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### BlackSDA \_ 3ABN \_ Message To The Readers

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**Posted by: Following The Son Aug 26 2006, 08:14 AM**

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Dear "Following",

have a friend who is a fireman. He does not start fires. When he sees children in danger he rushes in to see what he can do to protect them. They are not his children. He has nothing to lose by turning a deaf ear or turning his eyes away. So why does he rush in, in the face of personal danger? Because he knows what uncontrolled fire can do.

In this forum we have become aware of a fire raging out of control and there are children in danger. Sure we can pray about it, but so does the fireman pray before he engages the danger. He prays that the fire will go out. He prays he can help the children. He prays that all will turn out well in the end. But he HAS to offer whatever help he can. Even those not trained to fight fires will rush in to rescue the children. Does the name WACO bring back any thoughts of children?

Have another friend who is a "First Responder". HE goes to the help of INDIVIDUALS. He prays before he answers the call. He is trained to observe particular signs of danger and life-threatening conditions. If all he does is to pray, how much help is he? He must act, often in "TEAM" efforts. It may take more than one to save the life. He does all he can, then he delivers the "patient" to a more powerful entity, a hospital, a doctor, or maybe even a law enforcement agency. It depends on what

happened who is in danger. If a child has been endangered or violated the next agency will be "JUSTICE".

"All that evil needs to succeed is for good people to do nothing". Notice the word "DO". "Faith without works is dead".  
Just DO IT!

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While your sermonette sounds good on "ineternet", in reality, you have picked and chose what you want to do inspite of what God says in whole to do. As observer and justme have stated, faith without words is DEAD. Maybe you are afraid? Maybe you are afraid you might do the wrong thing in your actions"?? Maybe you should let God take you to the next step in your faith and ACT. Maybe He has been calling you to more then just the verses that give you the justification to do nothing but sit there. If you are not called to do anything, then don't. But beware - if others have, you have no right to JUDGE them. You can not see the whole picture - and yet you have enough of your own personal experience you say, to understand? Get your religion straight. Either you are one like the bible stories

we have heard so many times where ACTION was called out on the believer of God, and TRUST was there along side that God would make all things work together.

Don't give up or stop in your striving to deal with this situation. God isn't finished with you yet either, just like any of us - this situation has many ways of teaching us many things. Be flexible in God's hands. That's what He's trying to teach us all. Our problem is we think we know what God wants. How does that leave it open for Him to use us?

**Posted by: justme Aug 26 2006, 09:39 AM**

Dear "Following"

I applaud your desire to 'let it go' as far as it concerns your own situation. This is admirable and it is true that we do this. at the right time.

Arsonist and murderers and rapists can be forgiven, even by the very ones the violated. But they still need to be stopped from hurting others. There are a number of "Job Openings listed on their website.

Don't you just want to warn all those prospective applicants of what they may face in the employment of this "family-owned business"?!?!?

Do you want to help stop the hurt that comes from a runaway train?

What will you say to those children when they grow up and ask you why you didn't speak up when you KNEW?

Your point about being SO HURT and DEVASTATED is one I can relate to. I know that pain! I know it well. It has happened to me! I no longer go back over my own devastating experience because I have done what you admonish. Give it to God and study, and pray, and forgive. Yes I am all OK now because I have healed.

But I did go through my experience because no one warned me of what I was getting into. Now I am much the wiser and now I can help and guide because I have learned how to recognize danger and warn of its consequences. It can leave scars.

When God heals us we usually have a scar as a reminder of what happened. In the heart, scars may be invisible to the observer. The **signs** may not be visible, but the **symptoms** can be recognized by a trained eye, by an experienced eye.

When my doctor tells me I need treatment for cut, it is not just his opinion, it is not "judging me", it simply what needs to be done to prevent infection or death. But time is of the essence.

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I was gone and now I'm back, but not for the purpose of defending myself or either side. "Following the Son" raised very important points that I have not practised with regard to my own behavior.

First, I must remove the beam from my eye before I make a big fuss about the speck of dust in my

brother's (or sister's) eye(s). With that said, I hereby, without reservations, withdraw everything I wrote in my posts about this topic - both for and against.

