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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Is It All About 3abn?

Posted by: seraph|m Sep 23 2006, 10:41 PM

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Looking forward to reading more of your posts, also!

Posted by: simplysaved Sep 23 2006, 11:06 PM

Looking for it as we speak....My apologies...

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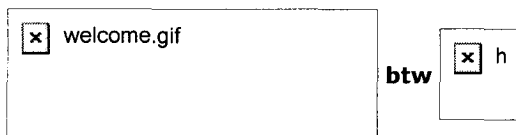
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It's nice to know some folk are wading into other parts of the BSDA pool. Since I have not been on of late I'll have to check those topics out.

We have a regular Sabbath School lesson study on Friday nights here in "Live Chat" which I facilitate, more often than not. Awesumtenor leads out with help from laryfromgary and calvin. You are more than welcome to join us. The class usually slows down a bit over the summer, due to folks going on vacation etc... but we should be getting into full swing again pretty soon. Please stop by. You'll see the details in my signature



Posted by: sister Sep 23 2006, 11:17 PM

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Since you brought up the topic, what are those as-yet unrevealed connections to 3ABN? I assume that if you were not willing to share this information you would have remained silent in regard to it.



Posted by: Green Cochoa Sep 23 2006, 11:44 PM

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There are others here that can relate to your concerns about speaking openly and whom to trust. Keep reading and post when you feel "safe" to do so.

Posted by: caribbean sda Sep 24 2006, 04:42 AM


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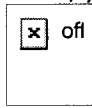
Thomas we have (or I have since I cant speak for everyone) enjoyed your participation here.... hope you stick around for many a year.....

Posted by: Green Cochoa Sep 24 2006, 05:52 AM

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Skip Debian...try Ubuntu! It's the best IMO. (I know, you might not have the option...just a suggestion if you wish to try something new.)



Posted by: västergötland Sep 24 2006, 06:25 AM

Green, I guess the reason I have these problems is I am trying something new. Tried Fedora last time and there the graphics worked while update was a pain. This time graphics dont work and only the updates needed to be done outside of X are a pain. Would have tried Mandriva if its start CD would acctually start on my computer... Will try to remember Ubuntu next time I try something new on the linux computer.


Clay, Thank you. Likely will be around unless something radically changes in my life circumstances.

Posted by: watchbird Sep 24 2006, 06:47 AM

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I was a member way back when BSDA was an email list, and only dropped out then because it got too engrossing, and I simply couldn't keep up with that and other things in my life. And like

Carribean, when I "came back" it was like I had never been away. Though admittedly, I came this time because BSDA had opened its arms to the 3abn topics, and have seldom ventured out of this area. However, that is not a matter of considering other areas either un"worthy" or unattractive. Quite the contrary. It is a simple matter of time and amount of "brain-span" available. And since I am sadly neglecting my responsibilities in a number of areas of life, the more time that passes the more urgent it is that I get back to those. So I doubt if I will be venturing out into other areas of BSDA any time soon, certainly not before 2007 (when the "Christmas rush" is over). But I do very much appreciate the "family" atmosphere here and hope that sometime in the future I'll be able to spend more time in both the lighter areas and in the more profound ones. In the meantime, thank you once more to Calvin and all his crew, not only for providing a wide open forum where all can come to discuss 3ABN matters, but also for the wide variety of forums they provide, and the way they manage to keep everything running smoothly..... most of the time..... and find ways to smooth out the "bumps" when they do occur. Blessings on each and every one of you.

Posted by: September Sep 24 2006, 09:08 AM

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Posted by: simplysaved Sep 24 2006, 09:18 AM

Thanks for your honesty and do understand many points that you touched on....There are other members here that are also not SDA, so please do not let that be a reason for you to not participate in discussions or start your own thread. Being a genuine Christian is the most important thing.... just glad that for whatever reasons you are here.

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Posted by: awesumtenor Sep 24 2006, 09:21 AM

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In His service,
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Posted by: Lubega Sep 24 2006, 09:31 AM

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Posted by: seraph|m Sep 24 2006, 09:58 AM

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Thank you CSDA, very well said. We can all learn and grow through interaction with each other.

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Sep 24 2006, 11:01 AM

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Posted by: simplysaved Sep 24 2006, 11:17 AM

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Unfortunately, if I tried to branch out to any other discussions I'm afraid my husband would pull the plug on my computer! He is deservedly realous for my attention. I told him to speak up if he feels like I am spending too much time here and he has!

My dear one is not interested in things spiritual at this time so not only have I been finding out lots of information on the 3abn situation, I also have been enjoying the spiritual exchange tremendously. If he requests that I step away from the computer, I'm afraid I will have to request that he then be willing to fill my spiritual discussion needs himself.

