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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Change In 3-abn Leadership

Posted by: Observer Apr 19 2007, 10:19 AM

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Addition to my post:

I just got off of the telephone from talking to Molly at 3-ABN.

She confirms the basic story that I have posted.

In regard to my question as to whether or not Danny Shelton will step down as President, she tells me that Danny has informed the Board that he wants to step down. As she understands it, a final decision has not been made as to whether or not Danny would step down.

Without revealing my source, I suspect that Danny Shelton and Dough Batchelor have reached an agreement on this, which Molly may not be aware of, and that my announcement that he was resigning as President is correct.

Posted by: howdy Apr 19 2007, 10:41 AM

As if Batchelor was not already overloaded!! Sounds like he will keep those jet engines warm huh?

howdy

Posted by: from-the-pew Apr 19 2007, 10:51 AM

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Edit for those who read here from the "other forum", who say I'm "falsely reporting": Reread what I said. I said, he's kept the SCANDAL involving the Sheltons at a distance from himself. NOT 3abn. He has continued his professional relationship with 3abn, unchanged, as far as I can tell. With all the accusations flying around, I still don't see him jeopardizing his ministry with Danny's involvement regardless of guilt

or innocence. We shall see! Tonight will be enlightening.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 19 2007, 10:58 AM

It will be interesting to watch what direction 3abn takes after tonight.

Posted by: Fran Apr 19 2007, 11:07 AM

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Fran:

Thank you for pointing out what was an error in my post. I did not want to say "united" leadership. I meant to say "unified" to indicate that Elder Batchelor would lead both organizations.

Posted by: Clay Apr 19 2007, 11:14 AM

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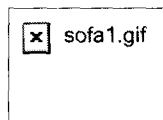
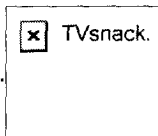
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But, these may not happen overnight.

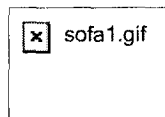
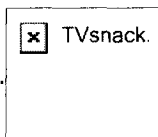
In one sense this story is developing. As it develops, there may be changes. We will simply have to watch and see exactly how it develops.

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Well, I have ancestors who are from Missouri and a grown son who lives there so someone will need to "Show Me" how things are going to be made right before I will feel that positive steps are being taken.

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Tomatoe posted:Originally Posted by tomatoe

Thank you Rosie, Yes as usual Mr. Joy puts into print totally incorrect information and DF runs to post that false information.

Amazing Facts IS NOT TAKING OVER 3ABN. It is my understanding the ministries will MERGE to produce the most powerful media tool the SDA church has ever known. To reach the world with the love of Jesus Christ has always been the goal of both ministries. Doug Batchelors vision has always been evangelizing and 3abn has the media tools to make the most of it.

If you want the correct Information watch 3abn's live tonight.

Mr. Joy reports falsely, again, that DS started seeing Brandi right after the divorce. WRONG.

Brandi did not even move to southern Illinois until late November of that year. He also states she was employed at 3abn by oct of that same year. That would be a majic trick since she lived in Florida until the move in late november.

Over on bsda you even have observer and Johann questioning Mr. Joy's information! His own side!! People that ought to tell you something.

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My wishes are idealistic. My expectations.... more realistic!

sometimes, pessimistic. I'm one of those people who, when someone is really sick, thinks they will probably lie. Thankfully, I'm happily surprised 99% of the time!

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
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
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
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I'm afraid you're right--at least, that's what they hope.

A lot of our church leaders don't really understand the reach of new media like the Internet, though. If Danny simply disappears, all that is, is a face-lift. Many, many people will know if the situation hasn't been dealt with, and in the long run it will undermine Doug's credibility too.

We Adventists have never been good at owning up to our shortcomings. SINS I should say.

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Romans 15:13 (New International Version)

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
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
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VB, they maybe saying all the right things and behaving like it is all one big love feast for awhile. I can tell you from experience, there are no equal mergers in business no matter what is said. One is always going to be on top and has more influences on the direction and management of the company.

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A few lines from that post.....

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This is not hard to understand.

QUOTE: Peacefully SDA asked: Who will be in charge of day-to-day operations?


QUOTE: Rosie55 replied: Peaceful, the same person who has always been running the day to day operations in the last 20 years!

Danny Shelton

This does not sound to me as though Danny is going anywhere except right where he normally does.... nor is he relinquishing any of his duties... or powers... since if you will recall this has what has always been said about the function of the chairman of the board and the board itself. He may not even change his title as president of 3abn, since Doug's title is President/Director of the merger.

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
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going to be on top and has more influences on the direction and management of the company.

I would think yall would be happy Danny is getting out of the way. There will be much more to come I am sure. And I was just thinking the 3abn saga was about ended.

topefully, this will resolve some issues and "right some wrongs".
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We Island Dwellers have a saying, "Two man crab can't live in the same hole." So something or someone will have to give...

It would be interesting to see how this all plays out. Doug Bachelor is really into evangelism and 3ABN is the perfect venue from which to conduct those satellite crusades that he loves to do.

Posted by: hollybygolly Apr 19 2007, 01:40 PM

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Posted by: SoulEspresso Apr 19 2007, 01:45 PM

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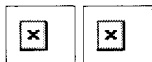
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Hey, come on Jnana. This is BSDA. 3ABN news is hotter than a Sanjaya look a like here.



Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 19 2007, 02:36 PM

QUOTE(hollybygolly @ Apr 19 2007, 11:52 AM)

I don't think there is anything wrong with being positive and hopeful.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (New International Version)

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Posted by: hollybygolly Apr 19 2007, 02:44 PM

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No, you're not crazy to think that. There are other steps that would be very very good, but I'm cautiously cheering this one on!

As for those other steps, I'm not holding my breath! Course, I wasn't holding my breath for this to happen either!

Posted by: mozart Apr 19 2007, 02:56 PM

The best that can happen is they will clean that house. Get rid of all those who have been a part in any wrongdoing that has damaged 3ABN. Amazing Facts is a lot more than Doug Batchelor. If they are smarter than us; which i hope so, they will send a lot of folks packing. we can only pray that will happen

quickly and we also should pray for a tremendous outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of us and especially upon those moving into the 3ABN Ministry. I pray the Holy Spirit will bless them with discernment and uprightness so that they will not be misguided or persuaded against conscience. **I ask that THIS day be the beginning of a Season of Prayer for God's will, not our will, to be done. Please Join Me.**

"Our Father which art in Heaven, We pray this is the beginning of the pouring out of your wrath upon all those who have soiled and misused Your 3ABN ministry. I pray not our will, Lord, but Your Will Be Done. I pray our prayers will be Your Prayers, Father. Be merciful O' Lord upon all of us as we are all sinners. Help us to remember that, to forgive, to help and to heal. Be with us all Lord as we all go through this difficult time together and come out - together, putting aside all past anger and bitterness. We pray we are pleasing in YOUR sight, O' Lord, help us!"

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 19 2007, 03:01 PM

The following was posted by Rosie55 on Christian Forums:

QUOTE

Rosie55 said: This endeavor will not be a "unified but separate" situation. The two ministries will join together as one being jointly identified by both names as long as necessary, but eventually will likely be known as 3ABN. 3ABN has much greater world wide recognition and this makes the most sense.

Organizational structure will undergo some tweaking with both Doug and Danny being intricately involved in the new ministry. **The only other area of organizational change will be a melding of the two boards, the particulars to be decided in the future.** There is no upheaval, but rather the formation of a stronger organization to deliver God's last day message to a wanting world - and even the devil himself will not succeed in stopping the spread of the message of salvation.

The new entity is expected to gain the full support of the organized church and associations such as ASI indicating that there is widespread support of Doug, Danny, and both ministries.

Gailon's speculation is merely that, or possibly wishful thinking. There is no connection between Linda changing legal representation as this has been on the table for some time and took on serious tones well before any change on Linda's part - no one is running scared contrary to what Gailon would have you believe.

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Posted by: mozart Apr 19 2007, 03:03 PM

Amen Calvin, would it be bad of us to give them an encouraging little boot shove?

QUOTE(shinejoy @ Apr 19 2007, 11:00 AM) □

this does make sense thanks calvin

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 19 2007, 03:04 PM

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Posted by: mozart Apr 19 2007, 03:06 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 19 2007, 11:17 AM) □

100% agreed. Batchelor is probably in a role to provide pastoral care to those who must go, but he doesn't have the credentials to investigate such things any more than Lomacang has the credentials for counseling. Oops □ ... didn't mean to say that.

□ Yeah, I have that problem, also SE! □ rofl

The stuff has gotten so terrible that if it goes under the carpet unaddressed, the thousands of people who have been to save3abn.com will definitely notice. □
Praying. Yes.

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Think he'd take a check. oops sorry that wasn't very nice. trying for humor as the adrenaline flows. □

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Posted by: freckleface Apr 19 2007, 05:48 PM

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Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Apr 19 2007, 05:57 PM

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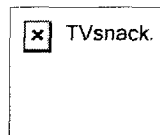
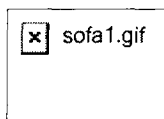
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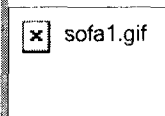
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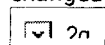
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I'm beginning to think you've selected a good place to be....

Posted by: pmorris68 Apr 19 2007, 06:46 PM

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Posted by: SoulEspresso Apr 19 2007, 06:50 PM

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Well said!



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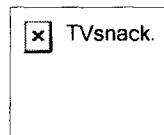
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Hmm ... here's a thought ... perhaps this is going down so that when the Sheltons' divorce proceedings lawsuits hit the fan, 3ABN can say, well, we're not just one ministry now. In other words, diffusing the fallout -- "Do you want to take down Amazing Facts as well as 3ABN?"

If that's true, this merger is dumber than a crate of anvils. Too many people know. save3abn.com passed 97,000 hits today. Doug had a viable and valuable ministry before now.

On the other hand, it could also allow Danny to slip gradually away rather than overnight. And allow that free and open investigation we've been praying for.

Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 19 2007, 07:11 PM



Watching...

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Posted by: roxe Apr 19 2007, 07:41 PM

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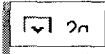
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
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


That is rather uncalled for. 3ABN has really worked hard over the last couple of years to put more "black folks" on the network. Just look at the Today program. Since CA Murray took over, you can bet more times than not, it's a black person singing. You also have to take into consideration that percentages of blacks/whites in the area. It's been stated several times on here that the KKK still has a following there.

Just my two cents...

