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**Posted by: Clay Jul 10 2006, 01:09 PM**

I ummmm had a comment but simplysarah told me to hursh and behave..... so imma sit over there -----> in the corner.....quietly..... for now....maybe...

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

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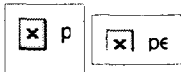


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"And all the people said" --- 

Trust Bear to say it like it is...and to say it the best.

Three cheers and a round of applause for Bear.    

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
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you are unwilling to consider all possible solutions...

There is a word for that... several, as a matter of fact which come to mind off hand...

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No attack...the parameters were set in the OP...there are plenty threads here that openly attack, criticize, and defame the founders, their presentation of the facts regarding the onset, and personal items about their lives, which in all fairness may or may not be true...I am not here to challenge that or to say that a persons "feelings or experience is or is not valid"....

What I am challenging people to do is accept the fact that God has allowed 3ABN to have the influence world-wide that it has...more so than (keeping it real) Hope TV may ever be able to reach---an independent ministry has the ability to do things (good and bad) that cannot be done in an direct organizational relationship (i.e. BSDA is a perfect example).

In "replacing 3ABN", one would still have to address the following concerns:

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**Posted by: Nuggie Jul 11 2006, 10:16 AM**

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No vision....only murmuring....   s:

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
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
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If we attribute to God 3ABN's existence then we also have to attribute to God it's no longer being on SkyAngel, which was the vehicle through which it obtained and maintained it's wide-scale footprint. Because it is no longer on SkyAngel, it has little more visibility than any of the networks watchbird noted in her initial reply to you. If they are, because of their size, so easily dismissed, then 3ABN is just as easily dismissed... for all of it's wannabe-itis, 3ABN was not TBN; it wasn't even the 700Club and was NEVER going to attain either the name recognition or the following of either... even if every Adventist on the planet had it... there just arent enough of us.

Fine; God allowed 3ABN to have the influence it does... and in response they screwed the pooch... which brings us back to the quote I posted earlier from Patriarchs and prophets:

*"The example of those who minister in holy things should be such as to impress the people with reverence for God and with fear to offend Him. When men, standing "in Christ's stead" (2 Corinthians 5:20) to speak to the people God's message of mercy and reconciliation, use their sacred calling as a cloak for selfish or sensual gratification, they make themselves the most effective agents of Satan. Like Hophni and Phinehas, they cause men to "abhor the offering of the Lord." They may pursue their evil course in secret for a time; but when at last their true character is exposed, the faith of the people receives a shock that often results in destroying their confidence in religion. There is left upon the mind a distrust of all who profess to teach the word of God. The message of the true servant of Christ is doubtfully received. The question constantly arises, "Will not this man prove to be like the one we thought so holy, and found so corrupt?" Thus the word of God loses its power upon the souls of men...Of all sinners, those are most guilty who cast contempt upon the means that Heaven has provided for man's redemption--who "crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame." Hebrews 6:6."*

If you recall, in 1Samuel, because of the sin of Hophni and Phineas and the unwillingness of Eli to address that sin \*Israel\* as a whole suffered; the ark was taken by the Philistines and the glory of the Lord departed. and now we have the same scenario playing out again with 3ABN... where the stench of the excess and corruption has made it all the way to heaven to the very nostrils of God and those like you who could rebuke it by ceasing to help perpetuate it are now sitting in the very balance in which Eli was found wanting.

If you also recall in 1Samuel... God did not revise, repair or reform the house of Eli.

He destroyed it and raised up another.

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Since you claim that God raised it up in the first place, these questions are \*His\* concern... not ours...so your argument has no merit. The only way we have to worry about answering these questions is if it was men operating alone who stood 3ABN up in the first place...

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okay.... a 10 second moment of silence for the violated pooch.....

To the unknown, but known pooch.....

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lol

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Just pointing out that I edited my post to include another relevant comment and then removed my apology for hijacking the thread because as I read further along, I realized the thread had moved in another direction before my comment. Apparently I was editing while Sarah was simultaneously quoting me so I just wanted to clarify for anyone who might notice the discrepancy...

...also after re-reading my thread, I also wanted to point out that there are many instances of this territorial behavior that I described all over BSDA...my post appears that I have singled out Sarah and I want to clarify and point out that that is NOT the case...after I re-read my post, I realized that it might be construed that way. My apologizes if that is how it was taken, by Sarah or by anyone else...

