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Posted by: Joe Smith Dec 17 2006, 10:29 AM

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Welcome to BSDA, Joe.... it is quite obvious that you haven't read very far. As for "GOSSIP is a HUGE SIN".... yeah... it is at that. Almost as huge as judgmentalism. Maybe you should consider removing the plank in your eye before you go too far off the deep end here....

Just be patient. There are others who had the same reaction as you when they first came, but if you read the pinned items at the top, including taking the "guided tour" through the "Unauthorized History" threads, you will meet some very nice people, who have been hurt a very lot, and were still willing to do what they could to lift others burdens. Stay with it... you'll soon learn to recognize who has legitimate issues and who is just engaging in curiosity and judgemental comments on the hurts of others.

Posted by: missthg Dec 17 2006, 11:56 AM

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Joe

Welcome Joe,

Adventists believe that truth makes a difference. Many people join the SDA Church, at a loss of employment and familial ties, because they are seekers of truth.

I, for one, believe the truth does make a difference. So, please read those "pinned" items at the top, and then read other threads and ask questions. As some here may say: "You have a steep learning curve ahead of you."

As someone else has said, **"If we refuse to look honestly at the truth, and/or if we deny or distort the truth, the only things left to form the foundation for our lives are lies, illusions, fantasies, and fairytales. Ignorance should not settle this issue for you- too much is at stake for it to be ignored or taken lightly."**

Pete

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umm, Matthew 23:14

Posted by: princessdi Dec 17 2006, 10:04 PM

Welcome to BSDA, Joe. At this point, 3ABN is one of our "less" pleasant forums. God gives us all gifts, and some have the gift to sort through the unfortunate facts when the less than pleasant business needs to be dealt with. Make no mistake, it does have to be dealt with. Good news for you is that there are many other forums here, including a joke forum and a game arcade. I hope you will stay and check out our other forums. 3ABN is only one of many.

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Posted by: mystery- man Dec 17 2006, 11:24 PM

I often wonder if the people that post like this are not sent to try and stop what is being written by simply faining to have outrage. Where is that same outrage when children are molested and it is kept silent for years and years while they suffer the abuse. Cults and people that abuse people maintain their control of individuals by keeping them silent in a suppose air of silence being golden and Godley.

But at least rape victims have been taught and learn that the way to stop the perpetrator of the crime is to scream it to the highest mountain. Do you know how the child molester gets away with

it he tells the child not to tell anyone because of the shame and hurt it will cause. These are men and women who have a sacred trust and that being to lead people to Jesus who will lead them to the kingdom of heaven. If in their lives they have known and open sin and refuse to repent then by all means tell it. By the way the lord told David you did this thing in secret but I will do this before all Israel and will give your wife to what turned out to be his son in front of everyone. The prophet came before David in an open forum before all the people and revealed his sin. John the Baptist told Herod in open forum about him taking his brothers wife.

I dont know how many countless times people have been silent in the name of being God like when innocent people have been hurt.

You know what I find funny to the highest__--__--__ For years we have been teaching the investigative judgement and letting everyone know that everything done in secret will be laid open. But individuals will start telling people what God likes and does not like. It has been my experience that God out of mercy will give individuals time to repent in private but if they try and cover their sins he lays them bare for all to see.

Posted by: Whitey Dec 18 2006, 04:38 AM

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Dec 18 2006, 06:07 AM

Hey now that you mention it....

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I think it's just a coincidence. There are a lot of honest people who initially feel the same way.

Weetabix disappeared around Dec. 5. I'd be surprised if he came back and posted the same, exact way he did before.

Posted by: simplysaved Dec 18 2006, 08:54 AM

Re', it's NOT television....

QUOTE(PrincessDrRe @ Dec 17 2006, 11:45 AM)

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It is true that - Gossip is wrong!

It is true that - Molesting children is wrong!

It is true that - Silence and cover-up of molestation is wrong and allows victimization of children to continue!

If there are...

1. Strong indications that a person working at 3abn **could** be a victimizer of young people
2. Strong indications that people in positions of power are aware of numerous allegations but have inadequately investigated the allegations
3. Strong indications that these powerful people have worked to keep these allegations hidden

...doesn't it become a matter of principle that Christians who discover these allegations should bring the situation to light and urge people in power to seek the truth and bring justice?


If Jesus knew that a man in a position of power was molesting children would He keep silent? Would He hold accountable only the molester or also those who kept silent or helped cover up the crimes?

Posted by: simplysaved Dec 18 2006, 09:07 AM

Bro. Joe:

I agree with you, partially. It is gossip that way that some of the posters are presenting information--and in a different way I say that in response to some of those posts. There are some 3ABN threads that God himself told me not to ever read....not because I am an ostrich, but because some of them are pure gossip and people who have been hurt allowing the devil to take over.

Where I disagree with you is that this is relevant news--relevant to us a Seventh-day Adventist Christians and as a church. If injustice is occurring, we have to take a stand. To do anything less would be sin.

I don't read most of the posts, but it does have a spiritual right to exist. 

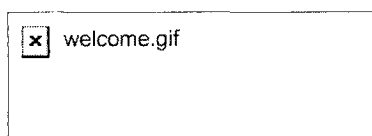
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.....and



Look forward to reading your postings in other threads!!!



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Posted by: simplysaved Dec 18 2006, 10:53 AM

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=11633&view=findpost&p=163516>

I agree...and it has been said! Just confirmation that it is from God through His messengers! This is the judgement that God tell us as Christians that we cannot do, because as humans, it is very easy for us to develop a spirit of unforgiveness and hatred to BOTH the sin and the sinner--that and because some of us have much worse going on in our private lives.

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Agreed! All I am saying Brother Joe is that the discussion about why injustice is not being addressed is not gossip....telling ALL of their personal business is.

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Posted by: simplysaved Dec 18 2006, 11:13 AM

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And yes... the cause of Christ has had reproach put upon it. But at what point did that reproach occur? When someone exposed it to the light of day? Or when people were hurt in the first place? If you will come down off of your "high and mighty horse" and settle down to studying the evidence that is here for all to see..... then perhaps you won't be so "appalled" at what as being said here... and you will be a lot more "appalled" at what happened to cause people to say what they have said here.

Posted by: princessdi Dec 18 2006, 11:36 AM

Ok, but Bro. Joe, when you posted, you came out with guns blazing, comparing BSDA, at least in

the 3ABN forum with the "Jerry Springer Show"(your own words). besides other requests, accusations and judgements I don't know how much you have read, but a lot of it is first hand knowledge. It is easier to try to dismiss it because the information is distasteful and, therefore, hurtful for us to hear. However, just consider how hurtful it is to some of those relating their own experiences. I know it is easier to invalidate their pain, then to think that these things are happening within our church, committed by those who are not just church members but church leaders. As Watchbird says, if you have specific areas of disagreement, then it is best that you post that with your support or reasoning/opinion, but you started by making a judgement on a group of people. Did you really think they would not respond in kind?

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WB:

I would appreciate your perspective on the EGW quote in clear context, if you please:

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Summertime:

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But that was mean and I'm sorry Joe.

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
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And yet you read it anyway... which says a lot about you... and that opthalmic lumber yard you seem to be missing when you look in the mirror...



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Mr. J

Posted by: simplysaved Dec 18 2006, 01:09 PM

I am sure that he will appreciate it. 







QUOTE(Eddy @ Dec 18 2006, 01:36 PM)

I guess...  ... But usually when I visit a site that I don't like... I leave and look for another.

 But that was mean and I'm sorry Joe.  sc

Posted by: awesumtenor Dec 18 2006, 01:15 PM

QUOTE(alamwill @ Dec 17 2006, 01:03 PM)

  
Dial 1-877-SNIFFLE... they'll take care of you.  

He's past the SNIFFLE stage... he needs an urgent intervention from 1-800-WAA-AAAH....toll free so he wont even need a quarter to call someone who cares...

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Posted by: Observer Dec 18 2006, 01:18 PM


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Posted by: princessdi Dec 18 2006, 01:36 PM

I believe the problem is that it does include the sordid details of people's personal lives. Therefore, it "looks" like gossip. I believe we are mostly talking about the reasons most believe that several members from the Shelton Family should have been disciplined for the violation of many and varied laws regarding marriage, etc. Once again, it sounds bad, they sound worse than ascript from Y&R, but we also know a good portion of it is true, and that no disciplinary action has been taken. People are appalled at the charges being levelled at Linda without proof to this day, but with success BTW, by people who are getting away with their dirt.

Also, like I said, it is very painful to those who love the church, and especially those who have come to love 3ABN, it's ministry, and the leaders there. Anything that is contradictory to what they seem to represent is going to sound harsh, and be painful to hear. But one thing we all must understand, God does not need 3ABN, Danny, Tommy, or even Linda to finish His work. It is a blessing for each of us to be able to serve Him. We get awfully attached to man{general}, especially if they present themselves as God's representatives.

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Posted by: princessdi Dec 18 2006, 02:23 PM

Well, you know some folks don't see it like that, and it is true that they do have a right to express their "righteous" indignation. However, they can't be surprised or hurt when folks respond in kind. Joe levelled some pretty rough accusations of those posting in 3ABN, and used pretty strong language. My favorite pastor always says, "If you want friends, you must present yourself as a friend. Joe came here as no friend, he came to rebuke, without having all the facts, BTW.

He is still very much welcome here as a member to post where and what he pleases, as long as it is not against the board rules. Just realize he will get as good as he gives.

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same manner with every one of you. 'With what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.' Those who have taken part in this disgraceful proceeding will meet their work again."

Lee, you have picked out select quotations from this chapter. I would encourage people to reread the whole chapter, and also a book where you find all of Ellen White testimonies regarding Battle Creek. Here you can read the background of these testimonies and under what situation they were given.

These are powerful words, but don't forget, they can be turned either way. How about what evil lies 3ABN has used against Linda Shelton just so that Danny could marry another girlfriend and get away with it?

Posted by: Clay Dec 18 2006, 02:33 PM

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This is my first time to enter the BlackSDA site. I must say I am appalled by all the allogations that are printed here... whether true or untrue.... It make no difference. I can't believe that Jesus would have anything to do with such as this. He was... and is.. about Love and fellowship and lifting up one another... sharing one another's burdens.... even the Shelton's burdens... not about destroying one another with the tongue. **GOSSIP is a HUGE SIN! I request that the board of Black SDA reconsider what is slanderous and what is hurtful and take this stuff of its website....God is not pleased with His Children partaking in a format similar to the "Jerry Springer" show.**

I dont believe that God is happy with us... God forgive us!

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Joe is not the only that has passed judgement...however, the judgement I refer to is that one that has 3ABN administration found guilty of charges and complaints even to the post that I asked Sister "why" post it...

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Lee,

It is quite obvious that Sister White is NOT talking about sins as greivous as the victimization of young people in this quote. She is directly speaking about gossiping up "faults of minor consequence" and making them appear major. Surely you can see that there is a HUGE difference.

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Now truthfully speaking - this may be true for *some* of the posts - however for those that first-hand experienced it this is an outright lie and discredits their experiences and their emotional connection to such.

QUOTE(Denny @ Dec 18 2006, 01:04 PM)

Joe you are not being attacked for having an opinion your opinion is being challenged this is a discussion board sometimes views differ.

ITA! I have had "disagreements" with folks on this board. Folks I know face-to-face even....but you know the difference in those "disagreements" and the "differing of opinions" (yours)? They do it with love and have not "accused" me of anything they cannot back up.

You did.

We all are not gossipers.... that is what you said. That is a lie.

QUOTE(watchbird @ Dec 18 2006, 01:18 PM)

No Joe.... you were not "attacked" for having a different opinion. You were confronted for attacking others and painting everyone here with the black brush of "gossipers". If you want to express a different opinion, then pick one item at a time and tell why you disagree with it.... but you had

better be sure you have at least as good a reason for your disagreement as what you expect others to have for posting their experience or their opinion or the results of their research.

The things that have been posted here range all the way from snide remarks to first hand experience. You will not find much of the latter in recent posts, that is true... and the reason for that is that those who have told have no interest in repeating themselves time after time. If you will do as several of us have suggested.... **go and read ALL the pinned items**, including taking the link by link "guided tour", you will find for yourself which ones are speaking from their own personal experience and which are passing on information about what they have witnessed or learned through careful research.

And yes... the cause of Christ has had reproach put upon it. But at what point did that reproach occur? When someone exposed it to the light of day? Or when people were hurt in the first place? If you will come down off of your "high and mighty horse" and settle down to studying the evidence that is here for all to see..... then perhaps you won't be so "appalled" at what as being said here... and you will be a lot more "appalled" at what happened to cause people to say what they have said here.

What's even sadder is that of all the "gossip" that was posted (per Joe) there is information posted about sexual molestation of a child! Would you allow that to pass if it was your child? If so this is definitely not the board for you....

QUOTE(princessdi @ Dec 18 2006, 01:36 PM) □

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As Watchbird says, if you have specific areas of disagreement, then it is best that you post that with your support or reasoning/opinion, but you started by making a judgement on a group of people. Did you really think they would not respond in kind?

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We have a quote here....

"This isn't Sabbath School - we pay attention here...." What this means is that many go to Sabbath School and really (in all honesty) don't pay any attention. We read here. We research here. We post facts to back our posts. Whether or not you believe what is posted - you best believe you better have proof it is a **lie** before calling it a lie.

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That is on your head.

Sing pretty songs? We already are notorious for doing this....



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QUOTE(summertime @ Dec 18 2006, 12:39 PM)

Just an interesting note--The name Joe Smith is so commonly used that there are 40,800,000 hits on Google for people who are using the entity or name of Joe or the name of Smith. Easy to choose---hard to find. Combine the 2 and you come up with the anonamously used name of Joe Smith.

Not that it really matters, but yes it is easy to use... however it is not as hard to find, as one might think

Posted by: watchbird Dec 18 2006, 11:18 PM

QUOTE(simplysaved @ Dec 18 2006, 01:08 PM)

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Posted by: Johann Dec 19 2006, 03:51 AM

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
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STANK!!!

Posted by: Brother Sam Dec 19 2006, 06:51 PM

I am seeing posts regarding how bad and unchristian comments are being made about 3ABN leadership. How many of these do-gooders have actually worked there and/or experienced what is really going on - can they not handle reading and hearing the truth - even though it is not what they want to hear or choose to believe. What upsets employees and their families is that there is a totally different standard expected of them than what is permitted of the Shelton family and the top management of 3ABN. Do people really know what is going on there???

Why do so many employees leave there disgusted with how things really are?

When Yolanda Innocent got a divorce, her singing and programming was pulled from the air and 3ABN no longer sold or promoted her music. However, when a Shelton gets a divorce, it is business as usual - is there anything wrong with this picture???. Are we experiencing a blatant double standard???

When a male employee stayed overnight with a female employee, they were told that if this behavior was repeated, they would be terminated. Yet a Shelton employee can have a live in or repeated overnight opposite sex visitor and nobody asks questions. Is their behavior of any type above reproach???

When a Shelton uses profanity on the premises, there is no consequence. Would anybody else have such latitude???

The Sheltons openly say that nobody can sing like a Shelton, nobody can manage like a Shelton and nobody can speak like a Shelton - I am saying thank goodness!!!


If you are not a Shelton, you are considered a second or third class person. A Shelton has such high self esteem that they act as though they have a direct line to God and everything they do is sanctioned by God - do they really???. Or is it all in their over inflated heads???

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Dec 19 2006, 07:28 PM

Come here Brother Sam.... I got a hug for you. I feel your anger and understand your pain (in my own way).....



Posted by: Joe Smith Dec 19 2006, 08:59 PM

QUOTE(simplysaved @ Dec 18 2006, 12:08 PM) 

WB:

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I couldn't agree more with the quote from EGW. I have been silent about many things because I do not want to come under attack again. But as some have said... speak up or stick your head in the sand. I will say this... What I know is not from 2nd hand information. I was there. I have known the Shelton family personally for many years and have been around 3ABN nearly from the start. There are huge amounts of twisted information. Don't be sooo quick to believe the threads are correct... Many of the perks mentioned there.. were completely accepted and wanted by Linda. She drew the same salary and benefits as Danny ... the house , the pool, the sona, the Horses... don't forget.. 1/2 of horses are Linda's still yet... I also know that she lives in a mansion herself... with a huge pool now...Again I was there when these things were happening.

