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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ An Unauthorized History of 3ABN

Posted by: sister Jun 9 2006, 06:59 PM

Doing things for GOD...

Laundry day...between loads of washing, drying and ironing, I turn on 3ABN. There is Danny smiling at me. I should know better, but sitting down I start to listen. This is a one sided conversation, Danny talks and I listen. Sitting comfortably in his red chair, smiling at me, he begins to relate all the things he is "doing for God". Sitting back, a puzzled expression creases my forehead as I begin to analyze what he is actually saying. Today Danny is quite animated, cheerfully relating all **he** has done for God through **his** ministry. I continue listening... With enthusiasm he relates all he has accomplished. As those seated with him nod and give their approval, Danny appears quite pleased with himself. He reminds us that he has done everything that God has required of him, great and marvelous works have been wrought by his hands for God. At the end of the program the credits roll and Danny disappears from my living room, but his words linger on wafting through my mind. Like a pair of hands swiftly moving over the surface of an abacus, expertly sliding the counters along the wooden rods, I make an accounting of what I have heard. Each new computation results in the same solution: *Not once did Danny mention what GOD has done for him, only what he has done for GOD.* Danny has not suggested that it is God working in or through him. Again I ponder Danny's words and the following Scripture is brought to my remembrance: *"So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things..."* James 3:5

I know this appears to be a minute point upon first reflection, but upon further investigation it exposes the inner workings of a man's conscience and how he can justify both *"fresh and bitter water coming from the same fountain"*. Often wondering how Danny can rationalize the dichotomy between his private and public personas: the mutually exclusive or contradictory divisions between the demeanor he exhibits when publically representing 3ABN, while appearing to have few qualms of conscience to hinder unspeakable behavior elsewhere; I suggest that it pertains directly to *"his doing things"* for God. Although this statement appears disquieting and disturbing, an impossible conclusion reached through a tremendous leap of extrapolation; but suspend judgement and disbelief for a moment and consider the reasoning behind this statement.

Proclaiming his belief in God's special calling of him for such a great task to preform, Danny also contends that with this calling certain privileges are bestowed upon the recipient, granting him the equivalent of a perpetual "get out of jail free" card in respect to the laws of God. This "privilege" bypasses the usual course of events pertaining to acts of sin against God: there is no requirement for acknowledgment of wrongful behavior, no reason for being humbled, or of repentance and contrition. So in this outlandish twist of reasoning the relationship between God and man becomes similar to a Mexican stand off: a possible power struggle is kept at bay with each side being equally matched in regard to their perceived position, resulting in a mutual stand down with each of the parties returning to their own areas of authority. Practically speaking, as long as Danny fulfils his commitments to God through building and sustaining the ministry of 3ABN, he is not bound by the Laws of God. And included in this "deal" is the understanding that in the position of god within his realm of 3ABN, Danny is free to do as he pleases. This is definitely strange fire in the sanctuary for a self-professed Seventh-day Adventist Christian. When a man becomes the voice of God for himself, there are no binding restrictions in any area of his life and spiritual anarchy, like a hissing cobra raising it's hooded head, is prepared to strike out in every direction.

The following quotation from Galations 2:20 gives a balanced description of what a mature life in Christ is intended to be: *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved*

me, and gave himself for me." Like a clear glass vessel, that brings water to parched and thirsting souls, it is not the glass that supplies refreshment, but that which is contained within it. It is God who enacts the "doing" and we in cooperation with Him that become the vessels through whom He works for His good pleasure.

In Matthew 7:20-23 it is stated: *"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."* When we contemplate the relationship of those described in the preceding Scripture and the fate of those whom God will turn away from Him, it can be difficult to understand how that could possibly happen. How can a man or woman spend the majority of a lifetime publically *"doing things for God"* and in the final accounting be left deficit, falling short of the kingdom of Heaven? If the genuine character of an individual continues on a downward spiral as he secretly indulges in behavior that runs contrary the nature of God, how could he be happy in Heaven? It is both in justice and mercy that God turns away those who have hidden a life of iniquity behind the guise of a Saint and in unimaginable sorrowfulness of heart He professes, *"I never knew you..."*

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Posted by: gracetoyou Jun 9 2006, 07:19 PM

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Posted by: sister Jun 9 2006, 08:07 PM

QUOTE(beartrap @ Jun 9 2006, 07:42 PM)

Well, as was previously mentioned, if anything drastic happens, 3ABN goes to the Illinois conference... at least that is how it was laid out in the charter.