Many things have been said on this site but I somehow do not see the spirit of Christ in posts like "The Guessing Game." To be fair, I do not see the spirit of Christ in my previous posts either.

Can "Sister" honestly state that she is directed by the Lord in writing what she has written in that thread? And encouraging others to come forward with their stories? Please note that I do not condemn, just that I'm asking a question that can be answered with a yes or a no. Could "Observer" be answering with a yes (as quoted above) ?

And for the record, I was not angry in my previous posts. Just cynically amused - which by itself is not Christian, I agree. However, I am neither angry nor cynical in this post.

Having been in "know" of some very ugly situations involving SDA leadership at the conference, union and division levels has led me to the conclusion that humans are not meant to be meddling in situations like these. Each and every time, it was the Lord's doing in bringing those situations to a conclusion. Does that mean that this forum should stop discussing it and making plans to bring about a change? Not at all. I'm just pointing out that all your/their/his/her words and actions are irrelevant since God controls the final result - resulting in vindication for one side, or both, or none. The Lord will reveal and act in His own time, not yours, theirs or mine.

Have a good Sabbath

God bless all of you.

Steffan Philip  
steffankp@gmail.com

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**Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Aug 26 2006, 10:22 AM**

Following makes lots of good points, and so do the rest of you.

I am still bewildered about what to think and do in regards to many of the situations and accusations I have read here.

My position to this point has been to remind my family and friends that the wheat and the tares grow together and that it is God who will separate them in His own time. I have been so blessed by the ministry of 3abn in my own life and don't want to see anything happen to bring it down.

I also read in the Bible that when Satan proclaimed that Jesus was the Son of God through a possessed handmaiden, he was rebuked!

IF the accusations of molestation by the two brothers are true, that is something that cannot be kept secret. If it is not openly dealt with and the offenders charged, the parties who know about it and let it continue are committing a terrible injustice.

I still believe that prayer is our most powerful weapon.

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**Posted by: justme Aug 26 2006, 10:46 AM**

3ABN wants DISH NETWORK!

3ABN has been broadcasting an announcement. Danny asks for 3ABN to be placed in the DISH

Network programming lineup.

Danny is speaking to all 3ABN viewers asking 3ABN viewers to write to DISH Network.

Mr. Eric Sahl, Senior Vice President for Programming  
DISH Network  
9601 South Meridian  
Englewood, Colorado  
80112

You may want to write to Mr. Eric Sahl to express your thoughts on this idea.

God's will be done!


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Can you be more specific? 

**Posted by: justme Aug 26 2006, 12:30 PM**

Dear "Rough".

Have you jumped to conclusions? or maybe are you a practicing licensed diagnostician? Just kidding ... I wish I was, .....sometimes. Not worth it to me.

Yup! There is an infection. You might call it a "hunger" and thirst after righteousness.

I, for one, do NOT want to see 3ABN go off the air. I would like to see the gospel go into every home in the world as soon as possible. After they see the gospel on their TV's they will look for a church to attend, and someone to nurture them into all truth. When they ask about 3ABN, what will they learn about the organization?

Probably depends upon whom they ask. If they ask the conferences, the answers will vary. If they ask the local church, the answers will vary.

Believe it or not, I **would** like to see 3ABN on the DISH network. The God of Heaven can use ANYTHING to further his work, if it willing to let HIM lead it.

What I would like to see is this:

I would like to see everyone (former employees, only) who has ever worked at 3ABN to be able to say that working there was the very best experience of their life. I have not heard even one as yet.

I would like to see the Three Angels Messages presented and followed. Especially the Third Angel's Message. "Come out of her My people". and it should apply to the management and family at 3ABN first.

The "Her" spoken of is Babylon. "Babeling Confusion!".

I would like to see Danny and the entire board "retire". All who have participated in "destroying" former employees should resign.



3ABN should INVITE all former employees of 3ABN to testify to their experience as an employee of 3ABN. If 3ABN has been so wonderful to everybody then why does 3ABN forbid people to say anything about having worked there?

