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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Dr. Kuzma's Response...

Posted by: claborn Aug 25 2004, 08:41 PM

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To refresh your memory here is my email to her... I am disappointed with her response, but expected as much.... Note that I never said that she was a counselor at 3ABN.

Dear Dr. Kuzma,

I have read your response to the members that frequent BlackSDA regarding the recent happenings at 3ABN. While I can only assume your intentions were noble, your response appeared to suggest Mr. Shelton was the "innocent victim" while Linda Shelton was completely at fault. I question the wisdom of you sharing the particulars in this situation given your vocation as a counselor. From your response it appears that you were not counseling Linda, and if that is the case then confidentiality would not be an issue, however as a fellow christian it would seem that you would have erred on the side of caution and not shared what your perceptions were. One could conclude from your response that Linda was deeply involved in an illicit relationship that she refused to end.

As a counselor you know that people who are forced into counseling are usually resistant to counseling. You are probably also aware that the person who is taken to a counselor is usually not the one who needs counseling, that it may be the whole family who is in need. I seriously question your motives for making your response public and indirectly supporting Mr. Shelton in this situation. No one has shared what Mr. Shelton did, or what his actions were though all this, and the onesidedness of the reports is inherently unfair. I am disappointed that you would add fuel to the fires of speculation and in essence accuse Mrs. Shelton of something she has repeatedly denied.

I do not expect a response because you don't have to justify your actions to me. I will be sharing my email with those members of BlackSDA just to let them know that I think your actions were not appropriate, highly questionable, and added nothing constructive to this mess. As a Christian I think God would have us take the higher road, and because you have had years of counseling it seems that you would have known better.....

Sincerely,

Steve Claborn

Posted by: HUGGINS130 Aug 25 2004, 09:05 PM

oh well I guess she didn't really read with understanding. like I said in another post Adventists use Adventists like Jehovahs Witnessess use JW's in situations like this with no good outcome. Like Father like Son...

Posted by: claborn Aug 25 2004, 09:07 PM

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Posted by: HUGGINS130 Aug 25 2004, 09:12 PM

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Giving her the benefit of the doubt she could be very drained from all this mess, you know. This has probably taken a toll on a lot of people involved...

Posted by: claborn Aug 25 2004, 09:15 PM

Fair enough Paradise... why not say that? "Steve, got your email, cannot comment on the issues you raised, this has been a draining experience, keep everyone in prayer"..... she could have said that, could she not?

Posted by: HUGGINS130 Aug 25 2004, 09:21 PM

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Yeah of course she could have said that, but I think in all fairness of people we have to understand that this has been a ruckus from the beginning. I don't know why she answered the way she did, but I don't think she was just brushing you off. Steve this is some major stuff, and I can only say that there needs to be healing from this now that it's basically over. We can't question every move that was made, but I would like to think that Kay had those two divorced people's best interest at hand. I don't know, but I am not about to continue railing everyone that was involved. It's basically over, and we don't need anyone to ask us to pray we just need to do it. It's time for healing now...

Posted by: claborn Aug 25 2004, 09:24 PM

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Posted by: HUGGINS130 Aug 25 2004, 09:28 PM

QUOTE (claborn1960 @ Aug 25 2004, 09:24 PM)

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Steve I can't really answer that but if you ask me Linda was innocent from the start and her behavior has been very well from the get go. Even if she did what was put out there Steve, she never renounced her faith in God. What more can we ask of Linda than to stay faithful to her God. They put it out there like she was going in another direction like she had forsaken her God, but she is still lifting the name of Jesus, WHAT MORE CAN WE ASK OF HER. I think she will have a testimony for a lot of those who are falsely accused or used...

Posted by: claborn Aug 25 2004, 09:32 PM

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Posted by: HUGGINS130 Aug 25 2004, 09:37 PM

QUOTE (claborn1960 @ Aug 25 2004, 09:32 PM)

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Hopefully, I can only say that I don't know what happened, but Steve I look at it like this, Jesus always talk about having mercy instead of sacrifice and that didn't take place with this 3ABN situation. We learn a lot from things around us, I don't think any of us will really know the in's and out's of this situation but we can pray for her, I think a heart of compassion for Linda is more than needed at this time. You know just as well as I that even if she was guilty of the charges there was going to be more sacrificing than mercy, and Jesus asks for mercy in situations like these. Steve all I can say is that you made a difference by speaking up and you let these folks know that we were not satisfied with their actions and great is your reward for doing the right thing! That is all I can say.

Posted by: tarduke Aug 25 2004, 11:09 PM

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The significance of this response should not escape us. It is the first independent confirmation

we have that the original letter to Calvin was genuine and from Kay. Brilliant work Steve, even if you did not get the more lengthy response you expected.

Posted by: mema Aug 26 2004, 08:04 AM

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I covered this once before.... and EdD is a counseling degree (usually) from a University's School of Education, while a PhD is usually a clinical or counseling psychology degree from a University's School of Psychology.....

Posted by: mema Aug 26 2004, 08:17 AM

Someone said that she is a child psychologist. Either way, does the law apply to her if her speciality is children and she is running off at the mouth about Linda's business?

I have to say that I wasn't expecting her to respond to you Steve. At least we know she looked at it, can't say that she read it.

Posted by: statrei Aug 26 2004, 08:40 AM

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For the moment I will ignore the fact that "error" is not a verb.