So, Danny is covering all his options... if the front door at 3ABN is closed, then Mollie is in position to open the back door and welcome him home. And of course who else on the Illinois Conference Board has first hand experience running 3ABN. Also a wise move on Mollie's part: both she and Hal have their backsides fully covered.

And since Danny trusts Mollie completely, I am sure he has never considered the old saying, "there is no honor among thieves". Maybe that back door just might be locked...

Actually, it would have been a perfect setup...unfortunately, they seem to forget that it is no longer magic once you know how the magician pulls the rabbit from his hat.

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Sorry about that, I thought I had picked up all the loose ends. Stay tuned and keep checking, I will finish writing it. Thanks for the reminder, graceto you!

Posted by: summertime Jun 9 2006, 10:30 PM

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Posted by: sonshineonme Jun 9 2006, 10:40 PM

QUOTE(beartrap @ Jun 9 2006, 09:37 PM)

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I would definitely say that.



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Posted by: Johann Jun 10 2006, 10:54 AM

QUOTE(sister @ Jun 10 2006, 01:49 AM)

Johann, you may have not seen the above, so I am still wondering what you think not only about Mollie Steenson on the Illinois Conference Board, but also about her part in the scheme of things at 3ABN?

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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Jun 10 2006, 12:17 PM

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Posted by: Johann Jun 11 2006, 01:13 PM

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Agreed. I think what is happening here on BSDA is a dismantling of the "figure" (image), not the making of it. It takes time. It took time to build it up. It takes time to pull it down.

Posted by: watchbird Jun 11 2006, 02:02 PM

QUOTE(Panama_Pete @ Jun 10 2006, 12:29 PM)

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I'm sure there are very many different reasons why donors gave to 3ABN. And those reasons would range all the way from being totally innocent believers that they were indeed giving to promote the mission and scope of the Adventist church of which they are members to those who gave as an act of rebellion against the Adventist church of which they are members. And there are probably many more motives that could not be put in a straight line between those two positions. Only God can judge the motives. And only God knows what became of each specific offering. In most cases that is. For we do know of those whose offerings were diverted from their intended purpose, even when that purpose was clearly stated (as, for example, in the infamous diversion of funds given for a tabernacle exhibit building). But be that as it may, there is no guilt resting on those who gave for the right

motives without knowing the misuse to which their money was being put. Hopefully there are more now that know, and are not giving their funds because of that knowledge

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That is such a clever handle and metaphor that I hate like everything to rain on your parade, but really, if you examine the "fine print", it doesn't match up so well. Oh there are similarities. The gold givers were giving to an "independent ministry" that was going contrary to the Church led by the Guy and the guy on the top of the mountain. And they did indeed bow down and worship the image created from their gold and acclaim it as their "god". And it has such a nice neat and final ending to the story, with the image completely ground to dust and the people who worshiped it punished. It really is a delightful "image" to play with.

But.

Having said all that, your point was (I think) about the innocence of the givers. And I think those calf worshipers back there at the foot of the mountain were very much aware of the purpose for which they were giving their gold. I'll admit to rather liking the quick and efficient way things were handled back there at the foot of the mountain. But I suspect there may be other Bible examples that might be more accurately reflective of our current "golden calf".

QUOTE(Panama_Pete @ Jun 10 2006, 12:34 PM)

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It sounds like you have. I just hope you don't addle your brains by bashing your head against the unchangeable wall of past mistakes so they aren't available for applying the lesson to future needs.

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Ah, yes. These are the questions. Different folk draw different lessons from the same experience. Some are more helpful for dealing with futures than others.

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That's an important point you mentioned about all of the gold donors knowing the calf-making purpose. You may be entirely correct.

In my mind, I saw large numbers of Israelites, many in the outer edges of the camp and out of the loop, respectfully giving Aaron, an authority figure, what he asked for without thinking about it. I imagined one of those "What do you have in your hand" stories.

