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### BlackSDA \_ 3ABN \_ A Viewer's Version

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



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**Posted by: calvin Sep 1 2006, 07:54 AM**

Welcome to BSDA. For me, someone who is not an insider and does not know either one of them, your version of what happened is just as creditable as all the rest of stories floating around here.

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**Posted by: lurker Sep 1 2006, 07:55 AM**

Would make a good soap opera but no, that's not what happened. There are a lot of facts that you don't know that would keep that from being a possibility.

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**Posted by: Observer Sep 1 2006, 08:43 AM**

Bumpkin, you said: "You can not betray someone unless you know something they do not want told."

Betrayal often comes in the telling of a falsehood, that is probably more common than in telling the truth.

Bumpkin, your missive is simply speculation, with neither knowledge nor reason.

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**Posted by: princessdi Sep 1 2006, 08:56 AM**

.....and I have five bridges to sell you. One of them is very famous! I don't know if you have or not, but in your spare time, you might want to read some of the "insider" accounts. Danny is counting very heavily on your "outsider" account. He and his people have worked so very hard on it. I am sure, along with Simplysaved, you have also brought a smile to his face.

Just let me reiterate for you since you are new, and have not read the many posts on the subject. It really doesn't make me any difference if Linda did it or not. The problem I have is how Danny and the 3ABN board handled the whole situation. It was not even civil let alone an example of christian living, of which 3ABN claims to be. Danny came here and lied directly to the members here, not once, but twice. So basically I am holding him responsible for his own actions, not Linda's.

As for the rest, Yeah, I think I gotta take the word of insiders, than that of an admitted outsider. Your account only proves to me that you bought the spin. I don't mean that in a mean or spiteful way, just as it is.

BTW, Welcome to BSDA!!! We really are glad you are here. Hope you take the time to enjoy the rest of the benefits of our site!

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Well stated.

To betray is to break someone's trust in you. That does not exclude breaking the trust of someone by accusing them of something they never did.

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**Posted by: lurker Sep 1 2006, 09:29 AM**

Is someone a little paranoid?

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**Posted by: Denny Sep 1 2006, 09:32 AM**

Sorry you see a difference of opinion as animosity and personal attack, if you can feel free to stay and debate why you think your point of veiw is valid

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**Posted by: Clay Sep 1 2006, 09:33 AM**

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have a nice life..... thanks for sharing your ummmm view of things.... and no I am not sorry that some were skeptical.... as for the other.... you have not seen hate.... if your story can't stand a little closer examination, perhaps you might keep it to yourself.....

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**Posted by: västergötland Sep 1 2006, 09:55 AM**

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**QUOTE(Clay @ Sep 1 2006, 04:25 PM) □**

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**Posted by: princessdi Sep 1 2006, 10:02 AM**

You are right, Thomas. To those like country Bumpkin, "outsiders" Danny plays the victim. it is not new. As I said before Country Bumpkins analysis only proves that the spin is working.....on some.

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**QUOTE(princessdi @ Sep 1 2006, 12:02 PM) □**

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Danny has played and continues to play the "victim." For those who understand abuse this is one of the clearest evidences that accounts such as Barbara's are accurate. Something we've all seen is the "victim" role that Danny has played on the set, at campmeeting, etc. Many have bought this side of the story, but for someone who has dealt with those who are abusive and controlling the signs are all too clear.

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**Posted by: princessdi Sep 1 2006, 11:06 AM**

Now, now, Ralph. We must realize that it really is difficult to think that someone who says they represent God to do such reprehensible things. Also, within Adventism, and chrtianity as a whole, we are more likely to believe the worse about the woman than we are the man if he is a leader. I have seen it many times. I have seen it where the pastors has physically abused his wife for years, the conference try to get her to stay, and them destroy her in anyway possible when she leaves, just to "save" his career. Danny only used a tired and true formula. He made Linda the villan. Nobody even ever hear do spritual adultery as he used it, but you see how far it has gotten him. He has a whole staff of SDA pastors compromising themselves, as well as GC, because they believe that 3ABN is getting the message out there. It would be such a simple thing for them to take that money and programming and switch to their own HopeTV, but they don't. Not even censure for Danny, no disciplinary action at all by the church he attends, why? Ok, I think you get the picture.

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**Posted by: inga Sep 1 2006, 12:56 PM**

Country Bumpkin, welcome to BlackSDA.



I actually appreciated your post with portrayal of how you see the matter. While I don't altogether agree with you, some of your points doubtless have merit. It is unrealistic to view Linda as a totally innocent saint and Danny as the evil one. What has happened, I believe, is that due to the public defamation of Linda -- which was quite wrong -- many have taken Linda's innocense in regard to the accusations one step further and have deemed her innocent of *all* wrong.

Most folks here just disagree with you and their way of expressing disagreement does sound rather personal, and I'm sure they wouldn't do it if they were to meet you in person. Please try to overlook the personal remarks.

Please feel free to browse this forum further. There are actual testimonies of fact from folks who were actually there that may make you change your opinion on some matters, even if you don't begin to see Linda as a saint, which I rather doubt she is.

Stardom is not good for **anyone's** Christian experience, and I doubt that Linda is any exception. Her two years of feeling rejection have caused her to reexamine many things, I'm sure. And I believe they have drawn her closer to God. Whether this closeness will survive another stint of stardom only God knows.

Ellen White tells an interesting story of a woman who was very poor and struggling financially. She was very close to God but wanted to be able to make more money so she could support the cause of God. I believe it was through her hat-making business that she eventually became quite wealthy -- and she drifted away from God.

Many who can stand the test of poverty and/or rejection cannot stand the test of wealth and/or fame.

May God bless Linda with just what she needs to be of service to Him -- no more and no less.

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To be fair to "Country Bumpkin," he relates things he professes to have *seen* on the program. We can't argue with that --unless this person is not who he professes to be, a friend of "Uncle Sam." Perhaps "Uncle Sam" can vouch for him as being a *real* viewer of the program, rather than a deliberate 3ABN plant (which is how he has been treated). I think we should give him the benefit of he doubt -- especially since he posted reasonably, rather than with both guns blazing, as a couple of others have posted.

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Concerning this quote?

"Before the music studio was built, Linda used to brag in her subtle way about how she had Danny so rapped." Did you mean "she had Danny so wrapped up? or raped?? not sure. I think you mean the first. is that correct?

As far as the the betrayal comment. this is completely illogical. the fact that linda felt betrayed does not mean she had done anything wrong. You are wrong for that. People can betray innocent people. I have been betrayed myself. People lie for various reason motivation, they also can misinform people thinking they saw something they did not. The fact that linda said she was betrayed is not an indication of wrong doing. Brenda could have spread false information about linda.

i do think you have hit on possible motivation for linda. A woman publicly humiliated by her husband on world television on more than one occasion. Then tells her that he was told by God to marry her because God wanted to get on with other things. This is a real blow to Linda as a woman. By saying this is a matter of pride is a complete understatement and unentimation of the situation. this is akin to saying I didn't really want to marry you, but I did it anyways because God told me to. That is not something you just get over that is a life changing statement. I think that vanity may have played a movitating factor that could explain any action on lindas part. that is fair

I would like to know how you know that Danny was told not to build a music recording studio by God. You also said that the whole atmospher changed. How do you know that? Also Concering Brenda "betraying" Linda. Do you know what was said and the event or statments in questions?

**Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Sep 1 2006, 02:55 PM**

Some of the things Country Bumpkin said, if true, would sound more like what would have needed to have been inside stuff rather than outside stuff.

**Posted by: Freedom Sep 1 2006, 03:15 PM**

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It's bad enough to have it said in private, but on TV for the world to see and hear! Yes, if I was Linda I would probably have "fire" in the eyes.

As for people going to Danny to find out about something, Danny doesn't give alot of people the time of day. Danny doesn't always respond when questions or issues arise. So for him to talk about Matt.

24 not being followed is wrong and in my opinion a falsehood.

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I do wonder -- who is there to minister to Danny? He is virtually without any pastoral guidance. Indeed, and it would be wiser to welcome someone warmly and gently question, rather than to reject the testimony outright.

To be fair to "Country Bumpkin," he relates things he professes to have *seen* on the program. We can't argue with that --unless this person is not who he professes to be, a friend of "Uncle Sam." Perhaps "Uncle Sam" can vouch for him as being a *real* viewer of the program, rather than a deliberate 3ABN plant (which is how he has been treated). I think we should give him the benefit of the doubt -- especially since he posted reasonably, rather than with both guns blazing, as a couple of others have posted.

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
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
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And I wouldn't feel too good if, after stating that I felt attacked because of the above, I were called paranoid. Perhaps it would make you feel good.

Some of the posts did, indeed, merely question the content of "bumpkin's" post, but others were clearly "ad hominem" -- i.e. **arguments against the person** rather than the points made. It is useful to consider, before posting, whether we are questioning the argument or ridiculing the person.

I'm pretty sure most folks on this board are really "nice" people and thus would not ridicule "bumpkin" on her face. It's so much easier to do on the screen ...

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 1 2006, 08:27 PM**

Inga,

When I saw the reaction to Bumpkin I had to wonder what spirit was in charge here.

As a new member and seeker of the truth, this only added to the bewildered state I find myself in over this whole 3abn situation. I still continue have peace through the Lord, tho

Thanks for so deftly putting into words what I, as an observer, was feeling!

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**Posted by: no\_cults Sep 1 2006, 09:58 PM**

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**QUOTE(country bumpkin @ Sep 1 2006, 08:29 AM)**

Hi All,

I'm the friend of Uncle Sam's who thinks there is another scenario to this saga. As an avid viewer of 3ABN and not an insider, I will tell you the story from my perspective.

A number of years ago, Danny wanted to build a music studio and was repeatedly told NO! by the Lord. He continued to ask and was repeatedly denied and could not understand why. Finally in response to his request, he received permission, and the consequences are obvious to all.

Before the music studio was built, Linda used to brag in her subtle way about how she had Danny so rapped. He was always giving her foot massages, picking the seeds out of her water melons and was doing what ever else she asked him to do. She would even go so far as to say that she would cook for the dog, but not for him sometimes and that he would get food from the pot, only to find out later that she had made it for the dog. But the both laughed at it good naturedly and my attitude was that if it was alright with them, it was alright with me.

Shortly after the music studio came into being, the whole atmosphere changed on the set. First, a lot on Non-Adventists began to make appearances. Then Linda started making comments about the furs she was receiving and she started packing on the make-up hard and heavy, especially after the music videos started doing so well. She had always had to wear some since she was on TV, but now it appeared as if she were trying to appear 20 years younger. She use to appear on some of the "on location" sites without her make-up, but she began to openly show anger when Danny let a clip be shown of her without any make-up on. You could see the animosity building, but it was all coming from her side. The fire was in her eyes and he looked as goofy as before. He was still giving the same "thoughtless" comments, but now she wasn't brushing them off. Now they were making her mad. And I can also tell you when that started. One day, it was their last anniversary program; Danny was talking again about how everything got started. And he made one comment that I knew was going to get him in trouble as soon as he said it. He was talking about how the Lord had told him to get the ministry started, and he was talking about how he and Linda were going around singing. He made the comment that, and I'm paraphrasing, 'God told him that he need to go ahead and marry Linda and get it out of the way because He had a lot of work for him to do.' Linda was taken completely off guard and said, "What did you say?" and poor simple Danny didn't have the good since not to repeat himself and said it again. The fire that started in Linda's eyes that day never truly left. You could see it simmering beneath the surface. Her pride was hurt and she couldn't let it go. Even though I don't know Danny, I know people and I can guess that he just brushed it off and didn't make any more of it than he did of the other embarrassing comments he often made. But this time it was different.

