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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Legal Posturing

Posted by: Observer May 5 2007, 06:05 PM

NOTE: I want to be quite clear here. The documents related to the lawusit by 3-ABN against Gailon Joy and Bob Pickle haev been impounded. They are not open to the public. Those who have access to them are under judicial order not to share the information that they know about them. I do not have access to those documents. Those who have access to them have not discussed their content with me. I do not know that charges that are alleged against Mr. Joy and Mr. Pickle. (I wish that I did.  .) Therefore comments that I make about this case are either speculative, or intended to be general in nature, and they are will not be based upon any of the sealed documents. As people are asking questions, I will at times make some general comments in regard to common lawsuits.

As I have publicly stated, we can expect the lawyers for both sides to spend some time in technical and proceedural matters. I have suggested that two early issues will be to challeng the impoundment order, and to request a change of venue, if that is desisred.

People have asked me why 3-ABN chose to file the lawsuit in Massasschutes, rather than in say Illionis.

My speculative response is as follows:

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NOTE: I will post more comments here as I have them. If the time comes when the documents are unsealed, I will review them, and post my understanding of them.

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if that happens, Pickle should beg the mercy of the court that he be jailed with his notebook computer instead.

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I agree...prayer is much needed...the financial burden alone will be tremendous. But I am thankful that both Joy and Pickle do not seem to be the type of men who will be intimidated. They would never have gotten into this "pickle" if they were easily intimidated. I chuckled over the comment about Pickle taking his laptop to jail. It is not a funny matter but I can almost see him keeping up from the cell. Pray that God works to bring out all the truth if this goes forward. It looks to me like DS is making an even bigger mistake by seeking the worldly court system to air the dirty linen....he seems to have baskets full of it.

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I agree, when the church, the conference and ASI refuse to address any of these issues then what choice is there. Seems many of these issues are civil anyway.

Posted by: SoulEspresso May 6 2007, 06:28 PM

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I once made a point of that. I have been informed that in the State of MA, the preferred legal term is "impound." I am more familiar with the term "seal."

I guess that the bottom line is that the court has ordered that the documents related to the case cannot be disclosed to people outside of the litigants--those named as plaintiffs and defendants and their legal advisers.

Typically, that judicial order would be a temp. one until a hearing would be held for the other side to challenge, and/or for the court to rule as to whether or not the judicial order would be permanent, or time limited. While that would what would typically happen, there are those who believe that the judicial order prevents them from stating whether or not such a hearing has been scheduled, and if it has what that date is for that hearing.

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Posted by: mozart May 7 2007, 10:42 PM

my question exactly. would you please explain this betrayed?

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I can appreciate the question, don't get me wrong. I've always appreciated your posts even on the rare occasion I don't agree 100%. I think we're on the same side.

Of course not all in church leadership are cowardly (shoot, I have family members working throughout the denomination at different levels), and in my geographic area we were privately advised by our conference to steer people away from 3ABN toward Hope. But that isn't enough. When the saints see people on TV and

support them with their money, they become old friends in a way and going to another channel seems like disloyalty.

Last year the Washington Post accidentally (on purpose?) described 3ABN as a "growing offshoot" of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. If they don't distance themselves publicly *before all this hits the media fan* it will soon be too late.

I would like to see a public statement by the denomination, calling for Danny Shelton and the 3ABN board to resign. They don't have the authority to tell Danny what to do--but it would make the statement that the Adventist Church disapproves of this kind of public sin.

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Maybe only the courts can determine some of this stuff. But the church has a responsibility to distance itself from sin. Yes, it will cause short-term pain for a lot of long-time 3ABN supporters who believed they were spreading the gospel by writing checks. But after a certain point, silence becomes complicity in evil. The church's public silence is allowing Danny to continue sinning publicly.

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To hold such hearings, they must be credible. To be credible, 3-ABN must cooperate. The denominaiton does not have the power to force the needed cooperation. It is believed that such cooperation will not happen.

Yes, I would wish for some kind of a statement, but that is not going to happen.

I, as a person directly involved in the attempt by ASI to find a resolution, had felt that there was a very limited area in which ASI could be helpful to all. But, that could not be effected.