The immediate effect of this enterprise seems to be that 3,000 wayward calf-worshippers are killed. The rest of the Israelites are forced to drink the ground-up dust of the calf to show them how powerless idols really are.

One Jewish History site says:

"When Moses came down the mountain, were 3 million Jews dancing around a golden calf?"

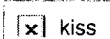
No. The Torah, in Exodus 32:28, says it was only about 3 thousand people.


That means only .1% of the Jews participated and 99.9% of the Jews did not.

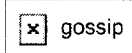
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Posted by: sister Jun 12 2006, 10:26 AM


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
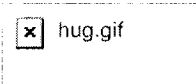
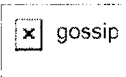
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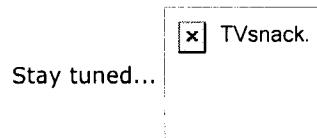
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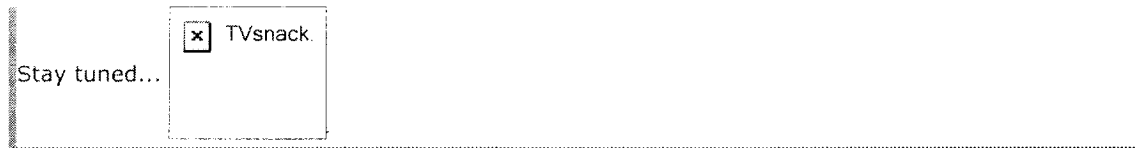
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That's just it. There is a bigger picture to be seen. I think God is trying to teach us all something through this mess. I am hoping everyday that it is seen by someone, that someone learns what's happening, it's called getting educated. Then there are those that know the truth in this situation, and continue to look the other way only because they are AFRAID, afraid to be part of the exposure, afraid to tell the truth; let "someone else" do it! These are tired words, aren't they? It's a sad sad thing. I believe every person has to come to a place when they admit what is truth, accept it as it is, and then have the peace that comes by doing so. Fear is an instrument of the devils, and those around us that seek to control us and situations. When we really do take a stand and TRUST God, the opportunities HE gives us to speak out and up, not only does it help us individually, but it also helps others. There is a big picture here, of deception, allusion, greed and abuse that have and are playing out still. We can each do something about it. We just need to be willing to the job God gives us to do, with NO FEAR. Wouldn't that really ruin the devils and Danny's day if the tide were to change!? I think it is changing.

Posted by: statrei Jun 13 2006, 07:03 PM

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You have given us a gist of their faulty theology before, but could you renew our pure (or poor) minds by reminding us with a new gust of wisdom, perhaps from a different direction that we may comprehend certain different aspects of it?

Who is the "no one" you are referring to, or is that universal?

Posted by: graceto you Jun 15 2006, 02:05 PM

Moving right along...

Polly's Place is producing a set of 13 videos - Empowered - about how people can use the power of Christ to overcome problems such as eating disorders, addiction, abuse, etc. These videos should be available in September. Several stations, including the Loma Linda station, have expressed interest in showing them. The Hope Channel is also a possibility. Some of the videos involve Linda Shelton, so these videos will help Linda get out before the public. Hopefully, viewers will start wondering and questioning the 3abn version of the story.

The videos will also be available for purchase, so we can buy them and show them in our local churches for Sabbath afternoon seminars, vespers, community outreach, or loan out to individuals.

Besides helping the people to whom these issues apply, it would also be a way to bring up the subject of Linda and her innocence.

Posted by: princessdi Jun 15 2006, 02:22 PM

Ok, so, did I miss something? I know I haven't quite kept up, but is the consensus that Linda was abused. Just give me the Reader's Digest version....Yes____ NO____

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Posted by: caribbean sda Jun 15 2006, 02:24 PM

Well...it's official: 3ABN will no longer be carried by Sky Angel...
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If there are any first-time lurkers who missed looking in the BSDA Adventist Events section, here's the link to the **Polly's Place** event just mentioned for Sabbath, June 24, in Spokane, Washington:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=9484>

If you have friends in the Washington State area, they might wish to attend.