Joe

Summertime:

People have a right to choose whatever username they want (as long as it isn't "cussing" or "vulgar") at BSDA...

Posted by: Clay Dec 19 2006, 09:04 PM

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Posted by: Aletheia Dec 19 2006, 09:38 PM

QUOTE(Clay @ Dec 19 2006, 10:04 PM)

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Guam has community property laws so all settlements there are supposed to be equal. Apparently from your question you are acquainted with the divorce settlement and know that it wasn't?

How twisted could the info have been? Wouldn't she have known? wasn't she acquainted with her and Danny's personal finances, and also the vice president of 3 ABN?

Why then did she agree and sign her name?

Adventist Today as well as 3ABN both announced the Sheltons got a "uncontested divorce" from Guam in 06/04.

Even that much quoted separation agreement which she signed on leaving 3 ABN contains a clause for arbitration regarding the terms. I don't know how they could have layed out a fairer way for things to be resolved, but she never availed herself of that option. Why not, if that agreement was so unfair?

Maybe she'll answer now as the much used "gag order" excuse used everytime somebody wanted to amake accusations without backing it up with evidence, disappeared at the beginning of this month when she received the last of her 250,000 from 3ABN.

~ Aletheia

Posted by: Joe Smith Dec 19 2006, 09:54 PM

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Clay... First of all I want to appologize for by first 2 posts. I am sorry for calling so many good people, gossips. It was my first time seeing the BSDA site and I was blown away. That's not a good excuse so I'll just say, PLease everyone that I have affended. please forgive me. I don't want to lump you all in one group when I talk about gossip. Thanks for the wake up call!

About the divorce settlement... yes I know about it. It wasn't financially fair. Danny got the short end of the stick on the house, on the furniture... he took responsibility for their depts, credit cards etc. He paid her ABOVE the market appraizal for her half of the house.. She cannot disprove anything that I have written here.

Joe

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 19 2006, 10:08 PM

While this selection of quotes from a Review and Herald article is somewhat lengthy, I think they show just how important speaking out against evil doing is. The quotes are in response to a visit to a church service in Fresno, California just after Ellen White visited my great-great-grandfather, James Driver, on his deathbed.

"The messengers, as the ambassadors of God, must bear a living testimony to rebuke sin, which will cut through the soul, whether men will hear, or whether they will forbear. There are many who close their eyes that they may not see, and their ears that they may not hear. They think that there has been a mistake made, that all these plain, pointed testimonies cannot come from God, but are from human agencies alone. They wrap themselves up in their self-righteousness, and fight every inch of the way, that they may stand where they imagine they should stand,--in defiance of the warnings of God's servants. They cling with desperate grasp to the garments of their own self-righteousness, lest they should be torn away from them. {RH, July 3, 1888 par. 5}

What shall we do? Shall we bear the message God gives us, or shall we refrain, for fear of offending our brethren? as God's messengers, we can not falter in the path of duty. Impelled by the Spirit of God, words are spoken, warnings and counsels are given. All unexpectedly the lips were opened, and there was no refraining from speaking the message of God. Reproofs were uttered that we would naturally shrink from giving. A zeal, prompted by the Spirit of God, led us to declare the dangers that threatened the children of God. The servant of the Lord must pursue his work, losing sight of self, without thought of the consequences, exhorting to faithfulness, and urging to repentance. He must show the people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. The Lord has given the word; who can forbear to publish it? The love of Christ has a constraining power; who shall withstand its influence? It is the greatest evidence that God loves his people, that he sends them messages of warning. {RH, July 3, 1888 par. 7}

Will these souls who have a knowledge of the truth, detest sin in themselves, as they consider how Jesus suffered to save them from its penalty, and to cleanse them from all iniquity? If we would be happy and consistent Christians, we must be watchful. It is not enough that we do not willfully run into apparent and decided dangers, but we must keep our souls to the rays of light that are shining from Jesus, that we may not walk in darkness. We must be quick to distinguish between error and perversity, between obedience and truth. We must be ready to resist hasty and unexpected attacks. Will the church at Fresno cherish the light? Will the professed servants of God walk in the light? or will they choose to walk in the sparks of their own kindling? Said Christ, "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you." Let us all pray that our eyes may be anointed with divine eyesalve, that we may no longer walk in darkness and uncertainty, but in the light which God has flashed athwart our pathway. {RH, July 3, 1888 par. 10}

There is need of watchmen on the walls of Zion, who will not hold their peace day or night. They should look to God, and free themselves from every earthly entanglement, that they may have power with God, and influence with the people. There is constant danger of the church's becoming cold, and conforming to the habits and practices of the world. Christians are not watchful. They yield to the baleful influences that surround them. They are led captive by Satan at his will. Unless the people of God watch and pray, spirituality will go out of the heart as water out of a leaky vessel. From the watch-tower of Zion, let us sound a note of alarm. I have wept in secret places over the existing difficulties in the church of Christ. Many are thoughtless, and they disregard the warnings that have been given, and their feet stumble on the dark mountains of unbelief. I have passed many sleepless hours at night, offering prayer to God, crying, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach. . . .Wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?" When souls in the darkness of error shall call, "Watchman, what of the night?" is there one who sees with heaven-inspired accuracy, the dangers that threaten the souls of men? Can they answer with firm faith, "The morning cometh, and also the night"? {RH, July 3, 1888 par. 12}"

This article clearly shows that it is the duty of every servant of the Lord to exhort to faithfulness and urge to repentance. This is far from gossip.

To read the whole Review and Herald article you can click on the link below.

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Joe, I'd like to remind you that the EGW quote posted earlier by Lee was speaking of "faults of minor consequence" that gossip had made "appear like grave sins." I am reposting this quote below to enable you to read it carefully and weigh the differences between her clear call to a duty to warn as opposed to her exhortation against gossip.

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(any bolding of quotes provided by me)

Posted by: calvin Dec 19 2006, 10:34 PM

QUOTE(Clay @ Dec 19 2006, 09:04 PM) □

Then tell us Joe in the divorce settlement why Linda didn't get half of the marital assets? Twisted info? such as?

Maybe she should have had a better divorce attorney. Divorces are negotiable. And you know the terms of the divorce to determine Linda did not get a fair settlement?

Posted by: Johann Dec 20 2006, 03:43 AM

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A case in point: I was once asked to sign a legal agreement written in a language other than English, and in a language that I did not read. Yes I was given an English translation. But, the document clearly stated that the English translation was not binding, and that the binding document would be the one written in the other language. I correctly forced a binding English document upon the other party.

Posted by: Joe Smith Dec 20 2006, 08:01 AM

QUOTE(Johann @ Dec 19 2006, 03:51 AM)

Tell me, "Joe Smith", since you are so close to the other Sheltons, were you also present at the birthday party Brenda held for Danny Shelton in 2004? Even though Linda was still Danny's wife, she was not invited to the party. Do you know why?

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Joe

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Dec 19 2006, 10:08 PM)

While this selection of quotes from a Review and Herald article is somewhat lengthy, I think they show just how important speaking out against evil doing is. The quotes are in response to a visit to a church service in Fresno, California just after Ellen White visited my great-great-grandfather, James Driver, on his deathbed.

"The messengers, as the ambassadors of God, must bear a living testimony to rebuke sin, which will cut through the soul, whether men will hear, or whether they will forbear. There are many who close their eyes that they may not see, and their ears that they may not hear. They think that there has been a mistake made, that all these plain, pointed testimonies cannot come from God, but are from human agencies alone. They wrap themselves up in their self-righteousness, and fight every inch of the way, that they may stand where they imagine they should stand,--in defiance of the warnings of God's servants. They cling with desperate grasp to the garments of their own self-righteousness, lest they should be torn away from them. {RH, July 3, 1888 par. 5}

What shall we do? Shall we bear the message God gives us, or shall we refrain, for fear of

offending our brethren? as God's messengers, we can not falter in the path of duty. Impelled by the Spirit of God, words are spoken, warnings and counsels are given. All unexpectedly the lips were opened, and there was no refraining from speaking the message of God. Reproofs were uttered that we would naturally shrink from giving. A zeal, prompted by the Spirit of God, led us to declare the dangers that threatened the children of God. **The servant of the Lord must pursue his work, losing sight of self, without thought of the consequences, exhorting to faithfulness, and urging to repentance. He must show the people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.** The Lord has given the word; who can forbear to publish it? The love of Christ has a constraining power; who shall withstand its influence? It is the greatest evidence that God loves his people, that he sends them messages of warning. {RH, July 3, 1888 par. 7}

Will these souls who have a knowledge of the truth, detest sin in themselves, as they consider how Jesus suffered to save them from its penalty, and to cleanse them from all iniquity? If we would be happy and consistent Christians, we must be watchful. It is not enough that we do not willfully run into apparent and decided dangers, but we must keep our souls to the rays of light that are shining from Jesus, that we may not walk in darkness. We must be quick to distinguish between error and perversity, between obedience and truth. We must be ready to resist hasty and unexpected attacks. Will the church at Fresno cherish the light? Will the professed servants of God walk in the light? or will they choose to walk in the sparks of their own kindling? Said Christ, "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you." Let us all pray that our eyes may be anointed with divine eyesalve, that we may no longer walk in darkness and uncertainty, but in the light which God has flashed athwart our pathway. {RH, July 3, 1888 par. 10}

There is need of watchmen on the walls of Zion, who will not hold their peace day or night. They should look to God, and free themselves from every earthly entanglement, that they may have power with God, and influence with the people. There is constant danger of the church's becoming cold, and conforming to the habits and practices of the world. Christians are not watchful. They yield to the baleful influences that surround them. They are led captive by Satan at his will. Unless the people of God watch and pray, spirituality will go out of the heart as water out of a leaky vessel. From the watch-tower of Zion, let us sound a note of alarm. I have wept in secret places over the existing difficulties in the church of Christ. Many are thoughtless, and they disregard the warnings that have been given, and their feet stumble on the dark mountains of unbelief. I have passed many sleepless hours at night, offering prayer to God, crying, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach. . . .Wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?" When souls in the darkness of error shall call, "Watchman, what of the night?" is there one who sees with heaven-inspired accuracy, the dangers that threaten the souls of men? Can they answer with firm faith, "The morning cometh, and also the night"? {RH, July 3, 1888 par. 12}" This article clearly shows that it is the duty of every servant of the Lord to exhort to faithfulness and urge to repentance. This is far from gossip.

To read the whole Review and Herald article you can click on the link below.

[http://egwdatabase.whiteestate.org/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$vid=default](http://egwdatabase.whiteestate.org/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates$fn=default.htm$vid=default)
 Joe, I'd like to remind you that the EGW quote posted earlier by Lee was speaking of "faults of minor consequence" that gossip had made "appear like grave sins." I am reposting this quote below to enable you to read it carefully and weigh the differences between her clear call to a duty to warn as opposed to her exhortation against gossip.

5 T p. 51-53: "I wish my position to be clearly understood. I have no sympathy with the course that has been pursued toward Bro. -----. The enemy has encouraged feelings of hatred in the hearts of many. The errors committed by him have been reported from one person to another, constantly growing in magnitude, as busy, gossiping tongues added fuel to the fire....**Some have taken advantage of this, and faults of minor consequence have been made to appear like grave sins.**"

(any bolding of quotes provided by me)

I thank you for the clarification... I think you are right. We need watchman on the wall. However, we must be ABSOLUTELY SURE... that we have ALL the facts correct when we "sound the Alarm".. Just who the offending party is. I don't think we can every sort out ALL the truth and errors. I'm glad that God will be the Judge.

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Joe, did Brandy attend the party? When was the party held? Was Linda invited to the party? Was Brenda's husband there? Oh by the way, when is Danny's birthday?

Posted by: Aletheia Dec 20 2006, 10:37 AM

QUOTE

Alethia, just about every time you open your mouth on a question of law you demonstrate that you do not understand the law.

Why do I have to wear the dunce cap everytime you disagree with me just about everytime I open my mouth? Can't we at least take turns?

Something to consider: The reason I don't just accept what you say, is that so far, everytime I've asked you to prove what you claim, you don't do so. I'm trying to be patient, but why do you just keep repeating the same arguments without supplying any facts or evidence to support them.

QUOTE

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Yes. That's what was being asked about, and that's all I was responding to.

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That is the same law in effect now. That type of divorce is called a "contested divorce". as I have quoted to you 3 times now.(it is included again below), The only change in the Guam law is that now if 2 non-residents wish to get a "uncontested divorce" in Guam, one of them has to be there seven days before filing, that wasn't required for the last 20 years. That is also stated in the news article which you yourself supplied when arguing about a change in the law...

But regardless the bottom line and the facts are that the Sheltons did NOT do as you say.. There was a marital property settlement included in their "**uncontested divorce**" which they both agreed to and signed.

Now answer plainly please so everyone can see what you are actually saying, instead of burying

me in all these fascitious arguments.

Did Danny and Linda Shelton receive a uncontested divorce which included a settlement for division of marital property, and designate what was personal property apart from this to be retained by each, in Guam of June 2004?

YES _____ NO _____

QUOTE

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Wrong. I asked you to cite this law (or anything)calling such an uncontested divorce and you have yet to do so. Repeating your opinions as you keep doing doesn't prove anything.

I on the other hand, have posted this three times now from the link to Guam laws at www.guamdivorces.com, what don't you understand about it?

Contested Divorce for Non Residents.

http://expatdivorces.com/contested_divorce.htm

"Contested Divorces. A contested divorce is where the parties are not in agreement as to how custody or support should be set, or how the property should be divided."

Here is more:

Guam was ceded to the United States as a territory in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty of Peace with Spain , signed at Paris , December 10, 1898 , and proclaimed April 11, 1899 . 48 U.S.C.A. § 1421. The are under U.S. law and have the same leagl definitions we do.

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<http://www.uslegalforms.com/legaldefinitions/c/contested-and-uncontested-divorce.php>

QUOTE

In contested divorces, the parties are adversarial and unable to agree on the terms of divorce. Common areas of disagreement include, but are not limited to: grounds for divorce, custody of the children, visitation rights, division of the assets of the marriage, child support, maintenance (alimony), payment of family debts, contribution toward educational expenses (college or parochial), payment of health insurance for the dependent spouse, income tax structuring, etc. Both parties may desire a divorce, but cannot agree on important issues like, but not limited to, property distribution, debt allocation, child support, custody, and alimony. In a contested divorce, the couple seeks to let the court system decide the matters related to the divorce.

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That may be your opinion, but you are stating things which aren't proven as if they are facts, they are not. What i think you are talking about is that some 8 months later in Illinois, which is not a community property state, Linda the "Litigant" filed a civil law suit against Danny the "Defendant" related to the Shelton divorce in an attempt to receive more using those arguments??? That I will agree to:

http://www.judici.com/courts/cases/case_information.jsp?court=IL028015J&ocl=IL028015J,2005D30,IL028015JL2005D30P1

~ Aletheia

"Prove ALL THINGS, and hold fast that which is good"

Posted by: Joy N Dec 20 2006, 12:08 PM



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Joy (Ps. 3ABN worker for several years)

Posted by: simplysaved Dec 20 2006, 12:15 PM

What is disappointing, Joy? By the way, thanks for the info/clarification.

QUOTE(Joy N @ Dec 20 2006, 01:08 PM) □



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Posted by: Eddy Dec 20 2006, 12:17 PM

QUOTE(PrincessDrRe @ Dec 19 2006, 04:31 PM) □

Hit your PM.....

I got you.....

cool beans. Thank ya

Posted by: Uncle Sam Dec 20 2006, 12:17 PM

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Posted by: Joy N Dec 20 2006, 12:35 PM

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QUOTE(Brother Sam @ Dec 19 2006, 06:51 PM) □

I am seeing posts regarding how bad and unchristian comments are being made about 3ABN

leadership. How many of these do-gooders have actually worked there and/or experienced what is really going on - can they not handle reading and hearing the truth - even though it is not what they want to hear or choose to believe. What upsets employees and their families is that there is a totally different standard expected of them than what is pemitted of the Shelton family and the top management of 3ABN. Do people really know what is going on there???

