries and ownership of real property, the deciding of some matters involving the administration of estates, and the awarding of custody of minor children. While the church should set up procedures within the constraints of legal practice to avoid the type of litigation referred to in I Corinthians 6, it should constantly be on guard against turning from its gospel mission and taking up the duties of a civil magistrate. (See Luke 12:13, 14 and TESTIMONIES, vol. 9, pp. 216-218.). . ." Pages 181

And:

"Should the church fail to respond to a member's request for help in reconciling a difference, or if the church acknowledges that the nature of the case is such that it is not within its authority, it should be recognized that the member has exhausted the possibilities of the biblically outlined procedure for the settlement of differences and that what he/she should do beyond that point is a matter for his/her conscience. (See THE SDA BIBLE COMMENTARY, vol. 6, p. 698.)" Pages 181 & 182

And:

"The same principles that influence resolution of differences among members apply to the settlement of grievances of members against church organizations and institutions.

A church member should not instigate litigation against any entity of the church except under circumstances where the church has no provided adequate process for orderly settlement of the grievance within the church, or where the nature of the case is such that it is clearly not within the authority of the church to settle." Page 182

GM Speaking: I agree with the above. The reality is that many of the issues with 3-ABN lie outside of the authority of the denomination to settle. 3-ABN is independent. The church cannot force resolution upon 3-ABN. Some will say that issues should be dwelt with by the local congregation, and the IL Conference. Again, nothing that either would do can be forced upon 3-ABN.

Other issues are clearly in the realm of the civil authorities. The church is not a civil magistrate with the authority to settle issues of bookkeeping, payment of taxes, and EEO complaints. That belongs to the civil authorities.

The church cannot settle criminal issues. If X committed crime, let X be tried for the crime by the civil authorities.

As the church cannot resolve many of the issues, none should be criticized for taking such issues to the civil authorities.

ASI: In a public statement as to why ASI withdrew from any attempts to resolve the issues, Harold Lance said: "We believe we have no jurisdiction to consider internal issues of 3ABN management and the changing of its corporate structure. Those issues must be left to its' board of directors. We believe our inability to resolve the fundamental issue of the divorce and remarriage is disappointing to many. We felt that without agreement on fundamentals with no likely agreement in sight it was necessary for ASI to withdraw. The parties and those concerned are the losers in what could have been a healing clarification of a divisive issue for all who are concerned."

GM Speaking: It should be noted that in other statements, Mr. Lance identified others issues that he felt ASI could not resolve, and he went on to state *could only be resolved in the civil realm*

I agree with Mr. Lance on this. There is a very important point here that has not been discussed. We are in pursuit of truth. To achieve that, we must conduct any resolution of the issues in a manner that appears to the public to be fair. That is to say, it must not only be fair, but it must appear to the public to be fair. That applies to Danny Shelton, Linda Shelton, 3-ABN, and any other person involved in this. If the public believes that the process has not been fair to any person, the issues will not be resolved. If it appears not to have been fair to Danny, they will not be resolved. The same is true for Linda, and every other person.

The reality is: Issues of objectivity, fairness, process, and more, can only be achieved for many of the issues in the civil realm.

The Bible: Comments relating to the Biblical passages would expand this post beyond an appropriate length. So, I will not make many comments. There are two sets of Biblical teachings that touch on the issue as to what Scripture teaches. One deals with civil authorities. It tells us that civil government is established by God, that civil government has a proper role in the life of Christians, and that Christians should be under the rule of civil government. This tells me that there is a place for civil government to become involved in some of these 3-ABN issues.

The second Scriptural teaching is in regard to differences being settled by the church. An examination of those passages will show that such applies only when the church has within its membership wise people of good report who have the authority to resolve the issue. As points out my quote from the CHURCH MANUAL, in our modern society, there are many areas of life where only the civil authorities have the authority to resolve the issues.

The U.S. Constitution: Reference has been made to the U.S. Constitutions. In general, those comments have been made about Constitutional provision that apply to criminal prosecution and do not apply to civil affairs. It should also be noted that in the area of sexual misconduct our modern society requires that action be taken to protect people regardless of criminal conviction. There may be no criminal conviction, but society has said we must protect people regardless of that lack of conviction. People who argue otherwise do not understand the law, the U.S. Constitution, or society today.

