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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Dr. Thompson Letter:

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> This has been a terrible injury that has hit 3abn and Danny,
> and yes, Linda too, but it is one that I believe God
> understands - and He continues to bless his servants.
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> We recognize that we live in a world at war, and are working
> with a ministry that the devil would like to see destroyed.
> The war is real, and as in any other war there are real
> casualties. War is never pleasant, and spiritual battles may
> be some of the worst. Our hearts still ache for those who have
> been wounded. Our prayers continue to ascend on their behalf.
> Should acknowledgement of wrongdoing and penitence ever occur,
> we would be the first to forgive and forget. Unfortunately,
> that has not happened, and we must move on.
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> Some who have been aware of the growing relationship and the
> possibility of marriage have thought they should wait for a
> longer period of time before marrying. In discussions before
> the event, the 3ABN board reviewed the events of the past
> couple years and have agreed that there was no moral or legal
> reason precluding marriage. Realizing the heavy burdens
> resting on Danny and of his need for companionship, we, the
> board did not see any reason not to give our blessing to their
> union. We hope you, our 3ABN family, will agree too, and with
> us, welcome Brandy with open arms.
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> [See Note 9—GM.]
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> Should you have any questions that I might answer, please feel
> free to send them to me at 3ABN and I will do my best to try
> to answer them.
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> Sincerely in the precious name of Jesus,
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 > Walter Thompson
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 > Chairman, 3ABN Board of Directors.
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 > Walter Thompson MD

 Gregory

Post Extras: Manage this thread

Gregory Matthews
 Chaplain

Reged: May 10 2000
 Posts: 6090

Loc: Colorado, USA Re: The Dr. Thompson Letter. [Re: Gregory Matthews]
 #213462 - Mon Apr 10 2006 10:45 AM Edit Reply Quote Quick Reply

At this point, I will place the comments that I have referenced above.

Note 1: Those of us who may be considered critics are loyal supporters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and of the work of God on planet Earth. We acknowledge that God led Danny and Linda Shelton to establish 3-ABN, a ministry that for many years has been led by God. We are thankful for what God has accomplished in the ministry of 3-ABN. To many people, 3-ABN is the face of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Now a scandal has tarred the face of that ministry. People are asking if God is still leading in the ministry of 3-ABN, and/or if God is using present leadership of 3-ABN to guide it in its ministry. These questions are sincere, and valid. Those who have supported 3-ABN in the past, have honest questions. We believe that God is still leading, not only in human life on this planet, but in the ministry of those whom God has called to leadership. But, we are reminded of times in the history of our denomination when human leaders made mistakes. God intervened, and in some cases, but not all, removed those leaders, and allowed old ministries to be replaced by new ones that were more receptive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We are waiting to see how God leads in the ministry of 3-ABN. We do not know what God has in mind for 3-ABN. But, we do know that if its leadership fails to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, God will act in whatever manner God knows is best.

Note 2: None of us who know the law, have ever challenged the right of Guam to issue a divorce to citizens of the United States. We were aware that the U. S. Supreme Court had previously ruled on that question. However, even when divorces are obtained in one of the States of the United States, they may be subject to challenge. Some felt that the Guam divorce was subject to challenge. An IL State Court has dismissed that challenge. The Guam divorce is legal.

As to the issue of Biblical grounds for Danny to divorce Linda, and then to remarry another, that is a much more complex question. Some of the more liberal SDAs believe in multiple grounds for divorce and remarriage. But, in general, those who are the strongest supporters of 3-ABN believe that divorce followed by remarriage is only Biblical when the other has committed physical adultery. When those people hear (read) 3-ABN say that Danny had Biblical grounds, they understand that to mean that Linda physically committed adultery. They simply do not understand "Biblical grounds" for divorce and remarriage in any other way.

