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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Statement - Alyssa Moore

Posted by: source Oct 3 2006, 10:03 PM

July 7, 2006

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Posted by: simplysaved Oct 3 2006, 10:13 PM

Honey, there are no words to say but "I am sorry that this happened to you"....and am praying for you....

I do not know whether or not you are Linda Shelton's daughter...but it appears as though you have been hurt and traumatized by someone who allowed Satan to take over their lives for a moment.

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Since I am assuming that you are neither a pastor nor a church leader.... which we loosely translated as either Conference administrators or lay leaders, especially if they were in abuse counseling professions.... then you should not have received one. And it is quite possible that all who are in that category have not yet received a copy.... it is a very large task to send them out.

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You are so correct. That being the case, it would seem to me that the best route to take from here.... "go with the flow" as Calvin says.... will be to give a certain and clear "ring" to the bell.

For starters, let's look at some of the history of the sending of this statement. It was, as I have noted, to be distributed only by email, and it was to always be accompanied by the cover letter with which it was originally sent. It was channeled through Johann, with him sending out the first waves, and others who received it sending it on to others who fit the criteria specified. That first wave included several of the top leaders of our church as well as some of the primary persons involved in the 3abn saga for the last two plus years.

It was first distributed shortly before the ASI Conference this summer, and came to Danny's attention at that time. His reaction was to first of all claim that Alyssa didn't really do it of her own initiative, that he had talked to her since the statement came out, and that it meant nothing.... in reality he and Alyssa were very "close friends". Some who heard his reaction at ASI checked with Alyssa and found that there was no truth in what Danny was saying, and in fact Danny did not even have Alyssa's current phone numbers.

At about the same time, or shortly thereafter, Alyssa made notarized copies of her statement and mailed them in hard copy to selected top church officers. This, I am told, created such a great stir in the GC waters that it sent 3abn into a "circle the wagons" mode, which was made obvious in their "3ABN Today LIVE" two hour special which was shown multiple times the weekend of August 11-13.

Note that we have previously discussed this on BSDA under the thread entitled, "3abn Presents "the Battle ..." Don't Miss It, Special program rerun times...." where we noted that Shelly Quinn's sermon in particular was best understood by those of us who knew of the statement made by Alyssa. See <http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=10422>

At present, I am told that 3abn is demanding a "hearing" with Alyssa.... something that some of us feel is a rather inhumane way for her to go, and are hoping that she will refuse. Something as difficult for her to handle as this has to be, certainly should be handled in a counseling atmosphere rather than an adversarial one. But this is one of those things which are currently residing under the "we have to wait and see" rubric trusting that God has supplied her with wise and kind counselors.... both legal and psychological.... so that she is having all the help necessary to move through whatever lies ahead in this area.

Others are, I am sure, much more acquainted with the details of what it must have been like growing up as a step-daughter in the Danny Shelton household, with Melody and Danny's relationship as the closest "model" on which to build her concepts of what a father/daughter relationship should "look like". I hope that they will give us some insights into that.

Others who are reading here are trained counselors.... I hope they will now speak up and discuss in a general and professional way the hurdles and phases of healing that someone who has undergone experiences like this have to face and go through.

We have already heard from Barbara Kerr, who seemingly was the first to learn what had happened and pass it on to Linda.... who until that time had not known of it. She shared something of the way she learned about it with us in the thread pinned at the top of the menu, entitled, <http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=10489>. You'll find her comments on this near the end of her original letter. While I am sure there is still much that she knows that she will not share with us because of the delicate and personal nature of the information, I do hope Barb will come back and help us in our understanding of what has and is going on in this area.

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Posted by: Clay Oct 4 2006, 07:41 AM

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Oct 4 2006, 07:54 AM

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I am not a counselor but, in my opinion, Alyssa has already taken one of the most stressful steps by sharing her experience with conference leaders. I'm fairly certain she would have carefully thought about all of the ramifications coming forward could lead to, including "hearings" on the issue.

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Posted by: lurker Oct 4 2006, 08:09 AM

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That is not the clinical or spiritual concern...bottom line is Matthew 18 does not refer to IMHO and professional opinion, to abuse or power-based (control) situations; in those instances you do need to have a second person--and physical advocate for emotional support...**I stand corrected: The moment that an "alleged victim" tells you "NO" or "STOP" they have come to you one on one...the next step is getting help (i.e. getting another brother/sister involved).**

In this situation, an alleged victim would be intimidated by a corporation trying to determine what did or did not happen---their concerns are secondary and totally out of line.

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Thank you for saying that....while I am very sensitive to this kind of situation clinically and otherwise, we have to be very careful what we put out in the public---because when we do, you can't cry foul and demand that certain issues/allegations be off limits...

Perhaps that is why God gave EGW the counsel that we should try to resolve most issues privately and not in public...or as the Bible says more specifically, sometimes we have to allow God to decide what needs to be public...even allowing ourselves to be "defrauded" in something, because the end damage is often unexpected and far more reaching....

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Posted by: simplysaved Oct 4 2006, 09:10 AM

Agreed...What we sometimes consider the persuit of "justice" may often lead (unintentionally) to exploitation in another area...one in which we cannot protect those who need it the most...

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I pray that you now feel free and safe from harm...

Posted by: västergötland Oct 4 2006, 09:23 AM

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Posted by: caribbean sda Oct 4 2006, 09:27 AM

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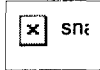
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You're on point as always, Calvin...once this letter was put in circulation it became fair game for discussion anywhere. Whoever's counseling this young lady should have told her that. But now is not the time to pick and choose what should be discussed...folks haven't exactly been circumspect in what they put out there--either directly or through insinuation.

I'm kinda tired of the whole saga, really...think I'll just go back to lurk mode  snk ...carry on...

Posted by: simplysaved Oct 4 2006, 09:40 AM

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You are correct. I am not. And on second thoughts today, I am grateful for the time lag that has occurred, and am satisfied that this is the appropriate time to have brought it out. I think the time lag has worked to everyone's advantage, including Alyssa.... as well as those of us who now are freed to explore the topic. The delay has given time to see what others would do with the information.... so we all have better perspectives from which to comment than we did a couple months ago when it first came out.

So thank you for the delay.... and let's move along from here.