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**Posted by: Observer Jan 31 2007, 10:27 AM**

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Yes, it is hard. In the specific legal case I mentioned conviction was obtained without the testimony of some of the children. I did not say no children testified. Several did testify. But, the prosecution believed that they could obtain a conviction without the testimony of several, and they did so. The did that to protect the children involved.

Society does not require a conviction before attempts being made to protect people. Rather, society requires that organizations take steps to protect vulnerable people (to include adults) even without a conviction. But, it is harder to do so.

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**Posted by: Chez Jan 31 2007, 11:01 AM**

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All who are members of BLACKSDA forum within 3ABN posting.

Overall I am very pleased with the way most of the people make comments and asking questioning encouraging helping giving each other the benefit of the doubt and other wonderful words made in the 3ABN forum. As you notice I said "most". Too bad a few are so cantankerous and antagonistic and rude and try to get the topics sidetracked. But it does not spoil it for good read and feeling good about watching how people ask questions and/or offer opinions in such Christ-like attitude.  Thank you for your loving comments. love the humor also.

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**Posted by: Ralph Jan 31 2007, 08:25 PM**

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Who will bell the cat?

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**Posted by: Johann Jan 31 2007, 10:21 PM**

These news come from England. Is it any better elsewhere?

**QUOTE**

Child protection services 'weak'  
Midlothian Council's deputy leader and its social work director have resigned after a damning report found services to protect abused children were "weak".

The HMIE report said social work managers sometimes failed to deal with the problems of the most vulnerable.

Some were left in high-risk situations while those in care or under protection were not seen regularly by staff.

Education Minister Hugh Henry said the problems must be tackled as a matter of "extreme urgency".

The council's deputy leader, Danny Molloy, who is also in charge of the social work department, and Director of Social Work Malcolm McEwan resigned following the publication of the report. It does identify failings in management, reporting and evaluation which compromised child protection at that time  
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Mr Molloy said: "I have political responsibility for the service and I accept this and have resigned my portfolio and my position within Midlothian Council as depute leader.

"I would wish to add that social workers do a very difficult job under exceptionally challenging circumstances and this HMIE report does not challenge the professionalism, ability or the commitment of social workers.

"However it does identify failings in management, reporting and evaluation which compromised child protection at that time."

Council leader Adam Montgomery said that after receiving verbal feedback from the audit team in September, the council had addressed many of the concerns raised.

It had also set up a group to monitor the situation and its chief executive was now chairing the child protection committee.

Mr Montgomery added: "Responsibility has been accepted and Midlothian Council will ensure that all the improvement actions within the HMIE report are delivered as quickly as possible."

The report, which was carried out between June and September, said although workers stepped in quickly at times of crisis, their input was often too brief and short-term.

"As a result, the needs of many of the most vulnerable children were not always met and some children were left at risk," it said.

"In some cases, insufficient attention had been paid to patterns of previous incidents and accumulating concerns, particularly in cases of neglect."

It said some workers focused on the drug and drink problems of parents but did not pay enough attention to the effect on their children.

The inspectors also said the monitoring and reviewing of child protection care plans, when a child's name was placed on the child protection register, were unclear.

The report found that services to protect children were "weak" and "unsatisfactory" in most areas and concluded that work was urgently needed to develop clear policies.

'Extreme urgency'

The education minister said he had already met council leaders about the situation.

"This needs to be remedied as a matter of extreme urgency and I expect all agencies across

Midlothian to act immediately to tackle the issues and to ensure that vulnerable children are not slipping through the net," he said.

Mr Henry added: "I will keep in close touch with progress and developments to be assured that all appropriate steps are being taken to turn this situation round."

Concerns had previously been flagged up in 2005 when a limited internal audit of the service was carried out but the latest report said the issues highlighted had not been addressed.

Communities minister Rhona Brankin, who is also the local Labour MSP for Midlothian, said: "The report sets out starkly the unpalatable fact that some local children are being failed by the system in Midlothian."

Story from BBC NEWS:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/uk\\_news/scotland/edinburgh\\_and\\_east/6318877.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/edinburgh_and_east/6318877.stm)

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**Posted by: Fran Jan 31 2007, 11:03 PM**

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**QUOTE(Johann @ Jan 31 2007, 10:21 PM)**

These news come from England. Is it any better elsewhere?