Linda had someone who she could talk to about her problems who would lend a sympatric ear, and the rest is history.

And why do I believe Linda is not as innocent as she proclaims? The words came from her own web site. She said she went to Europe with a friend and when they came back the "friend betrayed her". You can not betray someone unless you know something they do not want told. Maybe it was just a poor choice of words on her part.

And as to why I believe Danny is still stuck on Linda and is going to make Brandie's life miserable also started with Linda's web site. The only reason someone would write a na-na-na-na letter, would be to avenge a hurt. Now here is my scenario as to what happened.

Linda went to Europe with Brenda and Brenda saw something she didn't like. She came home and told Danny and at first he didn't believe her, but as time when on he became more and more suspicious. He tapped the phones and hired private detectives (per Linda's web site) and heard something that took him over the edge. The love he had for her turned to a deep hurt, and he was not about to take that kind of rejection, supposed or real, without fighting back. And that meant finding a replacement. Someone who came to him to start a music career, with 2 small children, a singer, songwriter, newly converted to Adventism, and Brandy fit the bill. He just had to write Linda and tell her about it.

Now as far as who did what and who is guilty of what, only God and those actually involved know. So I will leave it for the judgment when all the secrets of man/woman shall come to light.

So do I think Linda or Danny are evil because of what happened? No. I think their hearts got lifted up because of the praises of the people and when the crisis came, neither would do what was needed to fix the situation. I believe Linda was emotionally set-up by the doctor but would not admit it and Danny was too proud and arrogant to forgive and play the man. Instead he played the fool!

But, that's my version and I'm sticking to it.

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**Posted by: Just a Guy Sep 1 2006, 10:29 PM**

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**QUOTE(princessdi @ Sep 1 2006, 09:56 AM) □**

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will never understand why BlackSDA of all the message boards I visit has so many people that copy the entire post (not sentence or two posts but paragraphs upon paragraphs) when replying.

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**Posted by: seraph|m Sep 1 2006, 11:48 PM**


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**QUOTE(Jvat @ Sep 1 2006, 10:00 AM) □**

Just one point. You say that because Linda indicated that a friend had betrayed her that meant that she had done something wrong that she did not want exposed.

Is that really so?

Think again! Jesus was betrayed by Judas. Did Jesus do anything wrong??????

Thank you for making that point. That was the first thing that came to mind after I read the statement is well. 



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I wasn't aware that Danny was having a back and forth debate about the Sound Center with God, where God repeatedly says, "NO." It's accurate, however, that this is probably what a lot of the 3ABN followers believe -- or want to believe.

The reservations I have about these God debates, however, is that there are many good Christians who don't have these one-on-one, back and forth, conversations with God, and go away thinking their connection to God is weaker than someone else's.

Pentecostals and Charismatics use "the God connection" as a **major** fund-raising and control device. Followers say, "I'll give my money to Marilyn/Oral because she/he gets messages straight from God, and she'll/he'll know best what to do with my money."

With miracle stories that exist out in the world, who can say for sure whether the statue of the Virgin Mary is weeping tears or not? All you do is hurt the feelings of the person who thinks they experienced something should you express any scepticism. So miracle stories -- and God conversations -- can be very effective, and have been effective everywhere, for many decades. If you speak against them, you may be held in contempt.

But, once again, this post represents a good appraisal of what the 3ABN viewers formulate in their own minds from watching. And whether God is saying "yes" or "no" I can only formulate my own opinion based on what I have seen and heard.

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Since this is supposed to be a Christian group, I just wanted to remind the members of a few things, and maybe highlight some things you may not recognize because of your familiarity. You know, it is almost like she walked into your living room and no one smiled at her. The first thing you did was laugh at her (besides a couple of you called her a he):

Simplysaved

thank you for making me laugh this morning....this really brought a much needed smile to my face. I like your style! (THERE WERE QUITE A FEW LITTLE EMOTICONS MAKING LAUGHTER EVIDENT.)

Yes, simplysaved says "I like your style" but I am not really sure if he is making fun or not. I can't see his face and I don't know simplysaved at all. Neither does countrybumpkin.

This one implies that countrybumpkin is trying to pull one over on you. (I am not gullible.) This could have been considered the same as calling her a liar:

CLAY:

country bumpkin? must be related to Danny..... this story would have us believe that Danny is clueless and Linda was mad because she was getting old and Danny was making insensitive remarks about their relationship..... alrighty then... I may be tired but I am not gullible.....

Observer:

Bumpkin, you said: "You can not betray someone unless you know something they do not want told."

Betrayal often comes in the telling of a falsehood, that is probably more common than in telling the

truth.

Bumpkin, your missive is simply speculation, with neither knowledge nor reason.

Yes, the first part is just a response, but "with neither knowledge nor reason" could be construed as an insult without eye contact, body language or relationship.

Princess Di:

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I did not find anything else that could be construed as offensive in this post, but to start off like that with someone you do not know might be misunderstood. Again without eye contact, body language, or relationship (history together), one cannot be clear on whether or not one is being made fun of.

Denny

These are The Days of our Lives.....

Now, this one does have body language. Just look at those two girls! They always give me the feeling that whoever it is they are looking at are being made fun of! And maybe that they don't care at all/kind of indifferent. And that comment coming after a couple others must be making the recipient feel like she is being made fun of. It's just cumulative after a while, kind of a group atmosphere.

Now, if she decided to come back to see if maybe she was being paranoid, she might have seen this: (personal name calling perhaps?)

Ralph:

hmmmm, I wonder who will give him his next pay cheque.

Just to make sure that he was describing himself correctly, I checked the dictionary.

bumpkin -- not very intelligent or interested in culture

Or this sarcastic take on it all:

CLAY:

have a nice life..... thanks for sharing your ummmm view of things.... and no I am not sorry that some were skeptical.... as for the other.... you have not seen hate.... if your story can't stand a little closer examination, perhaps you might keep it to yourself.....

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The word "bumpkin" has the following etymology:

"Bumpkin is a derivative of bum, "the rear end. It may come from either the Middle Dutch word bommekijn, " a little barrel," or the Flemish word boomken, "shrub" Such a person may easily have been compared to a block of wood; That country Bumpkin just sits on his porch and whittles."

I'm sure for some, the self-chosen handle "bumpkin" seemed to imply the user of that handle had a thick skin, strong opinions, and self-assurance, and wouldn't be offended by a strong retort.

Therefore, I'm hoping "Country B" will see this as a misunderstanding and return. Some here were reading the etymological tea leaves -- and the tea leaves were wrong.



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VERY well said !!!

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There's a little history that may explain why the rash treatment of this newbie. On Club Adventist, there was a false persona, Margaret Gray, who wrote things to keep the pot boiling. I questioned whether Country Bumpkin was genuine. I felt that she knew too much to merely be a listener to the broadcast, and Daryl Fawcett apparently felt the same, for he wrote:

**QUOTE(Daryl Fawcett @ Sep 1 2006, 01:55 PM)**

Some of the things Country Bumpkin said, if true, would sound more like what would have needed to have been inside stuff rather than outside stuff.

I was mistaken in my assumption that we were dealing with another "Margaret Gray", so my apologies to Country Bumpkin.  plea forgive.

By the way, Reflection,

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Clay, thanks for your information. I am a little surprised at this, though. I brought it up because folks were refering to the allegations in several of the topics - quoting from the televangelist, etc. Guess they didn't know it was off limits either.

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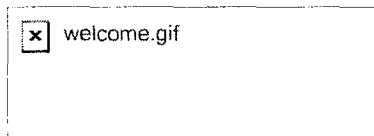
My point, which was similar to Reflection's, though not as detailed, is that the personal attacks (as detailed by Reflection) were inappropriate, to put it mildly.

Give and take in a debate is one thing, but ad hominem remarks such as the ridicule directed at CB are recognized as rude in any other environment. I find it quite astonishing that some folks on this board cannot recognize meanness even when it is pointed out to them. (Is this the fruit of being Spirit-led?)

By contrast I appreciate Ralph's appropriate response. We all make errors in judgment, and he gave some background for his. Then he apologized -- something that would be an appropriate response for several others as well.

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**Posted by: simplysaved Sep 2 2006, 11:55 PM**



Reflection!

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
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I agree that as Christians, it is important that we tread carefully as to how we say what we say.

**QUOTE(Reflection @ Sep 2 2006, 06:41 PM)**


Hi Calvin: Before I respond, I feel I need to introduce myself since I just registered and this is my first post. I only recently learned of BSDA through a copy of a letter my pastor husband received from the Norwegian doctor at our church. Our church airs 3ABN in our community, a fact that is a great concern to us right now. I was actually thankful to get this information. It has been bothering me since I first read the 3ABN public letter about Linda, and the doctor's letter confirmed my suspicions. *Just gut/intuition from life experience.* Anyway, I just felt the need to jump in here because I've been reading posts here for about 2 or 3 weeks and kind of got the gist of how people respond to each other. You are a bunch of friends and joke with each other, get sarcastic, jab at each other, etc. The reason it doesn't bother you is because you have already established a relationship. This poor new person had no idea.



You guys laughed at a newbie 

you jabbed a newbie



hammered at a newbie 

Since this is supposed to be a Christian group, I just wanted to remind the members of a few things, and maybe highlight some things you may not recognize because of your familiarity. You know, it is almost like she walked into your living room and no one smiled at her. The first thing you did was laugh at her (besides a couple of you called her a he):

Simplysaved

thank you for making me laugh this morning....this really brought a much needed smile to my face. I like your style! (THERE WERE QUITE A FEW LITTLE EMOTICONS MAKING LAUGHTER EVIDENT.)

Yes, simplysaved says "I like your style" but I am not really sure if he is making fun or not. I can't see his face and I don't know simplysaved at all. Neither does countrybumpkin.

This one implies that countrybumpkin is trying to pull one over on you. (I am not gullible.) This could have been considered the same as calling her a liar:

CLAY:

country bumpkin? must be related to Danny..... this story would have us believe that Danny is clueless and Linda was mad because she was getting old and Danny was making insensitive remarks about their relationship..... alrighty then... I may be tired but I am not gullible.....

Observer:

Bumpkin, you said: "You can not betray someone unless you know something they do not want told."

Betrayal often comes in the telling of a falsehood, that is probably more common than in telling the truth.

Bumpkin, your missive is simply speculation, with neither knowledge nor reason.

Yes, the first part is just a response, but "with neither knowledge nor reason" could be construed as an insult without eye contact, body language or relationship.

Princess Di:

.....and I have five bridges to sell you. One of them is very famous!