Posted by: princessdi Apr 19 2007, 08:52 PM

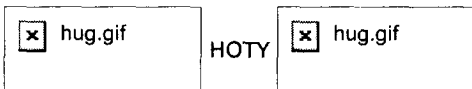
HOTY!!!!  Good to see you! Missed you Bro.!!!

PM's point is that in 2007 one or two black faces on regularly, and some brought into sing.....is just not enough. Historically there have been one or two "acceptable" ones, tokens, if you will. There should be more, in more areas...singing still sounds like we are.....entertaining.....If you would like to understand further, you can PM and I will try to explain further, or just schedule some time in LC. I know that you are sincere, HOTY. 

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 19 2007, 09:11 PM

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After a whole lot of sharing of spiritual visions, literally, DS mentioned people might wonder what the advantages are to merging. He said he could talk about the financial advantages, but decided not to go there. Finances is always a big factor for big changes in direction, but not the only driving cause. I would suspect that DB will help bail out the 3abn ministry if funds are lacking, and together they can do cost share savings through this joint adventure.

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(BTW, one funny incident. While on live TV tonight, DS offered DB the presidency once again if he'd like it as well, but DR. Walt T. cautioned DS immediately saying he might want to change his mind about that)

One note of caution to AF should be to have all agreements clearly detailed...including risk management-past and future. Also, a good clause for for how unseen problems will be resolved in the event anything should go wrong through misunderstandings. Be careful Doug.

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will have to see action before I am able to accept this change as OK.

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The next thing we should see is Danny as president of ASI or some other politically correct position.

Sexual abusers in the SDA church are given new playgrounds where they can start their dastardly deeds all over again. Thus destroying even more people/members.

Folks, I am here to tell you I have seen it all my life. This is no different. The grassroots effort had to be killed.

Do you feel dead yet?

The "church" uses the best insecticide; Silent killers. They usually aim for members of their own congregations!

Their leaders would not have done anything bad if it had not been for those crazy members causing them to do it!

You know how they are!

They are so opinionated!

What rights do they have any way?

They asked to be members right?

If they (members) don't get it right, put them out.

We will use our undiluted messages to replace those grumbling insane members any way!

have been in the grandstands watching this play out over and over again.

have even been on the "wrong" side.

I am a SDA. The message is right. I have no other place to turn in my relationship with Christ. I have held on through things that would curl your hair. We must forgive 70*7.

Does this mean we should go quietly to our corners and ask forgiveness for speaking truth; then speak their lies to "make things go away"?

So as I see it, we have just seen the mother of all carpets cover all those sins at 3ABN.

These church actions or what I call "Actions by NO ACTION" have been around since the beginning of time. They are not about to go away now. Satan is one that tries over and over again. The stupid fool thinks he is going to get it right and win the great controversy! Oops, that won't happen; we've read the end of the book!

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 19 2007, 10:44 PM

Something just doesn't ring true.

My 81-year-old mother was so upset that she called me, upset nearly to tears, before the first hour was over. She feels like two ministries are now in danger of being destroyed instead of just one.

Where miracle stories, dreams and amazing coincidences would have, before now, given us both goose bumps and hearts filled with joy, in the face of the obvious denial rampant in that room tonight it brought nothing but disappointment.

Near the end of the program, Doug Batchelor said that "they'll know us by our love for each other". Look out of the 3abn doors, Brother Doug, at the people of Thompsonville. Go and ask Duane and Roger Clem and the other alleged victims of pastoral abuse who have experienced the feelings flowing from the co-founder of 3abn towards them. Ask them about the love they see flowing from the leadership of 3abn. Is Christ being lifted up to those alleged victims and their loved ones? Or, has it made better business sense to allow those alleged victims to remain as necessary sacrifices to protect the image of the President and his family? If this is the case, there is a real danger of one day hearing those devastating words from the lips of our Redeemer found in Matthew 7:22-23:

22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Posted by: mozart Apr 20 2007, 12:25 AM

Since AF is so much more than Doug B. I am hoping that they will concentrate on saving 3abn so it can do what it is meant to do and the wrongdoers will tend to their own matters on their own time with their own money. that's what i'm hoping. saving 3abn is #1 because getting the message to the lost and the hurting is #1. making people accountable is #2 but is not the ministry's job now. maybe that is what they are trying to separate which had to be done and should have been done long ago. long before they were millions in debt. i'm hoping that is what is being done. i think that we here and others directly involved will still have to be vigilant in bringing all wrongdoing to justice and also to protect the "ministry" from any more damage.

QUOTE(from-the-pew @ Apr 19 2007, 11:01 AM)

I agree, SE.

I think that the investigation and scandal being addressed needs to happen. But I do **not** think that the

new management should do the investigation. I think that the new management should, for the most part, confine its role in addressing the scandal to those things that pertain to the continuance of 3abn. Such as appropriate wage scales.

Thus, I find much reason to sit back and wait to see what happens! I hope and pray that this will work out to good of all.

Posted by: mozart Apr 20 2007, 12:38 AM

well, i think this whole guise is to distract from DS or anyone else who's done wrong to make any apologies. they just pretend to "graciously bow out". isn't it nice that some of the board members are so generous they would not argue for their position if it's all for the good. sorry for the sarcasm but what danny said about ken denslow saying it would be fine with him if they chose not to reappoint him if it was in the best interest of 3abn. rubbish. i think he couldn't wait to get out of that "hotseat". the way mollie and shelly are jockeying really makes me nervous tho'. mollie wants to control all the paperwork/papertrails. do yall think DB is blind to her wiley ways?

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 19 2007, 01:10 PM)

Yeah Holly, that too! LOL!!!

Right FTP. I dont' see two men who are head considering being "under" anyone. Especially Doug, his ministry definitely doesn't need to be under 3ABN with it's troubles, and Danny has little man's disease,... ain't nobody tellin' him what to do! LOL!! Ooops, Did I say that out loud!

Anyway as Calvin says in business they call them mergers, but it is agreed that sooner or later one will be take over completely.

Posted by: Whitey Apr 20 2007, 01:11 AM

http://www.amazingfacts.org/news/read_news.asp?ID=138 BreakingNews : Doug/Danny Merging

Most all the comments in this thread till now tend to have a very depressive tenor for the future of SDA Media Evangelism via Satellite broadcasting. Is your reactions on this based so negatively because of the surface appearance of what the merger appears to imply?

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When we pray, let's do so in faith that He is going to change the present leadership of 3-ABN into a leadership group ruling with the integrity of Christians having the SDA mission goal in mind. If He is envisioning D.Batchelor as President of 3-ABN then pray that the dismissal of D.S. happens soon. Along with the others needing to be removed from the board game. Pray in expectation that all around D.S. will be eliminated at the same time that D.S. topples.

God is setting up the chess board and calling the shots.

He has foresight in getting at the King by eliminating slowly, slowly, the Bishops, Rooks, Knights and finally the present Queen piece by piece. The pawns never do have a chance to survive, now do they?

Time is on God's side. Power also.

There is coming a moment in the 3-ABN future when He is going to victoriously shout "checkmate"

Posted by: pmorris68 Apr 20 2007, 02:13 AM

QUOTE(husbandoftheyear @ Apr 19 2007, 10:32 PM)

That is rather uncalled for. 3ABN has really worked hard over the last couple of years to put more "black folks" on the network. Just look at the Today program. Since CA Murray took over, you can bet more times that not, it's a black person singing. You also have to take into consideration that percentages of blacks/whites in the area. It's been stated several times on here that the KKK still has a following there.

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Posted by: erik Apr 20 2007, 05:30 AM

Hello all,

I have not post in sometime was praying and wondering How God was going to work.

Well i am concerned that this is going to turn into a sweep under the rug sin in the church yet again.

I also have to faith to at this time walk by faith that The God that promise to be the author and the finisher of my faith will be the author and the finisher of what he started at 3abn.

I noticed last night for the part that i watched that Doug seemed very on edge like he was being very careful what he said, Danny on the other hand seem to be like he was selling that things we just going to be dandy.

I also noticed that Danny really asked for the money to come, which tells me that God is having his people with the money that Danny has gotten used to coming in.

I also noticed that Danny could not help but mention how Satan would not like this merger and would try to stop it in some fashion with attacks on the internet.

My personal guess is Satan is not one bit happy about the merger but it might be for reasons that are far different then Danny S. thinks, like just maybe Satan will be sad to see Danny go.

I was also very struck by the Difference in on air attitudes between Doug, and Danny, Shelly, And Molly.

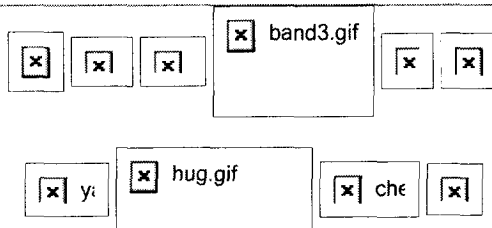
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In Closing I would like to pray that Doug's messages on apostasy will guide his running of 3abn.

Erik

Posted by: Whtz Happenin Apr 20 2007, 05:44 AM

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Posted by: watchbird Apr 20 2007, 06:23 AM

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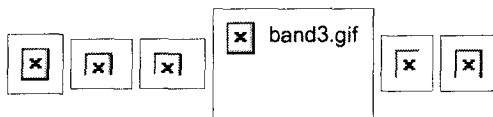
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
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Posted by: Denny Apr 20 2007, 06:42 AM


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Posted by: simplysaved Apr 20 2007, 06:44 AM

You have well spoken, here. 

QUOTE(from-the-pew @ Apr 19 2007, 12:48 PM) 

Now is when the reality comes out: are the problems many have actually with the current leadership of 3abn, or with 3abn itself.

If the church at large (since it sounds like the GC Pres, NAD Pres, etc have given their approval) has decided to rescue 3abn, is the new management required to make apologies? Or can't they say: a new day has dawned, we're replacing so-and-so, and so-and-so, etc. (over time, of course. It is not usually wise to replace too many employees at once).

From my position, where I hold the current leadership responsible for their behavior (that being DS, certain management, and certain board members), the apologies need to come from those individuals *whether or not they still are employed by 3abn*.

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9. T9, page 221 quote re moving the world.
10. R&H 1890 quote re pressing together.
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16. Dr. Walt Thompson said something about Danny Shelton's willingness to share the burden with Pastor Doug Batchelor.