**Posted by: watchbird Jul 11 2006, 01:07 PM**

**QUOTE(simplysaved @ Jul 11 2006, 10:13 AM)**

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OK ... let's take your challenge and examine it carefully. First of all, for what purpose does God "allow" things to happen--particularly, for what purpose does God allow a person to have prosperity, success, and influence? We can extrapolate from some scriptural examples, but Ellen White tells us the answer directly. According to her, it is for the purpose of testing them to see how they will handle wealth and influence. There is a very interesting little "testimony" back in one of the early books in which Ellen starts out by praising a certain woman for her strength and steadfastness through a number of serious and trying circumstances. Then she goes on to describe how her circumstances have now changed and as the result of the change in circumstances her temptations will be of a different nature than before. And somewhere along there she says something like, God tested you with adversity and you passed the test wonderfully well. Now He will test you with prosperity to see how you will handle that.

As we have seen from the stories of Danny's early life, Danny had actually not done very well in the tests that God had given him up until the time of the founding of 3ABN. And yet, seemingly, God took Danny at his word (that this was something he was doing for God) and tested him by allowing great success to come and great wealth to pass through his hands. Did Danny "pass the test"? Did he handle that success, influence, and wealth in way that would bring honor to God's name? Either you do not believe the testimonies of those who have posted what they have seen, or you know that he



did not.

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I am not good at number recall, so I don't remember the statistics given regarding the growth of HOPETV as compared with the growth rate of 3ABN. But I suspect that if you did a projected rate of growth that you would find HOPETV well ahead of the curve in playing "catch-up" in ability and world-wide coverage.

However, that is not the real question. There is still the fact that "power corrupts", which in this case means that all TV programming should not be funneled through just one channel. Never again should Adventists have only one choice of TV stations. In truth, we already have a variety. When one buys the dish which gets HOPE TV, at least in the US, one also has access to Loma Linda Broadcasting Net (an independent organization though closely linked to a denominational entity). We also have SAFE TV, which is a sole proprietorship owned by an Adventist layman. And there are others "in the wings", which are currently only broadcasting locally, but will doubtless become better known as time goes by. So as to your questions:

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We will not replace it with any one thing. It will be replaced by many entities which will have various degrees of weight and influence and have different degrees of linkage to the church. While no one of them may ever come to match the power and influence of 3ABN, taken together, they will be more influential, for their aggregate programming can be at the same time more diverse and more specialized than can any one entity. These will most likely start out as small part time and local efforts--churches, for example, will develop facilities for broadcasting their sermons to their local viewing area, and once they have the facilities they will add other programming besides the local church service. Some of these will find wider distribution to nation or world wide entities such as LLBN, HOPE, or BlueMountain, and some will develop their own facilities so as to extend their broadcast range.

There will be a lot more emphasis on "programming on demand" as contrasted with scheduled programming. Programs will be stored on web to be available for viewing at the viewers' convenience--either by computer or on TV. Once these entities become more secure in the marketplace, they will doubtless offer their archived programs for downloading, much as we can download MP3 files for listening from our own computer whether connected to the net or not.

There is the start of this now, in fact, and finding the sources might be a function that someone on BSDA might want to undertake and post on BSDA--that is, the urls where such archived programming can be viewed. Perhaps you might even want to make a list of such programming with direct clickable links from BSDA. The same could be done for MP3 files, which are at this point, much more numerous, and in which one can find not only music but sermon and seminar presentations. There are also video seminar presentations which can be accessed on-line. So this concept is not something far-fetched and way in the future. It is already here. It will grow. And as it does, each interest group will be able to pick their own programming, rather than needing to influence some central programming committee so as to include the things that they want somewhere in their lineup.

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Perhaps I answered this to some extent above. But there will still be TV Networks which minister not only to SDAs but which reach out to those of all faiths and of no (Christian) faith at all. Our church has a really active group which is studying how to reach the "post-modern" mind, for example. I think we can expect programming to come from this group which will be attempting to reach this segment of our society. I'm not sure that we really want to have any channel which is directly comparable to TBN--or most of the other Christian stations, from Catholic to Pentecostal. I would hope that we would have what I would call "light watching" segments, comparable to the nature/music videos of the Worship Channel, for those who live with their TV on, but mostly want it for background. But when you get into music, whose style do you play? And making a mixture of all styles doesn't "work"--for that only increases the number that don't like what they hear. On one channel, the best one could do would be to have different hours for different styles. That would certainly be an improvement over a steady diet of bland bluegrass. But with multiple channels, one channel could specialize in one style--or range of styles--while another took another segment of the range.