IOW there is very little that the Church can do. The only recourse left is to the civil authorities.

Posted by: princessdi May 8 2007, 10:31 AM

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Posted by: princessdi May 8 2007, 11:25 AM

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We may or may not learn the hard to way expose and solve these issues inhouse, as a way of preventing the oozing infection we see now.

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I understand what you are saying here, Observer. But I must say that while I understand the church not having a policy that fits this ugliness, I would hope that one byproduct of this mess would be the creation of such. In today's environment of electronic media, television personalities are bound to proliferate into more and more homes - and the names of more individuals become SDA household buzz words. While the 3ABN saga may currently be the most notorious, I'd be willing to bet that other such situations are out there, or will develop, unless the Lord comes really quick (PLEASE!!). As long as "we" are willing to put individuals on a pedestal, ie, in front of a camera, and send their faces into millions of living rooms, "we" might do well to have a plan in place to deal with behaviors of such who might fall below the line... BTJM...

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Posted by: Voktar of Zargon May 10 2007, 03:56 PM

Some time ago a reference was made to the document "ISSUES: The Seventh-day Adventist Church and Certain Private Ministries." published by the North American Division back in the early 1990's. This was a formal statement published by the denomination about prominent independent ministries. These organizations, "Hope International, Hartland Institute, Prophecy Countdown, and Steps to Life," showed themselves to be peculiarly dissaffected from the church, impacting the church on a number of negative levels. Some of the major issues were - diversion of tithe, opposition to church authority, and divisive doctrinal beliefs. Though the denomination could take no disciplinary action on these groups, and never initiated any broad-based formal investigation into their activities (that I am aware of), organizations like O.C.I. and A.S.I. did write letters of admonition followed by board actions removing from membership in their groups.
Moreover the N.A.D. published the book (ISSUES) containing copious documentation. Some of these documents outlined the financial, ethical, and political improprieties of these independent ministries.
Now for the application. The independent ministry of 3ABN has a more positive stance toward the denomination doctrinally than do these previously mentioned groups. 3ABN does not promote the diversion of tithe. 3ABN does not publically attack the church or its authority. Many denominational and supportive ministries are dependent on 3ABN for the promotion of their work (a big part of the problem perhaps).
All of this aside - 3ABN does have multiple financial, moral, ethical, Biblical and administrative problems which threaten to bring disgrace upon the church.
In light of this, A.S.I. should have been the first one to admonish and discipline 3ABN. It has not.
The North American Division has ample evidence to formally distance itself from 3ABN and even publish a document similar to "ISSUES:.." It has not.
For now "save3abn.com" functions as our "ISSUES" document until such time as the current lawsuit puts a muzzle on this site (one of its major goals I am assuming).
Let us petition A.S.I. and the denominational authorities to step up and do their job. Let us pray that God will likewise impress them to do so.

Posted by: Skyhook May 10 2007, 04:19 PM

VofZ, those are good points. I recall that there was a committee that was set up by the GC to meet with the independent organizations and discuss the problems that existed between them and the church. I believe the outcome was a statement from the committee, speaking officially for the church. The statement said, in so many words, that those organizations must tone down the negative rhetoric about the church or it would result in severe disciplinary action. Meaning disfellowship, I assume. I do not hear much about the problems anymore. I know one of those organizations tells people that "they do not solicit tithe, but they are a tithe-worthy organization." 3abn also accepts tithe, but I have never heard them openly solicit it. Apparantly the GC does not now consider it wrong to divert tithe away from the church to an independent organization.

Posted by: Voktar of Zargon May 10 2007, 06:27 PM

You can find the meetings and documents you mention referred to at the Biblical Research Institute website under "independent ministries." The General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) appointed an ad hoc committee to sit down and ask questions of these ministries. Here's the url for the ad hoc commitees findings related to Hope International, Hartland, and Remnant ministries that were published in April 2000.

http://www.adventistbiblicalresearch.org/Independent%20Ministries/HopeInternationalRpt.htm

This introductory paragraph is explanatory:
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Neither of these reports are favorable.

http://www.adventistbiblicalresearch.org/Independent%20Ministries/PrimacyoftheGospel.htm

Certainly the appointment of an ad hoc committee to inquire into and appraise 3ABN's activities would seem to be in order at this point. Would 3ABN be any less willing to sit down with such a committee to answer their questions than these other organizations?