Let's have a post from Danny Shelton himself, identifying himself, and inviting all former employees and volunteers to relate their own personal experience. Let the employees tell who their supervisor was, the job they did at 3ABN and for how long they worked there.

Surely it can't all be so bad. ...can it?

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you writing the televangelist and/or other unauthorized 3ABN stories: don't think that you are going to receive jewels in your crown for each person you bring down. God has not authorized you to be the judge and the jury. That is HIS job. God is capable of taking care of His own ministries and reputation without your help. Go read the story of the woman caught in adultery. Were there any accusers left standing there that had no faults? How are you sitting there with your finger pointed any better than the Pharisees? Let Jesus take the wheel.

For those of you who are administering the website: Measure the content of this website against the counsel of Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things." The contents of the threads in this particular website are not on this approved list, and yet this site claims to be managed by members of God's remnant church. Stick to your terms and rules that are posted on the registration page: "You agree, through your use of this service, that you will not use this bulletin board to post any material which is knowingly false and/or defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, vulgar, hateful, harassing, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, invasive of a person's privacy, or otherwise violative of any law". This website is being a stumbling block to many and is taking the focus off the purity and example of Jesus. I pray that you will seriously consider removing these comments from your site.

To all of you: recently I read a devotional thought that talked of a certain kind of jellyfish that live in a lake, and they travel from one side of the lake to the other following in the direct light of the sun. Unlike other jellyfish, they do not sting, or hurt other creatures. Why? Because they are too busy following the sun. I think we all need to get busy and follow the Son. I plan to do this starting now and will no longer be visiting Blacksda.com or commenting on things that should be left in God's capable hands. I pray that you'll do the same.

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The leaders of the Trans European Division of Seventh-day Adventist took this official position many years ago: Have nothing to do with 3ABN!

My wife's aunt was married to a SS officer in the German Army who was stationed in a Concentration Camp. When she visited him all was beautiful, clean, and the people seemed to be working in a good atmosphere. It was not until after the war she found out what was going on there.

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**Posted by: PrincessDrRe Aug 26 2006, 04:13 PM**

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**QUOTE(justme @ Aug 26 2006, 09:53 AM)**

Dear "Following",  
I have a friend who is a fireman. He does not start fires. When he sees children in danger he rushes in to see what he can do to protect them They are not his children. He has nothing to lose by turning a deaf ear or turning his eyes away. So why does he rush in, in the face of personal danger? Because he knows what uncontrolled fire can do.

In this forum we have become aware of a fire raging out of control and there are children in danger. Sure we can pray about it, but so does the fireman pray before he engages the danger. He prays that the fire will go out. He prays he can help the children. He prays that all will turn out well in the end. But he HAS to offer whatever help he can. Even those not trained to fight fires will rush in to rescue the children. Does the name WACO bring back any thoughts of children?

I have another friend who is a "First Responder". HE goes to the help of INDIVIDUALS. He prays before he answers the call. He is trained to observe particular signs of danger and life-threatening conditions. If all he does it to pray, how much help is he? He must act, often in "TEAM" efforts. It may take more than one to save the life. He does all he can, then he delivers the "patient" to a more powerful entity, a hospital, a doctor, or maybe even a law enforcement agency. It depends on what happened who is in danger. If a child has been endangered or violated the next agency will be "JUSTICE".

"All that evil needs to succeed is for good people to do nothing". Notice the word "DO". "Faith without works is dead".  
Just DO IT!

Excellent post and I totally agree.

Normally - people who say - "Just let it go" haven't been....um..."hurt" enough by someone to feel the pain....

don't know what "FollowingtheSon" has been through - but if their child, grandchild or their very own self has been molested - I doubt they would just want to "let go"....

Also - wouldn't GOD hold me accountable if I could have "protected" others - but didn't because I wanted to just "step aside" and "let it go"?



GOD works on earth through the works of others. If you are not "called" to do anything about the Shelton Mess then by all means - don't try to do anything. However I wouldn't "knock" anyone for trying to do something.

Yes, we all have "beams/toothpicks/sticks/pencils" in our eyes.... true - and if I recognize that, and know it.... and I am striving for removal.... won't you do the same?