17. The future officers are not decided however Doug Batchelor will be the likely President.

18. Danny may remain the CEO.

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PrincessDi has similarly experienced and previously commented on the lack of color on the Amazing Facts video you refer to. I would invite you to add your perspective to the discussion we are having about the color line in our church over in the Adventist and Theology forums. <http://www.blackstda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=13208>

I would like to point out that disagreement about music style is not just a black/white issue. In my own

racially diverse congregation it has been a controversy for years. When a pastor decided to limit the old standard hymns to one per service and bring in a 3 - 4 song Praise Music segment to feed the younger members of the church, a group of more conservative members got up in arms. When that pastor left and our present pastor arrived he continued the Praise Worship service. The consequences have been a small trickle out of the church of some of those more conservative members who have moved their memberships to other SDA churches in the area. The benefits, though, have been that our congregation is growing and strengthening. I am even seeing some of the more conservative members who have stayed in the congregation start to catch the spirit of the worship service and find the blessing that has always been there.

PB

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It's still hard to believe that someone actually spoke those words...but nothing surprises this Island dweller anymore...

Posted by: simplysaved Apr 20 2007, 07:30 AM

The only thing to remember, Daryl, is that IF indeed this will truly be a merger, the two will not be able to remain separate entities. Danny will no doubt be a part of this in management, but I do not believe that he will be the president or the C.E.O. I just do not see Doug Batchelor answering to him...the since I got from the broadcast last night is that THEY WANT Doug Batchelor to become the neww leader--I may be wrong here, but that was how I took it.

PREACH TRUTH, PAULA!!!!



QUOTE(pmorris68 @ Apr 20 2007, 03:13 AM)

UNCALLED FOR YOU SAY!!!!!! LOL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I crack up. How is that they have worked hard? AT WHAT? LORD HAVE MERCY!!!

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I would gladly support both organizations. But honestly, I could care less whether they merge or to stay separate. But what I do care about is if the Black church supports 3ABN and Amazing facts, then the least they could do is make a REAL effort to provide African Americans apart of their programming and planning in a real way.

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 20 2007, 07:40 AM

QUOTE(simplysaved @ Apr 20 2007, 05:23 AM)

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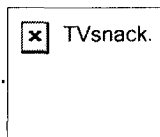
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QUOTE(Whitey @ Apr 20 2007, 02:11 AM)

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. . . God is setting up the chess board and calling the shots. . . .

Amen and amen!! "Above the distractions of the earth He sits enthroned; all things are open to His divine survey; and from His great and calm eternity **He orders that which His providence sees best.**" 8T 272 can also be found in CC 77, FLB 42, and MH 417).

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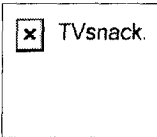
What you said about bringing Danny and Tommy to light, did you expect them to address that on 3ABN last night? A real investigation hasn't even begun yet, right? I think they want to approach this carefully. Don't get me wrong, from what I have read and heard about this situation, it does seem that a lot of hypocrisy and dishonesty and immorality has gone on, but we can hardly assume that the day that Doug was named president would be the day to publicly reproach Danny and Tommy and whoever else. Let's just let it marinate for a little bit and pray as we wait.

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QUOTE(watchbird @ Apr 20 2007, 09:03 AM) □

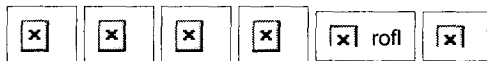
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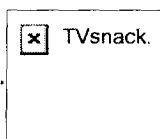
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

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
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
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QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 20 2007, 08:40 AM) 


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Posted by: princessdi Apr 20 2007, 11:36 AM

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Posted by: roxe Apr 20 2007, 12:25 PM

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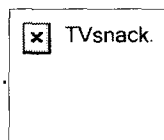
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God will bless you for what you use to glorify Him. I am so glad that He will never let us down, and that we can rely on Him to turn something good out of this, as long as we focus on what is most important - spreading God's word.

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He is going to need some time and some slack from us to make the changes that we would like to see. What we need to do, I think, is keep messaging him to let him know where we stand on the issues. He will automatically take up the financial issues as they arise and that in itself should get rid of Danny sooner than he even understands. In any case, Doug cannot do anything about the issues of pedophilia and sexual misconduct. Those issues are separate from the running of 3ABN except for the immediate need to clearing out of anyone who is risking children and anyone else with that kind of behavior. ☐

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We have hashed and rehashed this situation so much that we think we have all of the answers and want to see them acted upon post haste ☐, but I still see that God is in control and will wait to pass judgement on Doug Batchelor. How many will join me in this?

Many prayers are needed!

GrammieTana

Posted by: Fran Apr 20 2007, 02:19 PM

Tomatoe seems to be the spokesman for 3ABN (Danny). Pinkpanther007 has heard correctly. My question is: Who pulled the wool over whose eyes?

Pinkpanther007 <http://www.christianforums.com/t5209775&page=7>

QUOTE

Originally Posted by tomatoe

Of course he will have his position and will go on spearheading his team just the way DS will go on spearheading his. Who knows, by the time all of the details are ironed out, titles may change again. This is not something that either ministry has jumped into lightly or quickly. The details are mind boggling and will take plenty of time but, when the ink is dry Mollie will still continue her job as GM, DS was still continue his as leader of 3abn and Doug will continue his vision with Amazing Facts. All will work together to make the impossible, possible.

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So, you said that Danny handed over the title but NOT the position. Doug will continue to head up AF and Danny will continue to head up 3ABN. So the hand over of the presidency of 3ABN by Danny to Doug was not real then? Again, if your assertion is correct it raises questions about the validity of everything else that was said tonight regarding this merger. This, BTW, was your assertion, not Danny's.

Posted by: from-the-pew Apr 20 2007, 02:25 PM

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God IS in control here. I have much confidence in Doug Batchelor being a servant of God. I think we need to give him some space... and wait and see what happens over time. Nothing happens overnight!

Plus, just because I think a certain thing doesn't make it right! I'd be willing to guess that we could come up with several different opinions on what should be done, just among the members who have been posting here the past 2 days.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 20 2007, 02:33 PM

QUOTE(simplysaved @ Apr 20 2007, 11:54 AM)

The only thing to remember is that there ARE differences in the worship experiences and expression....some of you may be turned off by how I worship and I tell you with all due respect, I was not interested in most of the Adventist programming on either Hope or 3ABN....Having a separate channel does not make them racist; if no one else can be a part of it, then that would.

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Posted by: erik Apr 20 2007, 02:36 PM

QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Apr 20 2007, 09:31 AM)

Danny said last night that this would be "national news."

Our local media hasn't even picked it up yet. I'm sure the hole-in-the-wall West Frankfort paper will (they always try to pacify Danny for some reason), but I really don't expect to hear it anywhere else.

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Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 20 2007, 03:23 PM

Someone somewhere on one of these threads made a remark about Danny having little guy syndrome. I had no idea he was short. I knew Linda was very tall.. taller than Barbara and I stood by her when she was in the area to see how tall Linda would be and I would guess that Barbara was at least 5' 5-8" tall. Hmmm

I suppose so... guess I always considered the "little man syndrome" man to be about 5" 4" tall or shorter.

Gotta rethink this

Yep Danny was really in his prime last night. A brand new (seldom used? different style anyway) cowboy suit, not the usual matching jacket and turtle neck sweater. He took up almost 20 minutes telling his story before letting anyone else give their story.

I don't really like the idea of some of the folk sitting and others standing on the show last night and other Tuesday night live programs. Just doesn't set well with me. Wait leaning down over Danny's shoulder, etc. Just my opinion I like it that they are all sitting around in semi circle. It could be that it can't happen so the camera can pan Danny as much as possible and not look like it is focusing Danny that much.

Wonder how much bonus the camera man/woman gets for panning Danny certain number of times a program... sorry folk... guess I sound kinda not nice. □

Have a happy Sabbath
Rosyroi

Posted by: hollybygolly Apr 20 2007, 04:35 PM

QUOTE(GrammieTana @ Apr 20 2007, 03:03 PM) □

I was really initially disappointed in the program but when I got to thinking about it, I realize that Doug Batchelor can't just romp into the 3ABN offices and throw out people left and right just because I think

that is what should be done. ☐ And I do! ☐

He is going to need some time and some slack from us to make the changes that we would like to see. What we need to do, I think, is keep messaging him to let him know where we stand on the issues. He will automatically take up the financial issues as they arise and that in itself should get rid of Danny sooner than he even understands. In any case, Doug cannot do anything about the issues of pedophilia and sexual misconduct. Those issues are separate from the running of 3ABN except for the immediate need to clearing out of anyone who is risking children and anyone else with that kind of behavior. ☐

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'grabs grammie's hand* I am with ya!!! Our two hearts beat as one in this subject. Doug's attitude and demeanor were admirably cautious on 3ABN. I really like how he let people say what they wanted to say, and didn't seem in take-charge mode.

Very well said, Grammie. ☐

Posted by: YogusBearus Apr 20 2007, 04:35 PM

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Right. Attention back to reaching others is what is needed.

Posted by: inga Apr 20 2007, 05:15 PM

Well, PB, you've expressed my concerns/feelings rather well.

When I wrote to Doug Batchelor last year, I got a note back from his secretary worded as though Danny himself had written it, complete with twisting of my words to suit his purposes. Probably Doug didn't even see that note.

How much does Doug really know, I wonder?

He *should* know enough not to have pulled a foolish stunt such as a "merger" that leaves Danny and Molly in control.

I have faith only in God, none in "princes," such as Danny Shelton and Doug Batchelor.

H'mm ... putting them together like that does nothing for Danny and takes a lot from Doug, who used to have a pretty "clean" reputation, at least. Now some will wonder what he's got to hide.

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 19 2007, 11:44 PM)

Something just doesn't ring true.

My 81-year-old mother was so upset that she called me, upset nearly to tears, before the first hour was over. She feels like two ministries are now in danger of being destroyed instead of just one.

Where miracle stories, dreams and amazing coincidences would have, before now, given us both goose bumps and hearts filled with joy, in the face of the obvious denial rampant in that room tonight it brought nothing but disappointment.

Near the end of the program, Doug Batchelor said that "they'll know us by our love for each other". Look out of the 3abn doors, Brother Doug, at the people of Thompsonville. Go and ask Duane and Roger Clem and the other alleged victims of pastoral abuse who have experienced the feelings flowing from the co-founder of 3abn towards them. Ask them about the love they see flowing from the leadership of 3abn. Is Christ being lifted up to those alleged victims and their loved ones? Or, has it made better business sense to allow those alleged victims to remain as necessary sacrifices to protect the image of the President and his family? If this is the case, there is a real danger of one day hearing those devastating words from the

lips of our Redeemer found in Matthew 7:22-23:

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Thank you Steffan for clearing everything up for us so succinctly.