Posted by: simplysaved Oct 4 2006, 09:56 AM

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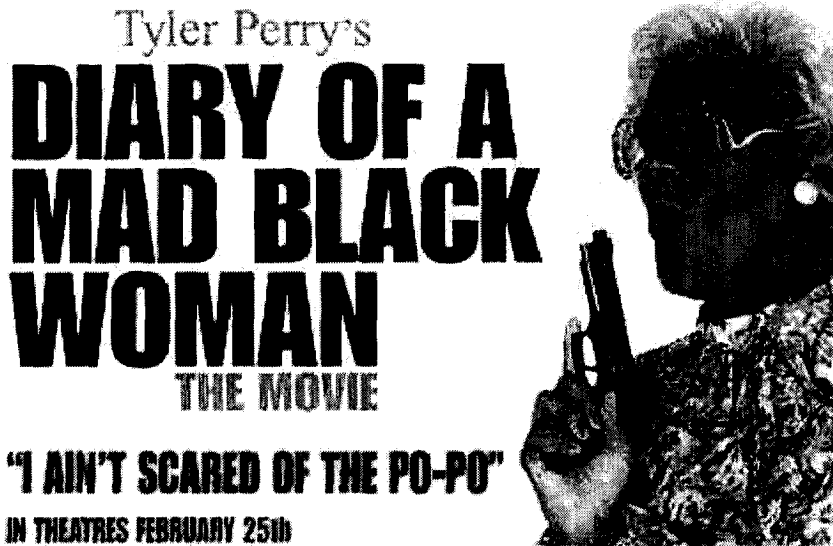
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Does one really expect to get support from the perpretors employer that is what the church is in this case - a indirect employer so from the start church is not neutral. Using this as an example being a victim does not mean common sense goes out the window. But like you said Go to God first.

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I think this last is why we tried to honor her requests to limit distribution as long as possible. I do not personally know if she has come to terms with the recognition that it could not stay in limited circulation for very long or not. I do know that she was amply warned at the time that this would be the case.... sooner or later, with as wide a circulation as she was allowing, someone would ignore the requests and throw it wide open.

I don't think that she has been "re-victimized" by the opening of this to the public now. She has had some time to know just how much the church leaders will do and what they will not do. They have been given their chance..... and they did not choose to act, at least not in a way that was visible and that plainly suspended the abuser.

Hopefully she will see this ... or come to see it shortly ... as freeing her to proceed with legal action against him.... something that is very hard for some segments of Adventism to accept as being right and proper.

QUOTE(simplysaved @ Oct 4 2006, 09:50 AM)

This is one of the main reasons victims do not go forward with allegations....I do not presume to know what is true or false here, but if the allegation is true and the alleged victim asked for it to be forwarded only to church leaders and GC...

I would still want the church to be a part of it even if I went to the police....I don't see why it has to be an either or....

But she needed to press charges as a private citizen...

Posted by: watchbird Oct 4 2006, 10:17 AM

QUOTE(simplysaved @ Oct 4 2006, 09:56 AM)

Says a man (with all do respect) that works out on a regular basis....being a victim is a different ballgame...especially a female one....You need that support from your church support system....

Better yet ask God what to do...and do whatever He says...if He says go straight to the police, go to the police....

QUOTE(Clay @ Oct 4 2006, 10:01 AM)

victims male or female want justice.... the church has a history of NOT being supportive, of telling victims NOT to press charges.... as one who is in law enforcement as well as an advocate for patient rights, I say go to the po po....

Agreed... but SS has a point also.... that there is support a victim needs that is personal and up-close and has little or nothing to do with the "support" that seeks for and administers justice.

I think the delay periods ... and there were two quite different ones ... the one from the time that she first told Barbara Kerr about it until the time she had gathered a private support system sufficiently strong to enable her to make the public statement.... and the second one from the time that went out to the present. I'm very sure that she added to her support system after the release of the statement. And while I'm not a professional in this area, I think that would be very important in strengthening her for the public and legal steps that she will need to face next.

One additional note to this is that the GC has, in the last few years.... not sure just when.... taken formal positions about what steps to take in cases like this.... and they DO include notifying the law enforcement agencies immediately upon the allegations....

Why haven't the Family Ministries personell been involved in any of the 3abn allegations? I wish I knew. Does anyone have any direct lines to any of them?

Posted by: Ralph Oct 4 2006, 10:19 AM

QUOTE(Panama_Pete @ Oct 3 2006, 09:29 PM) □

She says, "I feel the need to share this information. I want to spare others...."

So, apparently -- on the face of it -- it is meant to be shared.

You are correct in saying, "on the face of it -- it is meant to be shared."
"Source" did not send the full text of the cover letter that "Watchbird" alluded to.

QUOTE(watchbird @ Oct 3 2006, 09:45 PM) □

... and it is a real violation of express instructions that were sent out with each copy of this letter where the permission to share was very specifically limited to "ministers and church leaders", and where **it was expressly directed to NOT post it on any public forum.**

With such a violation of trust, I can plainly see why others are reticent on speaking out.

Posted by: vonessa Oct 4 2006, 10:28 AM

I read this last night, and woke up inspired (little "i") to say that if Source meant to be private, she wouldn't have given it to anybody and kept it secret. Like you said, she wouldn't have told *nobody* if she wanted to keep it off line. She has counted the cost of telling this so that the curse of the flesh that Danny Shelton has brought forward might be revealed before us. If information exists, it is speech freedom, and the Holy Spirit has been in this discussion all the way along as it has revealed all hidden secrets as people have been inspired to share.

We have been shown that Danny had other problems, such as admitting to being responsible for the death of his first wife, and others that have been demonstrated here before us. Now we must pray that the details will not remain in the shadows for long but that all might be made plain so that when the Lord withdraws his blessing from 3ABN, it will be clear as to why it was done. Those with information or ideas about what may have happened must come forward because we cannot expect the Lord's blessing without doing our part.

Calvin, may you be blessed for encouraging this necessary discussion to continue. And thank you

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Posted by: watchbird Oct 4 2006, 10:32 AM

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I don't think so. I think she has her own "independent ministry" or business.... not sure what she calls it. And must be under some contract with 3abn.... and she writes a colum for Adventist Review. Have no idea, really as to what the GCFM folk think of her.

Posted by: simplysaved Oct 4 2006, 10:48 AM

The recent case at Camp Wagner in Lake Region is an good example of support on all levels....the church was as progressive as the parents and supportive of what the families did as private citizens without excuse or cover-ups....