Note 3: I find the last sentence very interesting. Here it is said that Danny faced a decision between his marriage and his ministry and he chose his ministry. No ministry is dependent upon one person. The ministry of 3-ABN could go on without its present leadership. God is involved, and God will both remove and provide.

Note 4: One might say that the divorce was mutually agreed upon. That does not mean that both parties wanted the divorce. Often in a divorce, one party wants the divorce, the other agrees to it due to the fact that that party sees no option for reconciliation. I have found that one can often understand some of the dynamics that are going on in a divorce by looking at who it is that filed the action to divorce.

Note 5: Court rulings are complex. Sometimes non-lawyers misunderstand what a court has decided. There was a period of time where Linda and others were misinformed as to the ruling of the IL Court. All who did so regret that misunderstanding.

I am not aware of any time in which anyone has officially accused Linda of physical adultery. But when one talks about Biblical grounds, moral rights, and inappropriate relationships, many of the 3-ABN supporters will hear adultery. From the practical standpoint, 3-ABN might just as well have claimed that Linda committed such. In many ways, I believe that such lack of focus as to what Linda did has hurt her more than an actual charge of adultery would have damaged her. One can rebut a specific charge. It is very hard to rebut a non-specific charge.

Note 6: Again, words and terms are used that communicate physical adultery to 3-ABN supporters. It is implied the Linda and the MD had a relationship that was more than professional. There is a clear implication that the 3-ABN Board has evidence that cannot be questioned. One of my questions regarding this is to what extent was Linda allowed to present a defense. Accusations were made, and people testified before the Board. Was Linda allowed to present a defense in person? Was she allowed to bring witnesses to the Board to testify? If she was not granted all of the above, and more, the Board cannot say that they have evidence that cannot be questioned.

I raise these questions because of what has been circulated by others, to include supporters of 3-ABN. It has been said that the Board once heard evidence that the previous night Linda had spent the night with an adult male, not a relative that was married to another woman. It is also said that because Linda was not allowed to be present, and to present witnesses, that the Board never heard that the previous night the referenced male, and his wife, had spent the night with Linda, with both helping her to prepare her written defense, as she was not going to be allowed to be personally present.

Note 7: This entire situation is a tragedy. I have not, and do not intend to criticize Danny for his remarriage. But, that is probably because I may be more liberal than are many of the 3-ABN supporters. If the Board is wrong about the relationship that Linda had with that Dr., then the Board is wrong to tell people that Danny had Biblical grounds.

Note 8: I agree, so what if there is an age difference. Nothing should be made of that. Your second from the last sentence is interesting.

Note 9: Brandy should not be the focus of this. Regardless of right or wrong, the issues do not lie with her. The rights or wrongs lie with others. I join you in hoping that people on all sides of this issue will welcome her and the children that she brings to this marriage with both open arms, and with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gregory "

If you wish, you can find the above posts in that forum.

Posted by: Clay May 6 2006, 05:24 PM

everyone is not a member of Club Adventist, so they may not have access to that particular thread... that is why it was posted here in another thread....

Thank you for sharing this info.....

Posted by: beanchild May 8 2006, 08:56 AM

more and more propaganda.

puttin folks bizness in the streets.

love me some sdas.

oh yeah, & shame on me for even clicking on the thread.



Posted by: Johann Jul 13 2006, 04:06 AM

I suppose it is about time someone replies to this letter by Walt Thompson. I will at least question some of the statements he makes. I will place my remarks in brackets [] below, deleting those Gregory Matthews made earlier.

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> [For the past couple of years we have been praying that 3ABN would stop circulating false rumors and biased reports to discredit Linda and destroy her ministry. The Lord cannot intervene when there is no desire to cooperate.]

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[Since I was in constant contact with Linda through this whole period I know that Linda could not give up a relationship which wasn't there. Danny made demands of her which Walt is not mentioning here, and therefore these statements are fully absurd.]

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[Why is Walt unwilling to produce the evidence?]