I did not find anything else that could be construed as offensive in this post, but to start off like that with someone you do not know might be misunderstood. Again without eye contact, body language, or relationship (history together), one cannot be clear on whether or not one is being made fun of.

Denny

These are The Days of our Lives.....

Now, this one does have body language. Just look at those two girls! They always give me the feeling that whoever it is they are looking at are being made fun of! And maybe that they don't care at all/kind of indifferent. And that comment coming after a couple others must be making the recipient feel like she is being made fun of. It's just cumulative after a while, kind of a group atmosphere.

Now, if she decided to come back to see if maybe she was being paranoid, she might have seen this:

(personal name calling perhaps?)

Ralph:

hmmmm, I wonder who will give him his next pay cheque.

Just to make sure that he was describing himself correctly, I checked the dictionary.

bumpkin -- not very intelligent or interested in culture

Or this sarcastic take on it all:

CLAY:

have a nice life.... thanks for sharing your ummmm view of things.... and no I am not sorry that some were skeptical.... as for the other.... you have not seen hate.... if your story can't stand a little closer examination, perhaps you might keep it to yourself....

Now, who knows this person? Do you all pray before you speak? Do you pray before you post? Good questions to ask yourselves.

Sorry to come on here hammering people. But it just bugged me to see Christians treating someone like this. What someone thinks is not the important thing. The important thing is to represent Christ in all our interactions and to minister to each other. If we need a swift kick, then a friend should give one. Before you jab and joke with someone, make sure you first make them feel safe-- communicate your personal regard for other. That takes time. Take the time. I recently took a computer course and was made aware of computer addiction. Maybe some of you... well, I'll wait until we establish a relationship first before...

Thanks for listening!



Good emoticons for newbies:




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Clay, thanks for your information. I am a little surprised at this, though. I brought it up because folks were refering to the allegations in several of the topics - quoting from the televangelist, etc. Guess they didn't know it was off limits either.

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You say it was mean, I disagree.... and your question, "Is this the fruit of being Spirit-led?" does not change my opinion.....

I also disagree that she was personally attacked...and let me add, that had we been at a potluck dinner and CB walked up and shared her take on this issue, my response would have been the same....

Sorry just not feelin you on this one Inga.....

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I appreciate your welcome and the further illumination on this subject.

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**Posted by: no\_cults Sep 3 2006, 09:54 AM**

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**QUOTE(Clay @ Sep 3 2006, 12:26 AM)**

you have not received any answers about that issue because that issue is off limits for the time being.... the discussion has been limited to the divorce and the management style.... we will not be *dealing with allegations of molestation or alleged murder...*

I too am curious about this, but wholeheartedly agree with you. (Clay)  
If anyone has real allegations about molestation of minors, they should contact the proper authorities with their proof.

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VERY well said !!!

(In my opinion, you were very kind and generous to Reflection.)

You guys are great. And funny.

**QUOTE(Ralph @ Sep 2 2006, 10:01 PM)**

There's a little history that may explain why the rash treatment of this newbie. On Club Adventist, there was a false persona, Margaret Gray, who wrote things to keep the pot boiling. I questioned whether Country Bumpkin was genuine. I felt that she knew too much to merely be a listener to the broadcast, and Daryl Fawcett apparently felt the same, for he wrote:

I was mistaken in my assumption that we were dealing with another "Margaret Gray", so my apologies to Country Bumpkin.  plea forgive.

By the way, Reflection,  welc

Ralph: Thanks for the explanation and response! Considering I came in here with my boxing gloves on, I really appreciate the welcome!

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**Posted by: Expression Sep 3 2006, 10:27 AM**

Personally, I agree with Clay 100%. When you get into a controversial subject there will be controversy. We can argue for hours as to whether or not what was posted was "kind," "caring," or "Spirit-led." But in the end where will it get us? This is what a forum is like. We express what we think and we share how we feel.

What has made BSDA what it is, is the fact that everyone can share their opinions. This encourages thought and has created ripples throughout our church. If we loose this honesty and openness with one another we will have lost much. I hope that our discussion from this point on about the 3ABN situation will not be "watered-down" as a result of this.

May we keep our focus.

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**Posted by: simplysaved Sep 3 2006, 10:39 AM**

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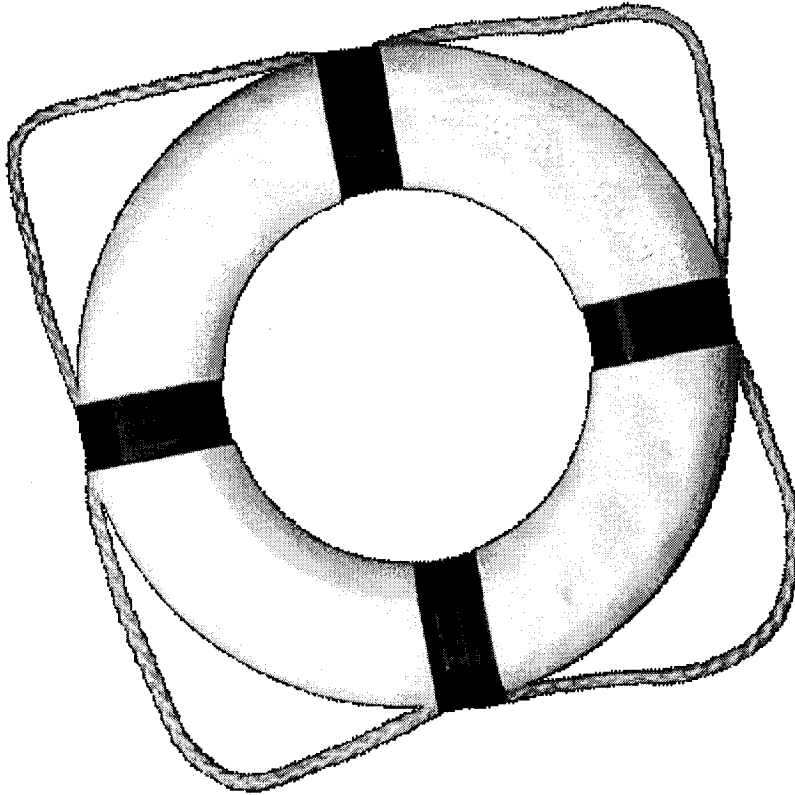
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**Posted by: Reflection Sep 3 2006, 10:59 AM**

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
**QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Sep 2 2006, 11:22 PM)**

Hi Reflection. I am also a new member here - searching for answers and truth about the situation at 3abn. I have asked several questions in this pursuit but have not had any answers in response from the more seasoned members. I don't know if my questions were just overlooked or avoided but that is what has been happening to me....


From some of the group I hear that they want 3abn to continue its huge ministry to the world with a new leadership in place. Others seem to want it shut down. I see that you and your church are concerned that 3abn is airing in your community. What are your concerns?...

I have personally received many blessing from some of the programming I have watched on 3abn.

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I have a strong gut impression these are probably true. See, when I first saw the public letter about Linda from 3ABN, red flags and alarm bells were ringing and flying all over the place. First, if it was true, a Christian in a prominent position would not feel the need to write such a letter. Second, insinuations were rampant in the letter. This is like telling the truth with your mouth while your eyes and gestures clearly tell the opponent you don't believe what you are saying (like rolling your eyes )  . This can be a somewhat subtle form of deception. I remember telling my husband (just from intuition and life experience), "watch, before the dust clears, Danny will be married. I bet you anything he's the one having the affair." Mind you, this was only spoken in private between us. At the time I hoped that no one in our church or community had caught wind of this. Before reading the Norwegian doctor's letter, I felt that that 3ABN letter (and later the new spiritual adultery clause) served to incriminate 3ABN quite concisely. A Christian fights for his/her marriage. And love covers a multitude of sins.

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I also see many good outcomes once this is resolved. Cleansing is always a good thing. For one thing, and I think I'll stop here or I may end up writing a book: Many church members may have felt that 3ABN was taking care of the Great Commission. Perhaps this mentality has kept many from developing witnessing skills as they felt opening their purses was fulfilling their responsibilities.

Most important action  for those of us on the sidelines: Prayer for all involved. Try not to demonize or deify, though have eyes wide open for the truth. Hope for true repentance. Pray God picks up the pieces (even though we know He will).

Yes, I believe there's a place for television and radio ministry.

the church through It Is Written and study, ONLY. No personal contact was needed to convince me. But, there is no replacement for the ministry of individuals. That--individual ministry--is what should be elevated to MOST IMPORTANT MINISTRY. Anyway, where's the step off this soap box....

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**Posted by: inga Sep 3 2006, 02:34 PM**

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To tell the truth, this experience has served to make me a little more cautious in my own posting. Irony/sarcasm comes easily to me, if I let it. (It took me years to quit the habit in my youth. It's addictive for some of us.) And I wonder if I've let my guard down in some of my posts here. (Hey, I don't want to have to go through withdrawal again!!  )

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where I was standing. I asked my companion what made the water move so and she replied "The barracuda are feeding." Needless to say I soon found myself back on the safety of the white sand.

I'm not sure what brought that decades old memory to mind today but I thought I'd share it.

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**Posted by: calvin Sep 3 2006, 08:22 PM**

Point taken Inga. Now everybody back on topic. Anybody else got any criticism or suggestions on how we administer this board, PM or email me privately. Won't promise I will response, I will read it. Lot a lot of work to do on the board to get it back.

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**Posted by: inga Sep 3 2006, 09:02 PM**

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I thought we *were* on topic, Calvin -- the topic of a Viewer's Version of events surrounding 3ABN.

I would personally like more feedback from folks like CB. If we receive them graciously, they may be able to recognize that what they see on the screen is not necessarily reality, but more like the other reality TV shows.

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**Posted by: Reflection Sep 4 2006, 09:07 PM**

Hi Peacefully Bewildered: Just wondering if you saw my answer to your question about our concerns?

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 4 2006, 09:53 PM**

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Hi Reflection.

Yes, I saw your post and thought I had answered. It must have gotten lost with all of trouble the site had - or maybe it was just my computer. The site kept showing "action cancelled" for me.

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This definitely is a conundrum. From my own personal experience I have been so blessed by many of the programs on 3abn. My opinion is that if the rumors prove to be true, the true seekers will not be turned against your church. The Holy Spirit is far more powerful! Just my opinion.

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This, I believe, is the strongest part we can play in this whole situation!

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**Posted by: inga Sep 5 2006, 12:03 AM**

**QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Sep 3 2006, 08:48 PM)**

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Welcome CB, or Country B, or Bumpkin, or Country Bumpkin...all are fine with me, you tell me!



want to address a couple things you said.

One: Betrayal is when someone does something to YOU that YOU would not expect from them (based on a relationship of some kind). Lying to you by telling you one thing and actually doing something else - leaving you to believe something that is not true, or a lie about you to someone else, those are ways of betrayal. A husband/wife having an affair on you - betrayal. Now, if you tell someone something private, and they break the promise to you to keep silent, yes, that could be considered a betrayal, in a fashion. Trust broken, etc. I can tell you that Linda did NOT betray her husband, and that Brenda DID betray Linda, one of her best friends. She did do this. I know, you are just left to take my word for it.