Why do so many employees leave there disgusted with how things really are?

When Yolanda Innocent got a divorce, her singing and programming was pulled from the air and 3ABN no longer sold or promoted her music. However, when a Shelton gets a divorce, it is business as usual - is there anything wrong with this picture???. Are we experiencing a blatant double standard???

When a male employee stayed overnight with a female employee, they were told that if this behavior was repeated, they would be terminated. Yet a Shelton employee can have a live in or repeated overnight opposite sex visitor and nobody asks questions. Is their behavior of any type above reproach???

When a Shelton uses profanity on the premises, there is no consequence. Would anybody else have such latitude???

The Sheltons openly say that nobody can sing like a Shelton, nobody can manage like a Shelton and nobody can speak like a Shelton - I am saying thank goodness!!!

If you are not a Shelton, you are considered a second or third class person. A Shelton has such high self esteem that they act as though they have a direct line to God and everything they do is santioned by God - do they really???. Or is it all in their over inflated heads???

I have worked at 3ABN several years and know of some of the things around there... For instance: I know that the divorce situations there are not caused by 3ABN.. but by satan. Each one has been looked at for the individual situation and based upon Biblical grounds... acted upon or not acted upon. Acted on accordingly as is humanly possible. If not, then that might be considered a double standard.

There was also a Shelton that did "lose it" with an outburst of profanity. You are right about that.. However you may not know 2 things about that situation. #1 is... the Shelton is not a CLOSE relative of Danny.. but distant. #2 is: This relative was called "upon the carpet" by Danny himself and told straight out... this would not be tolerated at 3ABN and should it EVER happen... his employment there.. would be history... It hadn't happened before... or since.. He was given "Grace" that time

Joy N

Posted by: simplysaved Dec 20 2006, 12:43 PM

Hmmm...thank you for that bit of info....



Posted by: awesumtenor Dec 20 2006, 12:46 PM

QUOTE(Joy N @ Dec 20 2006, 01:35 PM) □

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I understand the issue of people coming there with money but, the housing I am talking about belonged to 3ABN. I have stayed in some of the apartments and they were nice. Than I saw where one of the employees lived which I was surprised that 3ABN owned it...I am not saying that Danny souldn't have nice things but I do believe the employees should be above poverty level. My spouse works for a company owned by SDAs and they make sure their employeess are taken care of, now if the employees don't know how to handle the money there is not much the boss can do.

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You are absolutely correct... I have not been in his presents day and night. I just meant that the problem has not cropped up again at work. Sorry

Joy

Posted by: princessdi Dec 20 2006, 01:19 PM

Joy, I can understand about working for 20 years, and accumulated things, even luxuries(my only red flag in this area was the private jet). However, transitory or not, the workers may not live like Danny, and Brandy at this point, but there still should be "decent" housing. As 3ABN promotes themselves as a leading (SDA)Christian organization, such inequalities should be none existant. it should not be the case that Danny passes housing for his employees that are barely livable to go to his own luxurious home. Modest, I can understand, but fromt he outside it should not be iommediately recignizable that they housing of any employee is less than any of us require for ourselves, especially Danny. As these folks have heeded the call to servce God at 3ABN.

BTW, Joy, Welcome to BSDA. I am sure we will get an "interesting" perspectives on things at 3ABN.

Posted by: Aletheia Dec 20 2006, 01:49 PM

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Again you are just rendering legal opinions and judgments without support. I'm one of those who doesn't buy the claim Linda makes that she wasn't allowed to let a lawyer look at the agreement before she signed. She is a free woman, and that is her right.

It seems like a standard separation agreement between an Employer and Employee to me, except

1.) that any dispute about ANY OF THE TERMS of the agreement EVEN AFTER it is signed are not to be taken up in a civil court of law, but instead are to be resolved with Binding Christian Arbitration, clause 7

That probably isn't how a civil court would handle it, or a non-Christian lawyer would advise, but as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, I believe that is in accord with how Christians are to settle legal disputes or arguments, and entirely biblical. I also believe how the Panel was to be picked was as fair as is humanly possible.

1 Cor 6:

1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?

2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

6 But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.

EGW has a mouthful to say about this...

and 2. Being that the Sheltons were married, it makes specific reference to the fact that nothing in it or the so called "gag order" has anything to do with the divorce, which does by law have to be done in a civil court, and specifically states that the money she is to receive is her personal property and not marital property.

It does not in fact say Linda can't defend herself against accusations of adultery, which have to do with her marriage, and her husband. She is just not to speak against him as an employee or about 3ABN in order to not destroy the ministry.

People talk about the separation agreement between 3ABN and Linda Shelton alot, but I can't seem to find it posted anywhere except on her website. <http://www.lindashelton.org/contract.html> I wonder if all the people referring to it, and protesting about it and offering it as an excuse for saying things they claim they aren't allowed to prove, even know what it says? Going by what you posted above, it really doesn't look like you've read it.

If I can figure out how to post it, here I will try to do that next.

~ Aletheia

Posted by: Aletheia Dec 20 2006, 02:18 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Dec 20 2006, 02:19 PM)

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I don't know about that, I've been a single Mom and lived in some seriously sad places, one my boys called "the bomb shelter" but it contained our things and our love and was home sweet home to us, till we could move our home elsewhere.

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QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 20 2006, 02:49 PM)

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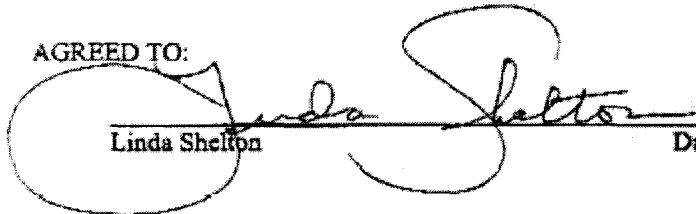
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 Danny Shelton, President

Posted by: Panama_Pete Dec 20 2006, 02:39 PM

QUOTE(Joy N @ Dec 20 2006, 12:53 PM)

If they had something... they bought a nice place or rented one .. just like Pastor Lomacang. He is an ordained ministered which means that he has been working for years... he should have something to show...

Hope that helps.

Joy

This refers to the phrase "just like Pastor Lomacang."

Remember that Pastor Lomacang is an employee of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, not 3ABN.

We understand that Danny reimburses the Illinois Conference for half of Lomacang's salary, so Lomacang has the salary and perks of the Adventist pastors that come through the Conference, as well as the Conference retirement system.

However, Pastor Lomacang's wife does work at 3ABN, and will benefit from the Adventist Church retirement system when her husband eventually retires.

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QUOTE(Joe Smith @ Dec 20 2006, 04:01 PM)

I do know about that. It was a "get together" of close family friends.... the house was so full of people... including the ordained SDA pastor Lomacang and his wife.. Angie that people had to eat in the living room because there wasn't enough room in the kitchen and dining room. This wasn't inappropriate at all... It wasn't a private party of Danny and Brenda as it is portrayed to be. As far as where was Linda?... She was off on one of her 3 day adventures... Yes, she didn't care enough for Danny to stay home that day to be part of ... his birthday ..

Joe

You say that you know. I was also in contact with Linda at that time, and she was home. She was not on any such 3 day adventure as you insist. She was very much surprised that she was not permitted to be in on that party. I know because I talked to her then.

You talk about that party as if you were there. Were you told that Linda had gone somewhere else, or did you verify yourself that she had disappeared, as you say? Are you merely quoting 2nd or 3rd hand evidence? Evil gossip?

On another occasion Danny grabbed the phone from her when she was talking to me. He probably denies it now, but he certainly sounded so angry that I could easily understand why she diappeared for a couple of days to stay with her daughter. Did you witness when he grabbed the phone from her? Or did he tell you she had been talking to her boyfriend? More second hand gossip?

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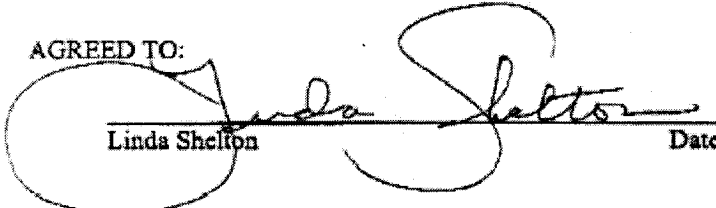
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There's lots here, so I am sure there has to be things I've missed.

Can you maybe supply a link to it?

Thanks, □
Aletheia

Posted by: Johann Dec 20 2006, 03:06 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 20 2006, 10:35 PM) □

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Posted by: princessdi Dec 20 2006, 03:09 PM

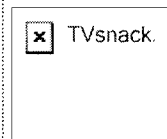
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...that was all I wanted to have someone say....So then WHY because the agreement covers the past, present, and FUTURE? The bottomline is it WAS signed by Linda.

...AND cashed the checks.....I do not have a side other than if one is at fault BOTH are at fault.

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QUOTE

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

From: Danny Shelton [mailto:danshelton@earthlink.net]

Sent: 1. oktober 2004 07:17

To: Johann Thorvaldsson

Subject:

Johann, if you care anything about Linda please quit writing all this garbage as it is only hurting her. I just read Nick and your correspondence and of course, once again, you are out of your league. Don't you understand that you can cost her \$150,000 that she has coming to her in the next 2 1/2 years.

Nick is not bluffing. What a shame you pretend to care about her but because of selfish pride are willing jeopardize her small fortune.

Whether you like it or not she signed an agreement. She is obligated to abide by this agreement if she wants her \$150,000.

The agreement states that if she or those close to her, and of course you claim to be her close friend, try to hurt the ministry, as you are now doing you jeopardize her money. You just don't get it Johann, the bible says no one can do anything against the gospel, but for the gospel. No one, even you cannot stop 3ABN because it is giving the gospel into all the world. 3ABN can use this \$150,000 to help it reach even farther into the world, maybe even to help build a new studio in Scandinavia. So think about it, you're trying to help Linda by trying to turn people against 3ABN because you think she was treated unfairly, is only going to help 3ABN because now instead of all this money going to Linda, if quite possibly is going to stay within 3ABN. I know you won't understand one word of this but maybe someone close to you will read this to you and explain to you the damage you are doing to Linda. Your son seems very sharp, maybe he could help you understand, what your foolish pride won't allow you to see. Once again, if you don't stop, 3ABN's coffers will be \$150,000 better off. I want this money to go to Linda! We the board and Linda have an agreement. If you mess it up I hope you are willing to support her to the tune of \$150,000 in the next 2 1/2 years. *With all the work you are doing to hurt this ministry by sending out your lies in a letter only 11 people have written me that were upset at me because of what you wrote. I looked up their numbers and either called them or emailed them. So far 10 have written me back and apologized for jumping to conclusions about what you had written. So far you may have affected one of the 11. But she is not listed as a donar in our computer anyway.* Our finances, are at an all time high for this time of year. Our donors have risen 33% in the last 4 months. That's the biggest increase in the history of 3ABN. They see your letter and Linda's Web page as an assault against God's ministry. Not against me or the board. They are rallying to help 3ABN like never before. Remember the bible says you cannot hurt the gospel only help it. The only problem is your own soul and what this desire to destroy God's work has done to you. It's made you cover up truth and distort truth. You can't win, but please don't take Linda's money down the tube with you.
Danny

The "garbage" Danny refers to should be my letter that was posted on BSDA and which Calvin has pinned at the top of this section. Don't say that Danny has not tried! Has he succeeded now two years later? Why have I kept on? Not for selfish purposes. I was wondering if I should not quit and leave the results to the Lord. I had nothing to gain. I prayed about it, and the Lord gave me a clear sign that if I quit then I would be held accountable for the crimes committed in this case. It is great to know that there are so many honest people world wide that are eager to see the TRUTH prevail. Thank you, and God bless you all!

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Actually, it is fine that you don't have an answer, but it does tend to tie your hands as far as a defense. I am asking you because you responded to this situation by saying if they are not happy with their accommodations, then they should just move, basically. Also, by using your own experience as a single mother, which I also referenced. IOW, you started answering, why stop now? No, I don't know the answers, because as I keep saying, it is beyond me why Danny would offer substandard housing to his workers.

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We have Uncle Sam's first-hand account of the housing situation in Posts #71 and #79. Also, this is

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She was co-owner, a quarter of a million dollars is not her portion of the company. She was cheated, unless 3ABN is only worth \$500,000.00. I would have mentioned her had she still been there.

Also:

I didn't think 3ABN was owned by Danny Shelton.

It's my understanding Danny Shelton can be voted out as president or fired for misconduct just like Linda was. and another President voted in even if he's not fired. And that the term of President is only for three years.

Donald Trump owns his company, but he has a board that can fire him if it is for the good of the company. That has nothing to do with ownership, it is just business. Danny still owns 3ABN. I got most of this from Sister's posts along with the rest of the Linda supporters.

Then you also read that Danny has stacked the deck with the board. It IS his buisness and stacking the board is common practice in the corporate world. The board has the power to fire the owner/CEO, then you stack to board with people who will never vote to have you fired. Simple enough. Crooked as all get out, but simple.

If any of this is wrong, and someone has proof otherwise I'd like to hear it.

But in the meantime this constant bashing of 3ABN because of Danny is wrong wrong wrong to me. He cannot possibly be as powerful as people keep claiming.

If the man is in sin and error certainly something needs to be done, but why bash everything to do with the ministry? No one needed to bash 3ABN to fire Linda. I've heard no one blaming any of the problems at 3ABN on her although she was equally accountable for 20 years and as i said the vice President for the last 12 years.

You need to keep reading.....If he is still doing wrong, and somebody knows about it.....the Bible says what you do in the dark.....right? I might be wrong, but ai think the lack of action in the face of evidence that warrants at the very least a thorough investigation, is what fuels people to keep this subject in the fore front. That just seems really one-sided and partial to me.

It will be, remember, the agreement you just posted says that Linda cannot speak for herself. Danny has been speaking all the time, every chance he gets. That does not seem one sided to you? So Danny has the audience of millions with which to voice his side, and Linda has a couple of message boards. You are right, it is really one sided.

As far as the divorce and all the he said she said involving that goes, well i don't really know enough to take a side yet, but 3ABN the ministry can continue with or without Danny Shelton, and I really believe that the two shoould be kept separate lest we be found fighting God and the spread of his message.

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Posted by: Aletheia Dec 20 2006, 07:10 PM

[quote name='princessdi' date='Dec 20 2006, 06:32 PM' post='164536']

I'm sorry you are troubled, but I don't know what the employess are paid or what the houses even look like, or if they are happy or unhappy to live there, or if they can or cannot go elsewhere. Why ask me those questions I was responding to what you wrote, surely you already know the answers to those things or you wouldn't be posting about it?

[quote]Actually, it is fine that you don't have an answer, but it does tend to tie your hands as far as a defense. I am asking you because you responded to this situation by saying if they are not happy with their accommodations, then they should just move, basically. Also, by using your own experience as a single mother, which I also referenced. IOW, you started answering, why stop now? No, I don't know the answers, because as I keep saying, it is beyond me why Danny would offer substandard housing to his workers. [/quote]

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Posted by: princessdi Dec 20 2006, 08:38 PM

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My whole take is this....

If it's true - (and from what I've read here, investigated, and also discussed w/ others IT IS)....then in the end - with the LORD's help - IT WILL COME TO LIGHT.

If you don't believe that any of what you are reading is true - even when it is coming from FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE/EXPERIENCE then let it go. Float on.

However I do have a question....



How many of you would want Danny as your son-in-law (should he "divorce" again)?