Johann;

Things are getting worse. The sinfulness of sin is fading. Now we have to face a different mentality. I am shocked and disgusted at some of the posts that have been posted. I keep saying to myself, "Consider the source", but I can see that Jesus must come soon to stop this evil.

Texas is working on a new idea. They want the death penalty for those who have sexually offended 3 times.

Once, go to jail.

Twice, go to jail for a longer time.

Thrice, you go night, night for a long time.

Let me see, how many have come forward accusing Tommy?

Tommy, come on down to Texas, but wait until this law passes please.

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**Posted by: Treniece Feb 3 2007, 02:00 PM**

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**Posted by: Johann Feb 3 2007, 02:24 PM**

QUOTE(Treniece @ Feb 3 2007, 10:00 PM)

Well, Tommy has resigned from 3abn.

With his brother's promise he will return!

**Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Feb 3 2007, 02:43 PM**

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**Posted by: erik Feb 3 2007, 02:44 PM**

QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Feb 3 2007, 12:43 PM)

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 3 2007, 03:01 PM**

Agreed. Resigning is simply the first step of making right a wrong. Duane hang in there, we're cheering for ya. (And praying, especially praying)

Richard

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**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Feb 3 2007, 06:02 PM**

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**Posted by: sonshineonme Feb 3 2007, 06:05 PM**

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**QUOTE(husbandoftheyear @ Feb 3 2007, 04:02 PM)**

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I think Trenice is the one who said he resigned; so Trenice, how do you know this? Did you see something or how did you hear?

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**Posted by: eye witness Feb 4 2007, 09:23 AM**

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**Posted by: Green Cochoa Feb 4 2007, 09:57 AM**

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**Then by all means, CLICK on the "PM" button at the bottom of Duane's post! You can carry on however so much conversation with him ONE ON ONE there as you like!**

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 4 2007, 09:58 AM**

You want one on one then don't do it on a public forum. Otherwise expect people to butt in. Since this line of questioning is getting very personal maybe you ought to reveal to Duane your identity so he can better defend himself. And maybe you ought to ask of you are doing the will of Christ in this.

Richard

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**Posted by: Grace Feb 4 2007, 10:54 AM**

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It sure gave an inside view of how a lawyer will try to smear a person. I see red when I hear this type of questioning. This is one reason that more victims of sexual assault do not step forward. They know that every thing have done -- or falsely implied that they have done -- will be spread out in the poorest light.

I think of the story of Joshua and the Angel told in Zechariah 3. The devil was there to do what the devil does best, "And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan;"

Unfortunately our courts don't have the Lord as judge, and sometimes the smear campaign does work. I have seen perpetrators of sexual assault walk away without being convicted.

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**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Feb 4 2007, 11:40 AM**

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But what is posted as a PM could also be used in court by an unscrupulous lawyer. Duane doesn't need to answer his questions even in PMs.

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The point is that 3ABN does not OFFICALLY have a pension or retirement plan for employees. Linda was fired from 3ABN and received severance pay. If Tommy "resigned" voluntarily, he would not receive severance pay. So, if he is receiving a paycheck, has there been a change in policy by the 3ABN Board of Directors?

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**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Feb 4 2007, 12:10 PM**

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Well, I guess the big question would be "how are they "checking" it out? The source makes all the difference.

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**Posted by: Snoopy Feb 4 2007, 01:59 PM**

**QUOTE(eye witness @ Feb 4 2007, 09:23 AM)**

Duane not all written statements are sincerely molestation. The drag in Carbondale may change from year to year, new bartenders and all, but the thing that don't always change, are those who frequented those places back years ago and now. Some have gotten older and need less of that atmosphere but they are still around. Centerville has a nice fountain there, do you know anything about any snap shots that may have been taken in that area? Just asking.