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Posted by: GrammieTana Apr 20 2007, 08:12 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 19 2007, 05:01 PM)

The following was posted by Rosie55 on Christian Forums:

(All bolding and color added by me)

This informative post by CF's Rosie55 is noteworthy.

What is of particular concern, in my opinion, is the statement that I have highlighted in red. If this is truly the message, that Danny has the widespread support by the organized church and ASI, I have to wonder if this is a positive step for Amazing Facts and the church. What will happen to the reputation of the SDA denomination if it is proven that Danny, some of his family members and possibly some on his board of directors knew that TS had abused his pastoral power and, instead of reaching out to help the victims heal

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Di,

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 20 2007, 09:31 PM

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We were aware of the meeting. One of our fellow BSDA members, freckleface reported to us the following yesterday:

QUOTE

As we speak a meeting is being held at 3ABN with all employees. Doug and Danny are speaking to them on the future of 3ABN.

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=13332&view=findpost&p=192048>

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Your statement that I have bolded above causes me some concerns. Do you have first hand knowledge from Doug Batchelor and his AF team that they are not worried about allegations and that they know they are false and shrug off the people behind it? Are these statements you have heard for yourself?

PB

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
Well you heard wrong again. 3abn has always functioned on a break even basis, they aren't in debt but don't have anything saved either. That is cash we are talking about. At anytime of the ministry was desperate for funds they have millions of dollars of assets and some of those assets could be sold off if need be. Thankfully they have not had to do that.

Doug seemed caged and reserved? Why? It was his choice to do this merge now. It had been discussed at other times but he didn't feel the time was right until now. Those of you that keep insinuating that Doug was forced into this by someone, somehow in some way try to use your thinking caps to extract some common sense. AF is respected and so is Doug. It is a successful ministry and has been for a very long time. Now why would anyone and who would that be that would "force" Doug to merge with 3abn? People all your

speculation is making no sense. How could it be any more simple that 2 great ministries joining together to increase their evangelizing power? You all need to get over your own misguided beliefs and agenda's and start praising God.

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Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 20 2007, 10:16 PM



hoping this discussion stays calm quiet and dignified during the Sabbath hours. 
Wouldnt want to have it closed down again.

Happy Sabbath
Rosyroi

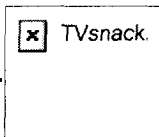
Posted by: mozart Apr 20 2007, 10:58 PM

thanks WB. that is the best and most balance and Christian answer I have heard on this subject.


QUOTE(watchbird @ Apr 20 2007, 08:03 AM) 

 Excuse me... a white channel proposing to develop a black channel..... what am I missing? How is this anything but just an updated version of segregated churches, segregated conferences, and a segregated heaven 

Shouldn't our aim be for all channels to be fully integrated? And if channels have specialties in programming, let that be along other lines than those which already divide us.... racial, doctrinal, an music styles. One can see the appropriateness of LLBN, for example, being weighted towards health issues. One could see a worship/inspiration channel staying away from doctrinal and health programing. One could see a music channel carrying only music... either video or live performances. But IMO all channels should organize their programming so that no race or other group within the Adventist church feels left out of, or slighted by, the programming content or appearance. Not all programs need to appeal to all tastes, cultures, doctrinal biases, or races... but certainly the channel as a whole should offer a balanced fare with something for each individual.



I thought "urban" meant diversified; of all races.

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 20 2007, 10:50 AM) 

It is definitely code for black" Den, you might add hispanic in there also, but when they refer to music or anything being urban, it generally mean "black".

just a thought; but maybe wintley phipps channel will not just be adventists either. has anybody heard it will be strictly adventist? maybe that should be another thread.

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 20 2007, 12:38 PM)

WB,

You certainly called that one correctly! Separate channels could be nothing more than a slick technological way to separate the denomination by color. I wonder if 3abn and Wently Phipps have pondered on that one? Is Wently developing the channel or is Danny?

A fully integrated channel? Of course that should be the goal! Will Hope be our best bet? We will see. On the other hand, wouldn't all of the various channels being in the same little box, available to all viewers be rather like an integrated network? I'm sure someone will set me straight if I've stuck my foot in my mouth again. Of course, I have no idea exactly what Wently Phipp's channel will be like so perhaps I should just zip it and watch for awhile.

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God will bless you for what you use to glorify Him. I am so glad that He will never let us down, and that we can rely on Him to turn something good out of this, as long as we focus on what is most important - spreading God's word.

He is coming so soon. Let's remember that. Soon all the heartache will be gone. How awesome to think that we won't have to be limited on time ever again - we will have eternity to get to know each other!!! That's the one unfortunate thing about church, you just don't have time to talk with everyone that you want to.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 20 2007, 11:07 PM

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<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=13332&view=findpost&p=192244>

Unfortunately, when you quoted my post, Rosie55's actual statement did not show up so the quote looks like she is responsible for my own opinion and comments.

To set the record straight, I am providing the link to my original post so anyone who wishes to may go and check out what Rosie55 actually posted:

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Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 21 2007, 08:25 AM

Yes, posters who come in here to distract and confuse are really to be ignored. I had thought forums were for posting what one is thinking through their fingers. Most posters respectfully disagree with each

other and no one is kicked out of the forum.

When I read other posts I might agree or disagree with what is being posted but that doesn't give me the right to be rude to the other poster. I believe everyone has a right to their own opinions. Making statements in the forums to type out our opinions doesn't necessarily mean that what we post is meant as a truth to be written down in stone.

If ALL of us agree to use the ignore button on the rude posters they won't have anyone to argue with and leave us alone. I am trying to do that myself.

If anyone disagrees with me please do so kindly.  Love to all.

Thank Calvin for allowing us to post on the Sabbath day.

Rosyroi
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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 21 2007, 11:25 AM

Friday evening over on Christian Forum's, tomatoe replied to a post by truthmagnet about Danny Shelton's travel plans.
Tomatoe's post #164:

QUOTE

On Business TM. Try not to get too excited about it. Also it was hong kong and Taiwan. He has to go to many different countries to see about the possibilities of contracts, negotiations, etc etc for getting 3abn there.

All this bologne about running from a lawsuit because Linda got a new lawyer is again, ridiculous. So what? 3abn has had a team of lawyers for months now. **Putting all of these posts together from here and bsda here is what you guys have come up with.**

ASI, AF, THE general Conference and the boards of both ministries have gotten together in less than a week to come up with a plan to 1. Make DS step down, 2. Take over 3abn, 3. Cover up allegations against 3abn, or 4. The other groups named "forced" Doug to merge with 3abn for well we don't know why.....continued

All of the above happened almost overnight and the decisions will affect the entire Seventh Day Adventist denomination around the world, but, it was all done as a secret conspiracy and all the above named people and organizations were a party to it, because.....Linda got a new lawyer.

Man...you guys are like Sherlock Holmes.

<http://www.christianforums.com/showpost.php?p=34111722&postcount=164>

After reading this exchange, I, PeacefulSDA, gathered information from Observer/Greg Matthew's early posts from Thursday morning in the Change In 3-abn Leadership thread.

PeacefulSDA's reply in post #165:

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tomatoe,

1. Mollie S. told Gregory Matthews that Danny told the 3abn board that he wants to step down.
2. Gregory Matthews said both ministries would continue but under the unified leadership of Doug Batchelor.
3. Steffan says he was told Doug does not believe the allegations and shrugs off the ones behind the allegations.
4. Who is saying the other groups have "forced" Doug to merge with 3abn? That is news to me. The only ones I have seen saying that are you and Steffan.

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=13332&view=findpost&p=191971>

Someone did speculate this was as a result of Linda's new lawyer. That someone was mistaken in his speculation, obviously.

<http://www.christianforums.com/showpost.php?p=34112730&postcount=165>

Early this morning, tomatoe replied to PeacefulSDA's post with some interesting and, perhaps, revealing information.

Tomatoe's post #166:

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GREG M made those statements before the live. **Mollie mispoke or Greg took her words wrong. Regardless it was straightened out before the live where you saw plainly that DS is going nowhere.** Doug and Danny both, might eventually give their general managers a little more administrative power to free them up to evangelize in their own ways. Danny has had less and less time for programming the last few years which is why you see other hosts a lot of time on the live. He hopes to get back to hosting more often and interviewing guests. Even though he already travels a lot, that will probably increase also if he can get out from under the mountains of paperwork. Doug also hopes to do more programming and I am sure more of his revivals will be in the works. Doug will stay in sacramento and keep his church there. DS and 3abn will stay in southern IL. The plan at this point is for 3abn to become 3abn amazing facts but in probability will eventually just go back to 3abn period since that name is more known world wide.

As far as the "forced" thing with Doug. I said that because I have read several comments of people saying "Doug looked caged" and Doug looked uncomfortable. What is the insinuation there? Obviously that he didn't want to do this. My point was how could that be? This was his choice. Nobody could make him do it or would even try to make him so why the ridiculous comments about him looking uncomfortable. They are both very happy to fulfill what they have been talking about doing for quite some time. Lots of details have been worked out and there are many more to go. Even their titles are not in stone yet. All they want people to understand, at this point, is that both ministries will function the same in day to day operations. Each leader at his own ministry. Doug will not be making rules for 3abn and Danny will not be for AF. Both are trying to free themselves up from some of the administrative duties, not add to them.

And, it is true that Doug, amazing facts or his board are not concerned with internet allegations. Doug has worked closely enough with 3abn and DS through the years to know that these are rumors and speculation and sometimes out and out lies. He has spent weeks at a time at the facility and his conclusions speak for themselves. His board also, voted unanimously to merge with 3abn. They obviously didn't have reservations either. MMM I do believe that they know a lot more of the true facts than the everyday posters here, who swear that 3abn is corrupt. That always amazes me when most have had no experience with 3abn or the people involved at all.

Folks, save your time and energy by taking this merger as a wonderful world wide soul winning tool for the Adventist Denomination. You can accuse, twist, spin and throw around speculations all you want but it doesn't change the simple truth that it is, what it is, take it at face value...something wonderful.

<http://www.christianforums.com/showpost.php?p=34114326&postcount=166>

What I have not personally been able to conclude from this post by tomatoe is how the merger is going to make things any different than they are at the present time. Here is a recap from tomatoe's post:

Both Doug and Danny "might eventually" give their GM's "a little more administrative power" so they can evangelize in their own ways.

Both ministries will remain in their home locations.

Titles for Doug and Danny are not yet set in stone.

Both ministries will function the same in day to day operations.

Both will remain the leaders of their own ministries.

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Both are trying to free themselves up from some of the administrative duties, not add to them.