QUOTE(Denny @ Oct 4 2006, 10:01 AM) □

Does one really expect to get support from the perpretors employer that is what the church is in this case - a indirect employer so from the start church is not neutral. Using this as an example being a victim does not mean common sense goes out the window. But like you said Go to God

first.

Posted by: TLC Oct 4 2006, 11:02 AM

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Posted by: simplysaved Oct 4 2006, 11:16 AM

I respectfully disagree with the "by any means necessary" perspective when it comes to people who are "alleged victims". □

What God allows and God's Divine Will ARE NOT the same...

Posted by: watchbird Oct 4 2006, 11:37 AM

Vonessa, your posts would be much more appreciated if you were a little more careful in your recital of information. It is difficult sometimes to know if you are exaggerating for effect, or are careless in your reading, or are deliberately making unwarranted claims and conclusions that will give new readers a wrong impression as to what has been said here.

Examples from your recent post

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There is no indication that Source is the author of the statement he posted.

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No... we have NOT "been shown" any such thing. There have been some questions asked that indicated that some have had suspicions of that ... but there has been nothing "shown" ... and there was certainly never any speculation that Danny had admitted to any such responsibility.

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We would, I am sure, appreciate this paragraph much more had you not embedded it in untrue allegations as to what has been said here as you have done.

Posted by: paleface Oct 4 2006, 11:47 AM

Isn't "Source" a "m" meaning male?

Posted by: watchbird Oct 4 2006, 12:30 PM

QUOTE(paleface @ Oct 4 2006, 11:47 AM)

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.... Blush.... sorry.. And in a post where I wuz complaining about someone not reading carefully! I shall go edit it real quick!

Thank you much if'n I gotta "eat crow" I'd shur druther it'd be fresh!

snr

Posted by: calvin Oct 4 2006, 12:36 PM

QUOTE(vonessa @ Oct 4 2006, 10:28 AM) □

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Vonessa you are finish here. I have said on a number of occasions that we are limiting our discussion of Danny Shelton to as it relates to 3ABN. We are NOT going to speculate on his prior life. Vonessa you have been here long enough to know better....and I will continue putting people out if you can't follow this one simple guideline. □ □

Posted by: calvin Oct 4 2006, 02:18 PM

□ Wha I do, scare eveybody off? I anit mad at jus □

Posted by: västergötland Oct 4 2006, 02:42 PM

Simply, read this and ponder together with my last post in the thread.

1Pe 2:13 Be subject to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether to the king, as supreme;

1Pe 2:14 or unto governors, as sent by him for vengeance on evil-doers and for praise to them that do well.

1Pe 2:15 For so is the will of God, that by well-doing ye should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

1Pe 2:16 as free, and not using your freedom for a cloak of wickedness, but as bondservants of God.

1Pe 2:17 Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

1Pe 2:18 Servants, be in subjection to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

1Pe 2:19 For this is acceptable, if for conscience toward God a man endureth griefs, suffering wrongfully.

1Pe 2:20 For what glory is it, if, when ye sin, and are buffeted for it, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye shall take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

Posted by: princessdi Oct 4 2006, 02:42 PM

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Posted by: Chez Oct 4 2006, 03:11 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Oct 4 2006, 03:42 PM) □

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I know that's real. We are making sure that we're behaving.



Posted by: Nuggie Oct 4 2006, 03:19 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Oct 4 2006, 02:42 PM) □

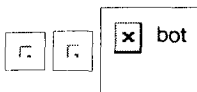
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Posted by: simplysaved Oct 4 2006, 03:26 PM



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Posted by: seeshell Oct 4 2006, 03:30 PM

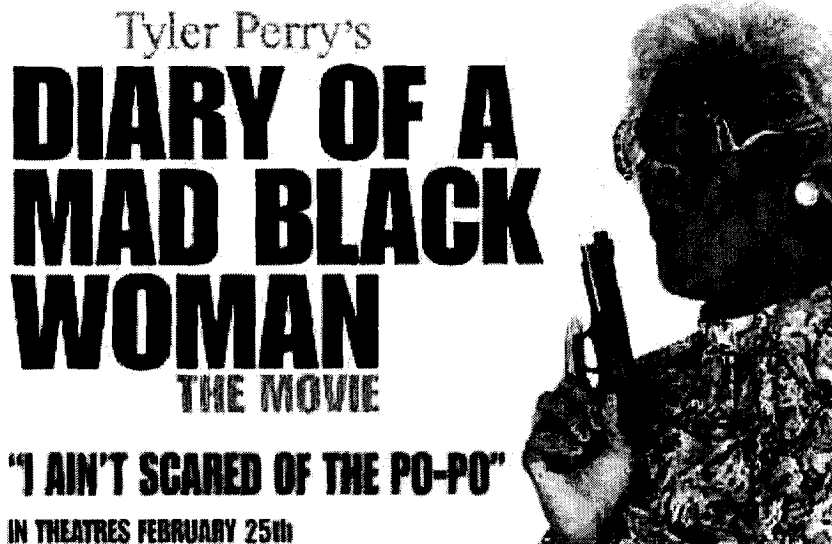
Oh yeah, remember that feeling when a sibling got whapped...



Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Oct 4 2006, 03:33 PM

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victims male or female want justice.... the church has a history of NOT being supportive, of telling victims NOT to press charges.... as one who is in law enforcement as well as a an advocate for patient rights, I say go to the po po....



Many churches have counseled victims not to press charges. That has allowed the perps to find more victims. Not a good idea.

Posted by: Clay Oct 4 2006, 03:39 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Oct 4 2006, 03:33 PM)

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thank you PB.... thats where I am coming from... churches want to keep it inhouse and the perp goes on.... in some cases continuing for years, harming who knows how many...

Posted by: västergötland Oct 4 2006, 03:41 PM

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Oct 4 2006, 03:48 PM

QUOTE(seeshell @ Oct 4 2006, 02:30 PM)

Oh yeah, remember that feeling when a sibling got whapped...

In my family I, as the oldest, was the Whoopee. My younger siblings learned from my mistakes. They mostly turned out better than me as well...hmmmm.

Posted by: Jewel50 Oct 4 2006, 03:53 PM

QUOTE(Denny @ Oct 4 2006, 07:47 AM)

If this is true I am sorry Ms Moore does not go to the police and report this . It is not the time to go into 'let the church handle it' mode unfortunately we all know what happens when that line is used it tends to mean 'cover it up time and blame the victim'.