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...Disgusting

...Dirty pool

...Crude

Evil

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**Posted by: wwjd Feb 4 2007, 02:21 PM**

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**QUOTE(husbandoftheyear @ Feb 4 2007, 11:40 AM) □**

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 4 2007, 02:31 PM**

In other words Tommy was a nice guy he couldn't be a molestor and even if he was so what? He did his job without any problems so we should just quit picking on him. Give me a break WWJD. There are letters stateing he molested from a position of pastor, what part of this can't you get? (But of course if you want to throw another log in the pyre, er, fire please go ahead, we can use the warmth, but can 3abn stand the heat?)

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The gentlemen asked a few questions however, only one question has actually been answered. This one trick pony thing is really, really, really getting old.

Unless, any or all of his family desires to come here and say he has made things right with them, *IF any apology* actually has been given to his family, that is between him God and his family. (Note) None here has asked any of them to do so.

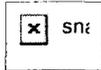
ALL on this forum would include yourself... seeing that you have yet to see/read where ALL on this forum make such a statement, that makes your statement a bald face lie. (Note) When it is not the truth, what else can it be?

Seeing that there are statements made by at least two "alleged" victims, and **they can say whether they have received an apology**, which remains to be stated, then it would seem that the alleged perp has yet to do all that God requires of him.

You can at least make the effort to come correct, or keep this vain jangling to yourself. That is what Jesus would do.

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**Posted by: PrincessDrRe Feb 4 2007, 10:07 PM**



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Are you talking about Tommy or his victims?

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**QUOTE(Grace @ Feb 4 2007, 01:33 PM)**

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I should have said "under a different user name." There are many computers at 3ABN you know.

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And don't forget that many, many sexual offenders are "good guys", "sweet", "charming", and an all-around "nice people" How many times have we seen on the news the shocked testimonies of family, friends, and neighbors after someone has been found out? I believe that it is this facade that allows them to act for so long.

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**Posted by: Fran Feb 5 2007, 01:27 AM**

**WWJD Post**

**I have sectioned it off for easier reading on my part. I use Microsoft Word to compose my posts because I am a bad speller. I also corrected spelling and grammatical mistakes. I do not believe I changed any words that were posted, except for those stated.**

**My replies are in blue in the body of the post for a clearer understanding of what was said and my reply. Only for that reason.**

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**QUOTE(wwjd @ Feb 4 2007, 07:55 PM)**

**WWJD: Cheating on your spouse is never acceptable.**

**Fran: We agree in this matter 100%. I also believe you need proof of adultery to Biblically put a spouse away. I also believe many divorces are done every day according to the earthly law. From here on, I will be talking about God's Law and Man's Law. They are not the same. Man is judged by two laws. Man's and God's.**

**To remain true to God, we divorce under God's law. God only gave the OK for divorce because of the hardness of our hearts. And that one reason was adultery**

**I do not believe there is proof that Linda committed adultery and I question the Biblical Validity of that divorce and Danny's remarriage.**

**I believe Tommy committed adultery and his wife had Biblical grounds for divorce, but she chose to remain with her husband. She must be commended for that decision. Tommy must be given credit for telling her everything that happened. That had to be a hard road to travel. I commend them both for the effort so strongly put forth.**

**WWJD: This was good in the eyes of God.**

**Fran: I am in total agreement.**

**WWJD:** My problem here is this: We have no idea what really happened or exactly when, so...if any of the allegations did in fact, happen, we have no idea if he repented before God (on here it is just assumed he has not).

**Fran:** That is not my opinion. He apologized to one victim. That was right for him to do.

**WWJD:** If he confessed to his wife and family, sought their forgiveness, and with true repentance has walked the straight and narrow ever since. All on this forum say, "No he has not repented because he didn't apologize to the alleged 'victims'."

**Fran:** Remember there are two laws at work here. I believe Tommy probably did repent and ask God and his family for repentance. However, he failed to apologize for his past actions to the ones that he hurt.

Look at it this way. God's law was almost fulfilled. There is only one thing lacking. He needs to say he is sorry to all he has hurt. Danny should help him with reparations to some/all of those victims. That is what God would ask of Tommy at this time.

However, that does not fulfill the laws of the land. There are many followers of Christ on death row. God in his mercy has forgiven them because those inmates have asked him to, but there is a penalty that has to be paid because of the laws of the land. One of those requirements would be to have his name placed on the sexual offenders list. This is to help Tommy during his further recovery.