Posted by: Joe Smith Dec 20 2006, 09:50 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Dec 20 2006, 01:19 PM) □

Joy, I can understand about working for 20 years, and accumulated things, even luxuries(my only red flag in this area was the private jet). However, transitory or not, the workers may not live like Danny, and Brandy at this point, but there still should be "decent" housing. As 3ABN promotes themselves as a leading (SDA)Christian organization, such inequalities should be none existant. it should not be the case that Danny passes housing for his employees that are barely livable to go to his own luxurious home. Modest, I can understand, but fromt he outside it should not be lommediately recignizable that they housing of any employee is less than any of us require for ourselves, especially Danny. As these folks have heeded the call to servce God at 3ABN. BTW, Joy, Welcome to BSDA. I am sure we will get an "interesting" perspectives on things at 3ABN.

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Joe

Posted by: princessdi Dec 20 2006, 09:52 PM

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You came here asking for first hand accounts who what was posted here, Today, Uncle Sam gave you a first ahnd account including stating that he stayed in some very nice apartments and then visited some he was surprised tha 3ABN owned they were so bad, but that first hand account was not good en ough for you. Now, you don't know who Uncle Sam is, so he must be lying. So unless he gives you his rine,r ank and serial number, you will not belive him. You are asking for something, including yourself, that nobody is going to give here. All we know of you is Aletheia/Cindy. First hand accounts are good enough for for courts, but not for you.

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That's what you say, we don't know you either.

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Good you be concerned, but truth is God does not need 3ABN to do His work.

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"People" here understand more than you realize. Send in the next team, this time train 'em better. I'll even give you a hint. tell them not to be concerned with the IDs of who is posting.

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Dec 20 2006, 09:58 PM

Dead on pernt! So many folks are concerned with the id of people. Why? So they can have more "problems"/issues at work or in their life!

That's sad.

Posted by: princessdi Dec 20 2006, 09:58 PM

Ok, I can accept most of this from you. However, I still say if there is housing that 3ABN is renting, it needs to be in decent repair, be it one or twelve. If they are not livable, don't rent them.

Respectfully, you can speak for your individual situation, but you can't speak for everyone. You honestly dont' know if they are there by choice or not.

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Posted by: Fran Dec 20 2006, 10:50 PM

~ Open Mouth Insert Foot ~

So 3ABN charges rent? Well, Well! The IL vs. 3ABN Property Tax Lawsuit said that 3ABN did not declare any Rental/Lease Income. Oop's.

I just love when puzzles come together in greater detail. All we have to do is listen and read it for ourselves.

Now, where, oh where, did all that rent/lease income go?

Posted by: Panama_Pete Dec 20 2006, 11:13 PM

QUOTE(Joe Smith @ Dec 20 2006, 09:50 PM)

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Joe

There was a time when I would just let a statement like this pass through my "filters" unmentioned. I'm talking about the part that says "**They couldn't afford to own it.**"

However, it is important to mention that **nobody** from the "outside" gets into the 3ABN accounting system. It's just the word of **one person** saying things. While it is true that an outside firm may audit the 3ABN accounts, that auditing is **not** being done for us.

So, when you say, "They couldn't afford it," just realize that this is the type of information that gets implanted deep inside our brains - yours and mine - without us having any access to the books, unless we are working in the accounting department **and** the Loma Linda trust department and have some knowledge of the cash flow."

Personally, I'm not convinced leasing a private jet at \$40,000 a month, not including all the other things, such as paying to keep pilots on 24-hour standby, fuel, landing fees, etc., really is a practice in frugality or is so much more affordable than buying a jet.

The above could, possibly, also apply to **DLS Publications, Inc.** DLS = Danny Lee Shelton. All we know is that we don't know.

Posted by: Johann Dec 21 2006, 05:57 AM

QUOTE(Joe Smith @ Dec 21 2006, 05:50 AM) □

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Joe

Then you also know what the monthly lease expenses are, don't you? How much is it? What about the salary of the pilots, fuel and airport fees?

Posted by: Pickle Dec 21 2006, 07:03 AM

I recently chatted with someone who took great offense that anyone would think that maybe just perhaps a membership transfer into an Adventist church of someone with ties to Adventism spanning decades should not be accepted if the prospective transferee claims that they speak in charismatic tongues and has no intention of stopping regardless of what anyone says or shows them.

That individual who took offense maintained that a case of someone living with someone out of wedlock would, however, be cut and dried. I responded that there would still be churches out there containing individuals that would get all bent out of shape over that sort of position, and would cause that individual all kind of grief if he or she took such a stand.

I know it's so, because I've seen it.

It's the same old story whenever serious matters need to be dealt with in the area of church discipline. It's highly appropriate to remember that God is a God of mercy, but if we forget that He is a God of justice too, we do so at our peril.

What we fail to realize is that not kindly dealing with blatant sin is anything but merciful. It is one of the most unloving and unmerciful things we can do in such situations.

Posted by: Pickle Dec 21 2006, 08:31 AM

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QUOTE(Danny Shelton)

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

From: Danny Shelton [mailto:danshelton@earthlink.net]

Sent: 1. október 2004 07:17

To: Johann Thorvaldsson

Subject:

Johann, if you care anything about Linda please quit writing all this garbage as it is only hurting her.

...

Don't you understand that you can cost her \$150,000 that she has coming to her in the next 2 1/2 years.

Nick is not bluffing. What a shame you pretend to care about her but because of selfish pride are willing jepardize her small fortune.

Whether you like it or not she signed an agreement. She is obligated to abide by this agreement if she wants her \$150,000.

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... So think about it, you're trying to help Linda by trying to turn people against 3ABN because you think she was treated unfairly, is only going to help 3ABN because now instead of all this money going to Linda, if quite possibly is going to stay within 3ABN.

I know you won't understand one word of this but maybe someone close to you will read this to you and explain to you the damage you are doing to Linda. Your son seems very sharp, maybe he could help you understand, what your foolish pride won't allow you to see.

Once again, if you don't stop, 3ABN's coffers will be \$150,000 better off. I want this money to go to Linda! We the board and Linda have an agreement. If you mess it up I hope you are willing to

support her to the tune of \$150,000 in the next 2 1/2 years.

... You can't win, but please don't take Linda's money down the tube with you.

Danny

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Posted by: sister Dec 21 2006, 11:14 AM

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Posted by: simplysaved Dec 21 2006, 11:53 AM

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Posted by: Panama_Pete Dec 21 2006, 12:33 PM

QUOTE(simplysaved @ Dec 21 2006, 11:53 AM)

According to item #6, it specifically includes "friends" are also not to speak negatively.....

Not everyone at 3ABN is familiar with the word "friend."

They should stick to words they understand.

Was Brenda Walsh ever Linda's friend?

Posted by: seeshell Dec 21 2006, 12:43 PM

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Note to self: Don't mess with Auntie Di!

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Posted by: Pickle Dec 21 2006, 01:09 PM

QUOTE(simplysaved @ Dec 21 2006, 11:53 AM)

According to item #6 of the contract, it specifically includes "friends", "agents", or "third parties" are also not to speak negatively.....publically.

<http://www.lindashelton.org/contract.html>

Read it again. The way I described it is accurate.

Think about it: For the contract to prohibit anyone out there from saying anything negative or else Linda loses her money would make as much sense as saying that she can't get her money if the moon ever fulls. She has about as much control over every person on the planet that has a gripe as she has over the way the moon revolves around the earth.

Whoever the attorney was that drew that contract up would not be that irrational as to require of her the impossible. That's why the contract doesn't read as Danny claims.

In summary: Anyone and everyone can say publicly whatever they want to, and Linda is totally and absolutely in the clear as long as 1) she asks them to stop whenever 3ABN chooses to ask her to ask them, and 2) as long as she did not say something critical privately that is then both a) used publicly by someone else **and** b) attributed to her.

Disgust is the title of this thread, and I certainly find it disgusting that anyone would be so unfair, unjust, and unrighteous as to require their ex to sign a contract that prevents them from saying anything negative (in the ways specified) about them personally while at the same time not signing a similar contract, and in fact doing the exact opposite of what that contract required.

I am fairly certain that my Boss feels the same way, since He inspired so many Bible prophets to write out just exactly how He feels about oppression of the weak, vulnerable, poor, and such, and what He intends to do about it when He steps in and sets the record straight. We would all do well to repent before that time comes.

Let all the earth keep silent before Him.

Posted by: simplysaved Dec 21 2006, 01:14 PM

You signed the contract. You took the money and spent it. Don't sign anything you have not read with an attorney. Don't sign anything if you do not want to be accountable for the contents.

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Can't speak about Brenda Walsh....

QUOTE(Panama_Pete @ Dec 21 2006, 01:33 PM)

Not everyone at 3ABN is familiar with the word "friend."

They should stick to words they understand.

Was Brenda Walsh ever Linda's friend?

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Note to self: Don't mess with Auntie Di!

PDR either.



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It also depends on if you believe in equality or not..... I guess you don't...



Posted by: princessdi Dec 21 2006, 02:06 PM

Yes, Lee, I was about to say, your statement should read "EGW counseled" us not to go the the world..... However, if Danny thought Linda broke that agreement, do you really think that passage would stop him form suing her? Going public would be bringing dishonor to Danny and 3ABN, not God. They are not one in the same. This passive state is why evil grows and festers in the dark within our churches. The perpetrators count on passages like this one to get away with their dirty deeds. Wake up people!!! it is not "our" dirty laundry. I am not owning Danny and 3ABN dirt.

Also, are you bringing this up to Danny, because he is the one yet and still bringing it up on his show each and every time he gets a chance?

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NO it doesn't... it depends on whether we go looking for things to excuse or condemn others or whether we go looking for principles as expressed in concrete situations in her day.

Posted by: Joy N Dec 21 2006, 03:22 PM

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Dec 21 2006, 03:22 PM

Joe if they can afford to lease the jet they can afford to own it, unless it is a shared lease with another organization, and I don't think it is. The main reasons people lease planes is for tax write offs, another reason might be so that they can say to the world that they don't own a jet, thus making them look not so greedy. Remember when you lease something you are paying someone else the money so that they can own it, and make money off of you as well. At the end of the lease you have nothing, and the owners still have the jet which you've been paying for.

Richard

QUOTE(Joe Smith @ Dec 20 2006, 10:50 PM)

I have info on this subject....3ABN does NOT OWN that jet... they only lease it.. They couldn't afford to own it. As far as housing goes... As a rule, the employees rent local housing from whomever. Some of the 3ABN apartments are very nice and was built new less than 10 years ago. 3ABN owns VERY few houses. The old 1 or 2 ones they do own just happened to be on a peice of property that was bought for the land... not the house. Some pay rent for the house... I know I did when I worked there. I could have found something else in the community for the same money... but it was handy to rent from them. They are there by choice..

Joe

Posted by: Joy N Dec 21 2006, 03:38 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 20 2006, 03:52 PM)

I'm sorry you are troubled, but I don't know what the employess are paid or what the houses even look like, or if they are happy or unhappy to live there, or if they can or cannot go elsewhere. Why ask me those questions I was responding to what you wrote, surely you already know the answers to those things or you wouldn't be posting about it?

Nobody has provided evidence regarding any of this as far as I know, including yourself who is upset at this injustice, what are you basing your words on?

Surely this is something, if true which cannot be layed at Danny Shelton's feet alone.

How for instance, could Linda as Vice President of 3ABN living in that beautiful house with Danny have countenanced these alleged workers being in such poverty and living in substandard housing while doing so?. You do know she received a quarter of a million dollars as a settlement don't you? And that she contributed \$100,000 dolars with either a gift or loan of another 100,000 dollars from

Her Norwegian friend towards purchasing the house she lives in now don't you?

Also:

I didn't think 3ABN was owned by Danny Shelton.

It's my understanding Danny Shelton can be voted out as president or fired for misconduct just like Linda was. and another President voted in even if he's not fired. And that the term of President is only for three years.

I got most of this from Sister's posts along with the rest of the Linda supporters.

If any of this is wrong, and someone has proof otherwise I'd like to hear it.

But in the meantime this constant bashing of 3ABN because of Danny is wrong wrong wrong to me. He cannot possibly be as powerful as people keep claiming.

If the man is in sin and error certainly something needs to be done, but why bash everything to do with the ministry? No one needed to bash 3 ABN to fire Linda. I've heard no one blaming any of the problems at 3ABN on her although she was equally accountable for 20 years and as i said the vice President for the last 12 years.

That just seems really one-sided and partial to me.

As far as the divorce and all the he said she said involving that goes, well i don't really know enough to take a side yet, but 3ABN the ministry can continue with or without Danny Shelton, and I really believe that the two shoould be kept separate lest we be found fighting God and the spread of his message.

My two cents, because your response troubles me also.

~ Aletheia

No problem , It clarified things for me also. It does sound like Linda could have been held accountable for what was posted here, according to how I understnd what was written, but if so apparently they chose not to do anything, as somebody on Maritime posted she received her last payment at the beginning of December.

~ Aletheia

I have worked.. and been around 3ABN for many years and I can honestly tell you what I have seen about housing. 3ABN does not have ANY housing that was not presentable and in good repair when the renter moved into it. IF you think about it.. would 3ABN let something like this marr their face to the world?? THis world wide ministry.. raised up by God Himself.. would allow itself to be tarnished by something so insignificant as a little paint or repairs.... I don't think so.

Now I know someone said that they saw a certain situation there... But there are some people that could turn a palace into a city dump in a very short time YOU all have seen how some people prefer to live.... when a little soap and water would do wonders... I don't need to say any more..

Joy

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Posted by: Joy N Dec 21 2006, 04:00 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Dec 19 2006, 10:08 PM) □

While this selection of quotes from a Review and Herald article is somewhat lengthy, I think they show just how important speaking out against evil doing is. The quotes are in response to a visit to a church service in Fresno, California just after Ellen White visited my great-great-grandfather, James Driver, on his deathbed.

"The messengers, as the ambassadors of God, must bear a living testimony to rebuke sin, which will cut through the soul, whether men will hear, or whether they will forbear. There are many who close their eyes that they may not see, and their ears that they may not hear. They think that there has been a mistake made, that all these plain, pointed testimonies cannot come from God, but are from human agencies alone. They wrap themselves up in their self-righteousness, and fight every inch of the way, that they may stand where they imagine they should stand,--in defiance of the warnings of God's servants. They cling with desperate grasp to the garments of their own self-righteousness, lest they should be torn away from them. {RH, July 3, 1888 par. 5}

What shall we do? Shall we bear the message God gives us, or shall we refrain, for fear of offending our brethren? as God's messengers, we can not falter in the path of duty. Impelled by the Spirit of God, words are spoken, warnings and counsels are given. All unexpectedly the lips were opened, and there was no refraining from speaking the message of God. Reproofs were uttered that we would naturally shrink from giving. A zeal, prompted by the Spirit of God, led us to declare the dangers that threatened the children of God. The servant of the Lord must pursue his work, losing sight of self, without thought of the consequences, exhorting to faithfulness, and urging to repentance. He must show the people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. The Lord has given the word; who can forbear to publish it? The love of Christ has a constraining power; who shall withstand its influence? It is the greatest evidence that God loves his people, that he sends them messages of warning. {RH, July 3, 1888 par. 7}

Will these souls who have a knowledge of the truth, detest sin in themselves, as they consider how Jesus suffered to save them from its penalty, and to cleanse them from all iniquity? If we would be happy and consistent Christians, we must be watchful. It is not enough that we do not willfully run into apparent and decided dangers, but we must keep our souls to the rays of light that are shining from Jesus, that we may not walk in darkness. We must be quick to distinguish between error and perversity, between obedience and truth. We must be ready to resist hasty and unexpected attacks. Will the church at Fresno cherish the light? Will the professed servants of God walk in the light? or will they choose to walk in the sparks of their own kindling? Said Christ, "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you." Let us all pray that our eyes may be anointed with divine eyesalve, that we may no longer walk in darkness and uncertainty, but in the light which God has flashed athwart our pathway. {RH, July 3, 1888 par. 10}

There is need of watchmen on the walls of Zion, who will not hold their peace day or night. They should look to God, and free themselves from every earthly entanglement, that they may have power with God, and influence with the people. There is constant danger of the church's becoming cold, and conforming to the habits and practices of the world. Christians are not watchful. They yield to the baleful influences that surround them. They are led captive by Satan at his will. Unless the people of God watch and pray, spirituality will go out of the heart as water out of a leaky vessel. From the watch-tower of Zion, let us sound a note of alarm. I have wept in secret places over the existing difficulties in the church of Christ. Many are thoughtless, and they disregard the warnings that have been given, and their feet stumble on the dark mountains of unbelief. I have passed many sleepless hours at night, offering prayer to God, crying, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach. . . .Wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?" When souls in the darkness of error shall call, "Watchman, what of the night?" is there one who sees with heaven-inspired accuracy, the dangers that threaten the souls of men? Can they answer with firm faith, "The morning cometh, and also the night"? {RH, July 3, 1888 par. 12}" This article clearly shows that it is the duty of every servant of the Lord to exhort to faithfulness and urge to repentance. This is far from gossip.