A thousand AMENS to the part about how the church tends to cover it all up and blame the victim. I can testify to that. She needs turn him in, but not to the church sorry to say. They just do nothing to help victims.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Oct 4 2006, 03:58 PM

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Personally I can't think of of any U.S. sayings except for possibly "his intentions were good". It is my opinion that the "bears service" could apply here.

I would love to see the Swedish word or words that translates "bears service", and a phonetic pronunciation would be nice as well. It sounds like a term I would like to incorporate into my vocabulary.

Posted by: sister Oct 4 2006, 04:28 PM

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I think the english expression that would best fit this situation is: "The road to hell is paved with good intentions."

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QUOTE(calvin @ Oct 4 2006, 02:18 PM)

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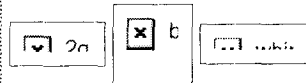
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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Oct 4 2006, 05:28 PM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Oct 4 2006, 03:59 PM)

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Perhaps that by trying to protect Alyssa from the trauma of confronting her attacker they are actually causing her damage in the long run. That's what I got anyway.

Posted by: AmeliaLD Oct 4 2006, 06:27 PM

QUOTE(calvin @ Oct 4 2006, 11:36 AM) □

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How far in the past does a matter have to occur for it to be "prior life"? Just curious 'cause 6 years is a fair bit of time Or do you mean Dannys life before Linda?

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Oct 4 2006, 07:01 PM

I was wondering the same thing.

If the prior life is connected to the present life, then isn't it relevant?

As far as this topic goes, at MSDAOL, I as the Administrator there agreed not to post it there, and, even though it has now been posted here, unless I am relieved from this agreement, I do not plan on posting it there.

Posted by: sister Oct 4 2006, 07:16 PM

QUOTE(Daryl Fawcett @ Oct 4 2006, 08:01 PM) □

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The official rule at BSDA is that everything that took place before the founding of 3ABN is off limits, relevant or not...

Posted by: Uncle Sam Oct 4 2006, 07:27 PM

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Posted by: husbandoftheyear Oct 4 2006, 07:45 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Oct 4 2006, 03:42 PM)

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There were a whole bunch in my family and a whole lotta silence!

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Posted by: calvin Oct 4 2006, 08:23 PM

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Somebody help me here, but I believe 3abn started in the mid-80's? That gives us 20+ years of stuff to talk about. Danny started 3abn with Linda as his wife. Whatever happen with his frist wife is out of scope.

Posted by: sister Oct 4 2006, 08:38 PM

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I did not see that particular show. I am not saying it didn't happen but it would be nice if someone would come forward with something that doesn't seem to have a grudge against Danny...is that something in the works?

Posted by: husbandoftheyear Oct 4 2006, 09:24 PM

QUOTE(Uncle Sam @ Oct 4 2006, 09:43 PM)

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I'm sorry, Uncle Sam, but that just doesn't make any sense.

Would anyone be able to make any accusation without it looking like a grudge? If so, it would be a compliment and not an accusation...

Posted by: Lee Oct 4 2006, 09:30 PM

How old was this girl when these things happened to her? It sounded like she was "college" age? Would that be 18 or older? I don't know how old she was in 2000 when she said these things happened.

But would she be considered an adult at the time these things happened? Would this make a difference in a court of law?

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Oct 4 2006, 10:42 PM

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When I read Source's post I noticed that he didn't make an introduction to the information he was posting as I have seen when others have posted letters not their own - such as Barbara Kerr's and chapters of The Televangelist.

Being fairly new I thought perhaps it was protocol to introduce and state whether permission had been given. I didn't feel I was slapping his hand. I was glad to finally read the much spoken of letter.

Now, who is Scott Grady and what did he do and who kept it secret and WHY?

Posted by: husbandoftheyear Oct 4 2006, 11:01 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Oct 4 2006, 11:42 PM) □

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Boy are you in for a treat ... it's like hot fudge on top of this hot mess...

Scott Grady was a director who worked for 3ABN for quite a few years. Several women went to administration when Scott started sexually harassing them. Years later melody went to mollie saying that she was receiving calls from scott that were sexual in nature and had them recorded. (I should note that is speculated by many that it was actually an affair.) And to clear one thing - I was a first-hand witness to the harassment of 2 of the women and was willing to testify as were other men at the station - not counting the women. So whether scott and melody had an affair is secondary.


Once Dan heard what was happening, scott was suspended from the production truck and soon after even more women came out of the woodwork. Scott was NOT fired and there were no legal actions taken. With a dozen women's testimonies of the harassment, 3ABN felt that there were "no legal options."

He was allowed to resign and continues to work in ministries around the world. Nothing was done nor was there even a "kiss my rear end" for the women who were abused. Not a meeting, not a letter, nothing.

Scott's reputation is in tact as far as I know...that's 3ABN justice!

Posted by: västergötland Oct 4 2006, 11:48 PM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Oct 4 2006, 11:59 PM) □

OK..... color me dense. I'm not getting the connection...maybe because I'm not sure what "situation that is presently discussed" means in this context. 

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Posted by: watchbird Oct 5 2006, 03:55 AM

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Those were my questions exactly. And I've examined your other posts.... and I still don't know.

Maybe you could PM me on it.

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Posted by: summertime Oct 5 2006, 08:25 AM

QUOTE(Daryl Fawcett @ Oct 4 2006, 07:01 PM)

I was wondering the same thing.

If the prior life is connected to the present life, then isn't it relevant?

As far as this topic goes, at MSDAOL, I as the Administrator there agreed not to post it there, and, even though it has now been posted here, unless I am relieved from this agreement, I do not plan on posting it there.

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Some 20 years or so ago when the actions allegedly took place that raise questions about Tommy, there was not nearly the "outcry" that there is today. So there are more chances of justice for earlier

victims now than there was then. For one thing there is more outrage in general than there used to be. And there are more and better investigative techniques available now. Convictions are more prevalent. Sentences are longer and more appropriate. National sex-offender registration and reporting is taking place and tracking is improving.

It occurs to me that the way a law is written will determine whether a crime has been committed or not. In most states it seems that a person must be under "the age of consent" for a crime to have been committed. If the victim is OF the "age of consent" ("AOC" for now) then it depends on if there was or was not consent. If the victim has not been reached AOC then it mat called "a statutory crime", or "crimes against children".