So, what has this merger actually accomplished besides the possible temporary name change to 3abn Amazing Facts? We know from the Live program that the two boards may have some member changes as they merge together. But, after reading the key points of tomatoe's post, what else is really changing? Even the stated goal on the Live program of combining forces for evangelism seems unlikely since tomatoe they will continue to "evangelize in their own ways".

It appears that Doug Batchelor's schedule is the biggest change in this merger because he will be spending a lot of time traveling back and forth from California to Illinois. Or will he even be doing that?

At this point, from what tomatoe has shared in his post, this merger between 3abn and Amazing Facts appears to be a change in name only. What do they hope to accomplish by this admittedly temporary name change? Will it add dollars to either coffer? Will it give either ministry more credibility. After carefully watching the Thursday evening Live program and now reading tomatoe's post, the whole point of the merger seems rather unclear.

Posted by: GrammieTana Apr 21 2007, 11:29 AM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 21 2007, 01:23 AM) □

GT,

In your post #132, you quote my post regarding a statement by Rosie55 from Christian Forums:


<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=13332&view=findpost&p=192244>


Unfortunately, when you quoted my post, Rosie55's actual statement did not show up so the quote looks like she is responsible for my own opinion and comments.

To set the record straight, I am providing the link to my original post so anyone who wishes to may go and check out what Rosie55 actually posted:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=13332&view=findpost&p=192033>

Dear PB,

I am sorry if there was any confusion or offense taken by either you or Rosie55. I was simply responding to your comment and should have erased what was before it. 

Again, Sorry. Still friends? 

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QUOTE(hollybygolly @ Apr 20 2007, 06:35 PM)

grabs grammie's hand I am with ya!!! Our two hearts beat as one in this subject. Doug's attitude and demeanor were admirably cautious on 3ABN. I really like how he let people say what they wanted to say, and didn't seem in take-charge mode.

Very well said, Grammie.

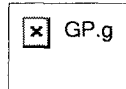


Thanks for the hand, hbg,



really do think that standing back and waiting patiently will give us all a much needed break from trying to

think for God.



will win in the end.

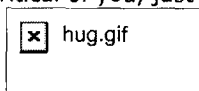
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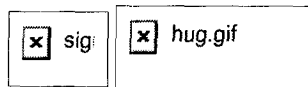
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Oh, PB, Ah's so glad.



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Posted by: larryr Apr 21 2007, 12:23 PM

QUOTE(calvin @ Apr 19 2007, 10:19 AM)

This is only speculation but I suspect this will lead to an overhaul in the leadership and management of 3ABN.....and not just Doug as the front person with Danny pulling the strings in the background. 3ABN is a ministry but it is also a business. When a business has this many problems, typically a top leadership and management change is necessary in order for the new leader to be effective. These changes won't take place overnight but you can expect new management as the old are eased out the door.

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Only problem with that analogy is that enough of the old HP board members... particularly the Hewlett and Packard family members insisted that Carly do things "the HP way" and her recalcitrance to do that ultimately got her sacked... will enough of the existing 3ABN way persist to such a degree that Doug Batchelor's efforts bear no fruit? Time will tell.

In His service,
Mr. J

QUOTE(steffan @ Apr 20 2007, 11:57 PM)

Well you heard wrong again. 3abn has always functioned on a break even basis, they aren't in debt but don't have anything saved either. That is cash we are talking about. At anytime of the ministry was desperate for funds they have millions of dollars of assets and some of those assets could be sold off if need be. Thankfully they have not had to do that.

Doug seemed caged and reserved? Why? It was his choice to do this merge now. It had been discussed at other times but he didn't feel the time was right until now. Those of you that keep insinuating that Doug was forced into this by someone, somehow in some way try to use your thinking caps to extract some common sense. AF is respected and so is Doug. It is a successful ministry and has been for a very long time. Now why would anyone and who would that be that would "force" Doug to merge with 3abn? People all your speculation is making no sense. How could it be any more simple that 2 great ministries joining together to increase their evangelizing power? You all need to get over your own misguided beliefs and agenda's and start praising God.

And Yes PB. I did get it firsthand that Doug could care less about the allegations on the internet. Just ask Gailon if Doug would take his call today.

So much for your leaving BSDA and never coming back again, Steffan... but we already knew you couldn't stay away, in spite of your posturing...

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Posted by: Clay Apr 21 2007, 03:03 PM

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I'll take your questions over to Christian Forums and see if tomatoe has any input.

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Posted by: Fran Apr 21 2007, 08:01 PM

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It appears that control will change hands; just not what we are thinking will happen.

They said there would be a couple of positions filled from ASI. Go figure. It can't be that hard to see that money talks louder than the Right Thing to Do.

Posted by: rwelchcrs Apr 21 2007, 08:48 PM

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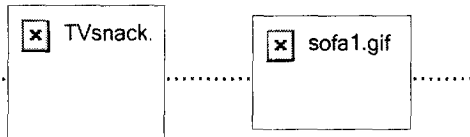
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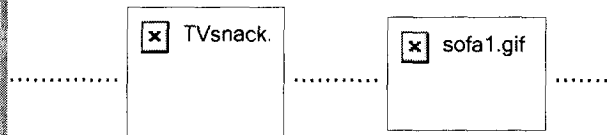
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WINGO! And let's throw in one more word to cover the mystery man, C-O-N-T-R-O-L. All the ingredients for a long running soap.

bear


Posted by: seraph|m Apr 21 2007, 10:15 PM

QUOTE(Rosyroi @ Apr 21 2007, 11:25 AM) □

Yes, posters who come in here to distract and confuse are really to be ignored. I had thought forums were for posting what one is thinking through their fingers. Most posters respectfully disagree with each other and no one is kicked out of the forum.

When I read other posts I might agree or disagree with what is being posted but that doesn't give me the right to be rude to the other poster. I believe everyone has a right to their own opinions. Making statements in the forums to type out our opinions doesn't necessarily mean that what we post is meant as a truth to be written down in stone.

If ALL of us agree to use the ignore button on the rude posters they won't have anyone to argue with and leave us alone. I am trying to do that myself.


If anyone disagrees with me please do so kindly.  Love to all.

Thank Calvin for allowing us to post on the Sabbath day.

Rosyroi

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Y'all are killin us here  Tryin to reinvent the wheel and say "I" did it. 

The "let's ignore the rude ones" was suggested months ago. And we've been doing quite well at it. 

Posted by: hollybygolly Apr 21 2007, 10:15 PM

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
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 TVsnack.

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Sorry, but I have to disagree with the "actors" comment if you are referring to them the way of TV actors. I think that is totally unfair. At least in reference to both of them.

Posted by: princessdi Apr 22 2007, 12:51 AM

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Posted by: mozart Apr 22 2007, 01:11 AM

well let's see. a worldwide satellite network, a full tv studio and all the airtime you want. that's quite a bit. i think we all know the folks running AF aren't stupid. they are lots more than one man too! DB may be president of AF but he doesn't call all the shots does he? i don't believe for a second any of this is in name only. AF has lots to gain but also, everything to lose. they will gain control, no doubt. **i think GM brought and bought this arrangement. hopefully it is with good intentions. DS said he was paying all the attorney bills so he knows exactly what is going on and who needs to move out of the way and out of the limelight. GM has the money. GM is giving the money; that's why he was at the meeting.** just my opinion.

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Posted by: LaurenceD Apr 22 2007, 08:43 AM

QUOTE(Tomatoe via PeacefullyBewildered)

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Posted by: watchbird Apr 22 2007, 09:37 AM

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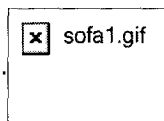
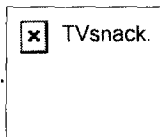
Please don't think that everyone is greeting this move with "joyfull anticipation".

The old saying.... "Birds of a feather flock together" bears careful consideration.

This one also.... "One reveals his own character by the character of those with whom he associates most closely."

And one more.....The golden rule.... "He who has the gold makes the rules."

We are looking at two TV actors. Let's not mistake role playing for something other than what it is.



QUOTE(hollybygolly @ Apr 22 2007, 12:15 AM)

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Amen!! Thank you for speaking out and giving us food for thought! This merger is troubling for many of us who say little and are watching from the sidelines.

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Yes Laurence... I think you have nailed this one correctly. And do note the comparison of this present situation with the "vision" story which Danny has used through the years to "prove beyond the shadow of a doubt" that he had been divinely appointed to do just what he has done. That initial story must have been getting a little stale... even to him... but now look... he has not merely one, but five or six such dreams/visions/miracles/signs stories on which to build his bigger and better Amazing Facts/3abn!

I'm sure that if we knew all the "facts" one would indeed call them "amazing"... but I rather suspect we would find them amazing in amazingly different ways from what the leaders of that ministry would prefer.

Posted by: inga Apr 22 2007, 10:18 AM

welc to BlackSDA, Grith

QUOTE(Grith @ Apr 21 2007, 05:52 PM)

I watched the program Thursday evening (thanks to seeing the announcement at BSDA). I've been reading the responses here, but I heard something that no one has commented on thus far. Danny stated that there had been a secret meeting in Denver with himself, DB, and Garwin McNeilus. That brought a few questions to mind:

1. Why did they have to meet with McNeilus? I know that he is very wealthy and apparently that gives him a lot of clout?
2. Why was it important to meet with McNeilus? Why was his input/counsel/approval needed?
3. Why was the meeting secret. From what I remember DS said that even Molly didn't know.
4. Why would it be so important to get one layman's OK but not all those other who are or have supported AF/3ABN?

Does anyone have any ideas?



And thanks for this contribution. Because I didn't personally watch 3ABNLive, I've relied on feedback from others, and you are the first to mention this extremely significant detail. It confirms my personal hunch on the matter that Garvin McNeilus possibly initiated this merger.

McNeilus characteristically controls things from the background. He does not reveal how much he contributes to whom. He does not take board positions, but when he asks to see anyone, he gets ushered right in. And folks listen to him. (Yes, money talks.)

It is fairly certain that McNeilus has been a **big** contributor to 3ABN (think in millions, rather than thousands). Just when contributions likely fell off due to Linda's leaving, Danny announced that contributions *increased*. If that is true -- which isn't necessarily so -- it's easy to see how one deep-pocketed contributor could have provided this "increase" to make things look good for one of his proteges.

If the rumor of 3ABN's 3-million-dollar deficit in the first quarter of 2007 is true, it is likely that McNeilus decided to quit propping up 3ABN.

McNeilus is also very likely a big contributor to Amazing Facts, a ministry not plagued by scandals such as those dogging 3ABN. Doug Batchelor's reputation is clean, so far. It doesn't take a genius to calculate that Doug's taking over 3ABN would "save 3ABN," which is what McNeilus would want to do.