Linda Shelton can be reached through her Web site: <http://www.lindashelton.org>

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With 100's of pages of information to read for proof, no one should be in the dark if they have read the information.

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Linda;

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
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.urker!

Thank you for posting those pics! I needed to see those. Those pics reassured my faith that Linda was OK! All of them filled my heart with Joy. I wish I could be there! Guess that will have to wait until we reach the promised land.

Thank you again!

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You light up my life.

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Are you sure this dudes name is Grimaldi? Isn't his real name Shelton? The information sound's a lot like Danny's activities. I think Monaco will insist on DNA tests on those 2 children. Surely the DNA tests have all ready been done by either Brandy or Danny. I suppose that could be called an "Ace in the hole".

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Hi Panama Pete, it seems to me you have juxtapositioned several different things, some moral, some cultural, some legal, some practical.

Let's take them one at a time.

Legal first:

The government of Monaco has a law that the hereditary throne can only be passed to a child who is born of legally married parents. Practicality steps in with the fact that a woman the same age as Albert would not be the best qualified physically to bear a normal child. (The rate of birth defects rises sharply starting around 40 years of age.) Hence the requirement for marriage and the choice of a younger woman as wife may or may not have anything to do with morality or love or companionship.

As for "Spring - Autumn" marriages.

There was a time when the culture expected a woman to marry, bear children for 10 to 12 years and die. They might end up with 10 or 12 live children, or they might end up with only one or two, but the almost continuous pregnancies took their toll and a large proportion of them died very early. When the widower looked for a new wife, she would most likely be another woman of childbearing age. And each time the cycle was repeated the age gap between man and wife increased.

As to partnership in marriage.

That is a relatively new concept. At the time Ellen White wrote, for example, few men thought of their wives as any kind of "partner" or thought in terms of "companionship". The idea that women were people was quite foreign to the men of the time, and men looked for women on the basis of what kind of possession they wanted--which could be anything from a gracious hostess able to manage the domestic servants to one who was essentially a "domestic servant" and who would bear him many sons.

With the freedom of women to be persons in their own right, the concept of equal partners gradually became accepted, though if one looks at a list of types of spouse abuse, it is apparent that "equal partners" is still not fully accepted, and with many is not even an ideal.

Joining the question of age difference with that of the concept of marriage as partnership.

It would seem that age difference is one of the less significant indicators of whether or not a couple will find true happiness, fidelity, and satisfaction in their marriage. I think of four specific examples where men in their late 60's married women much younger than themselves. One married the nurse who had cared for the man's wife through her final years of weakness and failing health, and she well knew that her task would be to do the same for the husband. Another was similar. In another, the man was younger and in robust health and they had so many happy years together before the age differential showed up seriously, that one tended to forget both the age difference and the fact that she had not been the "wife of his youth". Still another was the famous "China Doctor", Harry Miller, who was well into his 60's when his wife died and he returned briefly to the United States. He met and asked a 25 year old school teacher to be his wife. Everyone thought she was nutz. But Miller lived another 30 years plus, and their marriage lasted until "death did them part". The thing that all of these examples have in common is some very basic morality, integrity, fidelity, and honesty. And with all of them it was apparent that they had quality marriages based on the principle of marriage as partnership.

But there is another class which is entirely different.

Gail Sheehy, in her book, *Passages*, describes these. According to her study, men normally go through "passages" of life--those critical times when they are faced with decisions which have the potentiality to affect their whole future life. It has been a long time since I read it, but the part that has stuck with me described men who, when they came to these times of "passage" made decisions based on self-centered interest which were evident in their ditching (or being unfaithful to) their present spouse and taking up with another. What she noted was that when a man reacted to these times by choosing a wife or lover significantly younger than himself, that at each "passage" he would tend to choose those of greater difference in age than the previous ones. And you can figure for yourself where that ends up.

But back to Danny, where this all started.

It doesn't take a "rocket scientist" to figure out which of the above scenarios apply.

The problem is not the age differential. That may be what attracts our attention. But that is not the problem. That is only a symptom of the problem. And only one symptom among many. Let's not get distracted from the real problems.