To read the whole Review and Herald article you can click on the link below.

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 Joe, I'd like to remind you that the EGW quote posted earlier by Lee was speaking of "faults of minor consequence" that gossip had made "appear like grave sins." I am reposting this quote below to enable you to read it carefully and weigh the differences between her clear call to a duty to warn as opposed to her exhortation against gossip.

5 T p. 51-53: "I wish my position to be clearly understood. I have no sympathy with the course that has been pursued toward Bro. -----. The enemy has encouraged feelings of hatred in the hearts of many. The errors committed by him have been reported from one person to another, constantly growing in magnitude, as busy, gossiping tongues added fuel to the fire....**Some have taken advantage of this, and faults of minor consequence have been made to appear like grave sins.**"

(any bolding of quotes provided by me)

I am absolutely in agreement with you. We need watchman on the walls. My Pastor was just taking about it last night at services. (I hope you all went to services last night). We studied Eze. 3 and chapter 33 about that very thing. The only thing that I am confused about is how many watchmen is enough for the same cause against the same man? The scripture says that the man should be warned.. And if her doesn't heed the warning, then he will pay for his sins... and you will be guiltless. Danny and 3ABN has been warned.. and warned.. and warned. the trumpet has been sounded and sounded and sounded. How many times is enough? Once, 20, 50, 1000. or maybe in the case of a world wide leader... do we think we have to continue until Jesus comes?? NO. the Bible says... sound the alarm... your done. the decision is on them now... you're free of it.

Maybe you say.. well I didn't sound the alarm about this one certain area... I believe SOMEBODY did..

You shouldn't have to take all the responsibility on yourself. The way I look at it .. is if somebody has sounded the alarm on a certain subject.... the job has been done. I and 3000 others shouldn't have to sound the same alarm... He has been warned and the consequences are on him now.. Anything beyond this.. can we considered it just personal ???

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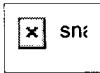
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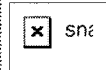
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Posted by: Pickle Dec 21 2006, 05:58 PM

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Joy N

Excuse me? Where have you been, Joy N?

Since when did Linda a year before all this started concoct the whole Pastor Glenn Dryden/Roger Clem/Walt Thompson/Danny Shelton/Mike Riva/Tommy Shelton fiasco?

On September 1 John Lomacang told me that all this stuff, all these rumors, was all due to Linda and

"her boyfriend," the doctor. I told him I can't buy that since the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations were resurrected a year before Linda's alleged affair.

I've talked to Pastor Dryden. I've talked to Roger Clem. I've talked with a board member of the Dunn Loring Church of God. I've got in writing from Walt Thompson that Danny gave him information in 2003 that is clearly bogus.

When I started looking into this garbage in August, I could have cared less about whether Linda was innocent or guilty, and it isn't till just now that I've started looking into that issue.

On Oct. 8 this year, Danny claimed in writing that, contrary to Linda's claim, his name is on Linda's 2003 Toyota Sequoia title till now. Guess what? I got the title straight from the lending bank, not from Linda, it was issued on Feb. 11, 2003, it remains the valid title, and his name has not been on it since then.

I've asked Danny to give me any lies Linda has told, lies that can be proven to be lies without using someone's testimony, like this title thing, and he hasn't sent me a thing yet.

Obviously, you can't be talking about the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations cover up or the name on title fabrication/discrepancy when you blame everything on Linda. Please be extremely specific about exactly what you think is all Linda's fault.

Posted by: Uncle Sam Dec 21 2006, 06:31 PM

QUOTE(Joy N @ Dec 21 2006, 02:38 PM) □

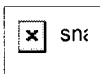
I have worked.. and been around 3ABN for many years and I can honestly tell you what I have seen about housing. 3ABN does not have ANY housing that was not presentable and in good repair when the renter moved into it. IF you think about it.. would 3ABN let something like this marr their face to the world?? THis world wide ministry.. raised up by God Himself.. would allow itself to be tarnished by something so insignificant as a little paint or repairs.... I don't think so.

Now I know someone said that they saw a certain situation there... But there are some people that could turn a palace into a city dump in a very short time YOu all have seen how some people prefer to live.... when a little soap and water would do wonders... I don't need to say any more..

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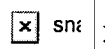
Posted by: PrincessDrRe Dec 21 2006, 07:01 PM



Posted by: calvin Dec 21 2006, 07:21 PM

QUOTE(PrincessDrRe @ Dec 21 2006, 07:01 PM)



 I'm with you. Gonna sit back and enjoy the fireworks!

Posted by: sister Dec 21 2006, 07:44 PM

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Like so many others sent out before you, you make the same old tired claims that I am Linda Shelton. Sorry, but you are so wrong on this point, but speak it with such conviction, it makes me wonder why. What is your evidence? Each time I ask this question the only answer I receive is silence on the part of my accuser. So, Joy, what is your evidence that I am Linda Shelton? As PrincessDi said, "This is not Sabbath School, we pay attention here!"

Have I made any false accusations in regard to Danny Shelton, his extended family or the management of 3ABN? As God is my witness, NO. I have merely been a watchman on the wall, reporting the facts. And Joy, God knows there is much more that could be told... Does Danny really want me to contine my history of 3ABN?

Sister

Posted by: Joe Smith Dec 21 2006, 09:00 PM

QUOTE(sister @ Dec 21 2006, 11:14 AM)

Unfortunately, for Danny, **smart** has never been an accusation that has been made nor will ever be proven against him. I wonder what Brandy has been applying on his chapped toes recently (his foot is soooo often in his mouth)?

You thought he was smart those 20 years that you were married to him! Oops, I forgot, you're not Linda.

Posted by: awesumtenor Dec 21 2006, 09:11 PM

QUOTE(Joe Smith @ Dec 21 2006, 10:00 PM)

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For one who claims to be so disgusted by smearing, you seem to have no aversion to using it as a tactic when it suits you...

If you get any more lumber in your eye, you'll be able to open your own Home Depot...

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: Joe Smith Dec 21 2006, 09:13 PM

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Well, that will be easy for anyone who wants to check that out. I know the man who lived there very well. He is from Romania and has lived there for about 8 years. His name is Joesph. You will see his name on the program credits after many programs. He still works there, by the way and anyone can call there and talk to him on 3ABN's dime. Joesph just recently moved to Carbondale where his 2 daughter take music lessons... as they have for years. He makes enough money to support his wife, who doesn't work outside and his 2 kids who are now teenagers and driving and all on that 3ABN salary. Joesph chose to live there because it was handy. Maybe he had already moved out when you saw the place if it looked run down.

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Joe

You failed to mention that Joseph P. and his family came to the USA on a tourist visa and never left, he has been working and living illegally in Illinois for many years, with the full knowledge of Danny Shelton and 3ABN. Under the circumstances, where else could he and his family live, but in a shack on 3ABN property. I wonder how Joseph was paid by 3ABN since he had no "green card".

QUOTE(Joe Smith @ Dec 21 2006, 10:00 PM) □

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Sorry, buddy, wrong woman. So, is this the newest ploy to misdirect the attention of the reader from the real issues by claiming Sister is Linda? IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN COME UP WITH, JOE? Well, Danny's camp is Danny's camp. □

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 21 2006, 09:41 PM

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Joe

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Posted by: sister Dec 21 2006, 09:54 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Dec 21 2006, 10:41 PM) □

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You and me both, PB!

Okay, Joe, bring on the list and lets see who else can varify those statements. PB and I are both asking you not only to make accusations, but to show your evidence before you start sounding too much like Danny, "Yes, I have evidence, but no I won't show it to you." If that is all you have well, I am not sure that either PB or Sister will be satisfied.

Oh, in the case of Ronnie, his wife Becky is still alive and anyone who chooses can check with her, but of course you know that Joe. Susan and her store, I told no secrets there. Almost anyone who worked at 3ABN and went there can confirm what I have written. But of course, Joe, you know that also. Right?

Posted by: Chez Dec 21 2006, 10:28 PM

QUOTE(Lee @ Dec 21 2006, 02:34 PM)

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Danny went public. Walt Thompson and the board went public. Most of us didn't have a clue about what was going on. Your boy, Danny, got on international television talking against Linda and the Dr. and anyone else who sympathized with her. It is too late for a private forum. Danny went public; so everything is open. Tell Danny to keep his mouth shut. Oops, Too late. He has already spilled the beans.

Posted by: Panama_Pete Dec 21 2006, 10:36 PM

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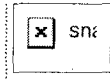
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QUOTE(PrincessDrRe @ Dec 21 2006, 06:07 PM)

I keep asking but no one will answer the (rhetorical) question of #1 - How many people would want Danny Shelton as their son-in-law? #2 - How many folks would let "Chester" (the molester) babysit their children?



You couldn't PAY ME TO HAVE DANNY AS MY SON-IN-LAW!!! I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN THE SAME STATE (let alone the same church) WITH AN "UNREPENTENT" CHILD MOLESTER!!!!!!

Note: Unrepentent includes one who has not repented, who has not sought and received psychological help, who has voluntarily removed themselves from close contact with children, who has not apologized to the victims and admitted culpability, etc. Should I continue?

Posted by: lurker Dec 21 2006, 10:54 PM

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Posted by: lookin4truth Dec 21 2006, 11:42 PM

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Posted by: Johann Dec 22 2006, 12:48 AM

QUOTE(Panama_Pete @ Dec 22 2006, 06:36 AM)

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I was right there too when Joseph told me his story. He was still there shortly before Linda got fired by 3ABN.

Posted by: Denny Dec 22 2006, 05:40 AM

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Joe

Joe, PB and Sister are still waiting for your evidence that I have written statements in an Unauthorized History of 3ABN that only Linda could know. I think the proper expression for this is: "put up or shut up". We are still waiting on you Joe, where is the evidence?

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 22 2006, 06:51 AM

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Looking4truth - you have stated truth eloquently! Welcome!

To those who have chosen to minimize sin and hide the truth, please study Looking4truth's post carefully.

Posted by: sister Dec 22 2006, 06:52 AM

QUOTE(lurker @ Dec 21 2006, 11:54 PM) □

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Joe, and while you are answering the other question. Please answer the above from Lurker, "How do you know what only Danny and his wife would know?"

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 22 2006, 07:01 AM

Sister, I have done searches and can't find the posts about "the night watchman" and "Susan, the health store" woman. Could you provide me a link or direct me to the appropriate area?

Posted by: Aletheia Dec 22 2006, 07:33 AM

QUOTE(Clay @ Dec 21 2006, 03:42 PM) □

and that is why the church is still dealing with mess, kids being molested, incest, homosexuality, among other things... people have kept quiet for far to long in my opinion....

Someone very wise once said render unto God the things that are God's and unto Caesar the things that are Caesars.

There's been a division of Church and State according to God's plan ever since probation on the Nation of Israel closed. The Vatican with it's pedophile priest problem is due in part because they are a Church and a State who still thinks they have precedent over any other.

Now the Church of Israel which continued on as Spiritual Israel, is all over the world and the individuals in it are subject to the civil laws in their respective Nations and countries.

What does that mean practically?

A Child molester, a rapist , etc. need to be prosecuted by the state IMMEDIATELY.

Then that person can be disciplined by the church accordingly.

A church can not take the place of the civil authorities nor flout the law.

But sins and errors which are Church business outside of that type of criminal behavior is nobody's business and is what is supposed to be dealt with promptly and privately.

As civil laws have changed over the years, it wasn't so long ago men could beat and rape both their wives and children and get away with it. So how did they handle such before the laws regarding child abuse?

Since what Ellen White wrote was being discussed I thought this might be of interest. It's a letter to a man who apparently is being dealt with as repentant one, which admittedly is not what the story is regarding Tommy, but still I found it interesting, because she is not in favor of it being made public:

QUOTE

Child Abuse

Dear Brother: I have just read your letter dated April 26. May the Lord help me to write you the very words that will be for your restoration and not for your destruction. {TSB 124.3}

I feel sorry, very sorry, for you. Sin, my brother, is sin; it is the transgression of the law, and should I try to lessen that sin before you I would not be doing you any good. You as a Christian receive harm to your own soul. Your whole religious experience is cheapened, and you cannot have faith and trust in God while you have unclean thoughts and defiled hands. The work needs to begin at the soul, and then it will work out in the character. Your mind and heart are polluted, else all such actions would be loathsome. It is a great sin, especially for one who professes to be preaching the gospel of Christ. {TSB 124.4}

I have had this class of sins presented to me as producing moral defilement. What can the impression be upon those youth whose bodies you degrade by your actions? How can you be a shepherd of the sheep and lambs while corrupting their minds, and tainting and polluting their moral sense? Would you consider this matter as lightly as you have done should a minister of the gospel, as Elder W, do such things to your sisters or to your children? This is a crime in the sight of God and I cannot cover it over as a light matter. It is a Sodomitish sin. It is tainting and polluting in all its tendencies, and an abomination in the sight of a holy God. It is practicing iniquity. {TSB 125.1}

Any youth who would submit her body to be handled by a man is in no way fit for the kingdom of heaven. All this vile practice and commonness is what is ruining our youth. Would you practice this upon the body of your own child? Would you not consider it incest, discovering her nakedness? All who do such things are leading young women into abominable practices. I know what these things lead to. To lewdness, lustful practices. Consider how you must dishonor and degrade the truth. Oh, God hates all such sins. How could you do this and at the same time be preaching the Word to sinners--yourself a sinner? {TSB 125.2}

I know how God regards these sins. A married man, a minister of the gospel, leading the lambs of the flock into Sodomitish practices. Now for Christ's sake do not again practice this wicked work and destroy your own soul and the souls of others. It is well that you have not been permitted to continue this awful polluting practice. It is no light sin. The effect upon the mind of the one who submits herself to your touch cannot be measured. Human beings are the Lord's property, and to do any action to corrupt them is a terrible insult to Jesus Christ, who gave His life for these precious souls, that they should not perish in their sins, but have everlasting life, and such actions may ruin the souls for whom Christ has died. Will you continue this work to ruin souls? {TSB 125.3}

Looking unto Jesus who is the Author and Finisher of your faith, you will be of good courage in the Lord. We cannot but know that the end of all things is at hand. I come to you as a physician of souls; I tell you that it is not possible for you to act as a minister. What are you doing? Leading young women to the tree of knowledge of evil practices and teaching them to pluck the fruit which is only evil. This is doing Satan's work most effectually. It is poisoning minds and filling them with unholy imaginings. {TSB 126.1}

These are the very sins which corrupted Sodom. Their evil practices did not come all at once. First one man and woman stupefied themselves by unholy, polluted habits. Then as inhabitants settled in Sodom, they did as you are doing, educating others in a line that is forbidden of God. And so as the inhabitants continued to multiply, these ministers of sin continued in educating them in their own defiling practices until if any person came into their midst their first thoughts were to educate them in their evil work, until Sodom became renowned for its pollutions. Their sins reached unto heaven, and the Lord would bear with them no longer. He destroyed them and all that was beautiful, that made it as a second Eden, for the earth was defiled under the inhabitants thereof. {TSB 126.2}

These bodies that you tamper with are the purchased property of Jesus Christ. I knew this was your sin, but I knew also that if the truth was enthroned in your heart it would make this sin appear to you in its true enormity, for truth brought into the soul temple will expel lust and defilement from the heart. . . . {TSB 126.3}