**WWJD:** Again, if any of the accusations are true, the bottom line is we don't know and will never know what he actually said or did not say, and to whom, and regardless we do not set the criteria for how anyone should receive forgiveness.

**Fran:** I totally agree. God has set that forth in His Word. I should be crystal clear, no matter what religion one is.

**WWJD:** We also do not know if he has received counseling that would keep him on track or not.

**Fran:** This is not one of God's requirements. It is a good thing, but I don't know if it is spelled out the Tommy needs a shrink. Godly counsel, yes, but I am not so sure about worldly counsel. I have to pass on that one. I would like to say it is mandatory, but I can't with my limited knowledge on these matters.

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**Fran:** Yes, I can imagine! I believe the information reported on this forum did cause Tommy, Carol and their family terrible pain. I believe it has caused Danny pain. Had Tommy taken care of "all" avenues of forgiveness with the alleged victims, we would not be here. As I see it, he took care of all that affected him. Why would he think he did not need to totally take responsibility with the alleged victims?

**WWJD:** [What about] The pain, the humiliation, and the embarrassment that this has cost him, his wife, children, grandchildren, and for what? For something that they may have worked through years ago and had maybe found some sort of healing and then....this forum happened.

**Fran:** That is because that one point was not taken care of. No care or regard for the alleged victims, only for family and self. That is why we are here today.

**We are here also today because the law of the land has been broken and requires a law of the land forgiveness. That will happen in the court of the land. They will determine innocence or guilt. Then they will apply what ever is required. If he is innocent, he will go free.**

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**Fran: I believe Tommy does have health problems. I believe that many illnesses are caused by stress. I can prove it. I read those dates and saw Tommy was in trouble. Yes, I believe much of his stress was caused by what has be brought forward for the public to view right here on this and other forums.**

**Would we be here if Tommy had taken action in 2003 by apologizing to these alleged victims? Probably not; did Tommy actually think it would just go away? Did Danny think a few threats from a lawyer would stop what God allowed to be brought forth?**

**WWJD: My point being, how could we even take a chance on destroying a man's life and family, when there are so many things that we truly do not know about the whole situation.**

**Fran: What about the families and lives of the alleged victims? They fall under both laws. Were they dealt with under God's law? Have they had their day under the laws of the land? I know it is not my intent that any should be harmed. However, when we break the laws of the land, we must answer to the laws of the land. That is a hard thing to say.**

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**Fran: This is something you cannot decide. We each must meet our maker face to face with our actions and lives. We are not here today because I sinned and forgot to apologize to the child of God I hurt. We are here because of the pain of these families and of the alleged victims of Tommy Shelton.**

**Tommy took care of "his end" of the matter but "left the other undone." Somewhere, this has to happen. Because he refused to apologize, the alleged victims want their day in court. At this point, I do not believe they will back down. However, maybe it is not too late.**

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**Fran: The amount of time, 2 or 3 years is not relevant. You are correct. I do not believe we are here to make up any scenario we want. We all want the truth; what ever that is! We ask, but receive no answers. That is all we want: answers.**

**I am not sure if you are Danny or not. However, if you are, you have always been in my prayers. So has Linda. I truly admire Linda and believe she is a very spiritual being. I have formed this opinion by watching her lack of action. I have never met her or you in all honestly.**

**I have watched you for 3 years too. There are times in my life where I can't see beyond my hands. Sometimes I lash out and say what I don't really mean. Too late, I already did it! When someone hurts me, I may lash out and speak what is on my mind at that moment, but soon change my mind and calm down. Then I have to back up and apologize for what I said.**

**I believe that is what happened with you and Linda. You felt betrayed and lashed out, but forgot to calm down and apologize for unbecoming words. Your words got worse not better. This hurt you have has cut so deep you have not been able to let it go. This is bad for your health and Linda's. So what if you were wrong about the adultery? So what if you were right?**

**Over this you are sitting in a position that is shaking at the core. Has it been worth it? What have you gained by badmouthing every one? You don't loose any money, Mr. M has enough money to go to court on all 22 + counts. You will probably win a few and loose a few. What will you have gained?**

**Please sit down with your lawyer and lay it all on the table with him and figure out how to cause the least damage to 3ABN. Please allow it to continue to be used to spread the truth to the world.**