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The prince has been linked to more than 100 women through the years and only recently recognized his two illegitimate children, a 2-year-old Togolese son and 14-year-old U.S. daughter, the Times noted.

Monaco's constitution does not allow children born out of wedlock to sit on the throne, so it is important that Albert settle down and carry on the family name, The Times said.

Charles was not 20 years older than Diana, (he was born in Nov 1948, she July 1961). She was a young age just turned 20, he was 32. Their problem was not mainly a wide age gap but that the groom married cos he was under pressure, he needed a virgin bride & to produce heirs, plus he had a mistress, and the bride married for love but did not know the real score until it was too late. And we all know how things turned out. So even if she was the same age as himself their motives were different.

Posted by: vonessa Jun 19 2006, 09:07 AM

QUOTE(Fran @ Jun 18 2006, 01:14 AM)

I now worry about Brandy. I believe she pulled out her ace in the hole, and won the "battle", but she has never fought a "war" with the king of destruction. She is headed for hers since she forced Danny's hand. HE WILL give her, her just dues. It will be worse than Linda saw. I believe that because, "Power corrupts and Absolute Power, corrupts absolutely" .

Will Danny pull out his worst tricks from his bag o' tricks and do something against Brandy to destroy her both body and soul? Did she blackmail him?

Without God these truths to be revealed to people like Sister and Fran, we would not know what happened, and so he has not withheld any good thing. The good people like Johann and Linda show good and the bad people show us how bad Satan and Danny is. It is like we are living in a Bible story. We should pray that we not fall and should use this story to warn us. Absolute corruption like Fran says has led to unspeakable acts that are so bad she cannot even tell us about them here. It is that bad.

But I trust sister and Fran and even though they are not prophets or what have you, they have received a word on this issue. I can feel it and they are sisters in our Lord. That does not mean everybody has come to the point whereby they might be believed. But I do believe and their words are

sealed upon my mind.

Posted by: Chez Jun 19 2006, 02:49 PM

QUOTE(lurker @ Jun 16 2006, 08:49 PM) □

'gracetoyou' said

Fran, your comments made me think that Linda's experience is similar to Joseph's experience in the dungeon after he had been falsely accused of immorality:

"But Joseph's real character shines out, even in the darkness of the dungeon. He held fast his faith and patience; his years of faithful service had been most cruelly repaid, yet this did not render him morose or distrustful. He had the peace that comes from conscious innocence, and he trusted his case with God.

He did not brood upon his own wrongs, but forgot his sorrow in trying to lighten the sorrows of others. He found a work to do, even in the prison. God was preparing him in the school of affliction for greater usefulness, and he did not refuse the needful discipline

In the prison, witnessing the results of oppression and tyranny and the effects of crime, he learned lessons of justice, sympathy, and mercy, that prepared him to exercise power with wisdom and compassion." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 218

It is likely that God is preparing Linda for a great work in ministering to thousands of people, and her traumatic experiences will serve to give her credibility, insight and compassion.

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
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



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

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

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



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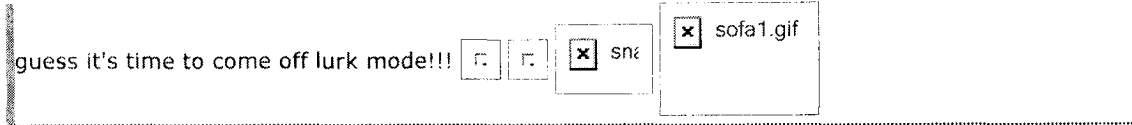
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My guess would be selling woof tickets, to use the urban vernacular (it's somewhat dated but still applies)... stirring the pot... generally for one's entertainment at the expense of others... but generally not for the purposes of adding something relevant or beneficial... that's not to say something relevant or beneficial cant ultimately come out of it tho...

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Posted by: Fran Jun 20 2006, 12:33 PM

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 Pretend with me for a minute or two.

I am an accountant. (That part is true) I just got the position as the CFO of TBN. I handle the trust funds. I notice quickly that something is wrong. The holder of trust died. I found out about their death purely by accident. I got curious about how much they left to TBN. I go to the file and find this dead person is still receiving annuity payments! Someone had changed the address/account number of the person. Someone out there was receiving monthly payment in lieu of the dead person. It was as if this person had never died.