I wonder what age Alyssa was at the time the allegations took place. When I say "allegations" I do NOT mean to MINIMIZE anything! It's a term I HAVE TO USE at this time.

When all is said and done with this fiasco, I do hope we all learn to become more aware of questions we should be asking before we "start plopping down our hard-earned dollars" or "put people up on pedestals" just because they might happen to have a "silver tongue", or because they have cute grandchildren. Who said, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"? (so far it's taking a lot of pounding to try to cure)

Can we also explore / discuss some ways to become "Wise as serpents but harmless as doves"?

Posted by: Observer Oct 5 2006, 08:39 AM

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The alleged offense was therefore not a crime against a minor. It might fall into the catagory of a crime of sexual assult.

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In the area where I live, the media has generally agreed not to publish the names of claimed victims of sexual assult, unless that person either releases the media, or goes public.

That is the rationale behind Daryl not publishing Alyssia's statement.

Alyssia clearly stated that she was providing her statement to denominmational officials, did not want it published on the Internet, and did not want her name disclosed on the Internet. She also stated that everyperson who recieved her statemet must also be given her limitations on disclosure.

Someone, I do not know who, provided Alyssia's statement to another person without the limitations on disclosure. That person promptly posted both the statement, and the name, in MSDAOL.

When the person was taken to task for violating Alyssia's limitations, he promptly requested that the statement be removed. Due to the fact that Alyssia has never given permission for the wide-spread circulation that her statement has received, Daryl has not allowed it to be posted.

That position is an honorable one.

Yes, Alyssia should have known that someone would eventually leak it. But, it did stay secret for a period of time.

Yes, that statement has been circulated so widely that there may no longer be any reason to keep it secret. Perhaps it is now ethical to publish it due to its wide circulation.

But, people differ on ethical issues. Daryl has taken an ethical stand. That does not mean that BSDA is unethical for doing differently. People differ as to how they apply ethics to life.

Posted by: watchbird Oct 5 2006, 08:58 AM

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I understand. My comment regarding her age, was specific to the events she described in her statement.

Yes, there may be more.

Posted by: Chez Oct 5 2006, 10:04 AM

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I had often wondered about Alyssa. How was it for her living in the house with Danny? Now, we know. The place where she should have felt safe was far from safe. She couldn't tell anybody about what Danny was doing to her, not even her mother. I applaud her bravery in sharing this information (even if it should have been restricted to a small group of people). We must pray for her continued healing and for Linda and Nathan.

Posted by: inga Oct 5 2006, 10:36 AM

QUOTE(Clay @ Oct 4 2006, 08:41 AM)

she does not need to meet with 3ABN.... she alleges inappropriate behavior, file criminal charges and let the chips fall where they may....

Yes!!!!!!

If Alyssa were the only one to have experienced inappropriate advances by Danny, it would be more difficult. But if she can secure the cooperation of others, there is some reason to expect success in a lawsuit.

It is true that "brethren" are not to go to law against each other. However, the biblical precedent is clear that, if all the allegations are true, Danny should long ago have been disfellowshipped for his sexual misconduct and would therefore no longer be a "brother in the church."

QUOTE(simplysaved @ Oct 4 2006, 09:02 AM)

I agree 100%....no "alleged sexual abuse victim" should ever have to face an alleged perpetrator in this context....that would do nothing but re-traumatize the victim....

Indeed!!!

For 3ABN to even request such a "hearing" is to attempt to intimidate her and thus re-abuse her.

Posted by: Ralph Oct 5 2006, 11:08 AM

QUOTE(sister @ Oct 4 2006, 08:38 PM)

Uncle Sam, it sounds like to must have watched the "behind the scenes" program where Shelly Quinn *preached* on this very subject. In her *sermon* she accused the mother of using her daughter to make accusations against *God's anointed prophet*. She said they did not blame the daughter, that is was a scheme of the mother and the daughter was only a pawn in the game. It was clearly intended to give the spin you are now suggesting. Perhaps that is where you got this notion?

This is exactly what Danny Shelton and Walt Thompson want you to believe: everyone is a pathological liar who testifies of the heinous acts that Danny has done against them. The premise they have built their house of cards upon is that we are gullible enough to believe everyone is wrong who opposes Danny and that Danny's word is *unquestionable* truth. I would say LOL at this point, because it is such a ridiculous concept, but to the victims it really isn't very funny...

Right on, Sister. Now that we have seen the post regarding Linda's daughter, new comers may wish to review the transcript of the sermons by John Lomacang and Shelley Quinn that I mentioned in a <http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=10717&view=findpost&p=150828>. I talked to some people who had watched the program who did not know the background. Even they knew that there was something wrong, but I have a hunch that most of them did not catch on to Shelley's introductory story about John the Baptist.

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I have read what Shelly and John said on that particular show. I think it was disgusting, but once again we have she said he said. I am sure Danny will deny this...are there others that will come forward?

Posted by: watchbird Oct 6 2006, 09:38 AM

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Thanks.... I think I've "got it" this time around.... and I think I am in total agreement.

There is, no doubt, situations in which "bear paws" are the instrument/tool of choice but NOT, I think, for either doing facial surgery or healing wounds to the psyche.

So yes, I agree..... we need to be very careful to "watch out" for anything that looks like "bear claws" and not allow ourselves to be unthinkingly drawn into support of that type of "help".

Posted by: icedragon Oct 8 2006, 02:55 PM

QUOTE(source @ Oct 3 2006, 11:03 PM)

July 7, 2006

This is a formal statement which is long overdue. I did not disclose this information when the events occurred because I did not want to hurt my mother. I did not want to cause trouble with 3 ABN, and I was too embarrassed to talk about it. Now that some time has passed and circumstances have changed I feel the need to share this information. I want to spare others from being exposed to the same treatment that I have experienced.

1) The repeated inappropriate actions from my ex-stepfather, Danny Shelton, occurred in the summer of the year 2000.

2) I had been away at school for some years. I was happy to be returning home to attend a local University.

3) My mother always went to bed rather early. Her bedroom was upstairs and my bedroom was downstairs. Danny started coming into my room getting into my bed and rubbing my back. He seemed to "accidentally" get too low. I told him I did not want a back rub. He ignored me. This happened repeatedly.