As to why this meeting was "secret" ... I think you'll find the answer in what I suggested about McNeilus's habitual mode of operation. The fact that the rank and file of Adventists has no idea who Garvin McNeilus is testifies to his "secret" mode of operation. (I suspect that many ministries and missions owe their existence to the contributions of the McNeilus family.)

Posted by: no_cults Apr 22 2007, 02:04 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 20 2007, 02:33 PM) □

In my own church example, we had one Sabbath praise music session that included drums along with the guitars and piano. It was so loudly done that it was hard to hear the words above the music. A number of older members got up and left in protest. I could understand that, especially if they wore hearing aids, as the decibels of that particular group were making my ears hurt as well. I was tempted to leave for that reason alone. However, as the pastor brought the sermon I marveled at the spiritual blessing I would have missed if I had left.

Isn't this what we should be looking for no matter who is standing behind the pulpit or even their style of preaching? Are the words of the Holy Spirit to be ignored if the one speaking uses a different style? Would it harm us to open our ears to seek God's message no matter the color of the face it comes through?

Just wondering...

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QUOTE(Rosyroi @ Apr 20 2007, 03:23 PM)

Someone somewhere on one of these threads made a remark about Danny having little guy syndrome. I had no idea he was short. I knew Linda was very tall.. taller than Barbara and I stood by her when she was in the area to see how tall Linda would be and I would guess that Barbara was at least 5' 5-8" tall.
HmMMM

I suppose so... guess I always considered the "little man syndrome" man to be about 5" 4" tall or shorter.

Gotta rethink this

Yep Danny was really in his prime last night. A brand new (seldom used? different style anyway) cowboy suit, not the usual matching jacket and turtle neck sweater. He took up almost 20 minutes telling his story before letting anyone else give their story.

I don't really like the idea of some of the folk sitting and others standing on the show last night and other Tuesday night live programs. Just doesn't set well with me. Walt leaning down over Danny's shoulder, etc. Just my opinion I like it that they are all sitting around in semi circle. It could be that it can't happen so the camera can pan Danny as much as possible and not look like it is focusing Danny that much.

Wonder how much bonus the camera man/woman gets for panning Danny certain number of times a program... sorry folk... guess I sound kinda not nice.

Have a happy Sabbath
Rosyroi

Up... I have heard the same thing. Not only a short guy, but also right in the hair department. Amazing what a good rug or transplant can do!

Posted by: dkay Apr 22 2007, 02:04 PM

QUOTE(steffan @ Apr 20 2007, 10:57 PM)

Well you heard wrong again. Sabn has always functioned on a break even basis, they aren't in debt but don't have anything saved either. That is cash we are talking about. At anytime of the ministry was desperate for funds they have millions of dollars of assets and some of those assets could be sold off if need be. Thankfully they have not had to do that.

Doug seemed caged and reserved? Why? It was his choice to do this merge now. It had been discussed at other times but he didn't feel the time was right until now. Those of you that keep insinuating that Doug was forced into this by someone, somehow in some way try to use your thinking caps to extract some

common sense. AF is respected and so is Doug. It is a successful ministry and has been for a very long time. Now why would anyone and who would that be that would "force" Doug to merge with 3abn? People all your speculation is making no sense. How could it be any more simple that 2 great ministries joining together to increase their evangelizing power? You all need to get over your own misguided beliefs and agenda's and start praising God.

And Yes PB. I did get it firsthand that Doug could care less about the allegations on the internet. Just ask Gailon if Doug would take his call today.

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Posted by: no_cults Apr 22 2007, 02:07 PM

QUOTE(steffan @ Apr 20 2007, 06:07 PM) □

I am sorry, I had to post here after hearing all that is being said here. It is too funny not to. Doug and Danny had a meeting Thursday at 4pm central time with all of the 3abn employees. They were told that this merge would not change any of their positions, work schedules or anything else. Doug made a point to say that he intends to keep his church in Sacramento and still run amazing facts and WOULD NOT have any say in day to day 3abn operations just as Danny will have no say in day to day operations of AF. Except for a merger of the boards and Danny and Doug taking more time to evangelize, most everything will remain as is. Doug and Danny, AF & 3abn will remain 2000 miles apart and will continue business as usual with Danny over 3abn and Doug over AF.

So, all this business of Doug cleaning house or that he doesn't realize what he has gotten himself into is absolutely a huge laugh. He had 20 or so highly respected people on his board advising him as well as Danny's board advising him. AF and 3ABN has worked together closely for years. That is the reason the AF people are not worried about allegations. They know they are false and shrug off the people behind it. To say that Danny was running scared as stated above is, again, crazy. If he was running scared he would have resigned, not expanded, and remained in charge of 3abn.

Not hard people, get a grip. As much as you hate to face it, that is the truth of it. As much as you want to read stuff into it, you can't. It is all good.

You need to preach a little louder to those with the checkbooks.

Posted by: mozart Apr 22 2007, 02:07 PM

wow that is a huge and a hard to imagine possibility. in some ways, it would be great, but i don't see any way that linda could work with mollie and john l. etc. that possibility would be an incredible feat of attorneyism. however, what i was thinking is that to make some wrongs right, 3abn should have linda back in some way, if simply to have her own show and even that small part in comparison to what she was before all this. i think, and it's sad to say however, but that would be enough to make danny not want to be there anymore. apologies and reparations really need to be done towards linda, and i hope someday these folks will listen to God first.

the rerun is on now and i'm taping this time.

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Posted by: lurker Apr 22 2007, 02:08 PM

Link to comments at the Spectrum blog about the merger announcement <http://tinyurl.com/2hynlc>

Posted by: no_cults Apr 22 2007, 02:12 PM

QUOTE(rwelchcrs @ Apr 21 2007, 08:48 PM)

I think it's too early to draw conclusions, but I'm somewhat troubled by the seeming joyfull anticipation of Amazing Facts joining hands with an organization badly tainted with credible allegations of moral and financial corruption. Some are saying Doug Batchelor does not believe the accusations and ignores the documentation.

I used to admire Danny Shelton and 3ABN.

I still admire Doug Batchelor and Amazing Facts.

Be careful, Pastor Doug.

feel the same way abt. DB. I also will be watching him close.
he's smart, but people aren't easily fooled.

Posted by: dkay Apr 22 2007, 02:12 PM

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Posted by: dkay Apr 22 2007, 03:28 PM

QUOTE(ex3ABNemployee @ Apr 20 2007, 12:41 PM) □

Yes, I picked up on that too. "Well, we don't really know how this will all take place and who will be on the board and what resources will be shared and what role we will all play...but we need your money."

Just wondering.....if a new board is make up of AF, 3ABN, and ASI individuals...then where does that leave the majority of power....in Danny's pocket? Also can ASI have anyone on the board...since AF is an entity of the church? I understand ASI rules restrict membership to independent ministries and businesses and will not allow any church entity to belong. We are all watching and we are very concerned about this so called merger.

Posted by: hollybygolly Apr 22 2007, 03:44 PM

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I firmly believe that man is fallible and imperfect. I also beleive that God wants us to have a little bit of faith in people - not to make or break us religiously, but God has obviously chosen some to be more in the

spotlight than others. Does this mean that we discount and doubt everything they do or say? Should we refuse to go to church because we might be listening to an "actor"? No way. Sounds like you are suspicious of just about everyone that is on TV. I would have to agree with that, if I watched regular cable TV on a regular basis, but 3ABN and Amazing Facts is decidedly different. If you are meaning that we should have our eyes open, and question when evangelists and pastors don't seem to be living their lives according to what the Bible says, then I could see that. But having faith in NO one just because we have been disappointed by SOMEone, I just dont agree. Life would be pretty lonely and sad.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 22 2007, 03:46 PM

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not sure how this subject got over here but, i'm borrowing this post from PP since i couldn't say it any better.

This is (i think i have this subject thread going on over at the heading "your local church")

quote pinkpanther

"Even if wicked men talk the truth, some may receive it; but it does not bring those who talked it into any more favor with God. Wicked men are wicked men still, and according to the deception they practiced upon those who were beloved of God, and according to the confusion brought into the church, so will be their punishment; their sins will not remain covered, but will be exposed in the day of God's fierce anger. {EW 98.1}

These self-sent messengers are a curse to the cause. Honest souls put confidence in them, thinking that they are moving in the counsel of God and that they are in union with the church, and therefore suffer them to administer the ordinances, and, as duty is made plain that they must do their first works, allow themselves to be baptized by them. But when light comes, as it surely will, and they are aware that these men are not what they understood them to be, God's called and chosen messengers, they are thrown into trial and doubt as to the truth they have received and feel that they must learn it all over again; they are troubled and

perplexed by the enemy about all their experience, whether God has led them or not, and are not satisfied until they are again baptized and begin anew. It is much more wearing to the spirits of God's messengers to go into places where those have been who have exerted this wrong influence than to enter new fields. God's servants have to deal plainly, act openly, and not cover up wrongs; for they are standing between the living and the dead and must render an account of their faithfulness, their mission, and the influence they exert over the flock of which the Lord has made them overseers. {EW 99.1}

Those who receive the truth and are brought into such trials would have had the truth the same if these men had stayed away and filled the humble place the Lord designed for them."

Early Writings

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PB

Very good source who spoke personally with Gailon.

dkay

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 22 2007, 07:32 PM

For those of you following steffan's claims that Gailon Arthur Joy called Amazing Facts sometime after the Thursday Night Live program on 3abn when the 3abn/AF merger was announced, I would submit the following first paragraph of an email I received. It is posted with full permission from Gailon Arthur Joy:

----- Original Message -----

From: G. Arthur Joy

To: *****

Sent: Sunday, April 22, 2007 4:54 PM

Subject: Re: Steffan's claims

I have not made any call to Doug Batchelor. We know that he was airborne Thursday until 3:00pm and doing his presentation at 3ABN staff meeting at 4:00pm and then the live at 8:00pm CDT. He was then airborne back to California from 10:00 am on Friday. And the most important note is that Amazing Facts was closed on Friday, as it is every Friday. So when would we have called to demand to speak with Doug Batchelor?