After much research I find this person is not the only one that was dead that was still receiving the monthly payments. Then I find that there is a trend. I checked to see just how many dead people were still receiving monthly annuities. WOW.

I began to follow the money trail and was shocked beyond measure to find the money ended up in many places, but then went to one account. Yep, that rascal was receiving all those annuities! In the millions! What should I do? The End of pretend.

 Another thing to keep in mind is that in 2001 3ABN did not report/post \$ 2.45 + MILLION dollars and in 2002 they failed to report/post \$ 1.7 + MILLION Dollars. Were those people involved with those amounts dead? Beats me? (FACTS from 3ABN's 2001 & 2002 IRS Form 990, the Non-Profit Tax return)

I also noticed that Danny has hired a fellow in CA to handle their trusts now. I guess that is what one does when they are caught with their pants down in more ways than one???

Again, my apologies to those having trust funds with 3ABN. Especially the 2 ladies from Dallas that appeared on 3ABN a couple of weeks ago pushing the world to join them by putting their trust, and their wills, and their money, and what ever they have in their sweet little hands, into Danny's hands.

Back to the real world. I don't work for TBN or 3ABN! I just wanted to give you something to think about before you hit the Lurk mode again.

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The Forum "3ABN TOPICS" which contains the thread that Fran is doubtless talking about, has not only been put off limits for all but members--but even some long time members who have accessed it regularly since the beginning have had their access cut off. It seems that to read these topics one has to not only be a member, but be one that pays their monthly payments, and also one that has special permission to access that whole forum. For all others, the name of the Forum does not even appear on the menu. It is as though it did not exist.

I suggest that Fran either start a thread here into which she would put all these old historical posts from CA or add these CA posts to the one that Clay bumped to the top some weeks ago that started out with historical documents. If this is a larger task than what Fran wants to tackle at this time, perhaps there are others on BSDA who have access and could work with her to get things moved.

I agree they need to be put in a public place where all who are interested can see them. And CA is no longer that place.

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
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
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
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
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
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Posted by: statrei Jun 20 2006, 01:58 PM

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Now the question remains: Does anyone here still have access to the threads so they can bring the most valuable of the posts over here? For there was a LOT of documented material in those early posts. Some of it is already here also, but I think there is a lot that is not.

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
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May, 2005

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I am starting this letter on a beautiful Sabbath afternoon. The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming and the air is so fresh! I was so inspired with the church service this morning. By the way, God has placed me in such a wonderful, genuinely caring SDA church. It's located in Springfield, Illinois which is just the place for me right now. (They have been putting me to work...and I love it!) But today was the day for the communion service. The Pastor read the words, "...the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed..." (1 Corinthians 11:23) The Webster's says to betray means "to reveal disloyalty, to expose treacherously, to fail to uphold, to deceive..." How could it be that the sinless Jesus was betrayed?...and surprisingly it was by His closest friends, as well as the rest of the world? In Luke 22:14 the story goes like this, "Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before My suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." So right here Jesus alerts us that there is a special message hidden in what took place in the upper room.

Then Jesus took bread, symbolic of His body, and He broke it and gave it to His disciples. Then He took wine, symbolic of His life-blood, and he also shared it with His friends. Then Jesus made a shocking announcement. He said, "But here at this table, sitting among us as a friend, is the man who will betray Me." (Luke 22:21) The disciples were visibly dismayed over this news and they immediately started to ask one another "Who is it?" Their questions then proceeded into a discussion of who among the disciples was "the greatest" among them. Jesus gently told them that the greatest of all is a servant. Then Jesus turned to Peter and said "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to Me again, strengthen your brothers. Peter said, "Lord I am ready to go to prison with You, and even to die with You. But Jesus said, "Peter, let Me tell you something, before the rooster crows tomorrow morning you will deny three times that you even know Me." (Luke 22:31-34)

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Posted by: summertime Jun 20 2006, 09:42 PM

[quote name='summertime' post='135399' date='Jun 20 2006, 09:27 PM']