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
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
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
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my point which I have made from the beginning of this mess was simply this... even if Linda did everything she was accused of, she should not have been treated the way she was by Mr. Shelton..... that's where I am coming from....

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**Posted by: seeshell Sep 6 2006, 10:45 AM**


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
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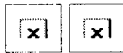
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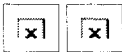
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**Posted by: princessdi Sep 6 2006, 03:12 PM**

That is exactly what "spiritual adultery? means, TB. So IOW, Danny and Brandy is shackin' up, because he doesn't have biblical/church grounds for divorce.

Now, as for your question about Danny's first wife, I am going to ask that someone with that info PM you with it. As you know, we are only dealing with Danny and his dealings at 3ABN, not his persoanl life. His first wife had nothing to do with 3ABN.


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Clay,

You make a good point. He should just let it go. But many people can't.

Once I went camping and I met the couple that was camped next to us. It was an older couple in a camper. They had both remarried. She had because her husband had died; he had because his wife had left him. He kept going on and on about the first wife, so much so that I assumed the events had happened quite recently. They had not. It had been over 15 years and I was shock at the bitterness and resentment he still held. He was not the only one I have seen. Once hurt turns to bitterness, some people just can't let it go.

I once had a boss who was embarrassed by something an employee of his said. After he fired her, he forbad all the employees to communicate with her. I have been amazed at the steps people go to when their pride is offended.

So, in my opinion, his reaction is not an uncommon occurrence. The fact that it is so open and in public is what makes this situation so discouraging. Most of the people that I have seen over react to situations have been members of "good and regular standing" and leaders in the church. Sad, but true.

I don't know what the solution is. I just feel sorry for all involved.

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**Posted by: seeshell Sep 6 2006, 08:22 PM**

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Thanks, Country. It was sweet of you to stick up for me.  Some of these folks around here...well, I just despair!

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**Posted by: inga Sep 6 2006, 11:03 PM**

**QUOTE(Reflection @ Sep 5 2006, 11:18 PM)**

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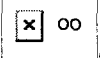


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**Posted by: country bumpkin Sep 7 2006, 02:03 PM**

When I was a teenager, my mother decided to become a vegetarian. Eventually I said, "Sure, why not." Then she decided to become a vegan, again I said, "Sure why not." Then she said only whole grain foods, and I said, "Sure, why not." Then she started saying you couldn't eat foods with vinegar, and I said, "Well, Okay.", But when she said, No spinach! I said "Whoa baby, Popeye does not lie!" And I decided I had to decide for myself what I was going to believe about diet, because you'll end up in a mess if you believe everything that's going around out there.

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But I do want to add something that is a little off subject. I started reading this book this morning about true heart conversion. The kind you read about in mission stories where people have the true love of Christ in their lives, the kind that makes you kind to your children and keeps you from getting angry when people malign you and go out of their way to antagonize you. And I thought, 'Who do you know that has that kind of a true Christ filled life?' No body in these United States! Everybody I know talks about it, wants it, but does not know how to, or want to do what it takes to get it. Why is it that the poor convert from the highlands of Nepal can have a true heart conversion and surrender all of the heart to Christ, but we poor saps in the good ol' US of A can't? Is it because we are too sophisticated for that? Well, until we can surrender all, we are no better than Danny, or anyone else who is living in sin, because an un-surrendered heart is an un-surrendered heart. We will all loose out in the judgment. Now I will add that a person in a high profile position has the responsibility to live a life above reproach so as not to bring condemnation on the church and he has not done that, especially with this remarriage business, but in the long run, the sin God hates the most is pride, and we in the USA are full of it.

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There are 2 issues IMO. One, the divorce and the grounds for that divorce, and two, how 3abn operates and has treated its employees.....

My concern has always been that Mr. Shelton gave Linda the short end of the stick as far as the divorce was concerned AND then trashed her reputation after he got what he wanted.... His actions were wrong on every level.

As for 3ABN and how it operates, I think people tolerated some things because they felt a good work was being done. I don't understand how good people would stay in a miserable situation because they think 3abn was spreading the gospel, yet from the stories told, many did..... until they began to see the light.... I think now that their eyes have been opened they want others to see what they experienced.... of course, experience is subjective so that's what we have....

Maybe the picture would be different IF every employee shared their experience, but I don't see that happening....

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 7 2006, 03:48 PM**

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People in other lands may have a more sincere conversion than many of those in this country because they have far fewer diversions that vie for their connection with God. My own personal opinion in this area is that the sin that God hates the most is ANY sin for it separates us from Him!

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**Posted by: Expression Sep 7 2006, 04:31 PM**

First of all, to say that no one in the US is converted is a rather broad statement. What does it mean to be converted? Everyone has their own picture, I suppose, but to say that no one in the US has a committed relationship with God was quite startling to me.

As far as the idea of sin and an un-surrendered heart...

To say, "Well, we're all in the same boat" has been used countless times. Why is the idea so popular? Because it is an excuse. There is no excuse so appealing as one that is coated in "Christianity." However an excuse is an excuse--regardless.

Secondly, there are degrees of sin. A child lying to his teacher is very different from a teacher raping a child. To say all sin is the same is not Biblical and is a far cry from logic.

We have professed the name of Jesus. As such we are to call sin by it's right name. It's not simply a choice, **this is our responsibility.**

In regard to the idea that as observers we really can't know what's going on, who's running their own agenda, etc...

If we were really looking at the situation and understood what we were seeing we would have realized who was telling the truth. People have given first-hand accounts of Danny's actions towards Linda and have stated that Linda was being abused. We can stand back and say, "Well, we don't really know" or we can read the signs. Danny has given plenty of them if you know what to look for. For instance, he has played the victim (before the whole world), and put all the blame on Linda. Accounts such as Barbara's have been given incredible weight because of Danny's actions. It fits like a hand in a glove.

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same things...aren't they fortunate they have a place to do that....many felt there was no one or place where others could also "download" and compare....you have forgotten the dynamics of how things are done at 3abn - YOU DON'T TALK. There are accounts, witness' and legal docs. Whether you decide to accept them is your choice, naturally, but, use your head. You seem to grasp some of Danny's "ways" by watching him - his character in a large part does show through...add things up. Now, I can't blame you for what you don't know, all the other details that you don't have, but there are those that do have them and are taking care of things. But, keep your mind open. Don't assume so much, or simplify things so much....you go to great lengths to make sure "both get blame". Sure, there is blame on both sides, but the degrees and motives are very different. Keep that in mind too. And btw, if you are someone who is trying to coworse people to give up their identities, just in case you work for the "other side", because they are quite desperate right now, you can forget that. You underestimate these people very much. They have nothing more to lose.

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Actually, I never thought you were ignoring me. It matters not either way if you reply to my comments about your post. I have no clue how you arrived at your post here based on what I said.

Maybe you could just read what I wrote once more. Maybe you don't care to. My attempt to "help you" didn't seem to do the job. You say you don't want to go "there" - where is "there"?? You want to play the middle so much, you are afraid to say what is appearant? We are talking about someone who is influencing people everyday - across the world - that's a huge weight of accountibility to just treat so lightly. He's not just someone who is "not classy" but is outright deceiving people, and going to great lengths everyday to be TOTALLY BLAMELESS in ALL THINGS. I don't care that we all need heart transplants? That's nothing new under the sun for us sinners....lets stick to the issues. I told you that you should not discard things. You were sarcastic and blaming of others possibly having an agenda. "Sister and her crew" as you say.... I told you to remain open. I guess I don't understand your reply back.....maybe it's better left alone. 

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

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I must admit I have never met T. Marshal Kelly. I have heard him speak and I have appreciated his ministry on 3ABN, as to meeting him personally, I have not had the privilage. It's comforting to know that there are some that people can come in contact with and feel the presence of the Lord.  
Thank you Clay.

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 8 2006, 10:14 AM**

**QUOTE(husbandoftheyear @ Sep 7 2006, 06:41 PM)** 

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The Bible does say that we will know them by their fruits. It's true, we do not sit in judgement regarding Danny or Linda--or anyone else for that matter. But we can often know a person's character by their actions (fruit). Comparing Dann's "fruit" with Linda's "Fruit" there is a vast difference. While he has publically trashed Linda and says he has proof for his accusations against her and yet fails to bring forth that evidence--his fruit is rotten! Linda on the other hand has kept silent, except for only speaking good of 3ABN and it's ministry. She has not publically slandered Danny. She has kept a very humble attitude about the whole thing--as devastating as it has been for her. Danny has always been so full of pride ever since I first watched him on 3ABN--I could tell that he relishes his position and the attention he gets. He also allowed people to sit around him several weeks ago on a "Live" program and declare that he was annointed by God--a man of God. He allowed John L. to say that to turn your back on Danny--God's annointed--was turning your back on God. A true man of God--a humble man of God would never allow that to be said! If Danny was indeed a man of God, he would have stopped John L right then and there and said, "NO! Don't look at me--look to God--do not equate me with God for I am not worthy!" But instead, he sat there with a smirk on his face, basking in it--taking it all in.

These are fruits that are very telling of a person's character. No, I'm not judging Danny--because that's God's job--but I'm saying that by Danny's fruits--the outpouring from his lips, actions, etc., he's in a very dangerous spot and he needs to repent.

We all have sinned--we all need a heart change. We can tell when one has had a heart change by the actions, words, etc., of such a person.

It's true that if we are in tune with the Heart of Christ that we will be different--that we will exude Christ. Satan either recoils at this--or he works harder. Either way, if we are in Christ we will not be moved! This is how I view Linda's position. She has a heart for Christ--always has. Satan isn't happy because Linda was helping people connect with Jesus on a heart level. He has been working harder at taking the rug out from underneath Linda, but Linda's testimony--her influence, her humble character cannot be moved as long as her heart is connected with Jesus. Nothing that Danny can do or say will change that fact.

"My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness...on Christ the solid rock I stand--all other ground is sinking sand"!

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
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Both Mark Finley and James Rafferty have spoken on this in the last few years. It has been a great comfort to me to know that I can ask that the most powerful Force in the universe be directed to the hearts of my loved ones simply by asking Him to do so.

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Well said Di! Thanks for covering it so well - I was ready to jump in and then saw your post. Lets home all this "simplifying" in order to remove the "gray areas" does not send us back to another extreme where we just want to grab on to the easy answers and move on. Things are not that

simple. The devil doesn't operate that simply, we better not think that simply.

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**Posted by: sonshineonme Sep 8 2006, 01:46 PM**

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If an axe murderer walks up to you and hits you in the back with an axe, would you believe he is an axe murderer even if you didn't see him kill someone else? How many people would he have to kill to reach the line of "hardened"? Even if someone is hardend, can he still repent? Of course he can, IF he is WILLING to do so. IF you have someone that is NOT willing, what then? Can you then say "he has a hardend heart"? What's wrong with aknowledging that someones character reflects a hardened heart? It is a fact that we were shown what that is by Pharoahs example (and some others too). Do we not get the right to also say that? Why is this not a "simple" way to look at it?

Have you ever sat on a jury? Have you ever had evidence put in front of you that is ugly but true? Do you just turn away and say "well, only God knows and I have no right to make a judgement".