4) I began locking my bedroom door every night. Sometimes he would come to the door and knock again and again. I did not answer. He then repeatedly unlocked my bedroom door and came into my room. He would then get into my bed. I was not comfortable with this but I was so tired I still fell asleep. I awoke sometimes with his hands in inappropriate places. He would say "Oh, I'm sorry. I thought it was your Mom." He told me not to tell my Mom. I told him to stay out of my room. He still came. I started sleep on the living room couch so that he could not lie beside me.

5) I felt threatened and very uncomfortable with these things, so I made arrangements to move out.

Signed,

Alyssa Moore (daughter of Linda Shelton)

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Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Oct 8 2006, 03:02 PM

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Posted by: Clay Oct 8 2006, 03:02 PM

QUOTE(icedragon @ Oct 8 2006, 03:55 PM)

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yes.... I have seen the emailed copy with her signature..... while that doesn't prove anything, she has not come forward to say its not real.....

Posted by: sonshineonme Oct 8 2006, 03:27 PM

QUOTE(icedragon @ Oct 8 2006, 01:55 PM)

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Yes, it is real, I also have a signed copy. It was not for public distribution. It was difficult enough to put it in writing as that means you are not keeping it a secret anymore - there are many emotions that go with stating it on paper - it moves from your mind (the experience itself which you have keep to yourself for obvious reasons) to actually being told, although on paper. When one makes that step, they hope to keep it still somewhat out of the public forum because of just what can happen by just anyones eyes - "it must be to get back at someone" or any of the other reasons people will determine other then accepting it for the plain truth that it is. Unless you have been through it yourself, I suppose you can not understand what it takes to actually "tell" on someone.

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I'm not Daryl, but I do know that permission WAS NOT given.

It is not good to "hint" at things if it comes across as "nanny nanny boo-boo", and if that happened, that is too bad. The sad fact is that those given the letter/statement, and that's all the way to the top, knew that it was not for public distribution, and apparently did it anyway.

Posted by: watchbird Oct 8 2006, 04:25 PM

QUOTE(icedragon @ Oct 8 2006, 02:55 PM) □

Is this real??

Yes, it is real. After it went out to the first wave of highly placed GC administrators and other key figures.... some of them became very proactive in sending it on to others in the permitted classifications of recipients and distribution methods.... so it has indeed had a wide distribution. However, whether or not that fact makes it **technically** in "the public domain", it is still a fact of equal or greater importance that it was a breach of Christian courtesy and commitment to a hurting woman for someone to expose her to a wider audience than what she had stipulated as being the extent of her willingness to be so exposed.

But.... is this not the inevitable result, as Clay indicated, of the clamoring of those who will not accept a narrative account of anything but insist instead on "documented proof" from the abused person's own lips.... and then when even that is given, will not be satisfied with the word of others that they have seen the document, but insist on reading every bloodstained word themselves?

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Oct 8 2006, 06:49 PM

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I'd appreciate knowing what scripture you are refering to here so I can study it.

Posted by: calvin Oct 8 2006, 07:46 PM

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Posted by: September Oct 8 2006, 08:19 PM

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Wow...

Posted by: sonshineonme Oct 8 2006, 08:30 PM

QUOTE(calvin @ Oct 8 2006, 06:46 PM)

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To me it's not a matter of getting over it. I have accepted it being here. I am dissappointed that permission was not given for it to be here and it was posted here anyway. That is the part that dissappoints me. It really has nothing to do with whether it is here or not. I am specifically referring to someones request (Alyssa), naive though it could be called, it was still what she asked. Why was that not respected? Does it matter what the "rest" of the people do? That is my only issue. The argument that others have been discussed does not fly with me because these are different circumstances. Someone was violated, they put it in writing to a select group for specific reasons, and specifically asked it not be put in other places (such as a forum or on the internet). I felt from the beginning that it would not remain that way, that someone would go against her wishes and "share" it with someone. I was just hoping we would follow her request here. If we could have re-asked her about it now, given some time has passed since she released it, maybe she would (or maybe not) have agreed. But, I have not been told she was asked. So Calvin, while I appreciate all you do here, I would have liked to see it handled differently - it may be good thinkg in theory that it is out there, but to me, it wasn't my call to make even though I have had the letter myself since she first wrote it.

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Since the letter is out I'll just comment on the way things are at the moment.

Let me put the "cynic hat" on for just a moment.

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Posted by: Clay Oct 9 2006, 12:26 AM

QUOTE(Panama_Pete @ Oct 8 2006, 09:31 PM) □

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Posted by: watchbird Oct 9 2006, 05:02 AM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Oct 8 2006, 04:25 PM) □

But.... is this not the inevitable result, as Clay indicated, of the clamoring of those who will not accept a narrative account of anything but insist instead on "documented proof" from the abused person's own lips.... and then when even that is given, will not be satisfied with the word of others that they have seen the document, but insist on reading every bloodstained word themselves?

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QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Oct 8 2006, 06:49 PM)

I'd appreciate knowing what scripture you are refering to here so I can study it.

Deuteronomy 17:6
Deuteronomy 19:15
Matthew 18:15-17

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Amen to this also.... except for the choice of name.... not Daniel.... that name is an honorable one in

scripture and one that magnifies the name of God (EL)... Daniel = God is my Judge.

Instead I suggest merely Dan..... Dan = judge. Some interesting things about Dan in scripture....

Genesis 49: 16-18 (Jacob's blessing/prophecy for each of his sons just before his death)
Dan shall judge his people,
As one of the tribes of Israel.

Dan shall be a serpent in the way,
A horned snake in the path,
That bites the horse's heels,
So that his rider falls backward.

For Your salvation I wait, O LORD.

Comparing Joshua 19 with Judges 18, one finds that the tribe of Dan were not content with the land that had been portioned out to them, but (according to at least one Bible Dictionary entry) found this too limited so they spied out another territory and took that by force and changed the name of the city to Dan.

And finally, compare Revelation 7.... where Dan is conspicuous by its absence.

But turning from scripture to the present.... Danny is, of course, an affectionate, diminutive form of either Dan or Daniel.... and here is something I have wondered about..... While all over the world people call him Danny..... in no communication with Linda have I ever heard her call him anything but Dan. So a question for those that knew her well before her ouster from 3abn.... Was this always the case? Did she always call him Dan?..... Or has she (consciously or unconsciously) done what Fran has suggested here and made a difference in the name by which she identifies him?