Dr. Kuzma suggests that Steve's "theories" would only serve some purpose if he were to check their truth with the relevant persons. She admits that she is a relevant person because she thanks him for checking with her and does not suggest anyone else with whom he should check. Even though she now admits that his theories now serve some purpose she refuses to take the time to address them. In other words, she said a lot and said nothing. For the moment we will ignore the fact that Steve did not present any "theories" but simply commented on the failure to be fair in the revelation of pertinent facts.

The red herring that she raises about her role at 3ABN stinks to high heaven and the covering

cherubs may have had to work overtime on this one. This is not about her role at 3ABN. This is about her role in the dissolution of the marriage between Linda and Danny. She does not have a degree in Industrial Psychology, nor does she have any expertise in the running of a media house.

If this behavior does not constitute putting the Savior to open shame I would like for church leaders to purchase a few spherical objects usually used in games of skill and tell me what is.

Posted by: claborn Aug 26 2004, 08:46 AM

Exactly Darius... that is it... I couldn't put my finger on it, but you have captured in words what I was feeling..... who are the people I should check with? How do I reach them? She still did not address her judgement in sharing information given she has years of experience as a counselor, and that her sharing has not helped the situation.....

Posted by: mema Aug 26 2004, 08:59 AM

And you won't. I don't think that she was expecting for someone to address this to her. I believe that she thought it would be directed to 3ABN. I think you caught her off guard and Kay didn't know how to handle it.

Posted by: Clay May 8 2006, 01:02 AM

remember this???

Posted by: 4reneyonly May 8 2006, 01:55 AM

Interesting. I did some questioning about this myself. I contacted Sacramento Central church via e-mail to check Pastor Batchelor's views on the 3ABN matter.

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Sacramento Central SDA Church
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I guess she assumed that all the confusion was just about his marriage. hmmm...
When one is on 3ABN day in/out and actually hosts several sessions of this commandment gig, how disconnected are you?

By the way, online you can no longer get the program info or any of the other on-line stuff you used to get, including history, old radio, tv and on-line shows to play at one's leisure. If they aren't broke, then they definitely have some cutbacks.

And the devil thing...In the end will all these folks say the devil made them do it? Even Flip knew that was a lie when he said it! 

Posted by: watchbird May 8 2006, 06:40 AM

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If you call Melissa back and make it known that Linda Shelton is available to speak at churches, I suspect there could be some awareness, especially with the Sky Angel problem at the moment.

Mention that Linda is available to speak in churches. Perhaps, the members of <http://www.saccentral.org/> would enjoy Linda's presentation and receive a blessing from it.

A moderator on a different forum said that <http://www.lindashelton.org> spoke at another location this past weekend. This time in Kansas.

People who want to avail themselves of this ministry can contact

<http://www.lindashelton.org> at her Website,

<http://www.lindashelton.org>

Posted by: 4reneyonly May 8 2006, 03:26 PM

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Posted by: beartrap May 8 2006, 09:28 PM

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Wish you'd come to Thompsonville sometime. Some professional, onsite assesment would be helpful.

Posted by: Clay May 18 2006, 10:43 AM

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Posted by: Clay Jul 5 2006, 05:21 PM

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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Jul 5 2006, 05:57 PM

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Posted by: Clay Jul 5 2006, 09:25 PM

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During this time I and a small committee of the board had a number of sessions with Linda, encouraging her to break off the relationship that was ruining her home and putting a serious strain on the ministry. Pastor John L. was one of the first to counsel Linda. From the start, before meeting with Danny and Linda together he warned Linda that what she was doing was wrong, and must stop. He then spent hours counseling the two of them together.

And also notice the way this same letter describes the reason for including Kay.

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Our committee of the board invited a lady friend of Linda's to sit with us, thinking that, being a woman, she would be able to make Linda comfortable. As soon as she heard Linda's story, she confided to Linda that she was wrong, and needed to correct the problem.

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My memory may be a bit foggy here, since it was so long ago, but I seem to recall that when Loma Linda University Medical Center was having their "baboon-baby-heart" media crisis, some of the phone calls to the Medical Center were channeled to Kay Kuzma's extension. I seem to recall a Loma Linda press release with Kay Kuzma's phone number on it. You can correct me if I'm wrong. As I said, Baby Daye and the baboon heart crisis was quite some time ago.

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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Jul 6 2006, 03:49 PM

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..and per her actions - "counselor or not" she is unstable. Whether it was a "friend" relationship, a "insider" tip, "therapist" work, or "counseling" she was wrong, unethical, and unstable. Why tell information that makes both parties look bad/worse/stupid? That's not for the good of anyone.

...and her books are a hot mess - JMO

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Posted by: Clay Jul 7 2006, 01:26 PM


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I guess its safe to say there were no ummmm witnesses to this defect.....  (sorry I am just having a silly friday....)

Perhaps a Maury show is in order?

 IPB Image

Whose the father..... 

Posted by: Hersheys99 Jul 7 2006, 02:20 PM

 rofl

But at the rate they are going they might really need to be on this show instead!!
<http://www.jerryspringertv.com/>




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
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That would be one way of looking at it. But one state, many affairs works also. Jvat said "state of affairs". Maybe she just didn't bother with capitalization. (Think Pope/Vatican/Rome/Italy)

Now try Papa, 3ABN, State of Affairs, Ill.



Posted by: Jvat Jul 8 2006, 11:36 PM

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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Jul 9 2006, 11:57 AM

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You used "hot mess" correctly....

I'm proud of you!



Carry on!



Posted by: summertime Jul 9 2006, 01:29 PM

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

Thanks. Been very busy with some transitions in career and location.

Posted by: Jvat Jul 9 2006, 07:40 PM

Thank you so much PDD, you are so kind and gracious.   I am learning well, aren't I?





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