Do not confuse someones behavior with this "don't judge" thing. These are seperate and should be realized what each is. God is the final judge in the hearts of man kind, but he certainly didn't say "and by the way, you can make no laws, and my 10 commandments really mean nothing either because you can't see the heart, so just go on your merry way and let me do all the thinking and punishment". God has gone to a lot of trouble to help us see RIGHT AND WRONG. Now lets not waste this education. When someone commits crimes, there should be accountability. When someone commits wrongs against another person (s), there tends to be an eventual consequences from society or the person it's done to.

and CB, while this may not be "back in the day" where things were black and white, keep in mind that type of thinking, which was extremely unhealthy, is what has led us to the gray areas we are in now - allowing for this and that....and sometimes, grace is actually in there now (thank goodness). My fear is that people can't handle thinking things through - they like to be told, black and white, makes it so simple. That is what complicates things - because if we would realize that God looks at us each INDIVIDUALLY, why can't we also do that? It is always good to understand situations as much as possible, because we can learn from them, just like knowing details of so many of those bible characters we read about - things were not black and white then, and they shouldn't be so now. When it comes to laws, they must be kept. If you break them, well, you pay the price. You seem to have mixed every thing together...."either you are converted or you're not". This is true. And we can't know if someone is or not, not really, but we sure can tell who looks more like the devils ways of doing things, and who looks more like Jesus. What would you call that? Don't you have a right to make a determination? I think so. It's called using commen sense and your brain. It's a nice combination when you have to make judgements about things. Be wise....as God has told us, now how can we do that if we don't assess and annalyze things that happen before us?

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**Posted by: Clay Sep 8 2006, 03:06 PM**

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I would go so far as to say you have a **moral obligation** to confiscate the car keys from the intoxicated person in that situation, if you are in a position to do so. We all make judgment calls every day based on what we see in front of us.

We really don't have to go so far as to make a judgment about the person's relationship - or future relationship -- with the Lord. I think we're reading too much into "judging people by their fruits." All we have to see is that the person is capable of inflicting damage, or has done so in the past, and is likely to do it again. And sometimes, we decide this person should **not** be driving the school bus.

Metaphorically speaking, some people just think we need some new bus drivers here and there. Do we really need to re-write biblical doctrine before we grab the keys from a drunk?

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 8 2006, 07:19 PM**

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What's wrong with acknowledging that someones character reflects a hardened heart?

You have the right to your opinions as do I. It is my opinion that only God truly knows the condition of a person's heart. It is my opinion that we can see evidences of their separation from God by their behavior.

As a fairly naive young woman far from home I struck up a deep friendship with a man serving in the Peace Corps. One weekend I went to his village and spent the entire weekend with him. I knew he was a worldly man but he felt like a dear big brother to me. I loved and respected him. We slept in the same bed (his was the only one with a mosquito net) and he never tried to be more than a good friend to me. When the mission doctor found I was not at home he came to find me and thought the worst. Soon, the whole compound believed that I was a fornicator when the only thing I was guilty of was poor judgement.

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**Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Sep 8 2006, 07:55 PM**

Amen, Calvin!

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**Posted by: sonshineonme Sep 8 2006, 08:25 PM**

**QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Sep 8 2006, 06:19 PM)**

You have the right to your opinions as do I. It is my opinion that only God truly knows the condition of a person's heart. It is my opinion that we can see evidences of their separation from God by their behavior.

As a fairly naive young woman far from home I struck up a deep friendship with a man serving in the Peace Corps. One weekend I went to his village and spent the entire weekend with him. I knew

he was a worldly man but he felt like a dear big brother to me. I loved and respected him. We slept in the same bed (his was the only one with a mosquito net) and he never tried to be more than a good friend to me. When the mission doctor found I was not at home he came to find me and thought the worst. Soon, the whole compound believed that I was a fornicator when the only thing I was guilty of was poor judgement.

My point is God knew the true situation - those around me only thought they did.

You are talking about someone making a judgement based on things that could be different. Like, speculation and heresy.

I am talking FACTS. Evidence. Testimony.

And I can tell you, whether you are doing the right thing or not, when you give the appearance of wrong doing, you place yourself in the position of being (fairly) judged. That's life. Now, if you have really did nothing wrong (such as your situation, and even "wrong" could even be redefined as it may not be the right thing to even sleep in the same bed because it's usually not a good idea anyway) then you have nothing to worry about - who cares what people think, because you know. Well, if you are comparing yourself to Dan Shelton, we are talking apples and oranges. Things are not the same, and if you can't see that, then maybe someday, given more information???? you just might have to finally see it". We can't ball all situations together. I feel like I am just repeating myself, maybe I am not saying it clearly, but you seem to resist evidence of testimony to help you know facts of a situation - and you seem to want to find a way NOT to believe something is so. Whatever comparison you have to make.

One other thing, just for the record, I have stories like your own - my own stories, and I have had to endure what people thought, and my endure took paying a price because of how people judged me by what they "thought" I was doing, when I knew clearly I was not doing what they thought....and the people were mean, did terrible things that affected my life very much. I can still say without any doubt, I knew that I was certainly not doing anything that I was accused or thought doing. Some things might have given the appearance of evil (to some, though they are the type to judge people as a rule) It's hard to say if I would do things differently because I did do it the first time of clear conscience - but I did not realize people would be so unchristian in their treatment. Now I know. And now I would be more careful because I know (have learned) how people can be....I would make better and more careful choices. Probably. Well, I don't know, I do sometimes feel that people should mind their own business, or ask me instead of judging ne...but we can't escape how people can behave, can we. And then there are people who really don't care, will find something about you, or cause problems either way....anyway, again, we are talking apples and oranges when talking of an open, clear, witnessed situations regarding DS. I am not stupid, I can use my head, and I CAN judge someone by their ways of living their life. They put it out there, live it, it's my right to call it as it is, and as it is seen. Don't you see the difference?

QUOTE(country bumpkin @ Sep 7 2006, 11:30 PM)

I guess implying that all in the US are unconverted was a bit extreme. It's just that I was raised in the church and have been around Adventist institutions most of my life and have yet to find a person that can personally say makes me think of what Christ is like. Even the soft spoken, sweet talking ultra-conservatives have issues with no answers. You know I heard James Rafferty say something one day that struck me. He said that when people quote, "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations, and then shall the end come," that people forget that the main emphasis of that text is witness. People want to see the gospel lived in the lives of God's people.

And you may be wondering what it is I'm looking for. Its THE light in the eyes, THE joy in the heart, and THE peace that passes ALL understanding. I when I find it, or someone with it, I'm sure I'll know it.

Country

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I know there are facts out there that have been seen by many as well as all of the testimony of those who have worked or are still working in the situation. And, once again, you are free to have your own opinions and make whatever judgements you feel are valid.

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**Posted by: inga Sep 8 2006, 09:53 PM**

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Sonshineonme, you may have something there. It's called "projecting" - projecting one's own behavior (in this case harsh judging) on others.

I, too, was startled when CB said she had never met anyone who demonstrated the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives -- no one with the light in their eyes, the joy in their hearts and the peace only God can give. I find that difficult to comprehend unless CB is looking for something that's not possible to find on this earth ...

**Posted by: sonshineonme Sep 8 2006, 11:08 PM**

**QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Sep 8 2006, 08:08 PM) □**

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You were treated harshly, and unfortunately, this happens often when it shouldn't. I've been there, I understand. But maybe they didn't know you well enough to believe you? Or maybe they just follow the rules no matter what - and what's worse, trying being in a christian environment where you would expect people to treat you with a christian attitude and they do just the opposite for various reasons.

I can still tell you that when a man/women RESISTS repentance (repeatedly) that is a sign of a hardened heart. That is a fact you can not get around. And you are certainly entitled to your opinion, as am I. I have much reason to feel valid in my opinion as well. Luckily, those people are few and far between, and some are quite obvious, while others, well, it eventually shows through by cause and effect.

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**Posted by: beartrap Sep 9 2006, 01:02 AM**

Sometimes as one looks outward, they need to look inward. At the same time Danny was accusing Linda of spending hours of time on the phone with Dr. Abrahamsen, he was spending many hours late at night with Brenda Walsh... alone with her. I, and many others, saw his red Dodge truck, and tan Suburban SUV at the church building with her Mercedes car, many times as late as early in the AM. Was he having spiritual or physical adultery with her? God knows, but he was physically with her for all those hours, and he accuses Linda of adultery for speaking on the phone.

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**Posted by: lurker Sep 9 2006, 05:40 AM**

And that tells us about the situation in her marriage what Linda may have been asking a counselor for help about. She had said at the beginning that the situation involved high profile people at 3ABN and that is why she felt she couldn't counsel with anyone there and had to talk to someone "safe".

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**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Sep 9 2006, 08:01 AM**

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**Posted by: awesumtenor Sep 9 2006, 02:46 PM**

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Just once I'd like you to not "not see the forest for the trees". Now that you've picked your nit, explain why the conversations Danny had with Brenda or any other woman not his wife were not evidence of his own infidelity, if we do according to Matthew 7 and judge him by the same measure by which he judged Linda?

In His service,  
Mr. J

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**Posted by: Panama\_Pete Sep 9 2006, 03:57 PM**

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**Posted by: Clay Sep 9 2006, 04:00 PM**

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I noticed that too... never dealt with the actions of Mr. Shelton which were questionable.... just reacted to the phone numbers....

**Posted by: sonshineonme Sep 9 2006, 04:35 PM**

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**Posted by: Clay Sep 9 2006, 04:41 PM**

**QUOTE(sonshineonme @ Sep 9 2006, 04:35 PM)**



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**Posted by: calvin Sep 9 2006, 04:44 PM**

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hanks, guys, I was hoping we all knew how to count....shew! 

**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Sep 9 2006, 05:21 PM**

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As for me not responding, are you projecting your own system of posting on me?

First, we have to go back to your post which is:

"First, when checking the source material used by PP there is no suggestion that Pastor Gilley baptised Vernon Howell (aka David Koresh). There is no claim that he was baptised at the seminar or even as a result of the seminar, it is merely a statement that he came into contact with Biblical prophecy in 1979 and was baptised in 1979.

Additionally, Pastor Gilley was in Tyler, Texas to do an evangelistic series and did not "teach" Howell anything other than what is traditionally presented in any Daniel and Revelation seminar. There is no insinuation that Gilley had anything to do with Koresh's eventual delusions of grandeur in either source - it merely gives the name of the pastor giving the seminar.

Connecting Danny or anyone at 3ABN to the Branch Davidians (either Koresh or Schnieder) couldn't hold water in the ocean. This trial balloon/red herring needs to go the way of other unsubstantiated ideas in the process of this discussion. "

I can speak to that which I wrote.

Others who made several posts in the thread may want to answer for themselves. For example, your reference to people named Schneider in Wisconsin was not mentioned by me. Therefore, there would be no way for me to respond to it. I am familiar with Wisconsin dairy products, but that's about it for Wisconsin.

Actually, the first two links I posted stated the Gilley's Revelation Seminar was held at Tyler and the David Howell baptism was held at Tyler - both in 1979. Those are just historical facts. They are what they are. If you look closely, you will notice that all of the information in the first two links I posted were historical sources. Historical facts are what they are. I posted them, but I did not write them.