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I have seen documentaries where Germans were led through the Concentration Camps after the war and they cried and smote their own heads because they claimed to "not know".....

How would you feel if you "didn't know" and found out later that you could have been told (in regards to anything "secret" within your family [lifechanging])?



How would you feel if you "didn't know" and found out later that you could have been "saved" if someone had stepped in and "rescued" you?



How would you feel if you "didn't know" and found out years later that your child or grandchild was molested by someone - yet people around you "knew" and did nothing.....



Put yourself in all of these scenarios..... that's all I ask

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**Posted by: Panama\_Pete Aug 26 2006, 04:26 PM**

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If all of the posts are deleted, as you suggest, what method do you think Dr. Arild Abrahamsen should use to tell people he is not -- and never was -- Linda Shelton's boyfriend? Wouldn't it be an even bigger stumbling block for a Sabbath School teacher, such as Dr. Abrahamsen, to let the students mistakenly think he was wandering around Europe with someone else's wife, when that was never the case? Isn't it best for people to know there is more than one opinion about that?

**QUOTE**

God is capable of taking care of His own ministries and reputation without your help.

Since neither God nor the General Conference stepped in (during 2004 or 2005) to correct that information for Abrahamsen, letting God fix everything (as you suggest) didn't happen. In the end, Abrahamsen had to write his letter, himself. Sometimes God helps those who help themselves.

But you don't want people to see Abrahamsen's letter, do you? Over the past two years, I've seen numerous people try to play the "gossip" card in an attempt to censor others. When you ask for the posts to be deleted, it is actually censorship that you are asking for, couched in a sprinkling of Bible verses here and there to make censorship look religious when it is not.

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Ah, but if one is guilty..... then justice is the thing one abhors the most..... and flees from the fastest.....

**Posted by: Brother Sam Aug 26 2006, 06:26 PM**

I hear and read the "do gooders" spouting their mumbo jumbo regarding the "fact" that "God will take care of it"... yet, if somebody attacks them or their family, they get all exciting and want action on their behalf. God works through people, he does not send down lightening to strike out evil or directly punish the evil doers. People get sick, not just because of their sin, but due to other factors...if God is suppose to take care of everything, he would not have given any of us a brain - we would not have any laws or the law enforcement/prison system for the wrong does. Is not the law enforcement system based on laws given by God to Moses, via the 10 Commandments, which appear in many places all across this nation? If "God will take care of it", we would not need any laws - everyone could do as they pleased and according to their own rules - we have rules about how non-profts are to be run, and so called "christians" have an even more strict standard they should abide by so that the funds that God blesses them with is used in the most prudent manner. When we see something that is not right, we should say something, otherwise we become accessories to the wrong doing.

**Posted by: princessdi Aug 26 2006, 07:42 PM**

Clay, I often think of this when people say things like that. In fact, FollowingtheSon, has not been following along with the this thread very well, or else they would know that sever before them have already stated that they were going to take the " let go and let God route on this one. I have come to the understnading that this maybe their lot, to sit back and pray. This kind of fight does take courage and perserverance, many have no stomach for either. It takes a lot to go against all who seem right, especially if they are in leadership, church leadership As in the examples you gave, there were "christian-church-going" people who used Bible texts to justify the atrocities inflicted upon blacks in this country since slavery. They would go to church each and every Sunday/Saturday, serve as pastors, elders deacons, and attend their kain meetings, cross burnings, and lynchings just as religiously. It seemed right even biblical to them, but some knew it was wrong all along.

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It is official. This site has become infected with a grievous disease. What a pity.

think your assessment is a bit premature.... thus your pity is unwarranted.... and what official might you be that you can announce "its official?"

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**Posted by: Ralph Aug 26 2006, 09:30 PM**

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**Posted by: PrincessDrRe Aug 26 2006, 10:17 PM**

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Deep.... fa real!