Posted by: lurker Sep 24 2006, 05:41 PM

I love BlackSDA, all of it. I hear what you say. I don't say much. I'd say more if I wasn't so busy laughing at life along with y'all and enjoying what you add to this place. So many fun people in one place. Couldn't be better!

Posted by: princessdi Sep 24 2006, 07:39 PM

September, I believe I have been in LC when you are there. I quite enjoyed the conversation. Sarah, put it very well. Being SDA is not a pre-requisite(sp) to being a member or participating. Just ask what is not clear, no one minds explaining in posts or LC(which is definitely more fast pace). That makes even more discussion, and you will soon find out that you are not alone. Just jump in as much or as little as you feel comfortable!

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Posted by: rwelchcrs Sep 24 2006, 08:16 PM

I think my first contact with BSDA was last year when I posted a prayer request for my son in Iraq. He's back now, and doing well. Thank you for your prayers. Some of you responded with messages of encouragement and I really appreciate that. It was during the process of perusing the other threads that I came across the 3ABN topic. You must admit it's a hot topic that holds universal interest to many Adventists. Also, this is only one of two websites that has the courage to discuss this timely issue. There used to be three. BSDA is providing a sounding and information board for a volatile issue that historically would never have seen the light of day.

I do visit some of the other threads and have found some to be a blessing.

Don't assume the high volume of hits on the 3ABN topic indicate a lack of interest in the other threads. Actually, your willingness to carry this discussion is probably leading to a greater interest in the rest of the threads. Just because we don't post on the others doesn't mean we're not


reading them.

Posted by: seraph|m Sep 24 2006, 08:49 PM

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Not to ANY of the topics on other threads? Nothing on health, nothing on relationships, prayer for others, or praise and testimonies of Gods goodness? Nothing?  OK.

Posted by: Hersheys99 Sep 25 2006, 08:41 AM

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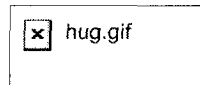
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I hate to disagree with you but if you just start looking you'll find a lot of good things here. I originally came here because of the 3ABN threads & I'm white & live in the country as well!!!! BUT I have met some super people on here & am making some good friends from it all. I enjoy ALL OF BSDA forums not just this one. Some of course more than others but I can relate to a lot of the topics on here & I participate in a lot of them as well now. In fact I go to the other parts of the board more now than I do this thread. I love BSDA & am glad I am part of it now.

Posted by: simplysaved Sep 25 2006, 08:48 AM

...and you know that I am glad you're hear Hershey Bar!!!!



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Posted by: princessdi Sep 25 2006, 09:14 AM

You are fine, September. Looking forward to chatting more with you and the other newer members here.

QUOTE(September @ Sep 24 2006, 09:54 AM)

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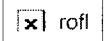
Posted by: Johann Sep 26 2006, 06:56 AM

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
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BSDA is great! May the Lord increase "our" tribe.

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I could not have said it better myself...even if I tried. When we venture out of our comfort zone we will come to the realization that we are more alike than not...

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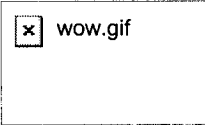
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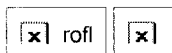
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But scripture still promises..... "we shall know as we are known".

Actually, all I want is the BE THERE! I could care less if I'm white, black, brown, blue, green, or purple!

Posted by: västergötland Sep 26 2006, 12:42 PM

What about shiny bronze?

Posted by: Clay Sep 26 2006, 01:40 PM

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AMEN!! (But it will be fun to see if there are a variety of pigments in heaven and on the new earth)

Posted by: västergötland Sep 27 2006, 01:29 AM

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Posted by: Denny Sep 27 2006, 04:36 AM

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The church and society has never let what God wants get in the way of a good conflict

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Posted by: vonessa Sep 27 2006, 09:37 AM

When it comes to change, whatever you or I do or say here is as irrelevant as putting the bacon the wrong way in the pan. It still gets fried if there's a fire under it. It won't if it don't.

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Posted by: lurker Sep 27 2006, 09:43 AM

Ok. There is a pan, a fire and bacon (beef bacon or stripples?). And BlackSDA is a small segment of society. Can we put out the fire or take the bacon out of the pan? Should we?

I saw 9-11 as a real unifying factor of Americans for awhile. Much less so now.

I see white families with more mixed marriages. How can you not love those grandkids?

I see more affluent and professional people of color. This includes foreign doctors and professionals.

I see many stuck in poverty and self destructive behavior in both races.

I see us all having to compete more in the international marketplace.

I see many black individuals having a more positive self image.

I see more whites disapproving of "Archie Bunkerism".

I see people whose attitudes sometimes change overnight for the better or for the worse based on their current experiences with others.

And yes, my son has been "profiled at airports". All isn't positive for sure.

Posted by: meadbd Sep 27 2006, 10:06 AM

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Even so, Come, Lord Jesus!