The "trial balloon and red herring" mixed metaphors were your own and constitute your own opinion. I don't have to respond to your trial balloon idea because it is your theory, not mine.

The information in the third link is from the current 3ABN Web site. It, too, is what it is. I did not write that, either. I just posted it. In a printed book, these sources would come with appropriate footnotes, noting the source and giving credit to the authors.

I, do think -- and I said -- that those three links are interesting. That was and is my opinion. Interest is in the eye of the beholder.

I also said, "I can see why some here would sense shades of David Koresh." Others here, have indeed, mentioned David Koresh in several different places. They may choose to answer, giving their reasons, themselves, if they have not already done so.

So, what was your actual point? If you are talking about the relevancy of the standard "Revelation Seminar", that should go into another topical section because I don't believe in scaring people into the church with stories of hailstones the size of Volkswagons. Please don't assume everyone endorses what you call Daniel and Revelation Seminars. Many people don't. Some believe using scare tactics is counterproductive. On some people, who are susceptible to those "delusions" you mentioned, scare tactics can be highly destructive. There could be an entire thread just on that subject.

First and foremost, I believe people need a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, rather than be frightened into the church by "End Time" events. People who enter the church for the wrong reasons, who find no relationship to Jesus, typically leave after a time.

If there is some other "meat" in my own post that I missed, you'll have to point it out, at the same time you respond to your part of the "deal" whatever you decide that part is going to be.

Here are those links, again, and my comment if you missed them.

[emphasis in red is mine]:

<http://www.davekopel.com/Waco/Book/waprolog.htm>

"In 1979, at the age of twenty, Howell began attending a Seventh-Day Adventist (SDA) church in Tyler, Texas . Howell attended a church-sponsored revival meeting featuring traveling evangelist **Jim**

**Gilley's** "Revelation Seminars." Gilley's multimedia events warned that the fantastic, frightening Apocalypse foretold in the Book of Revelation could take place soon. Howell was fascinated."

Next, I shall quote from the following Web site of the Revised Waco Chronology:

<http://www.skepticfiles.org/waco/batf.htm>

"In 1979 Vernon Howell was baptised into the Tyler, Texas Seventh-day Adventist Church."

[Now quoting from the 3ABN Web site]

Notice who is speaking at this month's 3ABN Fall Campmeeting:

Thursday, September 28, 2006

4:00pm-7:00pm - Booths (Commercial/Informational) Open

Evening Program:

LIVE--Main Auditorium

8:00-10:00pm - Danny open/testimonies/music

Music:

Sermon: **James Gilley**

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Thanks for your response Pete - the current pop psychology word du jour "projecting" aside, I really did appreciate it and will respond more fully (avoiding legal brief sized responses) later. But I do think it important to note that the second web site you referenced did contain this warning right at the very beginning . . .

**Warning: Some of this material contains claims that will prove to be rumor and conjecture. In addition, some will find this material offensive.**

BTW, I am not a fan of the "scare 'em in" method either. I grew up in a time when they were always called D & R seminars and they had those wonderful flyers with all the Star Wars looking beasts on the front.

As for my point, it was that what I observed in that thread was the development of a paper thin theory based on weak speculation and conjecture - meaning the idea that some how there is a connection between Danny or Schnieder/Koresh is fantastical and there needs to be a move away from that to things that can be substantiated.



And you are right, I did not address the issue of the potential for perceived impropriety - and that would be my part of the deal, so give me the chance to come back to that later and fulfill my end of the deal.

- fhb

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**Posted by: country bumpkin Sep 9 2006, 10:02 PM**

It appears I am not getting my points across. My main premise is that we must have a true heart conversion. What exactly does that mean? It means that as Christians we are to have the heart (mind) of Christ. That means no hatred, anger, bitterness, resentment, impatience, irritation, jealousy and selfishness. That means that we must have all of the Fruit (singular) of the Spirit which are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Now maybe you know an abundance of individuals that in no way practice any of the first set and are such complete selfless people that they have all of the qualities of the second set. Well, I don't and in my opinion, only those that do, have the right to condemn Danny, because the rest of us are in the same boat as he is, no matter what he has done. We are a church of good people. We are a church of moral people, but are we a church of truly converted people? And, also in my opinion, anyone that does have a true heart conversion would not be out there trying to condemn anyone. They would be trying to redeem the lost, if not personally, because they have no contact, but at least through the power of prayer. It is amazing what God can do for his people when they ask.

Here is are a few quotes from the book,

*Unless you accept in your own life the principle of self-sacrificing love, which is the principle of His character, you cannot know God. MB 25*

*Love is the basis of godliness. Whatever the profession, no man has pure love to God unless he has unselfish love for his brother. But we can never come into possession of this spirit by trying to love others. What is needed is the love of Christ in the heart. When self is merged in Christ, true love springs forth spontaneously. The completeness of Christian character is attained when the impulse to help and bless others springs constantly from within. COL 384*

*Many who profess to follow Christ have not genuine religion. They do not reveal in their lives the fruit of true conversion. They are controlled by the same habits, the same spirit of faultfinding and selfishness, which controlled them before they accepted Christ.*

*No one can enter the city of God who has not a knowledge of genuine conversion. In true conversion the soul is born again. A new spirit takes possession of the temple of the soul. A new life begins. Christ is revealed in the character. RH 7-30-1901*

Now I am not trying to be judgmental, but I keep getting the feeling from Sonshineonme and others that if I don't bend to their pressure and admit that Danny is a hopeless soul that needs to be committed to the fires of hell to burn almost as long as Satan himself, that I am a deluded simpleton, not willing to accept the reality of the situation. Well, until I see the spirit of Christ shine through you, I will just be a deluded simpleton.

I would just like to add one thing. Christ was not an accuser but a redeemer.

Country,

P.S. The book has answers. It's called "What Shall I do to Inherit Eternal Life?"

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**Posted by: country bumpkin Sep 9 2006, 11:13 PM**

A Little "Food For Thought"!

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**Posted by: västergötland Sep 10 2006, 05:52 AM**

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**QUOTE(country bumpkin @ Sep 10 2006, 05:02 AM)**

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My understanding of that quote is that those that participate in such practices are followers of him who is teaching them to love and make a lie. The only one I know who is the master teacher of them that love and make lies is Satan. So, if you are spreading malicious things that are true, you are still a follower of the enemy. That is just my understanding of the quote.

Not only was her source completely infallible and verifiable, but she made her statements to those involved and did not spend her time trying to convince others that the ones she had been called upon to rebuke were "hard hearted like Pharaoh". She delivered her message and left the condition of a person's heart in the Lord's hands.

CB

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**Posted by: country bumpkin Sep 10 2006, 09:39 AM**

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The book does have quite a few quotes, but it is not a compilation. The author is telling her story of how she had been raised in a good Adventist Home and how she and her husband were both *missionaries and had be workers for the Lord. One day, her father realized at the age of 78 that he hadn't overcome, and that having fought the good fight of faith all his life, he was not ready to meet his Savior in peace. She goes on to say that when he asked her for help, she had no answers for him. That shocked her so much that she and her husband went on a search and this is what they found.*

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CB, I agree that these quotes speak clearly to those who are gossiping, using hearsay, lies and evil surmising. I have even seen some of this very type gossip posted here. And as I said earlier, Calvin

and Clay generally come on and give some gentle words of rebuke to direct away from such statements. What I disagree with is your statement that she did not qualify these even if they were true. She is clearly speaking of hearsay, lies and evil surmisings that are intended to destroy someone's reputation. That's how I read these wonderful statements anyway.

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CB, I understand what you are saying. It would be interesting to see what Sister White would make of the internet and the technology we have today as opposed to back at the turn of the century!

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**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Sep 10 2006, 04:05 PM**

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**QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Sep 8 2006, 10:08 PM)**

Those folks who judged me saw the facts:

1. I had spent the weekend alone with a person of the opposite sex
2. The man had a reputation for being promiscuous (a fact I was not privy to, tho I was later to find out that most Peace Corps of the era were doing the same thing)
3. Therefore, I must be having sex with the man.

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**QUOTE(beartrap @ Sep 9 2006, 02:02 AM)**

As the accusations are hurtled at Linda stating that phone card records show she spoke on the phone with Dr. Abrahamsen, how about requesting Danny's Verizon mobile phone records for 618-218-\*\*\*\* showing how many hours he spent on the phone with Brenda's 865-776-\*\*\*\* mobile phone during that very same period of time. Seems that what applies to the goose should apply to the gander, shouldn't it?

How could you say such a thing, Bear. And here I thought you to be a logical man!

The implementation of said rules only applies to geese that fly with the flock, not those up on the mountain alone with God.



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**Posted by: lurker Sep 10 2006, 06:24 PM**

Sister White did indeed give very intimate detail of the lives of some whom she gave testimonies to and their identities were not always hidden to protect them from embarrassment. I know you are being cynical when you speak of Sunshineonme and crew being called to expose dirty linen in the 3ABN ministry but hey, if the dirty linen wasn't there, nobody could have exposed a thing. I too am glad to know they were at the call of God.

It was not just because of pantheism that Sister White struggled against Kellogg. He was on an ego trip and was intent on enlarging the San and the work at Battle Creek when this work was supposed to be spread instead into new areas. He wanted his large extravagant and grandiose projects to go forward. HIS PROJECTS. Lets see now, I believe that Danny wanted to find the ark of the covenant. I heard him say that he wanted to produce a hollywood type religious movie, to have an old folks home or retirement type community whose residents could do volunteer work at 3ABN, to set up a sanctuary etc, etc etc. Can anyone add another project that you have heard him mention?

And I believe watchbird is concerned about pentecostalism taking hold at 3ABN.

I firmly believe that Danny is the Omega of the thing of which Kellogg was the Alpha.

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**Posted by: country bumpkin Sep 10 2006, 08:45 PM**

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**Posted by: country bumpkin Sep 10 2006, 11:05 PM**

Sonshineonme and "Sister and crew",

I know I owe you an apology for targeting you in these last few postings. I shouldn't have done so and I am sorry. In my heart I try to excuse myself because of how I felt reading you messages, but I know that is no excuse. I found myself falling into the same trap I was disapproving of.

I'm sorry. Please forgive me.

Country Bumpkin

P.S. I know this sounds a bit staged. When I read it, I felt that way at least, but hey, apologizing is not one of my strong suits. I'm going to have to start my book all over again.

CB

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**Posted by: howdy Sep 11 2006, 10:40 AM**

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How about the flip side of the Kellog saga? Perhaps it was a power struggle for control and the Shelton thing the same.

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**Posted by: country bumpkin Sep 11 2006, 03:31 PM**

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**Posted by: Richard Sherwin Sep 11 2006, 04:27 PM**

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Richard

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**QUOTE(husbandoftheyear @ Sep 10 2006, 06:23 PM)**

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It was LONG ago and my reputation was affected only in the eyes of those around me at the time and my supervisors state side. I made peace with that knowing that the truth would be shown someday.