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**Posted by: sonshineonme Aug 27 2006, 12:00 PM**

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Good point. If we are to sit back and do nothing (as suggested by FollowingtheSon), then we should ignore the great commission. We should be like those in the story of the Good Samaritan--look but don't act. In fact these people were condemned by Jesus. They could have said, "I'm going to pray and let God fix the problem." Jesus praised the Good Samaritan for being a man of action, who partnered with God to fix the problem. Jesus stated that the Good Samaritan exemplified a good neighbor, a good follower of Christ.

If we were to follow your suggestion, FollowingtheSon, we wouldn't be following the Son of God, but the sons of man. Yes, we pray and ask God for guidance of if, how, and when we should act; nevertheless, we don't run and hide and we don't leave a wounded soldier on the battlefield to die. We have a responsibility to each other. We are here to glorify God and to serve others. To stand by and see injustice(s) occurring, we unwittingly affirm them. Christian people are people of action. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a movement! We are not going to stand by and let a gang of bullies misrepresent who God really is and bully those who stand for truth. It is totally unacceptable.

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**Posted by: husbandoftheyear Aug 27 2006, 01:26 PM**

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But I have a question--what about principle? What about doing the right thing because it is the right thing?

What exactly is the right thing?

For some it is to speak up. For other it is to let God work.

I believe in both implementations, and I believe that both are being employed in this situation.

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As for acting or letting God act - I am not saying that we shouldn't step in. I'm saying that perhaps it is God working when someone chooses not to act.

If one sticks too rigidly to one's principles, one would hardly see anybody.

Agatha Christie (1890 - 1976)

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I don't think that principle is non-existent either and have not been supporting that. I have been writing to the fact that principle is different for different people. I'm sure that you and I share similar principles, but not everyone would share them.

And, of course, child molestation should be against everyone's principles...but you might be surprised.

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Why do you seem to think that's an invalid assumption? People send money to 3ABN because they want to support Adventist televangelism. If 3ABN was discredited as a trustworthy ministry because of their leadership why would not these same financial supporters want to redirect their financial support to HOPE? I would.

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**Posted by: inga Aug 27 2006, 11:38 PM**

**QUOTE(justme @ Aug 26 2006, 09:53 AM)**

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**Posted by: DOG Aug 28 2006, 08:40 PM**

[i]The issues around 3ABN are getting deeper into the sewer line than one would like to see. But truth has a way of making its way to the surface. God allows this in order to attempt to save those involved. The sory of the Teleevangelist is so well written and I might add with acute accuracy. It has come to me that a legal firm of investigators on the east coast has taken up the subject. Already volumes of material has been collected and documented. It is a shame that it has to go this far but when those of the Board of Directors refuse to listen then the truth must come to the surface in order to protect the innocent. We all need to pray and work and gather information that can be upheld in a court of law. This service that BlackSDA is providing will help. Thank you BlackSDA!

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**Posted by: fallible humanbeing Aug 28 2006, 09:10 PM**

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**Posted by: beartrap Aug 28 2006, 10:42 PM**

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**QUOTE(fallible humanbeing @ Aug 28 2006, 10:10 PM)**

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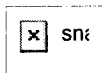
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**Posted by: PaperTigers Aug 28 2006, 11:04 PM**

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

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



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[i]The issues around 3ABN are getting deeper into the sewer line than one would like to see. But truth has a way of making its way to the surface. God allows this in order to attempt to save those involved. The sory of the Teleevangelist is so well written and I might add with acute accuracy. It has come to me that a legal firm of investigators on the east coast has taken up the subject. Already volumes of material has been collected and documented. It is a shame that it has to go this far but when those of the Board of Directors refuse to listen then the truth must come to the surface in order to protect the innocent. We all need to pray and work and gather information that can be upheld in a court of law. This service that BlackSDA is providing will help. Thank you BlackSDA!

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
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
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
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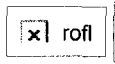

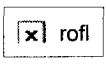
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
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
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That's possible.

But I still don't see why a "legal firm of investigators" should have reason to fear.

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**Posted by: västergötland Sep 10 2006, 05:02 AM**

I agree with steffan on this issue. Asking for the name of a legal firm is not something that merits the responses that has been given. If a serious question only have scorn to gain... well, it aint helping your case a wee bit.

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