You say you did not commit adultery. God charges adultery against everyone who doeth these things, and all who will communicate these vile practices to another are polluting that soul with vile imaginations. Can you not see, can you not understand by your own experience, that you are leading youth into this habit of self abuse? You have given them the fruit of the tree of knowledge [of good and evil], and every evil communicated is causing them to partake of the fruit of the tree of knowledge [of good and evil], which God has forbidden to be eaten. . . . {TSB 127.1}

How can I frame words to express the enormity of this awful sin? How can I present it in such a manner that you will no longer look upon it, as you have done, as no great wrong? I have granddaughters, the children of my son, W. C. White. If I were forced to choose whether these children should be exposed to these temptations, educated in these evil practices, or be cut down by death, I would say, Let them die in their innocency. Let them not be corrupted by eating the apples of Sodom. . . . {TSB 127.2}

If you will take hold of Christ by living faith, and humble your soul before Him, He will undertake your case and angels will guard you. But you must resist the devil. You must educate yourself to a different train of thought. Put no confidence in yourself. Never seek the companionship of women or girls. Keep away from them. Your moral taste is so perverted that you will ruin yourself and ruin many souls if you do not turn square about. Educate your mind to study the Word of God. Study it with your whole heart and pray much. Everlasting life is worth a lifelong, persevering, untiring effort. Educate that mind which you have misused and directed in wrong channels of thought. Educate it to dwell on the life, the character, and the lessons of Christ. . . . {TSB 127.3}

Do not feel that the worst thing for you is to lose your credentials. You are not worthy to be entrusted with the care of the flock. You must know this without my telling you. A little time of probation is still granted you; make the most of it in searching the Word. Every lost blessing is a great loss to you, but if you come into a right position before God you may now receive forgiveness for the past, but do not let your future life have the dark blot of the past. . . . {TSB 128.1}

You ask me if you shall make a public confession. I say, No. Do not dishonor the Master by making public the fact that one ministering in the Word could be guilty of such sin as you have committed. It would be a disgrace to the ministry. Do not give publicity to this matter by any means. It would do injustice to the whole cause of God. It would create impure thoughts in the minds of many even to hear these things repeated. **Defile not the lips even by communicating**

this to your wife, to make her ashamed and bow her head in sorrow. Go to God and to the brethren who know this terrible chapter in your experience and say what you have to say, then let prayer be offered to God in your behalf. Cultivate sobriety. Walk carefully and prayerfully before God. Acquire moral stamina by saying, "I will not dishonor my Redeemer {TSB 128.2}

Transmitting Messages of Reproof. I am sorry that you feel injured because I let Brother A have a copy of the letter I sent to you. I did not do this to injure you in any way. You had yourself written me that you had made matters known to him concerning yourself and he thought you should confess the whole matter to the church. I thought that letter would prevent any such movement and keep the matter as private as possible. {TSB 128.3}

I do not in any way favor his reading the matter to your mother. She has an abundance of sorrows to carry. **I did not sanction any public exposure.** I thought that the letter, which condemned the sin, also encouraged you to hope and trust in God. I supposed that it would help Brother A to help you. If it has added to your affliction, making matters any worse for you, I am sincerely sorry. {TSB 129.1}

Whenever I have written a message of reproof, I have always sent one copy to the minister who is officiating in the church, that he may have wisdom to recover such ones as are in danger through temptation, giving them such advice as they need. I also knew, under existing circumstances, that it would not be possible to give you credentials as a shepherd, recommending you to the confidence of the people, because knowing your course of action, if you should in any way be overcome, the Lord would make the conference guilty of the sin of which you are guilty.--Letter 120, 1897. {TSB 129.2}

Posted by: watchbird Dec 22 2006, 07:38 AM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Dec 22 2006, 08:01 AM)

Sister, I have done searches and can't find the posts about "the night watchman" and "Susan, the health store" woman. Could you provide me a link or direct me to the appropriate area?

PB, Instead of giving you the direct link to each, I'll provide detailed information on how to find it for the benefit of both you and others who may not be acquainted with the way the search function works here.

In order to do a search you need to go to the Search function listed at the top of the page so you can change one of the options before searching.

When you get to the Search Options page, go to the lower right corner where you will see "Search Type". It will have a dot before "Show results as topics". Click on the other option, "Show results as posts" and the dot will move to that selection.

Now insert your keyword in the box provided. Choose something short and distinctive. In this case, use just Susan for one search, and just Ronnie for the other. The posts you are looking for will be found in the Unauthorized History thread, so you can quickly scroll down the results hits until you come to ones from that thread.

You will find something rather interesting there when you compare it with Joe's accusation against Sister.

Posted by: summertime Dec 22 2006, 08:26 AM

QUOTE(Chez @ Dec 21 2006, 10:44 PM)

You couldn't PAY ME TO HAVE DANNY AS MY SON-IN-LAW!!! I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN THE SAME STATE (let alone the same church) WITH AN "UNREPENTENT" CHILD MOLESTER!!!!!!

Note: Unrepentent includes one who has not repented, who has not sought and received psychological help, who has voluntarily removed themselves from close contact with children, who has not apologized to the victims and admitted culpability, etc. Should I continue?

I would not want Danny to be my son-in-law. Nor my grandson-in-law. This pretty lady that he married is about the same age as my granddaughter. She married an older man also, and has lived to regret it. I think that will be true in this case also---given a little time. I have not heard for a long time if Brandy has both of her girls with her. Anybody know? I would not trust my girls in the Shelton clan.--not even if she was a biological daughter.

Posted by: Pickle Dec 22 2006, 08:29 AM

QUOTE(Joy N @ Dec 21 2006, 04:00 PM)

I am absolutely in agreement with you. We need watchman on the walls....

Joy

Joy,

A pastor called me today and suggested that you and Joe just might be Mollie and Hal, and that Danny, who has said that these forums amount to little, must be scared if he is having folks like you come and do battle here.

Such speculation may or may not prove to be true, but you might be able to help me out on the following. John Lomacang **promised** me on Sept. 1 that I and whoever came with me could see the very same phone card phone records he had personally seen, amounting to hundreds of hours of phone calls by Linda to Norway, if we came down to 3ABN. He said that wasn't his decision.

I wrote John on Sept. 8 and told him I might be able to take him up on that on Oct. 23. It took 3 1/2 weeks and another email before I heard anything back from him at all. It took an additional 2 weeks and 4 emails to him and 3 emails to Mollie to get no reply from John and a single reply from Mollie informing me that they had chosen to break their promise. I then wrote Mollie the following email, and have yet to receive any reply whatsoever:

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

Subject: RE: Appointment to see phone records

Date: Tue, 17 Oct 2006 09:33:21 -0500

From: Mollie Steenson

Hi Bob,

... we have turned this matter over to a group of respected church leaders who will be looking at all the evidence, not just portions of it, and they will publicly give their findings in the near future.

...

Have a great day,

Mollie Steenson
3ABN GM

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

Subject: RE: Appointment to see phone records

Date: Tue, 17 Oct 2006 20:22:06 -0500

To: Mollie Steenson

Hi Mollie.

Thanks for your reply. Here are three short, follow-up questions.

- 1) Has there been a change of policy since September 1, when Pastor Lomacang promised that we could see the phone card phone records if we came by? He indicated that that wasn't his decision. Or was he somehow totally mistaken?
- 2) Pastor Lomacang indicated that these records showed hundreds of hours of phone calls, but I have thus far been unable to confirm from him that these hundreds of hours are actual time spent on the phone rather than billed phone card units. Can you confirm this?
- 3) What group of respected church leaders has the matter been turned over to? Who are they?
- 4) Will they be making public the evidence that supports their findings, or will they only make public their findings?

I ask this last question because from a damage control and apologetic perspective, the only real way to put all the rumors to rest once and for all is to come across as if 3ABN has nothing to hide.

Take for example these phone records, which Pastor Lomacang stated emphatically that he had personally seen. After he promised that we could see them if we stopped by, it has taken more than five weeks to discover that 3ABN will not allow this, and that gives the impression that they either do not exist or that they do not say what he claimed they say.

This is even more so the case since I asked him on September 8 and October 2 and October 3 and October 10 and October 16 whether the hundreds of hours were actual minutes or billed minutes, and though I did get a short reply from him on October 2, he has yet to answer that simple question. The definite impression being given is that there never were hundreds of hours spent on the phone.

I think a lot of these rumors could have been easily avoided or dispelled if 3ABN had handled these PR matters differently. Along these lines, I would suggest that great care be taken in the selection of which respected church leaders examine all the evidence. If it is perceived that the panel is stacked in favor of 3ABN from the very beginning, it will not settle the questions in people's minds, especially if none of the evidence is ever made public. Whether the panel is stacked or not is not as important at this point as how it is all perceived if the goal is to dispel all the rumors, in my opinion.

God bless.

Bob

Would you be so kind as to answer the four questions above?

Doing so will make it clear to everyone here that there are indeed workers at 3ABN who know how to perform their duties in a prompt, competent, professional, courteous, and Christian manner, and that you aren't merely trying to distract people from the main issues by concentrating on trivia and taking people down rabbit trails.

Posted by: Aletheia Dec 22 2006, 09:15 AM

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'lookin4truth' date='Dec 22 2006, 12:42 AM' post='164804'

Many have made clear their views, that the sins which have been committed should be kept quiet, and private.

The Apostle Paul did not seem to agree. Yes, when one is confronted with their sin, and is repentant, and willing to make right their wrongs, then discretion is in order.

But, when those in error continued in their behavior, it seems Paul had no problem with making it public. He wrote about them in letters, which would be read before the churches, and ultimately become part of the bible, which we are obligated to use as our example.

(1Ti 5:20) Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear

You left out the part before that, and after it:

1Ti 5:19 Against an elder **receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.**

20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

21 I charge [thee] before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

Here is what he was talking about:

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him [that which is] wrong; Then both the men, between whom the controversy [is], shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days; And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, [if] the witness [be] a false witness, [and] hath testified falsely against his brother; Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. Deut 19

Mat 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, **that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.**

17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

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Matthew Henry on Deut 19

II. A law against perjuries, which enacts two things:—1. That a single witness should never be admitted to give evidence in a criminal cause, so as that sentence should be passed upon his testimony, v. 15. This law we had before, Num. 35:30, and in this book, ch. 17:6. This was enacted in favour to the prisoner, whose life and honour should not lie at the mercy of a particular person that had a pique against him, and for caution to the accuser not to say that which he could not corroborate by the testimony of another. It is a just shame which this law puts upon mankind as false and not to be trusted; every man is by it suspected: and it is the honour of God's grace that the record he has given concerning his Son is confirmed both in heaven and in earth by three witnesses, 1 Jn. 5:7. Let God be true and every man a liar, Rom. 3:4. 2. That a false witness should incur the same punishment which was to have been inflicted upon the person he accused. If two, or three, or many witnesses, concurred in a false testimony, they were all liable to be prosecuted upon this law. (2.) The person wronged or brought into peril by the false testimony is supposed to be the appellant, v. 17. And yet if the person were put to death upon the evidence, and afterwards it appeared to be false, any other person, or the judges themselves, *ex officio*—by virtue of their office, might call the false witness to account. (3.) Causes of this kind, having more than ordinary difficulty in them, were to be brought before the supreme court, The priests and judges, who are said to be before the Lord, because, as other judges sat in the gates of their cities, so these at the gate of the sanctuary, ch. 17:12. (4.) There must be great care in the trial, v. 18. A diligent inquisition must be made into the characters of the persons, and all the circumstances of the case, which must be compared, that the truth might be found out, which, where it is thus faithfully and impartially enquired into, Providence, it may be hoped, will particularly advance the discovery of. (5.) If it appeared that a man had knowingly and maliciously borne false witness against his neighbour, though the mischief he designed him thereby was not effected, he must undergo the same penalty which his evidence would have brought his neighbour under, v. 19. *Nec lex est justior ulla*—Nor could any law be more just. If the crime he accused his neighbour of was to be punished with death, the false witness must be put to death; if with stripes, he must be beaten; if with a pecuniary mulct, he was to be fined the sum. And because to those who considered not the heinousness of the crime, and the necessity of making this provision against it, it might seem hard to punish a man so severely for a few words' speaking, especially when no mischief did actually follow, it is added: Thy eye shall not pity, v. 21. No man needs to be more merciful than God. The benefit that will accrue to the public from this severity will abundantly recompense it: Those that remain shall hear and fear, v. 20. Such exemplary punishments will be warnings to others not to attempt any such mischief, when they see how he that made the pit and digged it has fallen into the ditch which he made.

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We greatly need to fall on the Rock and be broken; then the melting, subduing love of Jesus will be in our hearts. We shall then follow the example of Jesus, the Majesty of heaven, and work in co-operation with the angels, and not be like the Pharisees, who were unsympathetic, proud, and hardhearted. God is not willing that even the lowest and most degraded soul should perish. In what light, then, can you regard the neglect of those who need your help? {RH, April 16, 1895 par. 6}

Many of you are self-willed, proud, hardhearted, and condemnatory, when on the contrary your whole heart should be aroused to devise ways and means for saving souls. You draw apart from your brethren because they do not speak and act in a way that is pleasing to you, when in the sight of God your course is more displeasing than theirs. You do not seek to establish that unity which Christ desires should exist among brethren. What impression do these variances, this emulation and strife, make upon your families and your neighbors, upon those who do not believe the truth? And yet Jesus says, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to

another." {RH, April 16, 1895 par. 7}

How many of you are unsanctified in heart, and while sensitive yourselves to any reproof, you make another an offender for a word! How many of you speak words which cannot produce union, but only heartache and discouragement! How many give cause for anger and are themselves angry without a cause! Jesus, the world's Redeemer, has laid down a rule to prevent such unhappy conditions, but how many of you in our churches and in our institutions have followed the directions of Christ? "If thy brother shall trespass against thee [tell it to every one you meet?], go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." {RH, April 16, 1895 par. 8}

When a person comes to a minister or to men in positions of trust with complaints against a brother or a sister, let the minister ask, "Have you complied with the rules our Saviour has given?" And if he has failed to carry out any particular of this instruction, do not listen to a word of his complaint. In the name and Spirit of Jesus, refuse to take up a report against your brother or your sister in the faith. **If members of the church go contrary to these rules, they make themselves subjects for church discipline, and should be under the censure of the church.** This matter, so plainly taught in the lessons of Christ, has been treated with strange indifference. The church has either neglected her work entirely in the matter of correcting evil, or has done it with harshness and severity, thus wounding and bruising souls. Measures should be taken to correct this cruel spirit of criticism, of judging the motives of others, as though Christ had revealed to men the hearts of their brethren. The neglect of doing aright, with wisdom and grace, the work that ought to have been done, has left churches and institutions almost inefficient and Christless. {RH, April 16, 1895 par. 9}

Jesus adds to the lesson these words: "Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." After the rules of Christ have been followed out to the letter, the assurance is given that the decisions of the church will be ratified in heaven. This gives a solemn significance to the action of the church. No hasty action from impulse should be taken to cut off names from the church books or to place a member under censure, until the case has been investigated according to the Bible rule in every particular. The word of God shows that it is necessary for church officers to be free from prejudice and selfish motives, and that they should have the sympathy and the love of Jesus. Human minds and hearts, unless wholly sanctified, purified, and refined from partiality and prejudice, are liable to commit grave errors, to misjudge, and to deal unkindly and unjustly with souls that are the purchase of Christ's blood. The decisions of unjust judges will be of no account in the court of heaven. They will not make an innocent man guilty nor change his character in the least before God. As surely as men in responsible positions become lifted up in their own esteem, and act as though they were to lord it over their brethren, they will render decisions which Heaven cannot ratify.