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[Linda did not need your pleading because this is what she wanted more than anyone else. It was Danny who did not want to remain married to Linda, in spite of the remarks he made for the gallery for the sake of the 3ABN contributors. Towards Linda and us he did not have the slightest interest in staying married to Linda.]

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[I was in communication both with Linda and Danny before and after that trip to Kansas. That
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[What is your evidence? Why can't we see it? What time did Arild and Linda spend together on both sides of the Atlantic? In another letter you state that they spent 10 days together in Norway in June. What evidence do you have for this? I have plenty of evidence that this was impossible because I was in close contact with Arild during that whole period.]

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- > [Yes, we welcome Brandy. And would have said nothing if it had't been for that conspiracy between you and Danny to get rid of Linda, and not only get rid of her, but making her life impossible with all of your falsehood, accusations, and phone calls to prevent her from enjoying the minnistry God has called her to perform.]
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Posted by: statrei Jul 13 2006, 05:57 AM

All of this unnecessary aggravation is based on the faulty premise stated in Thompson letter that we have some "work of preaching the end time message of the Three Angel's to the world. " Nothing can be further from the truth and any corrective measures taken within the context of this belief will be of no avail.

Based on a lifetime of Adventism I find it amazing that when we are comparing ourselves with other groups we downplay their size and the benefits they bring to their membership in favor of the truth we have, but when it comes to assessing ourselves the most important things are the benefits we can observe. Such inconsistency.

Posted by: Johann Jul 13 2006, 07:37 AM

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No, I did not make a correct quotation. I'm merely catching your attention to the fact that finally Dr. Arild Abrahamsen has decided to speak out for himmself and Linda. We have long been praying that Walt Thompson and gang would abandon their harassment of Linda, preventing her from pursuing her own ministry and fulfilling preaching assignments.

Watch out for his story very soon on another thread. Stay tuned

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jul 13 2006, 07:23 PM

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Posted by: sonshineonme Jul 13 2006, 07:43 PM

QUOTE(Daryl Fawcett @ Jul 13 2006, 06:23 PM)

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JMO, but, I really do not expect Walt to reply at all - except he may stoop to create another trashy style letter out to the masses and if he does, it will probalby push him to go even further then he has recently in his letters, slamming Linda with more detail then anyone could make up, of course to CONVINCe those asking tough questions, that he has always told the truth. Each one is getting worse and worse. I hope you or anyone (I certainly don't) expect him to suddenly say, "ohhhh, right, I remember now, oops!". cause it ain't gonna happen, to be sure. Then too, remember that many of "his" letters are not really his, as those who know him, his style of writing, etc. have surely said his name is being used (most probably with his persmission) on many letters that are in fact written by Mollie and/or others. Not that it really matters who writes it and who signs it, for this has been a team effort all along....and the team has grown as necessary. On top of all this, again, Linda can't say a thing (and will not at this time). I guess she hasn't had to, has she?

Posted by: icedragon Jul 29 2006, 03:20 PM

QUOTE(Observer @ May 6 2006, 06:14 PM)

Reference has been made to a letter that Dr. Thompson circulated, and comments that were made by Gregory Matthews about that letter in another Adventist Forum. Here is that letter, and those comments:

" From Walter Thompson

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> Chairman, 3ABN board of Directors

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> Regarding Danny's marriage

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> Dear Family and Friends of 3ABN,

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> Two years ago 3ABN was challenged by the most difficult battle