Gailon Arthur Joy
AUReporter

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Posted by: Eirene Apr 22 2007, 08:57 PM

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Questions:

1. So far has Joy's "reports" and claims always been factual?
2. Can someone help me to understand the importance of whether Joy called DB or he didn't?
3. If someone trustworthy told Steffan that Joy called and he repeated it, then it wouldn't be a lie would it?
4. Why are the items that we do know as facts having to repeated over and over and over?
5. What is hard to understand that Doug is not taking over or going to run 3abn?
6. What is hard to understand that Danny is not taking over or going to run AF?
7. How many times does it have to be stated that 3abn is NOT in debt and in fact have assets worth more than AF?
8. How hard is it to understand that since 3abn is not in debt all the speculation about Garwin M and his role is uneducated fantasy.
9. The actual role he has played in the merger as a rep of ASI and Global Missions has been explained, but is too hard to understand?
10. What is the meaning of the wild feeding frenzy on this merger?
11. What can't you except about 2 ministries joining to evangelize without running each other's ministries?
12. By continuing to speculate that one ministry will be able to take over the other shows a lack of business knowledge, common sense, is an insult to all of those involved in this merger and last but not least shows a general lack of intelligence...doesn't it?
13. Are we that ignorant as to think that specifications, rules, regulations and safeguards were not written up legally to avoid any possibility of #12 happening?
14. Can we not see that while major agreements, have been written in stone there will be plenty more smaller details worked out as they go?
15. How many of you that are spouting all of this stuff will slink off into the sunset when it doesn't come to pass?
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QUOTE(dkay @ Apr 22 2007, 04:33 PM)

Very good source who spoke personally with Gailon.

dkay

I think that Steffan had a good source but since we all know that Joy always speaks exact truth, I am sure we should listen to him. And again, why anyone would waste time or energy on this phone call is beyond me. It amounts absolutely to nothing one way or the other.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 22 2007, 09:02 PM

Eirene,

Welcome to BSDA!

Posted by: Eirene Apr 22 2007, 09:05 PM

QUOTE(hollybygolly @ Apr 22 2007, 03:44 PM) □

Just because we watch people on 3ABN and Amazing Facts does not mean that we know every little detail about each of their lives. Might as well call our own pastors "actors", because we dont know what they are like at home, when no one but their own family is around, right? What's the point of having televised evangelism and christian programs? - Because they ALL must be "acting".

I firmly believe that man is fallible and imperfect. I also beleive that God wants us to have a little bit of faith in people - not to make or break us religously, but God has obviously chosen some to be more in the spotlight than others. Does this mean that we discount and doubt everything they do or say? Should we refuse to go to church because we might be listening to an "actor"? No way. Sounds like you are suspicious of just about everyone that is on TV. I would have to agree with that, if I watched regular cable TV on a regular basis, but 3ABN and Amazing Facts is decidedly different.

If you are meaning that we should have our eyes open, and question when evangelists and pastors don't seem to be living their lives according to what the Bible says, then I could see that. But having faith in NO one just because we have been disappointed by SOMEone, I just dont agree. Life would be pretty lonely and sad.

Holly, you have made some excellent points. If we see it through the eyes of WB then we could say we are all actors. Don't we put on a better face at work than at home sometime? Do we sometimes show more patience with others than with our own families? So then, are we actors? No we are human beings who all fall short. By the grace of God, he takes up the slack. I have seen those on relegious programs that come across as fake and insincere and I have seen those that "what you see is what you get." Doug B. and Danny S. are 2 examples of the latter.

WB has shown ill will toward 3abn and it's people for quite some time and every post she makes on the subject is tainted with innuendo, extreme speculation, and all the negativity that she can muster. Therefore, IMO, she can't be taken seriously when she is obviously so one sided.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 22 2007, 09:25 PM

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And why would Steffan's credibility be in question and not Gailon's? Gailon could be telling the truth and the person that told Steffan could have been mistaken or not. Either way, I hardly think Steffan would have purposely lied over something that doesn't amount to anything. If you would spend as much time checking on Gailon's credibility in hundreds of statements, as you have one remark of Steffan's, we might get somewhere. Since this is such a major issue to you, why don't you just be patient and let's see if Doug takes any of Gailon's or Pickles calls in the future, then let's give Steffan the benefit of the doubt that IF he is wrong he has given wrong information and didn't lie, and let's always question any of Gailon's statements and stories since he has been proven wrong so many times before.
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OB, so if things are too confusing for you and there are so many things you don't understand, again, why don't you wait patiently until even more details of the union are worked out and press releases are given. Until that time the smart thing to do would be to drop the subject period.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 22 2007, 10:20 PM

Eirene,

Even Doug himself knows that many questions have been raised by the merger

QUOTE

Gregory,

Here is a response from Pastor Batchelor. I know they are working hard on getting the most accurate answers for the many questions.

Thank yo for your e-mail.

Blessings,
Pastor Harold White

-----Original Message-----

From: [e-mail address deleted as it was a private one.]

Sent: Sat, April 21, 2007 6:50 pm

To: Harold White

Subject: Answer for Common questions

Dear friend,

As expected, the historic announcement regarding plans to unite the ministries of Amazing Facts and 3ABN has generated a phenomenal response.

E-mails expressing support and praise to God have been pouring in. **The miraculous, providential and rapid leading of God in this event has taken everyone by surprise.**

"... and all the people rejoiced that God had prepared the people, since the events took place so suddenly" (2 Chr 29:36).

Naturally this exciting news has also raised many questions.

In response, Amazing Facts and 3ABN are working to provide a series of answers to many of the most common questions.

Because of the colossal, dynamic nature of this partnership, many organizational details still remain to be addressed. So we do not have all the answers at this point in time. Please continue checking the website for fresh updates and information as this incredible development unfolds.

Thank you again for your words of support and encouragement and please continue to pray that God will mightily bless this united effort to proclaim the good news!

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=13377&view=findpost&p=192484>

Yes, in hindsight it probably would have been wise for all sides to wait and see how things developed before launching into dialogue and debate, but that is not what happened. The very manner in which the merger was announced made that route pretty much of an impossibility.

Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 22 2007, 10:38 PM

QUOTE(seraph|m @ Apr 21 2007, 09:15 PM)

Y'all are killin us here Tryin to reinvent the wheel and say "I" did it.

The "let's ignore the rude ones" was suggested months ago. And we've been doing quite well at it.

Thank you for the laughter in your post to me.



Edited for content.....Life is too short.

Rosyroi

Posted by: Aletheia Apr 25 2007, 06:24 AM

QUOTE(Johann @ Apr 22 2007, 08:49 AM)

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This friend feels that with the new lawyer appearing on the scene Danny fears that the question of Linda's future role in connection with 3ABN could be one of the reasons this proposed merge with Amazing Facts was propelled just now. Why? Because if it is revealed that Linda was wrongfully dismissed in 2004, that destroys Danny's credibility and he loses the face he so desperately tries to exhibit on every program, magazine and web page associated with 3ABN. This is why we see the desperate fight his supporters are still fighting on the Christian Forum or wherever their presence is still allowed. May God have mercy!

Let's pray His will be revealed, and His name glorified, and not a mere political image of . . . !!!

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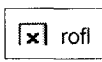
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Posted by: Aletheia Apr 25 2007, 12:09 PM

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Posted by: princessdi Apr 25 2007, 12:30 PM

Lighten up Cindy! You are too young to be this uptight! Man!! Duane made a joke about the fact that you were not going to appreciate R4H's post, I laughed, you didn't, as per your response to that post. You could have laughed yourself, if you weren't so consumed with someone else's anger.

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profile says, as in an "Icelander" ever again, or I will be banned?



And respectfully Diane, no, I disagree, not everyone (some of whom just wander in here to read, or follow the discussions regularly, or are members here) know that Johann (who claims he was always present with Linda in Illinois, USA, and in Norway, and that he is a witness to what was said or done, any time a argument of question arises about her is raised here on this forum) actually lives across the world from her, in Iceland.

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Posted by: Clay Apr 25 2007, 12:49 PM

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QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 25 2007, 02:23 PM) 


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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 25 2007, 01:04 PM

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Posted by: Observer Apr 25 2007, 02:00 PM

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Posted by: Aletheia Apr 25 2007, 02:06 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 25 2007, 03:53 PM)



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It's just like I tried to tell PB, go ahead and put faith in your own thoughts, see what you want to see, but it will not justify the false witness, nor the evil surmisings before God.

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 25 2007, 02:11 PM

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You know how that is, pastor... if one's only tool is a hammer, eventually everything starts looking like a nail...

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Posted by: princessdi Apr 25 2007, 02:43 PM

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QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Apr 25 2007, 01:11 PM) □

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
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Be Blessed 


Posted by: seraph|m Apr 25 2007, 03:47 PM

QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 25 2007, 03:30 PM) 

Lighten up Cindy! You are too young to be this uptight! Man!! Duane made a joke about the fact that you were not going to appreciate R4H's post, I laughed, you didn't, as per your response to that post. You could have laughed yourself, if you weren't so consumed with someone else's anger.


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Posted by: Fran Apr 25 2007, 05:25 PM

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Posted by: mozart Apr 25 2007, 05:49 PM

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QUOTE(Eirene @ Apr 25 2007, 08:38 AM)

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Johann has condemned himself with his posts over the past how many months. Of course he has maligned, accused and labeled people as what he wants them to be.

So, no, I see no reason for Aletheia to "refrain" from telling the truth.

is it possible that you should refrain from NOT telling the truth?

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 25 2007, 08:57 AM)

Oh come on Clay, even you have to wonder how the icelander, Johann has conveniently been there or been a witness to every single event or happening which has to do with Linda which is brought up on this forum... She is indeed blessed to have him as her sole witness to so many things, why he even claimed to be with her in the hotel room with the Doctor, and to have been cut out of photographs of her and the Doctor together, claims to have "together" bought a "ugly cheap, oddly shaped watch, which he didn't like" (his words not mine) and claimed that he and the doctor together gave it to Linda thinking it an appropriate gift for her. and.... when she flew to Norway before the ink was dry on her divorce to see the Doctor, guess what? Johann was there also...

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Ok?? Because apparently she has run with a scandalous bunch.....



Posted by: Whtz Happenin Apr 25 2007, 06:04 PM

QUOTE(awesumtenor @ Apr 25 2007, 02:55 PM) □

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Tell the truth... your husband went into the witness protection program to get away from you, didn't he...

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Posted by: princessdi Apr 25 2007, 07:17 PM

Number one, Please do not ever try to put me on the spot, again.

Ok, now the first thing is anyone can answer anything that is posted. Aletheia can put Awesumtenor on ignore and she wont' have to see anything he posts ever again, unless it is quoted. However, the comment will be removed, as it ws over the top.

Since the PM is not working until sometime this weekend, please if you can come into LC and use the PM feature there. I general have a sindow open to both the site an LC all day.