Posted by: LaurenceD May 10 2007, 07:24 PM

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Posted by: shinejoy May 10 2007, 07:32 PM

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think "dismembered" is exactly the appropriate word to use when talking about severing church membership. I am not taking you to task for your comments by any means for it is our relationship to the Lord that is the key to our salvation. However, my personal opinion is that the "church" is to be far more than a club or an organization (of the heart or otherwise). If membership were viewed more regularly as being a part of the Body of Christ perhaps our connection would be far more vital. Perhaps we would view our fellow body members more like the brothers and sisters in Christ, the close family that God wants us to be. Perhaps some wouldn't view those on the church rosters so much as potential donors and see, instead, the need to be accountable and respectful to those who are moved to support. And maybe, there would be more of a spirit of kinship that would allow some to put aside image and accept responsibility for sin instead of suing their brothers in a selfish attempt to keep that false image intact.

Posted by: LaurenceD May 10 2007, 10:03 PM

Good post PB, I agree with your sentiments. I think there's far too much legal posturing going on with membership security. The name should be on that other book, and we should never give cause to wonder who else is on it.

Posted by: Aletheia May 12 2007, 07:02 AM

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The " brother", and those who support such mess, sound like they could really benefit from some SERIOUS phsychological help.

Posted by: LaurenceD May 12 2007, 07:09 AM

Libel?

Great!

Thanks for posting that. You continually demonstrate a shallowness in understanding the difference between street language and legal terminology.

Posted by: Pickle May 12 2007, 09:17 PM

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Posted by: LaurenceD May 12 2007, 11:38 PM

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Why Commencing A Defamation Action Is Not Aways A Good Idea

While people who are targeted by lies may well be angry enough to file a lawsuit, there are some very good reasons why actions for defamation may not be a good idea.

The publicity that results from a defamation lawsuit can create a greater audience for the false statements than they previously enjoyed. For example, if a newspaper or news show picks up the story of the lawsuit, false accusations that were previously known to only a small number of people may suddenly become known to the entire community, nation, or even to the world. As the media is much more apt to cover a lawsuit than to cover its ultimate resolution, the net effect may be that large numbers of people hear the false allegations, but never learn how the litigation was resolved.

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In other words, the plaintiff in a defamation action may be required to expend a considerable

amount of money to bring the action, may experience significant negative publicity which repeats the false accusations, and if unsuccessful in the litigation may cement into the public consciousness the belief that the defamatory accusations were true. While many plaintiffs will be able to successfully prosecute defamation actions, the possible downside should be considered when deciding whether or not such litigation should be attempted. *-expertlaw*

Posted by: Panama_Pete May 13 2007, 09:52 AM

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Posted by: PrincessDrRe May 13 2007, 10:28 AM

QUOTE(mozart @ May 5 2007, 11:01 PM)

If the suit is just about copyright infringment then why would anything else be relevant? so not sure what on Danny's part will be exposed. seems this suit is just to intimidate joy and pickle and to keep them distracted and preoccupied on their defense and to cost them money.
We should keep them in prayer.

That's the point. No one actually "knows" what is "out there" and when it comes to a lawsuit - discovery is about asking for EVERYTHING...even if it ain't relevant (at that time) to aggravate, bother, and thus

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KWIM?

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I agree, PB:

(Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 NKJV) Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. {14} For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

Pete

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Eirene, I'm sure Danny and Garwin will really appreciate your brilliant remarks in thier defense.