{RH, April 16, 1895 par. 10}

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Chap. 4 - Evilspeaking

Brother has had the cause of God at heart, but he has felt too deeply, and has taken on many burdens which he should not have borne. He has suffered in health in this way. He has sometimes viewed matters in a strong light, and has been too earnest and anxious to have all see them just as he did; and because they were backward in doing so, he has felt nearly crushed. He feels to the depths, and is in danger of urging his views of things too strongly. {2T 50.1}

Sister wants to be a Christian, but she has not cultivated discretion and true courtesy. She is of a very sanguine turn of mind, ardent and self-confident. She shows the rough part of her character,

and has not appeared to advantage. She has moved from impulse, acting just as she felt, and sometimes her feelings have been much excited and strong. She has strong likes and dislikes, and has permitted this unfortunate trait in her character to develop itself, greatly to the detriment of her own spiritual advancement and to the injury of the church. She has talked too much and unwisely, just as she felt. This has had a strong influence upon her husband, and has at times led him to move from excitement of feeling, when if he had waited and looked at matters calmly and weighed them properly, it would have been better for himself and for the church. Nothing is gained by moving hurriedly, moving from impulse, or from strong feeling. {2T 50.2}

Sister moves from impulse, and finds fault, and has had too much to say against her brethren and sisters. This will cause confusion in any church. If she could control her own spirit, a great victory would be gained. If she would seek the heavenly adorning, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, calls of great price, she would then be a real help to the church. If she would cherish the spirit of Christ, and become a peacemaker, her own soul would flourish, and she would be a blessing to the church wherever she might be located. Unless she is converted and an entire change is wrought in her, unless she educates herself to be slow to speak and slow to wrath, and cultivates true Christian courtesy, her influence will prove injurious, and the happiness of others connected with her will suffer. She manifests an independence which is a damage to her and alienates her friends. This independence has caused her much trouble and has wounded her best friends. {2T 51.1}

If those who had means were close in their deal with her husband, and did not favor him more than worldlings in business transactions, she has felt and talked, and aroused feelings of dissatisfaction where none previously existed. This is a selfish world at best. Many of those who profess the truth are not sanctified by it, and may not have a heart to make even a trifling variation in the prices of produce when dealing with a poor brother, sooner than they would with an able worldling. They do not love their neighbors as themselves. It would be more pleasing to God were there less selfishness and more disinterested benevolence. {2T 51.2}

As Sister has seen a selfish spirit manifest in deal, she has committed a greater sin by feeling and talking in regard to the matter as she has. She has erred in expecting too much. The tongue has been truly an unruly member, a world of iniquity, set on fire of hell, untamed and untamable. Sister F has had a spirit of retaliation, manifesting by her deportment that she was offended. This was all wrong. She has cherished bitter feelings, which are foreign to the spirit of Christ. Anger, resentment, and all kinds of unkind tempers are indulged by speaking against those with whom we are displeased, and by reciting the errors and failings and sins of neighbors. The lustful desires are gratified. {2T 51.3}

Sister , if you are grieved because your neighbors or friends are doing wrong to their own hurt, if they are overtaken in fault, follow the Bible rule. "Tell him his fault between thee and him alone." As you go to the one you suppose to be in error, see that you speak in a meek and lowly spirit; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. The erring can be restored in no other way than in the spirit of meekness, gentleness, and tender love. Be careful in your manner. Avoid anything in look or gesture, word or tone, that savors of pride or self-sufficiency. Guard yourself against a word or look that would exalt yourself, or place your goodness and righteousness in contrast with their failings. Beware of the most distant approach to disdain, overbearing, or contempt. With care avoid every appearance of anger; and though you use plainness of speech, let there be no reproach, no railing accusation, no token of warmth but that of earnest love. Above all, let there be no shadow of hate or ill will, no bitterness or sourness of expression. Nothing but kindness and gentleness can flow from a heart of love. Yet all these precious fruits need not hinder you from speaking in the most serious, solemn manner, as though angels were directing their eyes upon you, and you were acting in reference to the coming judgment. Bear in mind that the success of reproof depends greatly upon the spirit in which it is given. Do not neglect earnest prayer that you may possess a lowly mind, and that angels of God may go before you to work upon the hearts you are trying to reach, and so soften them by heavenly impressions that your efforts may avail. If any good is accomplished, take no credit to yourself. God alone should be exalted. God alone has done it all. {2T 52.1}

You have excused yourself for speaking evil of your brother or sister or neighbor to others before

going to him and taking the steps which God has absolutely commanded. You say: "Why, I did not speak to anyone until I was so burdened that I could not refrain." What burdened you? Was it not a plain neglect of your own duty, of a thus saith the Lord? You were under the guilt of sin because you did not go and tell the offender his fault between you and him alone. If you did not do this, if you disobeyed God, how could you be otherwise than burdened unless your heart was hardened while you were trampling the command of God underfoot, and in your heart hating your brother or neighbor? And what way have you found to unburden yourself? God reproves you for a sin of omission in not telling your brother his fault, and you excuse and comfort yourself by a sin of commission by telling your brother's faults to another person! Is this the right way to purchase ease--by committing sin? {2T 53.1}

All your efforts to save the erring may be unavailing. They may repay you evil for good. They may be enraged rather than convinced. What if they hear to no good purpose, and pursue the evil course they have begun? This will frequently occur. Sometimes the mildest and tenderest reproof will have no good effect. In that case the blessing you wanted another to receive by pursuing a course of righteousness, ceasing to do evil and learning to do well, will return into your own bosom. If the erring persist in sin, treat them kindly, and leave them with your heavenly Father. You have delivered your soul; their sin no longer rests upon you; you are not now partaker of their sin. But if they perish, their blood is upon their own head. {2T 53.2}

Dear friend, an entire transformation must take place in you, or you will be weighed in the balance and found wanting. The church at -----, especially talking women, have a lesson to learn. "If any man [or woman] among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." Many will be weighed in the balance and found wanting in this matter of so great importance. Where are the Christians who walk by this rule? who will take God's part against the evilspeaker? who will please God, and set a watch, a continual watch, before the mouth, and keep the door of the lips? Speak evil of no man. Hear evil of no man. If there be no hearers, there will be no speakers of evil. If anyone speaks evil in your presence, check him. Refuse to hear him, though his manner be ever so soft and his accents mild. He may profess attachment, and yet throw out covert hints and stab the character in the dark. {2T 54.1}

Resolutely refuse to hear, though the whisperer complains of being burdened till he speak. Burdened indeed! with a cursed secret which separateth very friends. Go, burdened ones, and free yourselves from your burden in God's appointed way. First go tell your brother his fault between you and him alone. If this fail, next take with you one or two friends, and tell him in their presence. If these steps fail, then tell it to the church. Not an unbeliever is to be made acquainted with the slightest particular of the matter. Telling it to the church is the last step to be taken. Publish it not to the enemies of our faith. They have no right to the knowledge of church matters, lest the weakness and errors of Christ's followers be exposed. {2T 54.2}

Those who are preparing for the coming of Christ should be sober and watch unto prayer, for our adversary, the devil, goeth about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour; whom we are to resist steadfast in the faith. "He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers." {2T 54.3}

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You have an unmatched tag somewhere in your post. Any time you quote text, or use any special

formatting for each opening tag there has to be a closing tag... so if you use [quote], there has to be a [/ quote] at the end of the block of quoted text; if you use [B] to bold something, you have to make sure you have a [/ B] at the end of the block of bolded text, etc.

Look at the link for BB code help at the bottom of the smiley window in the compose screen; that will give you concrete examples.

HTH.

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: Joe Smith Dec 22 2006, 10:12 AM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 22 2006, 07:33 AM) □

Someone very wise once said render unto God the things that are God's and unto Caesar the things that are Caesars.

There's been a division of Church and State according to God's plan ever since probation on the Nation of Israel closed. The Vatican with it's pedophile priest problem is due in part because they are a Church and a State who still thinks they have precedent over any other.

Now the Church of Israel which continued on as Spiritual Israel, is all over the world and the individuals in it are subject to the civil laws in their respective Nations and countries.

What does that mean practically?

A Child molester, a rapist , etc. need to be prosecuted by the state IMMEDIATLY.

Then that person can be disciplined by the church accordingly.

A church can not take the place of the civil authorities nor flout the law.

But sins and errors which are Church business outside of that type of criminal behavior is nobodies business and is what is supposed to be dealt with promptly and privately.

e civil laws have changed over the years, it wasn't so long ago men could beat anf rape both their wives and children and get away with it. So how did they handle such before the laws regarding child abuse?

Since what Ellen White wrote was being discussed I thought this might be of interest. It's a letter to a man who apparently is being dealt with as repentant one, which admittedly is not what the story is regarding Tommy, but still I found it interesting, because she is not in favor of it being made public:

Praise God for you Aletheia... I couldn't have said it any better. Those Bold Quotes are just that BOLD. I am just as against the ruination of children as anyone. The alarm trumpet has been sounded and resounded again and again. The blood is off our hands already. Mrs white says it should be kept to a low profile now as not to hurt the cause of our God any more than it already has. The alleged perpurtrator has been confronted. It's not up to us to execute him in the media or anywhere else.

Joe

Posted by: watchbird Dec 22 2006, 10:26 AM

QUOTE(calvin @ Dec 22 2006, 10:22 AM) □

Hmm, now here's a thought. I wonder what I would find if I did a IP address trace on Joe and Joy? We already did that with Linda (Linda is a member, did an interview here) and Sister and concluded that they are not using the same computer or computers in the same household or even city for that matter.

But the results of the search from Joe and Joy, now that is interesting.

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Posted by: Chez Dec 22 2006, 11:05 AM

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Posted by: princessdi Dec 22 2006, 11:41 AM

Well said, Chez! All these things were public knowledge somewhere, but available to all before now.

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Posted by: sister Dec 22 2006, 11:48 AM

Joe,

PB and I are still waiting for your evidence in regard to your accusations toward me. Come on Joe, you claim to have evidence that I have written things that only Danny's wife could know. So, where is it? Or is it just another attempt to take the spotlight off Danny and Tommy Shelton?

PB hopefully WatchBird's directions lead you to the posts you were searching for, but if not PM me.

Joe, you might want to go back and read those posts yourself and tell me what the secret information is that only Linda would know.

Posted by: awesumtenor Dec 22 2006, 11:54 AM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 22 2006, 12:35 PM) □

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Nothing... but it took this exchange for you to put that out there.

QUOTE

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If you have read the things in the various threads, you will see that opportunity has been abd continues to be given to all parties concerned to refute everything said.... which is consideration that at least one side of this issue has not been willing to extend to the other. And, if you have read the things in the various threads, none of those who call themselves defending Danny have declared their identity and have been adamant in maintaining their anonymity... even as they make the same argument you are trying to put forth.

So for you to imply that just one side of this has done that demonstrates at best a failure to pay attention...

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You follow your own standard? Is that anything like your doing what is right in your own eyes? If so, I 'd just like to point out to you that another way of saying that is "all we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to **his own way**..."

There is a lesson in there, Cindy from Lafayette, IN, if you have ears to hear...

In His service,
Mr. J from Brooklyn by way of DC and a host of other places...

Posted by: Lee Dec 22 2006, 11:57 AM

It is all about taking the high road here, no matter what roads others chose to take. Ellen White

was used by God to communicate to us, His people. To not agree with what she said is not to agree with God Himself. God chose her to be of help to us, even in these end times. To reject her is to reject God.

Aletheia--you are to be commended in taking the high road on this subject. The quotes by Mrs. White are applicable for today just as they were then--just as the Holy Bible is applicable to us today. The principles never go away but are wisdom to those who believe and follow them.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 22 2006, 12:00 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 22 2006, 06:33 AM)

Someone very wise once said render unto God the things that are God's and unto Caesar the things that are Caesars.

There's been a division of Church and State according to God's plan ever since probation on the Nation of Israel closed. The Vatican with it's pedophile priest problem is due in part because they are a Church and a State who still thinks they have precedent over any other.

Now the Church of Israel which continued on as Spiritual Israel, is all over the world and the individuals in it are subject to the civil laws in their respective Nations and countries.

What does that mean practically?

A Child molester, a rapist , etc. need to be prosecuted by the state IMMEDIATELY.

Then that person can be disciplined by the church accordingly.

A church can not take the place of the civil authorities nor flout the law.

But sins and errors which are Church business outside of that type of criminal behavior is nobodies business and is what is supposed to be dealt with promptly and privately.

e civil laws have changed over the years, it wasn't so long ago men could beat and rape both their wives and children and get away with it. So how did they handle such before the laws regarding child abuse?

Aletheia, I agree with you wholeheartedly here. Allegations of molestation cannot be swept under the rug or hidden in the closet. They need to be dealt with by civil authorities. That is "rendering to Caesar" as Christ Himself counseled us to do.

Anything less puts more children at risk of becoming victims.

One has to wonder what the true motivation is in attempting to cover up the true nature and extent of the allegations and have the appearance of minimizing the whole issue.

QUOTE

Since what Ellen White wrote was being discussed I thought this might be of interest. It's a letter to a man who apparently is being dealt with as repentant one, **which admittedly is not what the story is regarding Tommy**, but still I found it interesting, because she is not in favor of it being made public:

Thank you for finding and posting the SOP statements. They were very illuminating. While, as you

pointed out, this wasn't a situation identical to the allegations against Tommy Shelton, there were many wise counsels.

QUOTE

If you will take hold of Christ by living faith, and humble your soul before Him, He will undertake your case and angels will guard you. But you must resist the devil. You must educate yourself to a different train of thought. **Put no confidence in yourself. Never seek the companionship of women or girls. Keep away from them. Your moral taste is so perverted that you will ruin yourself and ruin many souls** if you do not turn square about. Educate your mind to study the Word of God. Study it with your whole heart and pray much. Everlasting life is worth a lifelong, persevering, untiring effort. Educate that mind which you have misused and directed in wrong channels of thought. Educate it to dwell on the life, the character, and the lessons of Christ. . . . {TSB 127.3}

Do not feel that the worst thing for you is to lose your credentials. You are not worthy to be entrusted with the care of the flock.

Is this wisdom being used at 3abn? From what I have read that doesn't appear to be the case.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 22 2006, 12:16 PM

QUOTE

Praise God for you Aletheia... I couldn't have said it any better. Those Bold Quotes are just that BOLD. I am just as against the ruination of children as anyone. The alarm trumpet has been sounded and resounded again and again. The blood is off our hands already. Mrs white says it should be kept to a low profile now as not to hurt the cause of our God any more than it already has. **The alleged perpetrator has been confronted.** It's not up to us to execute him in the media or anywhere else.

Joe

Can you tell us that the alarm trumpet has been sounded through the halls of 3abn and the surrounding areas making certain that everyone knows there is an alleged child predator employed there? How can the blood be off your hands if the potential still exists for further victims to be created?

And what of the existing alleged victims? Has Biblical restitution been made to them or just denials and threats of lawsuits? Is this keeping a low profile? What do you think Jesus would want done for them? After all, He purchased each one of these precious ones with His blood.

Posted by: inga Dec 22 2006, 12:24 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Dec 22 2006, 10:15 AM)

You left out the part before that, and after it:

1Ti 5:19 Against an elder **receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.**

20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

21 I charge [thee] before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

Here is what he was talking about:

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him [that which is] wrong;

Then both the men, between whom the controversy [is], shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days; And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, [if] the witness [be] a false witness, [and] hath testified falsely against his brother; Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. Deut 19

Mat 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, **that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.**

17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Ah, of course, Aletheia! That's exactly where this forum has proven useful. A great many details have, indeed, been verified by two or more witnesses. Those that were afraid to speak up because they thought they were alone (abusers isolate their victims) have discovered that others had the same or similar experiences. Some of the details about Danny's activities have been verified not only by eye witnesses but by written documentation.

Note that the text does not say that no one can **mention** a sin to anyone until someone else mentions it first. That would be an excellent formula for a cover-up! However, it takes two or more witnesses to **condemn** a man before an arbitrator/judge.

As for following the counsel of Christ ... It's quite evident that numerous individuals have spoken with Danny directly, including high-profile ministers of the gospel. But Danny has not seen fit to confess and repent.