**Is it possible to back out gracefully? Is it possible for you to leave and have a party for yourself? You are getting on in years. You have enough to take Brandy and live a very nice life with your new love. If things continue, all of the financial stuff is going to pour out. The courts will be full of these 22+ trials. Money will be lost on both sides. It could cause 3ABN to have to shut down. I beg you to not let that happen.**

**Please don't get angry with my words. They are not meant to hurt, but to cause us both to think about options available for all of us.**

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When a pastor sexually propositions anyone in his care, **the victim's sexual orientation does not matter one iota!! It is still sexual abuse by virtue of the fact that he is a pastor and thus in a position of spiritual if not physical power over his victim.** Even if the victim is of the age of consent, **it is still sexual abuse!**

Furthermore, "making things right with his family" does not come close to filling the requirements for genuine repentance. The perpetrator needs to apologize to his victims **and register as a sex offender!**

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cheating on your spouse was not my question maybe you need to reread my post.

secondly, if tommy has made peace with his wife and family great more power to them, but i would say that he has not made peace with his victims, and the letters from the lawyers do not seem to me to be a sign of a man that at peace with this mistake of his at all.

Instead of trying to white wash this topic, lets just have blunt consent discussion. i asked a very simple yes or no question wwjd side stepped the question, and then tried to make us feel sorry for tommy's family. AND you know what i do feel sorry for them, but not any less then i do any victims of tommy's.

If tommy is innocent then lets see the proof, if he is guilty and has made amends for his actions then lets see the *proof of that and end this topic once and for all*, and yes by the way the answers to those questions would make his accusers lairs.

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you very well might be right, but it could be done here or anywhere else were in side of the sda church that is willing to look at the facts and leave the options behind. the facts are very limited at this point, so this is why you see so much option flying around,.

So again i say that has the person who made all this public danny S. needs place all his cards on the table. If he is right then those cards will show that if he is not then we can see were changes need to be made.

erik

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**Posted by: sonshineonme Feb 5 2007, 01:24 PM**

**QUOTE(Bystander @ Feb 5 2007, 10:35 AM)**

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Dear bystander, er, ah, I mean WWJD.....made a little error didn't you.....forgot who you were signed in under....did the ol edit thing, but not soon enough.  (here's your smiley)

**Posted by: princessdi Feb 5 2007, 02:38 PM**

No, they can't wwjd, especially when they had been suspended for this and Calvin made a point to say it was off limits. Plain and simple. Eye witness sole purpose was to paint Duane as a homosexual, mistakenly thinking this would lessen Tommy's accountability in some way. She was suspended for this, and I am sure she at least read the warning. However, she did not remember the BSDA motto: This is not Sabbath School, we pay attention. Veiling her accustions and inuendos did not work, and now she is banned.

We will not tolerate the further victimization of the any member, let alone the men who have come forward as alleged molestation victims of Tommy Shelton(yes, at this point I[I am only speaking for myself here] take them at their word, especially since they all have the same story) Tommy is nothing nothing, His defenders are not even proclaiming complete innocence, but trying to sae him from prison on a technicality(17 is the age of consent in IL, and questioning the character of the witnesses, but not aowrd aobut he didn't do it. So what am I suppoed to do with that?) Just that simple. You have a problem PM myself, Steve or Calvin.

**QUOTE(wwjd @ Feb 4 2007, 12:18 PM)**

It is hilarious how everyone here can throw vicious accusations around as statement of fact, but any 3abn defender can't even insinuate or hint at something (that maybe they know) and they get the boot. 

**Posted by: sonshineonme Feb 5 2007, 04:17 PM**

**QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Feb 4 2007, 09:54 PM)**

Are you talking about Tommy or his victims?

Exactly. well said Duane. Again, it's all about DS. Look deeply.

Tommy is having this trouble and suffering consequences in part because of his own brother.

It would be nice if the resolution would be something like developing a plan for reconciliation that includes the victims and arranges for counseling and some form of compensation. That would be the appropriate resolution to the entire matter and leave everyone whole and reconciled to Christ.

If that tact HAD been taken (which is what you would expect from Christians), the forum and all else would have not been neccasary.

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**Posted by: Brenda Feb 5 2007, 05:39 PM**

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Brenda thinks:

I read this to be Bystander replying to two separate posts from Eric and WWJD, in a single post.