Posted by: princessdi May 13 2007, 07:04 PM

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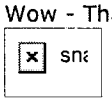

Posted by: Grith May 13 2007, 07:36 PM

I thought it might be interesting to see what can be found on the net about Garwin McNeilus. I found some interesting information, such as---
About the family business and its sale in 1998 including the price
http://concreteproducts.com/mag/concrete_oshkosh_maps_mcneilus/
http://www.wecnmagazine.com/2006issues/oct/oct06.html (family business, SDA, charities)
These two are the legal eagles and the counting accountants. The legal documents (SEC, I think) pertaining to the sale of the family business including the purchase price:
http://www.secinfo.com/dsvR3.717c.d.htm and
http://www.secinfo.com/dsvR3.718y.6.htm

Mr McNeilus invested his money in a wind farm. Information can be found here:
http://www.wanzek.com/wind/2.htm; http://news.minnesota
http://news.minnesota.publicradio.org/features/2003/09/29_galballye_windthree/
http://www.austindailyherald.com/articles/2004/01/03/news/news1.txt

An address and phone # here:
http://local.rochestermn.com/Garwin+McNeilus.393206.12166569.home.html (I am not suggesting anyone contact him, just that it popped up in Google)

A picture of GM here:
http://www.asianaid.org.au/images/project_14.jpg

Built school for the blind in India:
http://www.asianaid.org.au/projects.asp

This was just a quick look-see.

Posted by: Eirene May 13 2007, 08:32 PM

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For the rest of you who hopped on Di's statement referring to 3abn as big business then going on to speculate on something that wasn't even said.....same old pattern....somebody misquotes a post or gives an opinion and it carries on as fact. Not smart but, who cares, as long as you can have so much fun slinging mud, spouting opinions and speculating on lies and unverified information. After all who really cares about the truth if it differs from the general consensus on bsda?

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Posted by: Panama_Pete May 13 2007, 09:15 PM

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The problem is that too many people are comprehending far too much.

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Posted by: starbright May 13 2007, 09:20 PM

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I know GMc gives much financial support to mission projects and that is wonderful. But if he got that wealth over the carcasses of other "dogs", that is not so great. No matter how benevolent GMc might now be with his funds, no matter how many mission projects or legal suits he supports with his gains, if he earned his financial empire at the expense of even one other person in the "dog eat dog" business world, he best take a look at Jesus' words to the Pharisees in **Matthew 23:23, 24:**

23 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. 24 You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

Eirene, I really hope your characterization of GMc was not truly how he got his wealth.

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Hey Starbright ☒ h

Did you make the phone call we discussed? What did you find out? Can you post it here please. Remember you asked me for the information so you could check it out. Please let us know what you found out in that phone call. I am sure Aletheia would also like to know.

Also, if you do not want to post it on this thread. Post it on the thread where you asked me about it before you then contacted me when I did not respond to you right away. You were quite insistent I respond then so I can only imagine you followed up for yourself.

Appreciate your interest in verifying the truth.

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 13 2007, 09:49 PM

QUOTE(starbright @ May 13 2007, 07:20 PM)

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Starbright,

Welcome to BSDA! Is this your first time being a member? Have you read the rules of conduct?

Very few of the members here want to bring 3abn down. Most love and support the ministry and want to see any problems cleaned up so it can be a healthy branch with a strong connection to the Vine.

FHB and Lee both seem to have chosen to stop posting. As far as the others you listed and even more of their kindred spirits, they were banned due to breaking Calvin's (BSDA owner), rules of conduct. I would advise you to be extremely careful about casting aspersions on the owner and the administrators. It could get you disciplined post haste. Just ask Joe Smith, Bystander, wwjd, Cindy and so on.

Posted by: princessdi May 13 2007, 09:51 PM

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QUOTE(Eirene @ May 13 2007, 06:32 PM)

Di, your misunderstanding my posts, accidentally, on purpose, is really getting old. Nowhere in that statement did I refer to 3abn. I said Big Business. The kind that McNeilus has worked in for years. The kind that made him his fortune. You have to be strong and have guts to survive that world.
For the rest of you who hopped on Di's statement referring to 3abn as big business then going on to speculate on something that wasn't even said.....same old pattern....somebody misquotes a post or gives an opinion and it carries on as fact. Not smart but, who cares, as long as you can have so much fun slinging mud, spouting opinions and speculating on lies and unverified information. After all who really cares about the truth if it differs from the general consensus on bsda?
You go to college and you can't read?
Pete, it seems you are one of the many here without comprehension. As far as your mending broken people theme, as usual that is off the wall and doesn't make a lot of sense.
As for the Dog eat dog, I referred to Garwin and his big business enterprises through the years. Nothing to do with 3abn and nothing to do with Danny. Try to get your head in the game.
PB, you too? Unbelievable.
I could offer a reading comprehension course or a "reality course" for those of you that seem to have graduated from the Pickle School of Spin.