Once we break out of the mold of thinking of only one channel to do it all, then the possibilities widen exponentially with the addition of more channels. But while it may be nice to dream about what kind of things we would want to see, in reality, we seldom know what we want till after we see it. And it is, as others have pointed out here, quite a fruitless effort to make remodeling suggestions for a house that has shown that it is built on a termite ridden foundation.

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How about Saddam Hussein and the Baath party. Could you seperate the two, damning Hussein and canonizing the party? They ran a secular government (an anomaly in the middle east), and had the third largest standing army in the world (providing many jobs), and they also had a tremendous educational system. They did many good things.

Hitler founded and ran the Nazi party. Saddam established the fundamental operation of the Baath party and ran it. Danny Shelton founded and runs 3ABN. Under the facade of the things that Adventists want to see and support financially, 3ABN is Danny Shelton, and Danny Shelton is 3ABN. Many times he has told me and others that 3ABN is Danny Shelton and Danny Shelton is 3ABN. This is his words. If he is evil, then it is evil. If he has maliciously sought to hurt and destroy people, then it has maliciously sought to hurt and destroy people. If He needs to be replaced, then it needs to be replaced.

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**Posted by: statrei Jul 12 2006, 05:54 AM**

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**Posted by: awesumtenor Jul 12 2006, 07:34 AM**

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**QUOTE(statrei @ Jul 12 2006, 06:54 AM) □**

OK, let's broaden the view, Calvin. Do you believe that Danny would allow anyone to take 3ABN from him?

About as quickly as that Dr in NYC who blew up his home rather than let it be sold in a divorce settlement... spite and megalomania would not allow him to let it exist without him.

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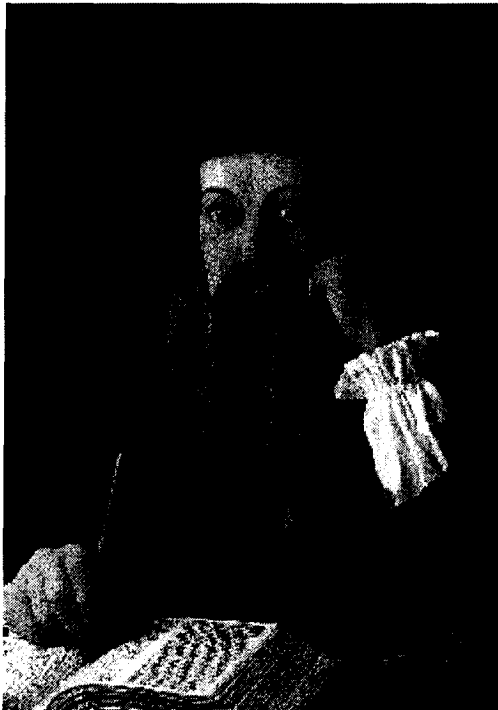
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**Posted by: Clay Jul 12 2006, 01:00 PM**

bottomline.... things don't change at 3abn unless Mr. Shelton gives a green light to those changes..... one does not have to be "visionary" to "see" that...



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**Posted by: princessdi Jul 12 2006, 01:45 PM**

I think the problem is that the board are really the only ones who can take Danny down, but he has stacked it in his favor. The others on the pastoral staff have shown that they are spineless at best when they *did not stand to him or quit from the many and varied "appearances of evil"*. This means that the even if Danny got a conscience and left, it would be more of the same, because those left would only continue to do as they were doing all along, in spite of Danny's absence.

Now, 3ABN may indeed have some programming issues when it comes to being relevant, but that is the least of their problems. It is unlikely that Danny, the board, and the present pastoral staff will all be replaced, and the station revamped. I don't see any of them leaving quietly or otherwise.

Also, God IS using 3ABN in spite of Danny at this point. however as said before, how much sacrificing needs to be done "for the sake of the ministry? Then there is my continuing concern that some rogue reporter will see some merit in taking down another crooked televangelist, no matter what denom(SDA may make a bigger story at that, we are one of the stranger ones)? The news magazine LOVE stuff like that!