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Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 25 2007, 07:29 PM

Cindy,

I've asked Di to delete the comment vis a vis your husband and I apologize for making it. While it was made tongue in cheek, it was, in retrospect, out of bounds and I should not have followed when you and eirene decided to go into the mire.

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Posted by: HUGGINS130 Apr 25 2007, 08:11 PM

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rofl

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Thanks for stating the obvious □

Posted by: Pickle Apr 25 2007, 10:06 PM

QUOTE(Eirene @ Apr 25 2007, 09:38 AM) □

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I know a televangelist that's done that too.

Posted by: runner4him Apr 26 2007, 05:28 AM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ Apr 25 2007, 01:15 PM) □

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Posted by: seraph|m Apr 26 2007, 08:48 AM

QUOTE(Eirene @ Apr 25 2007, 10:07 PM) □

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Greetings Eirene and welcome to BlackSDA. Obviously you have your facts wrong so, I will attempt to help you as best I can. □

Many of us, Awesumt included, have been members of one internet ministry or another for well over 10 years. And he, along with another 99 other charter members of BlackSDA, myself included, have been members here for over 5 years. So, it would stand to reason, if anyone is being followed around, it is Aletheia stalking him, not the other way around.

With that said, the lie (and it is a lie when it is NOT the truth) that Aletheia has stated and the lie you continue to perpetuate clearly suggests that your intent is malicious and simply designed to distract from the real issues discussed in each thread where said lie is introduced.

Finally, whether we should chalk this lie up to an over active imagination on Aletheias part or simple e wishful thinking is anyones guess but, rest assured, to continue to perpetuate this lie one must admit that ones intent is not at all to draw anyone to truth, which is found only in Christ Jesus.

Be Blessed □

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 26 2007, 12:59 PM

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What a testimony! It is similar to what many others have experienced. We are glad that you are joining with those of us who are seeking truth!

Posted by: SoulEspresso Apr 26 2007, 01:42 PM

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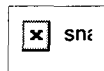
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Aspects of these discussions do generate light, but from some quarters all we get is hot air.

Makes for fun reading!



... as far as anger goes ... that was about the first thing Christ preached against in Matthew. There's a place for righteous anger--but anger is like nitroglycerin, it has to be handled with extreme care. And when it comes to sinful anger, like any other kind of sin, trying to see it in ourselves is like trying to look at our own eyeballs without a mirror.

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Posted by: princessdi Apr 26 2007, 02:40 PM

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Oh yeah, just woman to woman, all that "I heard" and "somebody told me" stuff is messy. If you have an opinion state it and stand on with your own two feet. Since it seems you were not here for that exchange, it should be of no concern to you, and you should be highly suspect of those rushing to "provide" you an opinion of people you don't know.

Now, I really want this to be the end of this as Kevin has apologized and the offending statements have been removed.

Back on Topic, please Everyone!

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 26 2007, 10:25 PM

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Johann has condemned himself with his posts over the past how many months. Of course he has maligned, accused and labeled people as what he wants them to be.

So, no, I see no reason for Aletheia to "refrain" from telling the truth.

Eirene,

I challenge you, that if you are an honest person, then you will let me know where I have made false allegations. If I have, I must make it right, both to those I have wronged, and I must make it right with the Lord.

Since you have made this statement here on the net, I expect you to let me know right here, unless there is something you prefer to tell me more privately. Then you can write me at

johann.a.rein@gmail.com.

Thank you!

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i am sorry you were offended.

not the minutest suggestion that you stated ever crossed my mind or was intended, however, i have edited my post as follows:

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Getting back to the original op. Do we really expect that this change will really "change" anything?

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 19 2007, 01:19 PM)

Yesterday, April 18, Elder Doug Batchelor, of Amazing Facts, addressed the Board of the Sacramento Central SDA Church in regard to some changes in his duties. As I write this, Elder Batchelor is in flight to the HQ of 3-ABN, where in a special TV program, these changes will be announced. Then tomorrow, Elder Batchelor will fly back to Sacramento to preach Sabbath.

These changes have been approved by the President of the General Conference, the President of the NAD, ASI, and the Executive Board of 3-ABN.

Danny Shelton is resigning from his position as President of 3-ABN. I do not know, at this point what continued role Danny Shelton will have in the administration of 3-ABN. He is expected to announce today, that he wants to have more free time to devote to however he wants to spend his time.

Elder Doug Batchelor will become President of 3-ABN.

The two ministries are expected to continue but under the united leadership of Elder Batchelor.

Addition to my post:

I just got off of the telephone from talking to Molly at 3-ABN.

She confirms the basic story that I have posted.

In regard to my question as to whether or not Danny Shelton will step down as President, she tells me that Danny has informed the Board that he wants to step down. As she understands it, a final decision has not been made as to whether or not Danny would step down.

Without revealing my source, I suspect that Danny Shelton and Dough Batchelor have reached an agreement on this, which Molly may not be aware of, and that my announcement that he was resigning as President is correct.

Posted by: seraph|m May 1 2007, 03:29 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ May 1 2007, 06:00 PM)

I do appreciate the apology Mr J, but ironically the part I found most offensive is still there. I do not wish a brotha was obsessed with me, nor do I care whether you are into jungle fever or not. My complaint was not about anything sexual at all. I apologise for asking why you had married yourself to me and my every posts" as in retrospect it appears to have given the wrong impression.

As your wife was obviously upset by this, I apologise to her as well for not making myself clearer. Mostly I ignore you, as I am sure you have noticed, but I answered you that day hoping to appeal to your conscience.

Once again your imagination has gotten the better of you. It is not

within your graps to upset either of us. Had I been upset, as an example,

the smilies I used would have been more along the lines of



or

instead of the ones I actually used. Please do not project in our direction because it is useless.

Frankly, in as simple terms as I can put them, **I found the comment laughable**, that is about it.

And again you have gone back to focusing on yourself and not the topic at hand. Please leave your weapons of mass distraction at the door.

Posted by: awesumtenor May 1 2007, 03:29 PM

QUOTE(Aletheia @ May 1 2007, 05:00 PM)

I do appreciate the apology Mr J, but ironically the part I found most offensive is still there. I do not wish a brotha was obsessed with me, nor do I care whether you are into jungle fever or not. My complaint was not about anything sexual at all. I apologise for asking why you had married yourself to me and my every posts" as in retrospect it appears to have given the wrong impression.

No... that is not what you said... you and Eirene said I was *stalking* you... which implies a threat of assault.. sexual or otherwise... as for my responding to your posts... I do so... because I can... and because it's my prerogative. If you wish me to not respond to your posts, you would be better served to talk to people in PM or via email where you know only those who are in agreement with you will both read and respond.

QUOTE

As your wife was obviously upset by this, I apologise to her as well for not making myself clearer. Mostly I ignore you, as I am sure you have noticed, but I answered you that day hoping to appeal to your conscience.

You really should leave off lying; it doesn't become you and you don't do it well... never have... at least in this forum.

QUOTE

I simply wish you would reply to the topic, and "what" I write, instead of replying to or about me personally with insults, accusations and ridicule.

I would welcome you posting on topic, even if you did it everytime I posted, but you do not.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you... you want people when they reply to you to post "on topic"... yet you never do. All of your posts are about posters and not the content of posts.... because you can only attack posters' persons... because you are not a witness... to anything. You cannot speak to what happened on a certain day at a certain time because you werent there and you werent involved... but rather than acknowledge that you truly don't know you try to dredge up every and anything you can and if you

have no facts, you will use rumor and innuendo and anything else to attack people... because you are ill equipped to deal with ideas.

Like I said before... if hypocrisy were the Kentucky Derby, you'd be Secretariat.

QUOTE

To me the harassment which I see and referred to, is caused by you disagreeing with me, but being unable to prove why you are correct and I am wrong, so you attack me instead. I believe you post right behind me, even as you did today immediately after I posted for the first time in 5 or 6 days with an insult and namecalling, **because of your hatred of me, NOT lust.**

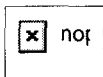
In addition

to me. The term "jungle fever" is bigotry based on ignorance

I was in what is termed by the bigotted world and even so called Christians still making and emphasizing color lines, as a biracial marriage and relationship, for 20 years. But the truth is I did not fall in love with a color, I fell in love with a man, his race was the same as mine. Human. Our Son's are also human, and they are beautiful.

I do not believe there is any significance in God's eyes whatsoever concerning the color of his children, other than a love of beauty, for everything he created has a variety of colors and is beautiful and good.

If only his children could all see it that way.



I suppose the crocodile tears are next...

The crux of the matter is in Matthew chapter 7... for by the measure you mete it shall be measured to you again. Treat people the way you want to be treated... you have not even been given a tenth of what you have done to people since you came here and you are crying and complaining about how much you don't like it... if you dislike it so much, why is it your tactic of choice and why do you not have a problem when it is you on the giving end and di or Linda or Pickle or Gailon or Duane or anyone else who does not accept your version as either factual or valid.

As I said before... don't start none, won't be none

Period.

But the mods here are not going to let you throw stones at people while they prevent those people from throwing them back at you. Here they will come back at you... and as this post of yours makes it plain...you've discovered the ones throwing them back at you have better aim than you do... and when they hit you, they hurt more.

Most people realizing that would choose a different game... but it's on you one way or the other.

Your move.

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: Johann May 1 2007, 05:40 PM

QUOTE(Johann @ Apr 27 2007, 11:33 PM)

Eirene,

I challenge you, that if you are an honest person, then you will let me know where I have made false allegations. If I have, I must make it right, both to those I have wronged, and I must make it right with the Lord.

Since you have made this statement here on the net, I expect you to let me know right here, unless there is something you prefer to tell me more privately. Then you can write me at

johann.a.rein@gmail.com.

Thank you!

am bouncing this back for Eirene to see it and respond. I know she is not forced to, but I am pleading with her that she will react.

Posted by: SoulEspresso May 2 2007, 10:30 PM

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Posted by: SoulEspresso May 3 2007, 07:57 AM

QUOTE(princessdi @ May 2 2007, 09:47 PM)

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Posted by: princessdi May 3 2007, 10:08 AM

In my own limited investigations, I have heard the word "if" said too many times for this to be a done deal as Danny described it. In fact, If you click here>>>>>>><http://www.nadadventist.org/>, You will find in the lower left hand corner an explanation of the status. Here is just a portion(emphasis mine):

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You might find what is *almost* missing of interest also.

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CA Murray mentioned a woman that he did not recognize. Danny expanded on the sitting arrangement and said that the woman who CA did not recognize was Colleen.

Posted by: Rosyroi May 3 2007, 03:20 PM

Edited for content. Thank you for not replying to this post. 

Rosyroi

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