> the ministry has ever faced. It was a battle that threatened

> the very existence of the ministry and the work of preaching

> the end time message of the Three Angel's to the world. It is

> only because of the grace and power of God Almighty, and the

> faithful support of you, the 3ABN family, that the ministry

> has survived to preach another day. Today, the ministry is

> stronger than it has ever been and its reach into the world

- > even broader and more powerful for the cause of truth.
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- > [See Note 1—GM.]
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- > As is always the case when in the public eye, questions arise,
- > stories abound, and rumors spread. We thank God that you have
- > trusted the leadership and board of 3ABN during this time and
- > have stayed with us in ministry. More recently some of you
- > have heard that Danny has found one to comfort him in his
- > loneliness and sorrow. You may have also heard rumors about an
- > allegedly illegal divorce occurring without Biblical grounds.
- > This letter is an attempt to fill you in with the facts.
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- > [See Note 2—GM.]
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- > As chairman of the board I have been in the midst of this long
- > and drawn out ordeal from the beginning. I was there when we
- > counseled with Linda over and over again. I was present during
- > the pleas and prayers, seeking to get her to give up her
- > relationship with the doctor. I have seen and heard the
- > evidence upon which the board has taken the action that it has
- > taken. I have been one that has plead with Linda to keep her
- > marriage and her ministry and offered to provide counseling
- > for them. I have known Danny and Linda almost from the
- > beginning of the ministry and have been in their home many
- > times. They had a good marriage. It was not until this third
- > party got in the middle did things begin to fall apart. It is
- > also true that Danny really did want to get back together
- > again, but when it became obvious that couldn't happen, he
- > correctly had to close the door on that part of his history
- > lest it destroy him and the ministry.
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- > [See Note 3—GM]
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- > The divorce was a mutually agreed thing, even the choice to
- > get it from Guam where there would be no long wait. Linda had
- > originally planned to move to Las Vegas long enough to become
- > a resident there so as to get a divorce there. They then
- > discovered the possibility of a divorce from Guam, checked it
- > out and found it to be legal, and decided to go that route.
- > Though I believe Guam has now stopped the program, the
- > legality of a Guam divorce had previously been taken to the
- > U.S. Supreme Court where it was ruled legitimate. As chairman
- > of the board, I did not try to influence the decision, but I
- > will say that had they not obtained a quick divorce, the
- > ministry would have been placed at much greater risk since the
- > situation was causing so much dysfunction with leadership and
- > staff. I believe time has verified the correctness of what was
- > done then, both by Danny and by the board for the ministry.
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- > [See Note 4—GM.]
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- > Linda's web site recently stated that she and Danny were not
- > divorced. She wrote this after the judge made the decision in
- > Danny's favor. She claims she did not know this when she wrote
- > it. Her web site referred to an e mail I sent to Johann
- > Thorvaldson a year earlier saying that I had never accused her
- > of adultery. I believe that exchange with him was in response
- > to an accusation by him that we had fired her because of