Posted by: calvin May 13 2007, 09:59 PM

Starbright/Lee we have rules prohibiting having multiple accounts. Now Lee you and your other personality "Starbright" can join the other BSDA rejects at CF forums or wherever you choose to go. The tactics these folks use really amazes me.

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Posted by: inga May 13 2007, 10:02 PM

QUOTE(Panama_Pete @ May 13 2007, 10:52 AM) ☐

This is the bibliography listing for the article that seems to be the news article referred to in McNeilus v. Corporate Report, Inc.:

"The hardest man in the cement mixer business: Garwin McNeilus does more than compete

ferociously. His detractors say he will stop at nothing. (Cover Story) by Denise A. Kotula il v22 Corporate Report- Minnesota March '91 p28(8)"

nteresting ... 

Posted by: inga May 13 2007, 10:12 PM

QUOTE(Hawk @ May 13 2007, 09:55 PM) 

From what I have seen on the internet about him McNeilus has conducted his business at the tip of the sword of litigation. Now "dog eat dog" McNeilus and Danny are doing the same in the name of ministry, God and 3ABN. It seems that the blood thirsty form of business practice that you appear to admire in MacNeilus has come to 3ABN, Eirene. It appears that 3ABN is following suit. But this is JMHO.

Posted by: roxe May 13 2007, 10:28 PM

whew, will this saga - soap opera - x files - ever stop?????

jes when i think it can't get any worser... it does...

Posted by: calvin May 13 2007, 10:29 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ May 13 2007, 09:51 PM) 

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Posted by: princessdi May 13 2007, 10:39 PM

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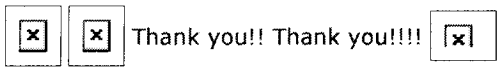
Posted by: sonshineonme May 13 2007, 10:50 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ May 13 2007, 09:39 PM)

 Thank you!! Thank you!!!!

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Posted by: Jnana15 May 13 2007, 10:58 PM

QUOTE(calvin @ May 13 2007, 11:29 PM)

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Thank you Calvin! I was about ready to borrow somebody's jet to T'ville and have a face to face with that Sista.  She was crossin' all kinds of lines.

Posted by: roxe May 13 2007, 11:25 PM

thank you thank you thank you thank you, calvin!!!

Posted by: LaurenceD May 13 2007, 11:34 PM

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Posted by: beartrap May 13 2007, 11:53 PM

QUOTE(LaurenceD @ May 13 2007, 09:34 PM)

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LOL!!! Are we making suggestions? How about something from classical literature like "Medusa" or "Janus". If we are talking about reincarnations happening here then maybe "Hare Krishna", or "Baghwan Shree Rahjneesh" would work.

Posted by: Johann May 14 2007, 08:22 AM

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Posted by: lurker May 14 2007, 09:33 AM

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Posted by: caribbean sda May 14 2007, 11:29 AM

QUOTE(calvin @ May 14 2007, 12:29 AM)

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Posted by: princessdi May 14 2007, 11:40 AM

When she first came I kept getting her mixed up with the demon from Peretti's "This Present Darkness". It would appear as a beautiful woman with long flowing hair...until.....Her first avatar alwasy spooked me, too.

Well, anyway,Allelujah we are free!!! We so free Calvin didn't even let the new one get started.

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essentially yes... sometimes it would be a new person cutting and pasting things told to them by another; sometimes that other would log on as the "new" person and respond... but inevitably they can't maintain the use for long.

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: Jnana15 May 14 2007, 02:15 PM

Aletheia is gone too!! I just noticed. Thank you CALVIN!!

Posted by: Rosyroi May 14 2007, 03:24 PM

rofl

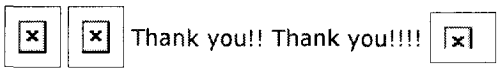
thank you calvin very very much.