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Posted by: Observer Oct 9 2006, 09:22 AM

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Posted by: simplysaved Oct 9 2006, 12:14 PM

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Posted by: justme Oct 9 2006, 02:47 PM

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 2. Tell "someone", Tell whom?
 3. Tell the sheriff? A Sheriff in Danny's pocket!
 4. Tell the conference office? The one's on Dan's board?
 5. Tell the GC? They already have enough of these stories to bury.
 6. Threaten Dan that "someone is gonna get told". Her word against his?
 7. Victims are scrutinized more than the "perps".
 8. Mom will be faced with enormous embarrassment. He'll deny it anyway.
- (you add options, too)

Option 2 Don't Report it?

1. Will it continue?
2. Will someone else be next?
3. Maybe the marriage will survive if I'm quiet.
4. I "may" avoid placing my pain in public.
5. I KNOW I am not the first. No one else is reporting either. Why talk?

(Right now I just can't imagine any more either way).

Posted by: icedragon Oct 11 2006, 05:07 PM

QUOTE(Daryl Fawcett @ Oct 8 2006, 04:02 PM)

Yes, it is real, as I have a signed copy, however, I received it on condition that I wouldn't post it on any forum, which I honoured and never did, and until given permission to do so, will not post it over at MSDAOL, or allow it to be posted there by anybody else.

I am still disappointed it has been posted here.

So let me see according to the information that BSdA, CA, MSDOL have found that Danny abused his step son, Divorced his wife because she was getting help for her son and Danny would have had to face the problems that he caused and now is guilty of sexual assault of his ex-wifes daughter.? How could God have used a man like that. these problems probally didn't start yesterday they would have been on going during the whole development of 3ABN. that just does not sound possible. Any one else see this???

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(Not implying that anyone at 3ABN murdered anyone, just an analogy.)

Posted by: Uncle Sam Oct 11 2006, 07:28 PM

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Posted by: Tori Oct 11 2006, 08:38 PM

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Posted by: justme Oct 11 2006, 08:55 PM

I wish I could agree that good things don't come from bad people. But it just hasn't been that way. Many a person who has become famous for doing good, has a side that could be infamous if found out.

The very satellites that carry Christian broadcasting may have been made by companies that abhor Christianity.

The companies that make the broadcast equipment, studio cameras, recorders, processors, antennae, etc. may be run by some of the most heathen persons.

Sky Angel had been a friend of SDA's for many years. Why did 3ABN vanish from that satellite? Of all the rumors that have circulated about the family that now runs Sky Angel not liking Danny's handling of the "mess", the actual bottom line is that, of all the channels that went off the air for a few days, only the top-watched, top-rated program providers were reinstated in the 7 restored channels. Of the three not reinstated in the lineup, 3ABN was the least watched of all the channels on Sky Angel. Even before the "mess" began. 3ABN was already losing market share before the "black out". So after they recovered 7 of the 10 "broken" channels, 3ABN didn't make the "cut".

All who work at 3ABN are there for personal reasons. Some are there to get experience in broadcasting technology and production.

Some want to be working "for the Lord" by making these programs available.

Some are there to feed their egos, and be "internationally recognized".

And the list goes on. Only those who can AFFORD to leave financially, reputation-wise, or for personal reasons, can and will leave. BUT will they "TATTLE" on the one who signed the paycheck? remember those who have been blacklisted and blackmailed for leaving or being fired. Who knows what lurks in the personnel files in Danny's office?

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Posted by: Skyhook Oct 11 2006, 10:10 PM

What justme said about the medication angle is something that is very often overlooked in situations where someone has personality changes, esp with criminal and other innapropriate behaviors.

Pain medications, muscle relaxants, all of the benzodiazapine anti-anxiety medications as well as many of the sleeping meds (not to mention the stimulants that are being prescribed these days for adult attention deficit disorder which has become a kind of fad diagnosis) all can cause personality changes such as irritability, impaired judgment, poor impulse control, diminished inhibitions, grandiosity, poor judgement and episodes of paranoia and rage. The abuse of stimulants can cause episodes of obsessive erotic/sexual behavior that can even be foriegn to the person's usual leanings. I don't know anything about Danny's drug or medical history, but it is an interesting angle.

Drugs were a major factor with Jim Jones. He was on uppers and downers for years, which could help explain a lot of his crazyness.

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Danny promotes Danny and Danny's miracles. Things starting getting bad when Linda left. Could it be that God's presence left with her?

Linda has placed herself at God's mercy and after all that has been done to her, she still says, "Though they slay me, Lord, I will follow thee!"

I believe God shielded her from the truths about Danny. The Lord knew what would have to happen. The Lord knew she needed to be out of harms way, safe in the arms of God.

God put information out to a chosen few. Knowing they would cry out loud until it was heard far and wide. Now others are joining in so we can see and hear "The Rest of the Story".

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Compare Linda's ministry with Danny's mess. Where do we find spiritual food?

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Posted by: Aunt B Oct 12 2006, 03:41 PM

I agree with Fran that God's Spirit is with Linda. That is not to suggest that she is perfect, but that the fruit in her life shows that she is following Him and is willing to be used by Him. The testimony on her web site and that which she used to share on 3ABN show she has a relationship with Jesus. I also agree that God allowed her to be removed from 3ABN for a reason, as hard as it has been for her and for others to understand. As for Danny, what is the fruit of his life? Is it consistent with what he professes?

I appreciate Fran's comments, along with all the rest of you who have kept shedding light on this troubling story. So many of us have no way of knowing how to "research" to find the truth. Please keep your comments coming. I also appreciate BSDA and the willingness to allow access to the story as it plays out.

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Ever since the "Adventist Movement" began in the mid 19th century there have been "leaders" who are willing "to let Achan's remain in the camp". God requires a purified church to become His Bride. We are told that there will be shaking, not only in the SDA church but in Christendom at large.

I have a sneaking suspicion that the third and fourth generation Adventists will see the end of "compromises" with God. We need to stop playing "Let's Make A Deal" with God, and get down to scripture and prayer.

Alone with God! We are not saved as a 'body' nor as a denomination. We are saved individually. Thoes who have a working relationship with Jesus as the One to Whom we are "Engaged to Marry", are the ones He is coming back for.