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**Posted by: Johann Sep 11 2006, 05:06 PM**

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A concerned pastor in the Northwest USA has used his sabbatical to study this issue. He has come to the following conclusion:

09-09-06

The letter from Dr. Arild Abrahamsen, dated June 20, 2006, in which he sets forth to refute the

charges of slander brought against himself and Linda Shelton, isn't the first information I have ever received about the stuff going on at 3ABN. I know other people who have been close to this situation. It is an unbelievable mess.

If there is even a shred of truth to the letter written by the doctor then there should be a way to get at what really happened back there at 3ABN. A very clear principle is apparently being ignored. The problem is that this principle is violated over and over and over again in the Adventist Church. So God waits. But how long will He continue to wait before He acts with merciful precision and terrifying certainty? When there is serious conflict in any church setting, all the parties involved should be given a "time out" until the issues and conflicts are cleared up completely or exposed for what they really are. This encourages the parties who are in conflict to see exactly how serious this matter is to the entire church. (Consider, by way of example, 2 Thess. 3:14-15; 1 Cor. 5:9-11). If the parties will not cooperate then whatever ministries they are the head of, or involved in, need to come to an end or their personal involvement with that particular ministry must be terminated. Since there seems to be no possible way to bring this kind of pressure on Danny then all individuals who use 3ABN should immediately stop putting programs on the air and should immediately stop attempting to get 3ABN on the air in any venue or location. They should begin a fasting and prayer vigil, pleading with God to do whatever He must do to bring the full truth of this dispute out into the True Light. They should confess and deal with the sins in their own lives so God can work uninhibited. The administrations of the Local Conference, Union Conference and Division need to convene a board of inquiry. This board must be made up of only those people who have no vested interest or conflict of interest with 3ABN. (If it is true that the local Conference President sits on the governing board at 3ABN and that his own parents actually work for 3ABN then I wonder if he ever stopped to think that he has created a huge conflict-of-interest for himself? How is he able to sit on the very board that hires and fires his own constituents? There is no possible way anyone can say that this is exactly the same situation as individuals being hired and fired from the Local Conference. The constituents of the Conference should insist that he immediately resign as Conference President or resign from the 3ABN board). Danny should be told that, until such time this board can hear and decide on this matter the world wide church cannot support 3ABN or use 3ABN for any purpose including any and all public evangelism. He should be told they will not promote it anywhere. (There is one huge item which has been grossly overlooked in all of the charges and character assassination that has taken place. Linda would almost certainly welcome, with open arms, a fair, unbiased hearing to clear the air on this entire matter). Further, they should go to their constituents and acquaintances, whoever they are, and plead with them to stop watching or promoting 3ABN immediately. They should explain the Biblical Principle to their people and begin the fasting and prayer vigil on that level as well. With nothing more than hearsay as charges against Linda, Danny's feet appear to be in a big, big fire, especially given the fact that nobody has ever caught Linda and the doctor in any compromised situation. To my understanding Danny doesn't even have a charge of literal adultery against her with clear evidence to back up such a charge. But he, Danny, has already gone off and remarried. Can't we see that the Bible addresses such issues? If the local church refuses to deal with this then where is the leadership at the Local Conference level? If the Local Conference refuses to deal with it then where is the leadership at the Union Conference, and so on up the line? We claim we are situated on the brink of the Second Coming. We think of ourselves as virtually standing on the borders of the Heavenly Cana. If Israel had refused to deal with the Achan situation they would have been stuck at the ruins of Jericho. Why do we fail to see the parallel here? Yet unbelievably leaders are saying, "It just isn't our jurisdiction because 3ABN is not a denominationally owned entity." Question; where is 3ABN located? Question; at what churches are Danny and Linda members? Question; where are these churches located? Question; what entity/ies has/have jurisdiction over these churches? Question; what entity has jurisdiction over those lower entities, and so on up the line? Question; does the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church still use and promote 3ABN as though it is a legitimate Seventh-day Adventist organization? What about the upcoming series of meetings? Finally, how long will we remain stranded at the borders?

Now I hear that Danny affectionately speaks of his "new wife" right on the air by asking the viewers this rhetorical question: "Isn't she just the most beautiful thing you have ever seen?" It seems like only a short time ago he was saying very similar things about Linda! Wow! Do we honestly think this ministry is not tainted? A black cloud hangs over it. Who wants to let its darkness blind them? People think they, personally, are innocent yet they continue to use 3ABN to promote their ministries, all the while claiming that these ministries are the Lord's. Others, not just individuals but also entire

churches continue to pour millions of dollars into 3ABN. Others continue to promote 3ABN and continue to try to get it on the air in their location so that its ministry can "bless" and "help" the local church "win" new converts! (When the new converts finally discover the black cloud what kind of geriatrics will the local church have to go through to "fix" the situation – and what too about the Local Conference and Etc.)?

People fail to see there is something very seriously wrong at 3ABN. By continuing to use this organization, they also fail to see that they have become party to its specific sins. Why? Because, it is a ministry that supposedly belongs to God and they themselves also claim to belong to God, all within the same remnant church! Why do they become party to its sins? Because, what they fail to cure, especially when God has outlined a way for them to cure it, they become party to themselves. How can a house divided against itself, continue to stand? This cannot be within God's kingdom. We claim to be preparing for heaven and the new earth, yet we know full well such behavior will not be allowed there. Those who carry on in this way or allow such behavior will not enter or else they will have to repent and be changed before they get there. So we see the need for prayer, fasting, confessing and pleading with God; and the need to place demands upon Danny and 3ABN. None of this is easy or pleasant.

This is not the way things should be. Money, power and influence, often hold sway over truth. There is a term for this. It's called politics. Sadly, there is a very good chance the steps outlined above will never be carried out. Such steps are just too drastic. As is often the case, the stench is rising and spreading everywhere. If we do nothing, eventually it will permeate heaven itself and God will take the reigns into His own hands. Because of the moral weakness and political corruption on the part of some of God's professed people, countless thousands, and in this case possibly hundreds of thousands may be seriously injured or possibly even destroyed. Such needless waste and destruction happens because we didn't have enough fortitude to take a stand at the beginning and deal with the problem in spite of the initial fallout. All along the way there are increasing levels of fallout, but all along the way God is testing each of us to see if we will now take a stand against what is wrong. Even though the hour is very late and the loss and destruction gets increasingly greater with each passing moment yet He still tests us to see if now we will finally stand. As time passes and the stakes get higher the fallout and loss becomes greater. Finally, because we failed to act, we ourselves get caught in the falling rubble of the building. We discover that now we too are suffering great loss because of our failure to take a stand. We discover that the part of the house divided did not stand. God swept it away and nothing is left.

Until this thing is cleared up I don't see how anyone can, with a clear conscience, have any connection what-so-ever with 3ABN.

God is waiting. What will His people do with this matter?

By His Grace,

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 11 2006, 05:09 PM**

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**QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Sep 11 2006, 03:27 PM)**

Clay you are so right, many times God works through people to get His work done. If the posters on this and other boards are telling the truth (and I believe they are) then it's my feeling that He is working through them to alert the world that Danny and 3abn are not what they seem and change must happen. On the other hand if there are any lies or exaggerations then the means do not justify the end and those posters will be held accountable for their sins.

Richard

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Sep 11 2006, 05:21 PM**

Johann, thanks for posting this letter. What is the reason that Pastor ILR didn't use his full name? Is he afraid of repercussions? Just curious.

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**Posted by: Johann Sep 11 2006, 05:32 PM**

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**Posted by: princessdi Sep 11 2006, 05:49 PM**

Amen, Amen, whoever that pastor might be!

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**Posted by: country bumpkin Sep 11 2006, 09:02 PM**

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It would be nice for some of us to see something 'from the horse's mouth' so to speak.

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**Posted by: paleface Sep 11 2006, 09:44 PM**

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That is his email - it matches one I have for him.  
Johann@direkte.org  
Try again. Sometimes it's his server.

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**Posted by: country bumpkin Sep 11 2006, 10:46 PM**

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Johann,  
I have no problem with you all being around. As a matter of fact, when I first started reading on this site, I believed everything I read. Then I felt the accusations started going too far and I decided to post my original theory that I have had from the beginning. What shocked me was the venom I received at this site. So much so that I decide that this was not in any way the spirit of God, and that

if Danny was guilty of what he was accused of, those that were posting malicious information on this site were also as guilty in the sight of God. If you have been given a commission by God to present a sin, it is not the responsibly of the messenger to trash all those that oppose that view. What amazed me was that I was not saying that Danny was innocent, but that "in my view" as to the initial break-up, Linda had become proud also. To be attacked as I was for such a statement was enough to let me see that God was the only one who had the sense, sincerity, or the justice to handle this situation. I just feel when the dust settles that more that Danny and his crew will get a spanking.

P.S. I am Praying, boy am I praying! Not only for the 3ABN Ministry, but for myself. I desperately need it!

CB

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**Posted by: country bumpkin Sep 12 2006, 12:34 AM**

Oh, by the way, maybe I'm reading something in here that was not intended, but I feel that it is being implied that I should be willing to accept the opposing views that are posted here without rebuttal. Well, as you know there are numerous sites on this 3ABN segment of this web page. I have made it a point not to post my views on any of those sites. As a matter of fact, it's rare that I even look at them. But I do make it a point to defend on this site. I do believe everyone has a right to have at least one location where another viewpoint expressed and defended. So, no, I don't mind you being around, you mustn't mind me being around either.

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3ABN, Even from the beginning 3abn has positioned itself as being the judge of the church rather than as the helper of the church. At times the influences Johann mentions above have been less, and sometimes more, but they have always been there. If you will read the "Unauthorized History" threads carefully you will find references to some of this..... though here, as in every other area, all of us who are posting have been very selective and sparse in detail.

As an aid to finding specific information I constructed a "Guided Tour" to the history threads .... and Calvin posted it as an additional post in the thread in the Pinned section, which Clay had begun earlier. Since that has brief notations on it, you can scan down that one post to find specific topics. In this case look for references to Kenny Shelton, since he is the Shelton brother who was defrocked by the Adventist church because of the way he was doing exactly what Johann described above (as well as being closely linked with other "Independent Ministries" of like mind). But even though his Adventist credentials were removed, Kenny remained as pastor of his "offshoot" church, and was also on the outs with Danny for several years. As of last August, he returned to 3abn and is now being featured prominently as one of their speakers..... as well as traveling on some of their promotional tours. Both Beartrap and Sister posted specifically and descriptively of this, and perhaps others added to it. This is not to say that Kenny is the only one there who is of this ilk. But if you find posts about him, you will likely find others that bear on these concerns in the same general vicinity.

As to the present concerns that have been expressed that 3abn would be taken over..... or given over..... to one or more of the non-Adventist persons who hold high positions there (or to those who have but a thin veneer of Adventist doctrine on top of their previous Charismatic/Pentecostal belief systems) thus gradually taking it further away from being truly "Adventist"..... these have also been voiced in the History threads as well as elsewhere on this site. Look especially for references to Mollie Steensen and Shelly Quinn. It would also be well for you to examine the 3ABN website (newly designed early summer 2005) and note that they do not identify themselves as a supporting ministry of the Adventist church. They don't even identify themselves as an "Independent Ministry" of the Adventist church.