To me this post does not indicate that Bystander and WWJD are one and the same. (ie I could not draw that conclusion on the basis of this post, no comment on any other indicators out there).

Just my take.

**Posted by: erik Feb 5 2007, 05:43 PM**

**QUOTE(Pickle @ Feb 5 2007, 03:33 PM) □**

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Erik

It was not a typo. I was sitting right here when the original unedited post came in. With in a few minutes, bystander caught that he was 'being' wwjd when replying to you, and quickly changed the first person to commenting regarding what wwjd said. I have copies of both. I find this enlightening myself and attribute it to something altogether then they will claim.

It could be two people using one pc, and one forgot to log out and came right in and made the relply; bystander didn't log out, wwjd didn't log in. And if I had 5 people in my house that all shared the same pc and therefore had the same IP, I could have 5 people have 5 diff bsda ID's and therefore use all 5 to my use as well, and basically take advantage of Calvins rules for honesty.

We can draw our own conclusions. I have mine. Lets just put this in the catagory of being more aware of what people do and can do and loopholes they can find to accomplish what they want to make appear before us. Get it?

QUOTE(erik @ Feb 5 2007, 03:43 PM)

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and this supriases you why? should we check that list of things that have been asked of these folk that they have never answered? put it on the list, it grows longer and longer....

**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Feb 5 2007, 06:37 PM**

Looks like somebody just got caught...

**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 5 2007, 07:00 PM**

How sad it must be to think that you had two defenders but then learn that they had to clone themselves to make it look like there were more than one  Seems like we are seeing more and more defenders (I'd use the apolo...whatever word if I could spell it  ) dropping out. Why is that? Are they finally catching on that all is not right at 3abn? Or have the Shelton's run out of relatives willing to stick out their necks?

Richard

**Posted by: calvin Feb 5 2007, 10:21 PM**

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**Posted by: Pickle Feb 5 2007, 10:28 PM**

**QUOTE(calvin @ Feb 5 2007, 10:21 PM)**

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Why did the one write as if they were the other, and then correct it like that?

If they really are two people, then we have WWJD pretending to be Bystander when he edited that post.

**Posted by: wwjd Feb 5 2007, 11:02 PM**

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Then follow-up with this:

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You could have tried leading by example rather than making that statement. SIGH!!! Isn't that what Jesus would do?

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**Posted by: inga Feb 5 2007, 11:31 PM**

**QUOTE**

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Agreed -- especially since I was one of the individuals who suggested that to Calvin in an earlier instance.

[The rest of my post deleted in view of Bystander's explanation.]

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The other possibility is that it is an office computer where several people have access to the same computer, which widens the field just a little.

Yet I consider that husband-and-wife scenario fairly likely ... but then, who am I?

**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Feb 6 2007, 06:26 PM**

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*Paise God from Whom all blessings flow!*

Whatever happens, my trust is in the Lord!

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manners of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad . . ."

This gives us the possibility to speak the truth. Even if they should put us in prison, what is that against what Jesus has done for my sake.

I learned this as a child sitting on my mother's lap as she was reading Scripture and Tetimonies to me - that *some of the final persecution will come to us from fellow church members.*

Our faith may be tried and tested. Stand firm in the Lord!

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mmmmm looks like the only danger you might be in is from your own words  
Just a thought....

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**Posted by: Ralph Feb 7 2007, 12:34 AM**

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I think that Clay said it best in one of his <http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=12410&view=findpost&p=175858>. **Supposedly** is the key word. It is absurd to even dream of serving papers because a person writes on some forum. That isn't the way we do things in America. But a bluff will work for some employees; it will make others hopping mad.

Two things have me very puzzled: How can one man cast a spell over so many people? How is it that someone in administration can't break away from this hypnotic trance?

The second thing that puzzles me is how people can work under a regime where there are threats of lawsuits and loss of jobs.

If my guess is right, more and more employees will be checking out <http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=12410&view=findpost&p=175858> and BSDA. I hope we can make them welcome as it is going to be a terrible shock to some.

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Was there any threat of loss of jobs made during the worship service?