Wondering what things you are attempting to find and on what particular forum you are interested in. I found this letter on one of the forums on 3ABN and wanted to post it. It was one of the first letters she posted about a year ago on her website. I do not know if it is already posted on this BSDA or not---from May, 2005. If someone will let me know if it already has been posted I will edit it out. I seem to have some access on 3ABN on Club Adventist as of now.
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There is a lot of politics on C/A and to the best of my knowledge it is not a non-profit making organization. Somebody is benefiting in a big way. We hope that you have many blessings for giving us a chance to vent and to encourage. It has given us a chance to make new friends. Maybe the problems over there come from too many peas in the pod. But thanks anyway, and God Bless You. 'summertime'

Posted by: lurker Jun 21 2006, 06:10 AM

QUOTE(summertime @ Jun 20 2006, 10:27 PM) □

May, 2005

Dear Family of God,

Someone once said "God always gives His best to those who leave the choice to Him." I've been on the mountain top with Jesus, and I've been in the deepest of valleys with Jesus too, and I still find that no matter what, no matter where God gives me His best. In the mountains of success we sense the abundance of His blessings. Yet in the deepest valley we hear His voice and feel His touch. No wonder God says, "In everything give thanks." Another blessing that comes with the valley experience is we discover who our genuine friends are. For a season I faced my trials alone, but thank God for the internet! I've discovered, sensed and experienced the love of friends and family from around the world. Friends who previously loved me from a distance suddenly have come forward to make their love known. Prayer warriors who silently prayed in the closet for years suddenly have appeared. I cannot THANK YOU enough! Your emails are more than just emails, they are manifested gems of love and friendship! You are a blessing to me and your thoughtfulness is so much appreciated!!

I am starting this letter on a beautiful Sabbath afternoon. The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming and the air is so fresh! I was so inspired with the church service this morning. By the way, God has placed me in such a wonderful, genuinely caring SDA church. It's located in Springfield, Illinois which is just the place for me right now. (They have been putting me to work...and I love it!) But today was the day for the communion service. The Pastor read the words, "...the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed..." (1 Corinthians 11:23) The Webster's says to betray means "to reveal disloyalty, to expose treacherously, to fail to uphold, to deceive..." How could it be that the sinless Jesus was betrayed?...and surprisingly it was by His closest friends, as well as the rest of the world? In Luke 22:14 the story goes like this, "Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before My suffering begins. For I tell you now that I

won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." So right here Jesus alerts us that there is a special message hidden in what took place in the upper room. Then Jesus took bread, symbolic of His body, and He broke it and gave it to His disciples. Then He took wine, symbolic of His life-blood, and he also shared it with His friends. Then Jesus made a shocking announcement. He said, "But here at this table, sitting among us as a friend, is the man who will betray Me." (Luke 22:21) The disciples were visibly dismayed over this news and they immediately started to ask one another "Who is it?" Their questions then proceeded into a discussion of who among the disciples was "the greatest" among them. Jesus gently told them that the greatest of all is a servant. Then Jesus turned to Peter and said "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to Me again, strengthen your brothers. Peter said, "Lord I am ready to go to prison with You, and even to die with You. But Jesus said, "Peter, let Me tell you something, before the rooster crows tomorrow morning you will deny three times that you even know Me." (Luke 22:31-34)

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Posted by: lurker Jun 21 2006, 06:23 AM

[quote name='lurker' post='135432' date='Jun 21 2006, 07:10 AM']

Sorry, I accidently did a double post trying to correct my spelling. Should be don't not doesn't.

Posted by: Clay Jul 5 2006, 05:09 PM

QUOTE

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Not as long as they buy the people that know! It is "Keep your mouth shut or you loose more than your share~" Even government officials have a price where by they can be bought.

How do you think those in the Lake union got the money out of those trust funds? Easy as pumpkin pie.

We have live people who receive dead people's SS Checks each month of the year. Look at all the transient folks on welfare. They leave the area and the checks still come! They move on to another state and sign up in the new state! Where does that check go? Everybody loves *gravy*, right?

MONEY; Oh how I love thee; Let me *count* the ways.

Yes, that is commonly known as FRAUD! People get away with this type of stealing in alarming frequency. Everyday, in fact.

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