- > adultery. I was merely saying that she was not fired for
- > adultery, but because she had defied the board in not
- > discontinuing a relationship that was threatening to destroy
- > the ministry. (I might add that the doctor also told me he
- > would not break off the relationship, even though I pled with
- > him to do so.) That letter to Johann was correct, and it is
- > true that I have never directly accused her of adultery. That
- > does not mean that I believe Linda is innocent. If by adultery
- > one must be caught in bed with another person, I cannot prove
- > Linda has committed adultery. If, on the other hand, hard
- > evidence indicates that Linda was involved in an unacceptable
- > relationship with another man qualifies for adultery, then
- > there is no question about Danny's moral right to marry again.
- > As a board, we have chosen not to make the details of the
- > evidence available to the public. I believe Satan is the
- > accuser of the brethren. We have chosen to take the "high
- > road" in this whole situation and say nothing more than we
- > have been forced to say to try to quell rumors. We care about
- > Linda and have tried not to do anything to hurt her more than
- > she has already been hurt. I can tell you that I personally
- > spent a great deal of time at 3ABN during those months when
- > this was all happening. I spoke with Linda and Danny on
- > numerous occasions. A sub committee of the board met and
- > prayed with Danny and Linda and pled with Linda to call off
- > the relationship. Danny and Linda spent an 8 hour session with
- > a pair of Christian counselors (non-Adventist in an attempt to
- > avoid bias) who had no doubts about the nature of Linda's
- > conduct. We offered to provide Linda with the opportunity to
- > go away for counseling with a counselor agreeable to both she
- > and us. She did not respond to that offer or request. Finally,
- > the full board met, reviewed Linda's letter of explanation,
- > and voted unanimously to remove her from the ministry and her
- > seat on the board. Other church leaders who have been privy to
- > some of the evidence we have are in full agreement with our
- > decision.
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- > [See Note 5—GM.]
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- > The relationship Linda had with the Norwegian Dr. was not a
- > normal doctor-patient relationship as she claims. It is true.
- > Linda was very concerned about her son Nathan. He was the
- > vehicle through which the Dr. reached Linda. Our evidence
- > leaves no question that this became much more than a
- > doctor-patient relationship. We know that the long hours on
- > the phone together were not about Nathan and have hard
- > evidence to support this knowledge - nor were times spent
- > together on both sides of the Atlantic. Furthermore, she
- > refused to break it off, even after weeks of pleading with her
- > to do so. We, the board believe the evidence we have clearly
- > justifies the divorce and gives Danny the moral and legal
- > right to remarry. Those in church leadership with whom we have
- > shared some of this evidence agree with us. Out of concern for
- > Linda we have been reluctant to make details public.
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- > [See Note 6—GM.]
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- > No, Danny is not to blame for what has happened here. On the
- > contrary, he has bent over backwards trying to make things
- > work and meeting her requests. Yet, she has never acknowledged

- > that it was wrong for her to have another "friend".
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- > [See Note 7—GM.]
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- > The things I have stated here are accurate and correct. As far
- > as the lady Danny has married is concerned, I can only say I
- > believe his new wife is a very good person and will be a real
- > asset to him as he carries on his heavy responsibilities. Just
- > to clarify any rumor you may have heard, this relationship
- > began long after the divorce. I was at 3ABN when this lady
- > came from Florida looking for work. There was nothing going on
- > before that time, and Danny definitely was not trying to
- > "dump" Linda. I was with him during much of the time he
- > agonized and mourned her loss. It is one thing to lose a loved
- > one in death. It is much different to lose one to another
- > lover - like cutting a dog's tail off one inch at a time! As
- > to the matter of age difference, I will say that I do not
- > believe that is any of my business. I find nothing in the
- > Bible, and I don't remember any thing in the SOP indicating
- > age differences for married couples. If it is legal, and
- > morally correct, and if entered into with honesty, sincerity
- > and earnest prayer for God's guidance, as I know happened
- > here, it is not for me to criticize. In my own musings about
- > this, I have concluded that it was no accident that brought
- > Brandy to 3ABN. Either the devil was behind it, or God was.
- > There is no question in my mind which one it was.
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- > [See Note 8—GM.]
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- > (Archo Dart was for many years a family and marriage counselor
- > in the Adventist church. When in his 80's, he married one of
- > my patients, who was then in her 50's. She loved and admired
- > him till death many years later.)
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- > I have had an interesting thought this week that I will share
- > with you. It is this. God lost one of his closest companions
- > when Lucifer went astray. More than that, myriads more angels
- > left with him when he left heaven. Talk about grief or
- > emotional pain. Experiences such as this with Linda, I think,
- > help us to understand the pain of loss, and the reality of the
- > war between God and Satan. Some have claimed it takes two to
- > divorce. I don't think that is categorically true!
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- > This has been a terrible injury that has hit 3abn and Danny,
- > and yes, Linda too, but it is one that I believe God
- > understands - and He continues to bless his servants.
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- > We recognize that we live in a world at war, and are working
- > with a ministry that the devil would like to see destroyed.
- > The war is real, and as in any other war there are real
- > casualties. War is never pleasant, and spiritual battles may
- > be some of the worst. Our hearts still ache for those who have
- > been wounded. Our prayers continue to ascend on their behalf.

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