Those who aid and abet wrong-doers like to cloak themselves in SOP quotations to make themselves appear virtuous. f But Ellen White has a few things to say about them too:

" I was pointed back, and saw that in every important move, every decision made or point gained by God's people, some have arisen to carry matters to extremes, and to **move in an extravagant manner**, which has disgusted unbelievers, distressed God's people, and brought the cause of God into disrepute. The people whom God is leading out in these last days, will be troubled with just such things. But much evil will be avoided if the ministers of Christ will be of one mind, united in their plans of action, and united in effort. If they will stand together, sustain one another, and **faithfully reprove and rebuke wrong, they will soon cause it to wither.** But Satan has controlled these matters very much. **Private members and even preachers have sympathized with disaffected ones who have been reprovved for their wrongs, and division of feeling has been the result. The one who has ventured out and discharged his disagreeable duty by faithfully meeting error and wrong, is grieved and wounded that he receives not the fullest sympathy of his**

preaching brethren. He becomes discouraged in discharging these painful duties, lays down the cross, and withholds the pointed testimony. His soul is shut up in darkness, and **the church suffer for the lack of the very testimony which God designed should live among His people. Satan's object is gained when the faithful testimony is suppressed. Those who so readily sympathize with the wrong consider it a virtue; but they realize not that they are exerting a scattering influence, and that they themselves help to carry out Satan's plans.** " Vol 1, *Testimonies to the Church* , p. 122

Note that she is here referring to those who "carry matters to extremes" -- which could certainly be applied to Danny & cohorts. Do you suppose God looks more kindly on those "who so readily sympathize with the wrong and consider it a virtue" when the wrong is even more blatant (e.g. adultery, abuse. child molestation, not to mention misuse of entrusted funds)? I suppose I could hunt up more quotes on sympathizing with wrong-doers because I know they exist, but those who have an agenda to sympathize with wrong-doers are unlikely to be convinced by more quotes if they aren't convinced by one. Just remember that the SOP "sword" cuts both ways!

Lord, we need the eye salve you have promised!!



Inga (not a pseudonym)

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 22 2006, 12:49 PM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Dec 22 2006, 06:38 AM) □

PB, Instead of giving you the direct link to each, I'll provide detailed information on how to find it for the benefit of both you and others who may not be acquainted with the way the search function works here.

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Now insert your keyword in the box provided. Choose something short and distinctive. In this case, use just Susan for one search, and just Ronnie for the other. The posts you are looking for will be found in the Unauthorized History thread, so you can quickly scroll down the results hits until you come to ones from that thread.

You will find something rather interesting there when you compare it with Joe's accusation against Sister.

Watchbird,
Thanks for the Search primer! I followed it and found the information.

Yep, some rather interesting similarities in the words from both Joe and Joy.

Posted by: Pickle Dec 22 2006, 02:12 PM

My suggestion, folks, is to remember the days of Gore vs. Bush in Florida. No matter what the question or point raised, Pataki said, "We've had a count, a recount of the count, a recount of the recount of the count. Enough is enough." Something like that. A broken record. "The children of this world are wiser than the children of light."

Shall I demonstrate, with a few sentences that may catch the eye amidst the mass of words and topics and distractions?

Joe, could you please explain for us:

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- Why did Danny, according to Walt, tell Walt in 2003 that the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations were 30 years old, when he knew that that could not be the case?
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 - Why in the world would Danny allow the financial security of both 3ABN and the IL Conf. to be jeopardized by thus putting church school and conference academy students at potential risk?
 - Why would Danny not inform conference Pastor John Lomacang, who presumably would have some interest in the safety of these students, of the existence of these allegations, since as of September 1, 2006, he told me that he had never heard of the Dryden letter and/or these allegations?

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Posted by: princessdi Dec 22 2006, 02:30 PM

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Posted by: Observer Dec 22 2006, 03:39 PM

Food for thought, I think:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: ". . . when we confess our sins to God alone we can easily delude ourselves into thinking we have adequately dealt with them. Only when we confess our sins to another brother or sister in the presence of God are the hidden secrets of our lives brought into the liaght of day."

See : THE CHRISTIAN CENTRUY, "Off the pedestal," November 28, 2006. p. 5

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Posted by: Pickle Dec 22 2006, 04:32 PM

FHB a.k.a. fallibile human being pounded me so hard in PM's over at Maritime, that I decided to get other people's input.

Feel free, if you've registered and are an Adventist, to vote in the poll at <http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=82962&page=0&fpart=1#Post82936>

Posted by: princessdi Dec 22 2006, 04:36 PM

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Excuse me, but **what are you talking about?**

The only person I've ever said a thing about was sister...
And here's exactly what I said:

In answer to Johann posting to somebody else
"If you insist Linda wrote this then give a verifiable reason why you think sister is Linda"

ME:
Do you really think people are so stupid!?!?

I myself can't prove sister is Linda, **and don't even feel it necessary to,** but I am quite sure that if shes not, then Linda Has got her ear, and mouth. WHO else could even possibly begin to claim to know all this?

Go ahead Johann tell us who. You can answer **without naming names,** cause I already learned from questions how you all feel about the cloak and dagger stuff.

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Dec 20 2006, 07:43 PM)
Aletheia,

I am not making any claims about who you really are because early in my membership here I asked a question somebody didn't like and was told I must be Danny Shelton himself. My response was to giggle and say something to the effect that it would come as a big surprise to my husband.

What I will say is that another member, fallible humanbeing, recently accused sister of being Linda and used almost the same exact wording as you have.

Me:
Maybe that was because as I said, people aren't stupid? However I didn't say sister was Linda, I don't know for sure.

PB:
If I was one of those folks here who likes to make such accusations I might be tempted to do so now. But I'm not one of those folksand I find the practice diversionary and quite annoying.

Me:
If you say so..

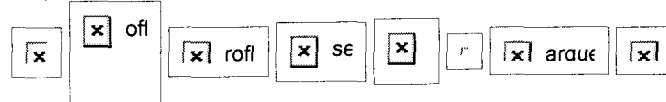
I've already been accused of being FHB. Ironically it was Sister who insinuated that.

I'm sure the forum here could clear things up if it was necessary because the way cookies are saved it's obvious that ISP#'s are recorded, but I don't think it's all that critical for the Owner to do so...

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~ Aletheia

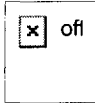
And here's the reaction ever since:
<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=9767&view=findpost&p=164554>



Sorry, but the truth is I find all this paranoia and suspician and subterfuge extremely sad and yet ridiculous.

But I am curious, if I'm the 3rd team who would the 1st , 2nd, 4th, 5th & 6th team be? let me guess?

(scroll to bottom)



Posted by: sister Dec 22 2006, 07:43 PM

Aletheia, I find it a bit strange that in your last post concerning my identity and/or your assumption that my information is supplied by Linda Shelton, you neglected to include my comments. Why?

I would be willing to swear in a court of law, with my right hand raised and my left hand on a Bible, that I am neither Linda Shelton nor anything I have written was supplied by Linda to me, or to me from Linda through a third party. As God is my witness, everything I have posted on BSDA is true.

Aletheia, if you actually read through An Unauthorized History of 3ABN, you will notice that conformation is made by other former or current employees of 3ABN of what I have written. Why would I need information from Linda, when I already know so much? Also, please notice that Joe made similar accusations, repeatly, and now is unwilling to provide evidence to prove his allegations.

Let's be adults and continue on with the topic at hand. It is much more interesting than discussing me, which has become quite tiresome.

Posted by: Aletheia Dec 22 2006, 07:52 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Dec 20 2006, 10:52 PM) □

You came here asking for first hand accounts who what was posted here, Today, Uncle Sam gave you a first ahnd account including stating that he stayed in some very nice apartments and then visited some he was surprised tha 3ABN owned they were so bad, but that first hand account was not good en ough for you. **Now, you don't know who Uncle Sam is, so he must be lying.** So unless he gives you his rine,r ank and serial number, you will not belive him. You are asking for something, including yourself, that nobody is going to give here. All we know of you is Aletheia/Cindy. First hand accounts are good enough for for courts, but not for you.

I just saw this and would like to correct what I have bold texted above by reposting what you were referring to, and clarify what I really said:

QUOTE

I looked at the posts you are talking about, and saw Uncle Sam's questions and Joys answers it was post 71 - 77, and honestly. I still don't know what the houses are like from that, or as compared to what and who's standards? **Nor do I know Uncle Sam or anything about him. I don't just accept what people say as fact, neither do I assume they are lying. I just wait to see which it is.** I don't mean to be offensive here, and I am sorry if I came across that way. I really do think we all have the right to make choices.

And I think too many opinions seem to be based on here say from people we don't even know or know anything about. Or at least I don't.

So for myself, I choose not to repeat this, because I am not sure it's the truth or not., and I do think you were wrong to refer to Danny Shelton as a slumlord based on what I have seen written here and what you referred me to. But then that's your choice also..

Peace--

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Aletheia,

Sister addressed your questions quite clearly on another thread. Have you read her response yet?

Sister wrote:

QUOTE

Who other than Linda could possibly claim to know all this? Myself and others who have spent a number of years in the company of 3ABN and members of the Shelton family. Actually, in some areas we have had more information than Linda. Certain facts concerning 3ABN and Danny's personal life were purposefully hidden from Linda by her ex-husband, or by his authority. Let's take a few "hypothetical" examples: A man doesn't usually tell his wife when he is having an affair with her best friend. But his lady friend is not always so careful in hiding their relationship... A man doesn't usually tell his wife when he or his relatives are skimming money from the family business, but there are others who know what is going on.

Aletheia, why do you assume that Johann knows my identity? Have you considered the possibly that with his close friendship with Linda, he has known from the beginning that Sister is not Linda,

but it does not automatically follow that Sister contacted him with her identity? **The reason I have had the freedom to post so freely about the inner workings of 3ABN is because I have so closely guarded my identity. Am I Linda? Thanks for the laugh...** Am I her puppet and she pulls the strings?

Isn't it possible that sister has access to information because she has or has had access to the workings of 3abn perhaps in her own employment or that of a friend or relative. Why does everyone assume that Linda could be the only source of information when there are lots of past and present employees/volunteers with eyes, ears and brains?

Joe Smith has made numerous posts about things he has seen at 3abn. Does that mean he is Linda or that Linda has his ear?

Just some thoughts.
PB

Posted by: Observer Dec 22 2006, 07:57 PM

Re: "Do you really think people are so stupid!?"

I myself can't prove sister is Linda, and don't even feel it necessary to, but I am quite sure that if shes not, then Linda Has got her ear, and mouth.
WHO else could even possibly begin to claim to know all this?"

Answer: There are several people close enough to the situation that could write what Sister posts, and are not Linda.

No, Sister is not Linda.

Also, Linda is not sponsoring Sister"s posts.

No, you are not stupid. Your simply are not informed as to the complexities of the situation, the facts, and the personnel invovled who could write what Sister posts. And, you reveal your lack of information by what you post. But, that is NOT stupidity, as you said.

Posted by: Aletheia Dec 22 2006, 08:07 PM

QUOTE(sister @ Dec 22 2006, 08:43 PM)

Aletheia, I find it a bit strange that in your last post concerning my identity and/or your assumption that my information is supplied by Linda Shelton, you neglected to include my comments. Why?

- A. Because you didn't see the link following "and here's the reaction ever since".and click on it and go there to go read your comments.
- B. Discussing you has become quite tiresome
- C .both A & B

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Aletheia, if you actually read through An Unauthorized History of 3ABN, you will notice that conformation is made by other former or current employees of 3ABN of what I have written. Why would I need information from Linda, when I already know so much? Also, please notice that Joe made similar accusations, repeatly, and now is unwilling to provide evidence to prove his allegations.

Let's be adults and continue on with the topic at hand. It is much more interesting than discussing me, which has become quite tiresome.

 rofl

Please feel free to lead by example..

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Clay and Di please take notice

Posted by: Clay Dec 22 2006, 09:13 PM

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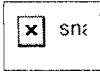
The topic was something about someone being digusted by all that has been written here.... even though they are reading it....

Posted by: husbandoftheyear Dec 22 2006, 10:55 PM

QUOTE(PrincessDrRe @ Dec 21 2006, 06:07 PM)

I keep asking but no one will answer the (rhetorical) question of #1 - How many people would want Danny Shelton as their son-in-law? #2 - How many folks would let "Chester" (the molester) babysit

their children?



Personally, I wouldn't want Dan Shelton as son-in-law, third-cousin, or grocery bagger.

It makes me ill to think of Brad & Valerie Walker's (Tommy's son-in-law and daughter) children being left alone with him.

QUOTE(Joe Smith @ Dec 21 2006, 10:13 PM)

Well, that will be easy for anyone who wants to check that out. I know the man who lived there very well. He is from Romania and has lived there for about 8 years. His name is Joesph. You will see his name on the program credits after many programs. He still works there, by the way and anyone can call there and talk to him on 3ABN's dime. Joesph just recently moved to Carbondale where his 2 daughter take music lessons... as they have for years. He makes enough money to support his wife, who doesn't work outside and his 2 kids who are now teenagers and driving and all on that 3ABN salary. Joesph chose to live there because it was handy. Maybe he had already moved out when you saw the place if it looked run down.

Joe

If you knew "Jozsef" very well - you would know how to spell his name!
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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 22 2006, 11:23 PM

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Posted by: sister Dec 23 2006, 12:07 AM

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Posted by: caribbean sda Dec 23 2006, 04:57 AM

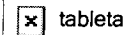
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Well said...now let's take a yuletide minute, join hands around the campfire...er table 

and sing...Kumbaya my Lord, Kumbaya... 

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 23 2006, 09:30 AM

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Thank you, Calvin. I think it is a wise move. I apologize for my own subtle remark in this area because I do believe the identity search is diversionary, irritating and pretty much a waste of time.

Of course, now the minor sleuths in many of us will have to look for other avenues of exercise.

Posted by: summertime Dec 23 2006, 10:12 AM

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As an onlooker, I have thought that if anyone thinks that Sister is Linda, then in essence, when you say that only Linda would know so much, that 'anyone' is accepting the things that have been written by Sister as the absolute truth when they say that 'only Linda would know so much'.

It does sound to me that 'knowing so much' means 'knowing the truth' that is being told. Or do I misunderstand what 'knowing so much' really means?

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Dec 23 2006, 02:09 PM

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Sadly, I am far too familiar with dysfunctional family systems. I know how generational the effects of abuse can be.

Alethia's post of Ellen White's counsel yesterday, taken from Testimonies on Sexual Behavior, Adultery and Divorce was astounding! What clear counsel God has blessed us with on these matters! The following paragraphs are so fitting for the situation you speak about:

"These are the very sins which corrupted Sodom. Their evil practices did not come all at once. First one man and woman stupefied themselves by unholy, polluted habits. Then as inhabitants settled in Sodom, they did as you are doing, educating others in a line that is forbidden of God. And so as the inhabitants continued to multiply, these ministers of sin continued in educating them in their own defiling practices until if any person came into their midst their first thoughts were to educate them in their evil work, until Sodom became renowned for its pollutions. Their sins reached unto heaven, and the Lord would bear with them no longer. He destroyed them and all that was beautiful, that made it as a second Eden, for the earth was defiled under the inhabitants thereof. {TSB 126.2}"

Satan's device of lust can have such a pervasive impact once it takes hold of a family. This type of behavior does not fit for those who truly claim the name of Christ. If it continues it speaks to the true condition of the heart.

"These bodies that you tamper with are the purchased property of Jesus Christ. I knew this was your sin, but I knew also that if the truth was enthroned in your heart it would make this sin appear to you in its true enormity, for truth brought into the soul temple will expel lust and defilement from the heart. . . . {TSB 126.3}"

I was struck by these further words of counsel:

"If man is to become immortal, his mind must be in harmony with God's mind. The true disciple in the school of Christ, whose mind is in harmony with the mind of God, will be not only constantly learning, but teaching as well as learning, constantly reflecting light, teaching upward and away from the common, prevailing errors of this perverse and adulterous generation. . . . {TSB 116.1}"

How we live our lives is a testimony to those around us. If we allow God to call us out of darkness and into His wonderful light many unbelievers will be prepared for Jesus when He returns.

1Peter 2:9 – 17

"9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish

those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. 16 Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. 17 Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king."

Of course, if those who purport to be followers of Christ actually continue to walk in darkness, denying the power of the Light, how many souls will be lost to Satan by their false testimony?

I just have to repeat once more "for truth brought into the soul temple will expel lust and defilement from the heart. . . ."

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