They plainly state there that. "3ABN is not owned, operated or funded by any church, denomination or organization, so people from all cultures and backgrounds appreciate 3ABN programming. Many of 3ABN's employees and volunteers are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

As you read the Unauthorized History threads, also note what has been said about the Pentecostal influences at 3ABN.... not only now, but from the very beginning. Adventists were largely ignorant of the facts that there were so many Pentecostals ..... even former Pentecostal ministers..... who have exerted a great deal of influence on the thought patterns taught by 3ABN employees.

And on the other hand..... look for those things which give some glimpses of the contentions between 3ABN and Adventist church leaders. Some of those you will also find in the "Guided Tour".... in some cases as links to specific posts in other threads.

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The thing about Bear is that he seldom talks about what it has cost him to "stand for the right though the heavens fall". And search as you will, you will find no more than a faint glimmer of insight into what he has endured..... and still has to endure. But I think there is enough here so you can see why it is that "when Beartrap speaks..... we listen" .... to quote an old TV ad that you just might be too young to even remember.

As to your other comments .... it is very possible that you will feel the need to change some of your "beliefs" in the near future. So I'd suggest that you speak very cautiously of them and give more thought to what others on here "believe" and why we believe it. And perhaps you could give a little more weight to those who speak from experience, and a little less to opinions you have formed from watching some actors on a TV screen.

And if you want to speak privately about these matters, you are welcome to PM me.

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**Posted by: country bumpkin Sep 12 2006, 12:54 PM**

[Watchbird,

I will not dispute the fact that 3ABN had some anti-church programs on in the beginning. My mother is an ultra-conservative and glories in these ideas. That is why, when Danny became so cozy with the church these last few years, he had, according to her, "apostatized" with the rest of the church. But that is not my issue. I have only 2 issues on this site.

- 1) Both Danny and Linda became proud and that was the reason for the fall
- 2) If our hearts are not right with God, we are no better then they are. We just look better. Recently I have added a third.
- 3) God is the only one who can fix this mess to his glory.

Aside from that, in my opinion, the rest is just speculation, hearsay, and endless accusations (founded or unfounded)

That's my opinion and I'm sticking to it.!

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CB

**Posted by: Johann Sep 12 2006, 02:29 PM**

My friend has done some edting in the last few lines. Here is the new article:

[quote name='Johann' date='Sep 12 2006, 01:06 AM' post='151354']

A concerned pastor in the Nortwest USA has used his sabbatical to study this issue. He has come to the following conclusion:

09-09-06

The letter from Dr. Arild Abrahamsen, dated June 20, 2006, in which he sets forth to refute the charges of slander brought against himself and Linda Shelton, isn't the first information I have ever received about the stuff going on at 3ABN. I know other people who have been close to this situation. It is an unbelievable mess.

If there is even a shred of truth to the letter written by the doctor then there should be a way to get at what really happened back there at 3ABN. A very clear principle is apparently being ignored. The problem is that this principle is violated over and over and over again in the Adventist Church. So God waits. But how long will He continue to wait before He acts with merciful precision and terrifying certainty? When there is serious conflict in any church setting, all the parties involved should be given a "time out" until the issues and conflicts are cleared up completely or exposed for what they really are. This encourages the parties who are in conflict to see exactly how serious this matter is to the entire church. (Consider, by way of example, 2 Thess. 3:14-15; 1 Cor. 5:9-11). If the parties will not cooperate then whatever ministries they are the head of, or involved in, need to come to an end or their personal involvement with that particular ministry must be terminated. Since there seems to be no possible way to bring this kind of pressure on Danny then all individuals who use 3ABN should immediately stop putting programs on the air and should immediately stop attempting to get 3ABN on the air in any venue or location. They should begin a fasting and prayer vigil, pleading with God to do whatever He must do to bring the full truth of this dispute out into the True Light. They should confess and deal with the sins in their own lives so God can work uninhibited. The administrations of the Local

Conference, Union Conference and Division need to convene a board of inquiry. This board must be made up of only those people who have no vested interest or conflict of interest with 3ABN. (If it is true that the local Conference President sits on the governing board at 3ABN and that his own parents actually work for 3ABN then I wonder if he ever stopped to think that he has created a huge conflict-of-interest for himself? How is he able to sit on the very board that hires and fires his own constituents? There is no possible way anyone can say that this is exactly the same situation as individuals being hired and fired from the Local Conference. The constituents of the Conference should insist that he immediately resign as Conference President or resign from the 3ABN board). Danny should be told that, until such time this board can hear and decide on this matter the world wide church cannot support 3ABN or use 3ABN for any purpose including any and all public evangelism. He should be told they will not promote it anywhere. (There is one huge item which has been grossly overlooked in all of the charges and character assassination that has taken place. Linda would almost certainly welcome, with open arms, a fair, unbiased hearing to clear the air on this entire matter). Further, they should go to their constituents and acquaintances, whoever they are, and plead with them to stop watching or promoting 3ABN immediately. They should explain the Biblical Principle to their people and begin the fasting and prayer vigil on that level as well. With nothing more than hearsay as charges against Linda, Danny's feet appear to be in a big, big fire, especially given the fact that nobody has ever caught Linda and the doctor in any compromised situation. To my understanding Danny doesn't even have a charge of literal adultery against her with clear evidence to back up such a charge. But he, Danny, has already gone off and remarried. Can't we see that the Bible addresses such issues? If the local church refuses to deal with this then where is the leadership at the Local Conference level? If the Local Conference refuses to deal with it then where is the leadership at the Union Conference, and so on up the line? We claim we are situated on the brink of the Second Coming. We think of ourselves as virtually standing on the boarders of the Heavenly Cana. If Israel had refused to deal with the Achan situation they would have been stuck at the ruins of Jericho. Why do we fail to see the parallel here? Yet unbelievably leaders are saying, "It just isn't our jurisdiction because 3ABN is not a denominationally owned entity." Question; where is 3ABN located? Question; at what churches are Danny and Linda members? Question; where are these churches located? Question; what entity/ies has/have jurisdiction over these churches? Question; what entity has jurisdiction over those lower entities, and so on up the line? Question; does the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church still use and promote 3ABN as though it is a legitimate Seventh-day Adventist organization? What about the upcoming series of meetings? Finally, how long will we remain stranded at the boarders?

Now I hear that Danny affectionately speaks of his "new wife" right on the air by asking the viewers this rhetorical question: "Isn't she just the most beautiful thing you have ever seen?" It seems like only a short time ago he was saying very similar things about Linda! Wow! Do we honestly think this ministry is not tainted? A black cloud hangs over it. Who wants to let its darkness blind them? People think they, personally, are innocent yet they continue to use 3ABN to promote their ministries, all the while claiming that these ministries are the Lord's. Others, not just individuals but also entire churches continue to pour millions of dollars into 3ABN. Others continue to promote 3ABN and continue to try to get it on the air in their location so that its ministry can "bless" and "help" the local church "win" new converts! (When the new converts finally discover the black cloud what kind of geriatrics will the local church have to go through to "fix" the situation – and what too about the Local Conference and Etc.)?

People fail to see there is something very seriously wrong at 3ABN. By continuing to use this organization, they also fail to see that they have become party to its specific sins. Why? Because, it is a ministry that supposedly belongs to God and they themselves also claim to belong to God, all within the same remnant church! Why do they become party to its sins? Because, what they fail to cure, especially when God has outlined a way for them to cure it, they become party to themselves. How can a house divided against itself, continue to stand? This cannot be within God's kingdom. We claim to be preparing for heaven and the new earth, yet we know full well such behavior will not be allowed there. Those who carry on in this way or allow such behavior will not enter or else they will have to repent and be changed before they get there. So we see the need for prayer, fasting, confessing and pleading with God; and the need to place demands upon Danny and 3ABN. None of this is easy or pleasant.



This is not the way things should be. Money, power and influence, often hold sway over truth. There is a term for this. It's called politics. Sadly, there is a very good chance the steps outlined above will never be carried out. Such steps are just too drastic. As is often the case, the stench is rising and spreading everywhere. If we do nothing, eventually it will permeate heaven itself and God will take the reigns into His own hands. Because of the moral weakness and political corruption on the part of some of God's professed people, countless thousands, and in this case possibly hundreds of thousands may be seriously injured or possibly even destroyed. Such needless waste and destruction happens because we didn't have enough fortitude to take a stand at the beginning and deal with the problem in spite of the initial fallout. All along the way there are increasing levels of fallout, but all along the way God is testing each of us to see if we will now take a stand against what is wrong. Even though the hour is very late and the loss and destruction gets increasingly greater with each passing moment yet He still tests us to see if now we will finally stand. As time passes and the stakes get higher the fallout and loss becomes greater. Finally, because we failed to act, we ourselves get caught in the falling rubble of the building. We discover that now we too are suffering great loss because of our failure to take a stand. We discover that the part of the house divided did not stand. God swept it away and nothing is left.

Until this thing is cleared up I don't see how anyone can, with a clear conscience, have any connection what-so-ever with 3ABN.

God is waiting. What will His people do with this matter?

By His Grace,

ilr

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Well, bumpkin, are you about to prove yourself that what you say here is true? I know a good number of people who have changed their minds recently, but I guess that is the exception to your rules?

will forward your letter to the author and see what he will do with you.

**Posted by: country bumpkin Sep 12 2006, 10:59 PM**

*Why, why , why, must we go through this time and again!*

I must add that I had not donated to 3ABN in years, but the spirit of those that claim to be the advocates of truth are of such a nature that donating to 3ABN would be easier now than ever. I have seen for myself the nature of those that have attacked this ministry and have found it to be as un-Christ like as they claim Danny's attitude is. I think it is shameful to play on peoples consciences. God has given everyone a mind that is fully equipped to make rational decisions and if anyone wants to know whether or not they should donate to 3ABN it is an issue they need to take up with GOD! Not you or me or ilr (who ever he is).

I know not where the truth is told, but I know how hold the answers. It's a secret known only to Him!

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
**Posted by: Clay Sep 13 2006, 09:42 AM**


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I like it! 

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That is correct! I have not posted in other sites but I have enjoyed checking out the other sites and laughed at your jokes. It is fun here on BSDA! The folks are nice too especially when I have never been on something like this before I regrested here. I have posted on the wrong site and thought I had read everything until I was guided to all the pages I had not covered. It has taken me a month and a half to read and print out 5 reams of information. I had paper clutter around me in piles until I have my topics organized and in a box.

I have been on a very interesting trip here on Saga of 3ABN.

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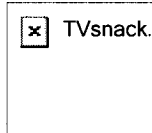
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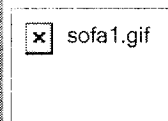
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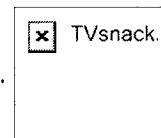
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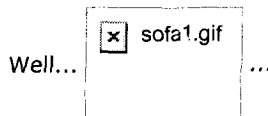
**Posted by: September Sep 13 2006, 10:56 AM**

I agree...I should be more active in other forums too  My problem is, I get so overwhelmed...so perhaps I'll limit it to one forum as well as this one. I don't 'do' message boards very well so for now I'll use the K.I.S.S. [size=1]Keep It Simple S... principal

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Matthew 13:13 NKJ