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**Posted by: Bystander Feb 7 2007, 12:36 AM**

**QUOTE(Johann @ Feb 6 2007, 11:21 PM)**

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If you knew he had "quite a talk" for worship then I am sure you know exactly what was said

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Would you please define "Slanderous" for me?

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**Posted by: Bystander Feb 7 2007, 01:16 AM**

[quote name='Ralph' date='Feb 6 2007, 11:34 PM' post='176016']

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Ralph, not only do they work under it, most support it. Why because they know the majority of what has been told here and other places isn't anywhere near, the truth. Every organization has a few employees or ex employees who will stab you in the back, but most of the good hard working people there, believe a great injustice has been done. Why? Because they are there day in and day out. They have worked and socialized with many of those talked about on this forum. Some of their children have played together and went to school together. Some, go to church together, some have sabbath dinner together. They rub elbows with the so called "corrupt administration" outside of the work forum and know them to be good and god fearing christians. Is anyone perfect? of course not. Have we all made mistakes? Certainly. Do we all have things in our past that we could have done differently? Absolutely. But the vast majority of 3abn workers know that these people are not thieves, liars, burglars, hypocrites and so on and so forth. That is the real reason why they work "under" someone who would file a lawsuit. Because they know that the slanderous and liable things that have been said have hurt the cause of Christ. They feel it is not just an attack on administration, but an attack on them and the hard work they do as well. People think about it. There are a hundred and 40 some odd people that work at 3abn. If all of these allegations were true don't you think the screams of that many people would have been heard a long time ago? These same people also know what Linda was like. They know what it was like to work there before she left and after she left and they have had plenty to say about the difference. But they keep it within the confines of their friends and families because they believe it is the right thing to do, as opposed to getting on the internet and telling their real opinions. They also know some things about her dismissal that no one here knows. They know so much more than we, because they are there.

No matter how much you want to believe that 3 abn is just a small little group controlled by Danny, you can't. The group is large not small with very respected and business wise board members. Then there is ASI and until now, their integrity has never been questioned that I know of. You have people like Garwin McNeilus that has given of his time and money and has frequented 3 abn plenty enough times that if there was a rat to smell, he would have smelled it. Then you have the thousands of people that have visited through the years to volunteer for whatever was needed. At campmeeting time many come a month before the actual dates to help set up. What speaks for itself is the fact, that they keep coming back year after year. Can they get a feel on what is happening? Of course the can. They are not restricted as to where they go, or who they talk to off or on the campus. That is another lie that I have read here. That everything is guarded and visitors can't talk to the employees. The truth is the complete opposite of that. I know, I have been there before. I was free to look around anywhere I wanted (except the studios during taping of course) and talk to whomever I wished. And that goes for all the buildings, not just the main one. EVERYone was wonderful and the spirit there was full of much joking and laughter in some of the different departments. This was absolutely not an environment of oppressed or depressed people. Oh I'm sure there might be some grumbling about a new rule or regulation. Where have you ever worked that there wasn't. But, in no way, was this a nazi prison camp with Hitler in charge. Most here need to rethink what they have been told here, and from what source the information came from.

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**Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Feb 7 2007, 01:32 AM**

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Good question



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Don't worry, I believe we will see many more people posting on this forum. After corporate "worship" yesterday, the station was buzzing.

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**Posted by: Bystander Feb 7 2007, 09:43 AM**

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**Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Feb 7 2007, 09:48 AM**

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**Posted by: Grace Feb 7 2007, 09:51 AM**

QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Feb 7 2007, 04:48 PM)

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Apparently he doesn't!

**Posted by: Bystander Feb 7 2007, 04:13 PM**

QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Feb 7 2007, 09:48 AM)

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No I don't. I believe in fighting for what is right.

**Posted by: awesumtenor Feb 7 2007, 04:18 PM**

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Except when they want to take shots at people on camera... no... wait... lemme guess... you consider broadcasting it via satellite to all watching keeping it "within the confines of their friends and families"...

Riiiiiiight.

In His service,  
Mr. J

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**Posted by: Nuggie Feb 7 2007, 04:27 PM**

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Do you really believe some of the stuff you write?  Did you not get the memo that this is **NOT** Sabbath School? We pay attention here. I'm adding a new word behind tiresome and minutae...nonsensical...that's what you are...

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