The suggestion to revamp the shows instead of fixing the real problems sounds par for the course for us, though. Aren't we the one who move pastors in stead of removing them, when they have "issues"(when it is warranted, somethings can be worked out)? We never face the issues straight on. When cracks start to show, we get some super glue and paint and make it "look" better.

Doesn't the Bible say something about pots with cracks and how they appear?  I think there is something to being too optimistic, you know Pollyanna, burying ones head in the sand, and all that.

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Mr. J

Ya ain't kiddin' my friend, ain't ya?

**Posted by: calvin Jul 12 2006, 03:55 PM**

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My comments disappeared, but now I see that others have made some good comments.

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As far as I can tell, anyone who has relatives working at 3ABN had better hold up the faith of 3ABN or the relative may find himself in line for the same thing that happened to Linda. If I had relatives working for 3ABN I would not hesitate to defend as long as my relative is connected with Danny in any way. Sometimes we do not fear for ourselves as quickly as we fear for those we love. who could be in harm's way. I do believe that is what is holding a lot of definite stories about



the problems at 3ABN under cover---to protect friends and loved ones. Can't blame them really, can we?

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**QUOTE(princessdi @ Jul 12 2006, 02:45 PM) □**

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...let us remember my friend whose now wife got pregnant before their wedding...she was a teacher in an SDA school...she was fired when she announced she was pregnant because they were engaged and not yet married...we discussed that in a thread here on BSDA...

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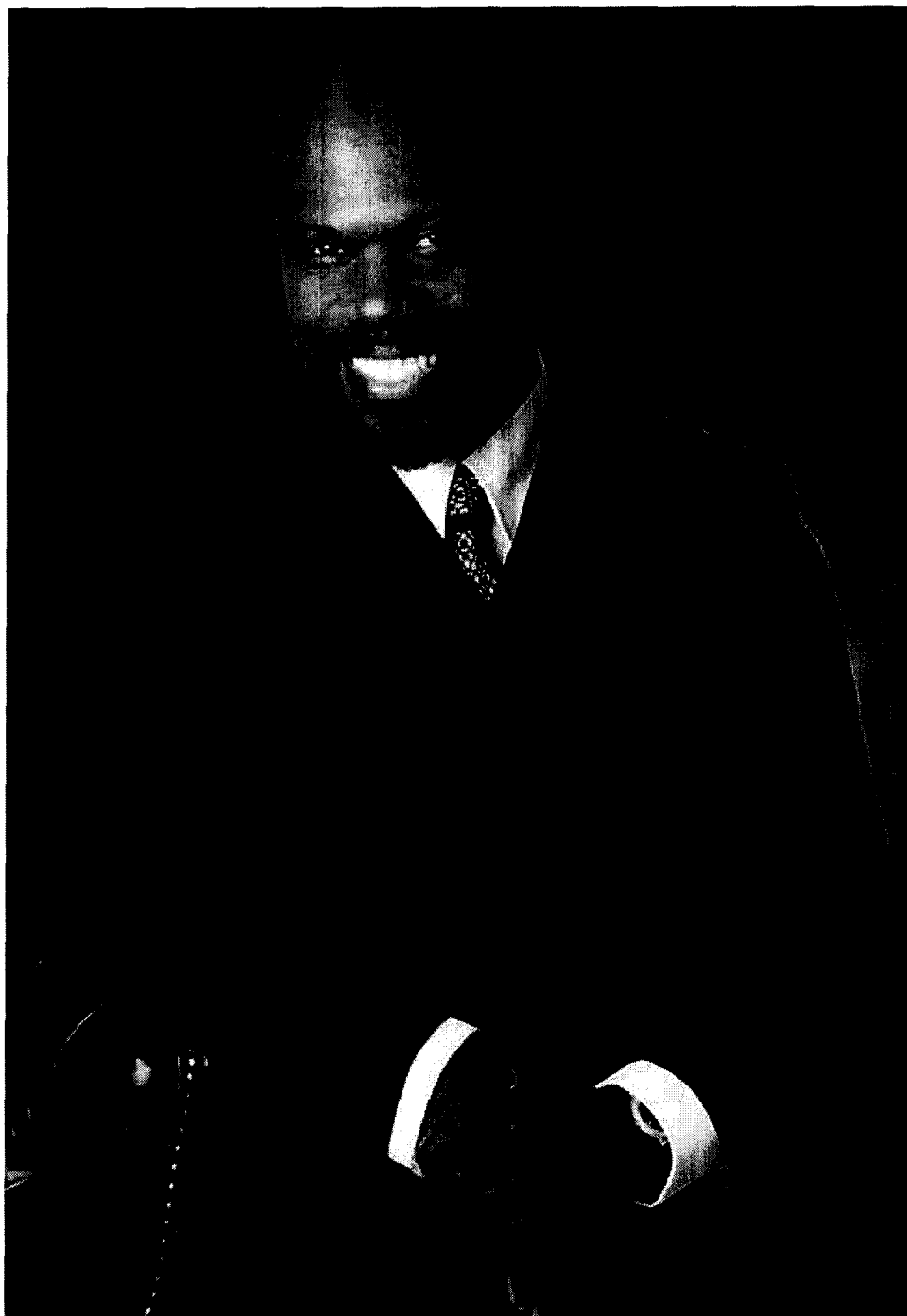
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Quote:

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The 10 Commandment Day production received rave reviews. He is given much gratitude for giving away millions of the 10 Commandment books. People still flocked to his campmeeting. I send my mother some money so she could attend. The Mark Finley, Doug Batchelor, Walter Perison's of the Adventist world have not abandoned him with their ministries. In the scheme of things, what a few vocal folks say on BSDA does not carry much influence.

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Hey ... Calvin removed the padlock.



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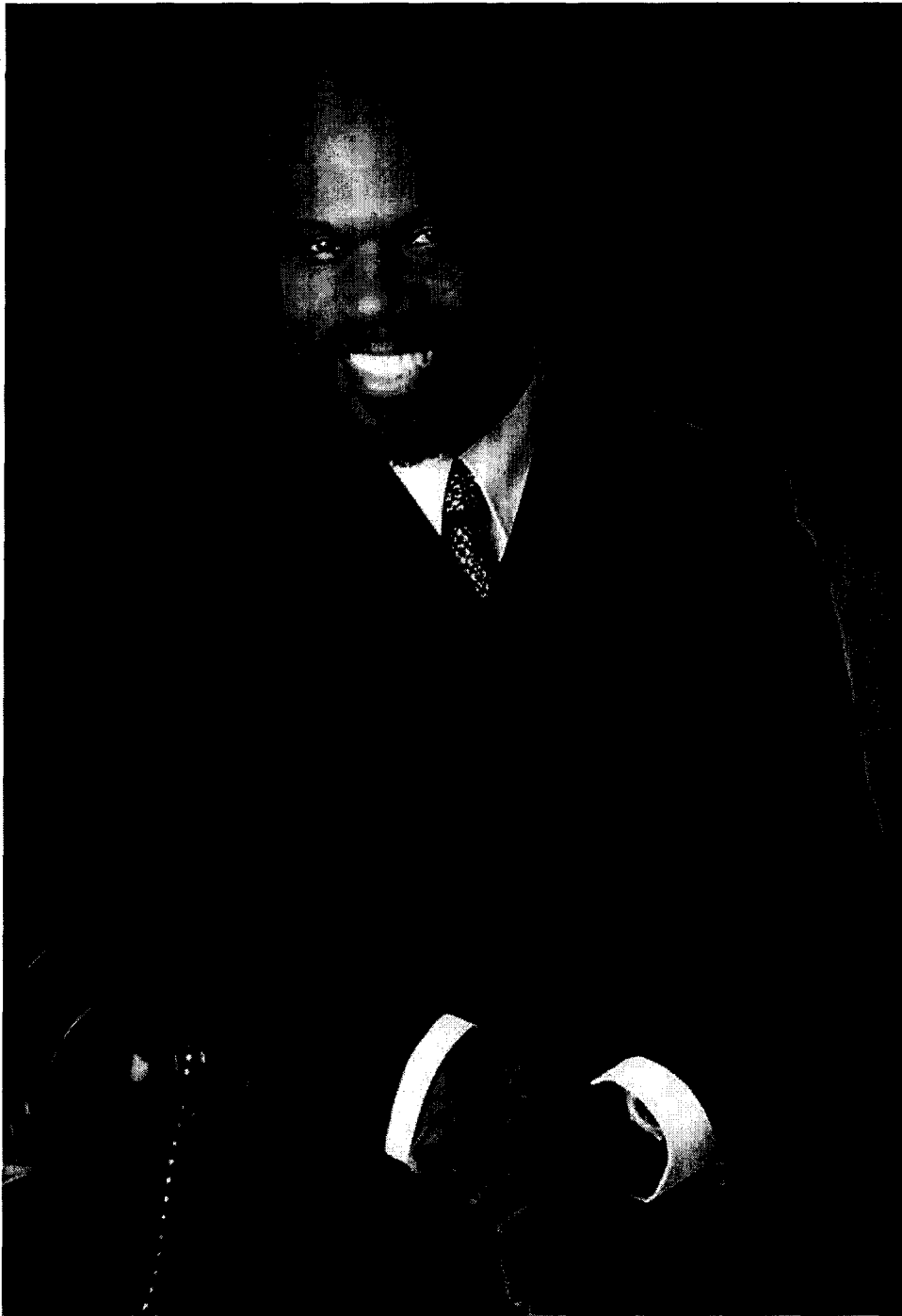
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
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
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
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**Posted by: beartrap Jul 16 2006, 01:32 AM**