A rose for you
@}---;---;-----

Rosyroi

Posted by: runner4him May 14 2007, 07:32 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ May 13 2007, 10:39 PM)

 Thank you!! Thank you!!!!

 Thanks from me too...she/he did call me a liar.... I guess being new around here and somewhat of a polyanna I was thinking there might be a wee bit of a chance for a breakthrough with their attitudes. I think I am catching on...my radar went off right away with the last clone who appeared. 

Posted by: LaurenceD May 14 2007, 07:50 PM

If you're bored, or maybe secretly missing some of the banned members, consider this: on Dec 7, 2006, Clay welcomed Aletheia and she responded...

QUOTE(Clay)

Welcome Aletheia, hope your stay here is enjoyable and feel free to explore other areas of the forum besides the 3ABN section.... you will have fun we promise.

QUOTE(Aletheia)

I would like to explore more here and hope to do so. I'm a little busy moderating and hosting on Beliefnet and Yahoo, so times a little short. Basically that's how I got here, following the trail...

So far I like the set up you have here.

It's always good to find more of the brethren.

Blessings,
Cindy

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http://www.beliefnet.com/boards/message_list.asp?boardID=90041&discussionID=490385

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Good work LaurenceD! Never ends, does it? Nothing like team work.

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Posted by: Noahswife May 14 2007, 08:51 PM

QUOTE(SoulEspresso @ May 14 2007, 10:18 PM) ☐

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do remember that many times we learned about new thoughts to pursue in many different avenues with nany twists and turns because each of the Dannyscribes made comments I don't think were going to give us ıut for their stress and anger or whatever was going on with each of them. My hats off to them all.

'hese banned folk did help us in many ways that put many layers in the 3ABN saga that we were able to peel ıway and find new nuggets. I appreciate that.

;o I suppose a great big thank you to our banned folks for giving us all these new insights. It was too bad ;ome of the words they used were so anti-christ-like. We could have had some wonderful dialogue.

Rosyroi

Posted by: PrincessDrRe May 14 2007, 09:24 PM

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'rincessDrRE did you get that right out of the '07 Physicians Desk Reference ? I'm gonna get me one of them. hear they are pretty pricey though.

Posted by: LaurenceD May 14 2007, 11:00 PM

It's probably not unheard of for independent religious groups to train, perhaps even hire--or have volunteers--people to do internet evangelism, or the spreading of personal influence or advertiement in one way or another. Here, maybe even damage control.

I know on another non-religious forum I've belonged to for years, there were Mormon missionaries that would come and go. They'd start off real nice and then go to the cafe forum and and enter a discussion about religon, and set everyone straight. I got tolked down to and targeted quite often because I did't really respond right, I guess, to people who are trained in intimidation tactics and know everything.

Did anyone happen to see that series on Public Television, a week or two ago, about the Mormons? Very interesting how they train people to respond to hard questions from potential converts. Anyway, on this forum I belong to, these Mormons were so oversure of themselves, and over self-confident that they were right, almost to the point of bigotry, they'd come undone at times and call people idiots, stupid, etc. One really nice lady got booted off for that very thing...she'd just snap if the elements of an issue seemed to be stacking up against her.

With Aletheia, if she was indeed a moderator (or host) at beliefnet, it's no wonder she came across as wanting to call the shots wherever and whatever. I once tried to get her and Lee to rethink the approach of becoming so wise at detecting what was wrong with everyone esle, to the point of not seeing yourself. Like Isaiah calling out woe to everyone, then looking in the mirror and saying woe is me.

The training was appartently too deep though. I detected a lot of avoidance of issues and people with whom tactics didn't seem to be working. I've been around extreme conservative SDAs quite a bit and know their ways. There's a rigidity that sets in that is almost beyond description. Combine that with familiarity with the writings, and a closed approach where there's almost nothing new to learn--you've got quite a recipe for arrogance. They talk down to everyone...as if playing the part of the recent prophet herself, and writing a new chapter in the testemonies, volume 11.