That's why the call, "Come out of her, my people"! His people are coming out of her, now, but will soon come in the thousands. When the Holy Spirit has a people ready to accept these "baby Christians" without making fun of them, without sneering at their jewelry, and other things that one can grow and mature into, as the Holy Spirit leads their hearts, THEN and only then will reform come, and the sophistication and headiness will live unto themselves. But God will have Bride that will proclaim a "primitive gospel" to all the world. "Just the facts, man"!

The shaking will come as a result of the NEW converts who are on fire for God. The rockin'-chair adventists will be truly taxed to understand this new enthusiasm. Some 'old-timers' will leave our church, others will shout "It's about time! But the Laodiceans will be replaced by the "remnant". A truly thrilling vision to behold!

Those who have been covering their own sins and making excuses for their problems will fall away. Some have always blamed others for their problems, and who act the role of a victim, will fall away first. They have for so long failed to accept the need for repentance and confession that they have actually driven away the Holy Spirit from their lives.

Without the Holy Spirit in the life we don't know right from wrong and certainly don't have The Comforter there to tell us how to overcome the sin. When sin in one's life no longer appears to be sin, we have lost our "comforter", the Holy Spirit.

When we sin against the Holy Spirit there is no turning back. Only God know when that happens in one's life. That soul spends it's time looking for people to take advantage of, someone to dominate, someone to abuse, someone to call his "The Anointed One".

It happened to Pharaoh when he refused to yield to the God of Moses. God hardened Pharaoh's heart. Pharaoh was told the he was a God. (Christian Science went THAT far back?) Clay hardens when it no longer has any water coming to it. Pharaoh refused to soften his heart, God (as in the Holy Spirit) was told, by Pharaoh, to stop trying to reach Pharaoh's heart. God withdrew and Pharaoh's son died, Israel walked out of Egypt. When 'the defiant one', Pharaoh, tried to over power God's deliverance of His children, Pharaoh and all his forces drowned.

It is an awesome thing to go against God and His written word, but the ultimate sin is to harden one's heart against The Holy Spirit. And refuse to admit the sin in one's life.

Pray that all God's children will "Stand up, stand up for Jesus, you soldiers of the cross.."

Everybody sing it, ... ever wonder why they don't sing this one anymore?

Posted by: meadbd Oct 12 2006, 11:04 PM

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Actually, the "SHAKJING" is not coming...It Is HERE!...and has been here for some time. We are clearly in the 'time of the end'.

Let Jesus be the joy of our heart today and reveal His love to others.

Bill

Posted by: Ralph Oct 12 2006, 11:17 PM

QUOTE(Uncle Sam @ Oct 11 2006, 07:28 PM) □

I also understand many don't believe Danny was chosen and the miracle stories are made up. If that is true, why do people not speak out while they are enjoying the perks of being with Danny? Why wait until you have a falling out with him? That is where the credibility comes in....if someone had the courage, (because it is the right thing to do) to tell what Danny is doing while they are in his good graces than I believe the GC would have to listen....

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This is all so true, and more of us need to communicate our support. Johann, please tell Linda and Alyssa there is a lot of love out here for them.

Posted by: Shannon Oct 13 2006, 11:44 PM

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Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Oct 14 2006, 04:51 AM

Remember how they trumped up false accusations against Christ in hopes of sending Him to the cross?

The innocent Son of God allowed this to happen to Him for a reason.

God is obviously allowing this to happen to Linda and to others for a reason, however, Christ rose victoriously from the dead, and He will return victoriously to the sinful planet to redeem His saints.

I also believe that good will come out of this as it did with Joseph. After he was falsely accused and sent to prison for several years, Joseph was later released from prison and was second to the Pharaoh himself.

So hang in there everybody, just as Joseph hung in there.

Posted by: JustTana Oct 14 2006, 09:10 PM

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Thank you, Shannon, for such a specific prayer for these little girls. It is also my prayer and I could not have put it more beautifully than you did.

JT

Posted by: tall73 Oct 19 2006, 01:06 PM

QUOTE(inga @ Oct 5 2006, 10:36 AM)

It is true that "brethren" are not to go to law against each other. However, the biblical precedent is clear that, if all the allegations are true, Danny should long ago have been *disfellowshipped* for his sexual misconduct and would therefore no longer be a "brother in the church."
Indeed!!!

For 3ABN to even request such a "hearing" is to attempt to intimidate her and thus re-abuse her.

Is there a direct correlation between going to law in a dispute and going to the authorities in a criminal case? The case in Corinth appears to be more of a civil law suit. They were taking matters to judges to decide when the church had authority to rule in such trivial cases.

God established the authorities to punish the wrongdoer, according to Romans 13, and the text already cited in Peter's epistle. We are not to take vengeance and are to leave it to God's justice. But the role of the government is to "bear the sword."

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Once the criminal courts have found them guilty it is pretty easy for the local church to make a case for disfellowshipping.

At the same time the pastor and church do play a role. They play a pastoral role to all involved. And they may try to avoid a protracted case by seeing whether the person really is guilty and asking them to come forward if they are.

But to me God establishes the governing authorities for a reason, and there is no conflict in taking criminal matters to the government.

We leave final judgment to God. We forgive for the hurts caused to us. But we also recognize the penalties for sin in this life, and that people need protection from those who do harm. Therefore the government has a legitimate role in punishing the wrong doer.

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[color=#3366FF]1Co 6:1 When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the *unrighteous* instead of the saints?

1Co 6:2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases?

1Co 6:3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

1Co 6:4 So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church?

1Co 6:5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers,

1Co 6:6 but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers?

1Co 6:7 To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?

1Co 6:8 But you yourselves wrong and defraud--even your own brothers!

It appears that the issues in Corinth were primarily financial "defraudment" or disputes over money. That is a little different than sexual crimes, etc.

The church could settle a dispute and have restitution made. But they did not have authority to put to death, which was the work of the government.

Posted by: jodi Oct 21 2006, 06:32 PM

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Posted by: seraph|m Feb 4 2007, 08:16 PM

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Well said...

Posted by: Rosyroi Feb 4 2007, 09:20 PM

QUOTE(calvin @ Oct 4 2006, 06:23 PM)

Somebody help me here, but I believe 3abn started in the mid-80's? That gives us 20+ years of stuff to talk about. Danny started 3abn with Linda as his wife. Whatever happen with his frist wife is out of scope.

Wow! my memory isen't as bad as I thought it was. I thought that was what one of the Admin stated in another post. I just don't remember where I saw it.

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