QUOTE(a1ramwill @ Jul 16 2006, 01:50 AM)

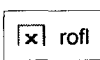
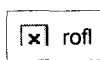
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rofl  rofl Tears I tell you... tears trickling down my legs.

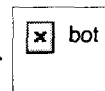
**Posted by: Nuggie Jul 16 2006, 08:01 AM**

QUOTE(alamwill @ Jul 16 2006, 12:50 AM) □

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Now I think this smiley is appropriate right here...



Posted by: PrincessDrRe Jul 16 2006, 10:58 AM

QUOTE(LadyTenor @ Jul 16 2006, 02:32 AM) □

Danny is a piece of work, isn't he? □

QUOTE(alamwill @ Jul 16 2006, 02:50 AM) □

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I guess I'll jes go 'head and take mines too....



cuz I wuz thinkin the exact same thing...



Posted by: västergötland Jul 18 2006, 08:10 AM

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/Thomas

Posted by: princessdi Jul 18 2006, 09:39 AM

I like how you phrased that comment Thomas! BTW Welcome!!!

QUOTE(västergötland @ Jul 18 2006, 06:10 AM) □

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**Posted by: simplysaved Nov 27 2006, 09:53 PM**

How many other people here at BSDA share this perspective?

**QUOTE(beartrap @ Jul 16 2006, 12:30 AM)**

There have been board members like Owen Troy, his daughter Carmelita Troy, and Wintley Phipps who seem to be good, honourable people. I would not state that Phipps is a scoundrel, but I will say that he is a part of the problem, even if unknowing. The 3ABN board continues to operate in a very suspect manner, and consistently makes those unanymous votes on everything that Danny proposes.

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**Posted by: roxe Dec 31 2006, 10:34 PM**

**QUOTE(västergötland @ Jul 18 2006, 07:10 AM)**

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i no longer wonder why.

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**Posted by: inga Jan 1 2007, 02:14 AM**

**QUOTE(roxe @ Dec 31 2006, 11:34 PM)**

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I know of quite a number of people with the same "niggling uncertainty and uneasiness," myself included.

I questioned my young daughter-in-law who said she had always had a "bad feeling" about Danny. (this was in response of seeing a video recording of one of Dan's interviews.) I asked her what she meant -- what kind of feeling. (She knew **nothing** of what has been discusse don BlackSDA or

anywhere else, for that matter, re the Shelton history. ) She replied that he seemed "fake" to her and that he gave off bad "sexual" vibes.

I suggested that she should always trust her instincts regarding men and not let anyone override her gut reaction, considering how accurate she was on this one.

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**Posted by: howdy Jan 1 2007, 12:40 PM**

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Exactly!!!!!!

howdy

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**Posted by: Johann Jan 1 2007, 03:56 PM**

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**QUOTE(västergötland @ Jul 18 2006, 04:10 PM)**

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A few days ago I met people who were members of a 3ABN fan club. At first they were certain Danny was a great martyr when Linda left. They had been told by 3ABN that Linda had left and was married to someone else, something they later discovered was not true.

Now I was told that 3ABN has gradually gone downhill from the time Linda left 3ABN. They specially missed her spritual devotions which no one else has been able to make up for. Seems like 3ABN is so busy covering up that their spirituality has disappeared, if you are to believe the present opinion of certain former fans.

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