Posted by: Pickle May 15 2007, 05:32 AM

Several people have pointed out that Aletheia sounded different sometimes. If I had to guess, I'd say that Eirene was using Aletheia's account at times. That would explain the sounding different as well as sometimes using the same IP.

Posted by: betrayed May 15 2007, 06:09 AM

QUOTE(daylily @ May 7 2007, 05:27 AM)

Betrayed, I'm just curious. why in the world would 3ABN keep you from attending a regular SDA church???

Let's me see, nows how many others I have heardz doesn't go to sda churches anymores cuz of 3abn tatics, treatments of others...

Don't get me wrong heres, I do go to a church and still believes in God and the all important Sabbath day.

If I says much more, I'd probably ended up in a JOYless Pickle of a mess!

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett May 15 2007, 06:51 AM

When a person is banned, either temporarily or permanently, is it proper to gloat over it?

Doesn't that place us on the same level as those who were banned?

Shouldn't we have simply and privately acknowledged the ban notice/s and moved on?

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 15 2007, 07:13 AM

LD,

Your words reminded me of the great divide we find within the practice of Christianity. Most of us know the beautiful parable of the Prodigal Son, how he carelessly squandered his half of his father's wealth and then realized how hopelessly lost he was without his father. And then, there is the other brother:

Luke 15:25-32

25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

31 " 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "

Ricardo B Graham's revealing Perspective article, http://www.oakwood.edu/ocgoldmine/ldoc/perspectives/perspective15.pdfthat studies the color divide and racism within our denomination, has some insightful offerings as to how the parable of the Prodigal Son demonstrates the divide between contractual and prodigal forms of religious expression. I am quoting his article from page 130 but the section starts in the last paragraph of page 129:

"In explaining the phenomenon, Dittes explores the parable of the prodigal son, found in Luke 15:11-32, where he finds two forms of religious expression presented - the contractual and the prodigal. Practitioners of contractual religion tend to limit their experience to the terms of a contract: service and obedience. In other words, if a person serves and obeys hes/her parents, then he or she can expect to be rewarded, as the older son in the parable expected. If Christians serve and obey God, they expect God's reward. If not, they fully expect God's punishment, which they believe they deserve.

Those who practice a contractual form of religion can be referred to as 'legalists,' which in this context means to be dependent upon the fulfillment of the claims of the law, or in the words of Dittes, meeting the obligation of a contract. The father in the parable is 'impulsive and extravagant in his outpouring of love and forgiveness'. The father is accepting and affirming rather than judgmental and censorious. This is a demonstration of prodigal religion, in which the elements of compassion and forgiveness, acceptance and love, are emphaxized over condemnation and faultfinding."

Granted, Graham here, was applying the parable as it relates to the "persistant exclusion" by white Christian of black, but it can be applied more widely as well, to all aspects of religious practice and expression. The entire article is eye-opening and something every SDA Christian would do well to study

to help to chip away at the color boundaries in our denomination.

When I think of our recently banned Dannyfingers brothers and sisters, so trapped in their rigid and legalistic point of view, yet blind to the elephants crowding in around them, I think of this parable.

Posted by: Shepherdswife May 15 2007, 07:21 AM

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 15 2007, 07:32 AM

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I agree with Clay. When someone is banned and the board is not told about it, most of us don't have a clue as to whether they are just absent for a while or are truly gone.

When someone is banned, I think it is appropriate that the grounds for that decision is made known to us. Otherwise, we do not learn where the boundaries are and in what way the banned person stepped over them.

When someone has been personally abusive to others as the Dannyfingers have been... calling everyone liars at best... it is, I think, appropriate for the abused to express their thanks for their deliverance from their abusers. It is not NECESSARY for everyone to express that.... as with other things, once a few have expressed it, others can give silent assent if they choose.

These persons have been valuable to us in their own way. Most of us have not suffered nor witnessed personal abuse from Dan Shelton. But we have all suffered and witnessed the abuse that his supporters have given. We are all first hand witnesses to this.

Posted by: Pickle May 15 2007, 09:04 AM

QUOTE(betrayed @ May 15 2007, 06:09 AM) ☐

If I says much more, I'd probably ended up in a JOYless Pickle of a mess!