Bill

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We began to socialize outside of practice sessions and performances, sometimes hanging around the fountain and talking about the state of the world, the fear we all shared about the Zodiac killer lurking around our campus, sometimes eating together in the cafeteria.

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Posted by: lurker Sep 27 2006, 11:55 AM

I'd be happy with just a little tent in the new earth and a sign that says, "lurker" or whatever. I'd be happy to lurk around heaven. I'd be happy to be a bug on the wall. It amazes me that when we talk about it in sabbath school, everybody thinks they will be on the inside of the New Jerusalem looking out at the lost. Nobody thinks it might be the other way around.

That will be the real us-them division. Just two groups of people- the saved and the lost.

I sure want to be there. But I tell you, if God sees that I would be one that would mess up the scene, just wipe me out now. Sure am sick of this hot mess on toast where we hurt and get hurt. Where we feel we have to put our defenses up until we get to know each other and can find out how we are perceived.

Posted by: Nuggie Sep 27 2006, 11:55 AM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Sep 27 2006, 11:49 AM) □

When I was attending one of our West Coast SDA colleges decades ago, my roommates and I wanted to take choir together. The only class that still had three openings when we were registering was Spiritual Singers. We signed up and were warmly accepted in spite of the fact that we were of lighter pigment (one light beige, one dark beige and one medium brown. □) then the rest. We went on all of the many class performance trips to various churches around the bay area. While notice was taken of our pigmentally challenged state in each of the venues, we were welcomed and always fed afterwards, either in potlucks or in members' homes, just like the rest of the choir.

We began to socialize outside of practice sessions and performances, sometimes hanging around the fountain and talking about the state of the world, the fear we all shared about the Zodiac killer lurking around our campus, sometimes eating together in the cafeteria.

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Unbelievable...

Posted by: Clay Sep 27 2006, 01:08 PM

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Posted by: Brenda Sep 27 2006, 01:38 PM

QUOTE(Clay @ Sep 28 2006, 05:08 AM)

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How have black families felt in the past when their daughters became involved with white males?

I have a racially mixed family - my 2 elder children are adopted from Southern Asia, the younger 2 are white caucasian. My (second) husband is Indonesian/Chinese - one grandson is half Samoan. I believe that colour is not an issue for me.

But the stresses could arise with different cultures/values if the association is too close. The Polynesian way of often sharing anything requested with the extended family would not go down well with me, and I tend not to react happily when males assume they are superior by virtue of their gender.

Is colour seen as a marker for values/a way of life?

Posted by: lurker Sep 27 2006, 03:14 PM

I think poverty and desertion were always the fear. That the grandparents would be financially and physically responsible for the raising of the children. Many a child of an unmarried or deserted mother was raised as her sibling to hide "her shame" from outsiders and protect the family's pride. It was harder to do that with mixed children.

Posted by: seeshell Sep 27 2006, 04:11 PM

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Posted by: husbandoftheyear Sep 27 2006, 06:09 PM

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Posted by: awesumtenor Sep 27 2006, 09:13 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Sep 27 2006, 01:49 PM)

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As an aside, didn't we have a thread once were some insisted that there could not have been such sentiments in the remnant church, to consider marrying outside one's ethnicity as being "unequally yoked?"

I now return you to your regularly scheduled program...

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: awesumtenor Sep 27 2006, 09:29 PM

QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Sep 24 2006, 01:01 PM)

I too am one of those who came here because of the 3abn topic. I'd never heard of this site until reading about it on Maritime. As a white person who lives in the country I likely cannot relate to many of the topics on other threads. Just my \$0.02.

Richard

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Posted by: seraph|m Sep 27 2006, 09:48 PM

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Posted by: inga Sep 28 2006, 01:36 AM

QUOTE(lurker @ Sep 27 2006, 09:36 AM)

So can our society change? Can our church change? Have you seen any signs of change?

Depends very much on where you live -- in North America or the world.

I've spent years in various parts of the country and have found it interesting how some areas are virtually colorblind, whereas in other areas, some loudly proclaim their condition of being "unprejudiced," thereby proclaiming their deep prejudices to my ears. (The idea that one should be prejudiced but isn't doesn't even enter the minds of those who truly are less prejudiced than the average.)

Btw, every single one of us is "prejudiced." That is, we all have some ready-made "pre-judgments" in our minds. It's impossible to function in life without some "prejudices." Realizing this can make us more aware of unjust prejudices

Posted by: Denny Sep 28 2006, 06:12 AM

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Or even worse Junior will actually want to marry a black woman (historically we were only 'fit ' for other uses....)

Posted by: SoulEspresso Sep 29 2006, 10:57 AM

QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Sep 27 2006, 09:29 PM)

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Posted by: Green Cochoa Oct 1 2006, 05:27 AM

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