Actually, I think we may have more Joy, despite the Pickle we're in, than the other side, don't you think? It's actually not that bad.

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Wow! Really good stuff Shepherdswife. I don't know that I've seen a better descriptor of the legalism trap.

I'm particularly struck by your item 7. I think you are describing a best case scenario/resolution there. I've witnessed to many, who upon reaching that stage, have thrown up their hands and said "it's no use." I am so happy you were able to discover the real "truth" in your life.

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Posted by: princessdi May 15 2007, 09:59 AM

I will admit hat my reaction is that o f an Admin who is weary of walking the line with these ppeople, and trying to find reasons to keep them members. I, personally, have tried to make them feel apart of BSDA is posts, in private. That is not what they want. They want and live for the kaos(Ok so I liked "Get Smart") they created here each and everyday. I really do love serving the members of BSDA, and helping

where ever I can(and still look forward to seeing as many as possible at our 2010 GC Reunion). God is not through with me yet, so a great source of my frustration was not to act as a member who could careless about being banned myself, and typing something that most defintelly have to be deleted by Calvin or Clay after my ow departure. My repsonse is clearly a sigh of relief. They had wore out the patience of the saints and every rule int he book. It was time for them to go. Simple.

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Posted by: Daryl Fawcett May 15 2007, 10:10 AM

Yes, I understand all of that as I, as the Administrator of MSDAOL, also had to ban people there, which I do not enjoy doing, but nevertheless need do so for the sake of the others posting or even lurking there.

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Your parallel is powerful here...something to think about. Thanks for that.

Don't know if anyone caught it or not, but the "God bless" in my post above was a code expression probably known only to a couple people around here. This *beliefnet* member "Discerner" who I mentioned in the previous post, signs off just like two or three others I'm familiar with...one member here, and someone who wrote a letter to AToday...

http://www.atoday.com/6.0.html?&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=321&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=1&cHash=b7534bfb09

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PS: thanks sonshineoneme for your post. I'm now tuned in with the tools on this forum!

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Leaving that type of "thinking" takes you one of two ways - makes cynical and bitter (baby out with the bath water), or a much happier and real christian, that is a real witness to relationship with Jesus. (naturally, JMO).

There are some threads/forums/topics/posts floating around bsda where this has been discussed.....as painful as it is, there has been humor in telling our stories about some things....the best part is knowing there are (have been) so many of us that have walked that same path, and recovered, praise God!

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Some things are easier said then done, and when it's your life, your pain, your journey, no one can really tell you how to do it, but help you do it, and God is very good at taking us at our own speed, healing us, leading us and giving us things when we are ready for them. He even manages to do this while others are dong their best to obstruct our growth and "moving on".

I think this is one of the biggest reasons God tells us to pray for each other, come together and encourage each other.

One thing I can say for Linda, and it's evident on her website with regard to the many other "squished" people, one never realizes how many people are mistreated until you find yourself on that side of the fence, and you get a new perspective of what happens, and how cruel "christians" can be. I can say this from my own experience as well. And, again, you grow because of it, because God won't waste anything. Many have written to Linda their own stories, and now there are more and new things that we (Linda as well)can all relate to that we really could not have before our own. Through pain, we grow, no matter how the pain got here.

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So, since money (*that giant sucking sound at 3abn and AF is not a fleet of carpet cleaners*) is definitely a part of his equation, maybe there is hope.

bear

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Posted by: princessdi May 15 2007, 02:11 PM

Yes, we can YB. However, the problem here is that she was treated that way by people who, to this day, call themselves "leaders in Christian living". Also, who continue to drop a word here and there, or dropped enough words initially, to hinder her "moving on". My own conference being an example. I think it was PB who posted that they said they wre going to stay "neutral" when it came to an invitation for Linda to speak at one of our churches here and did not allow her to come. However, Danny was allowed to come, to the conference church no less. Now, how is that being neutral? It seems she is trying, like tht rest of us, but there are stumbling blocks in her way. Put there by the man who claims to be Mending Broken People. Danny can't have it both ways.

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