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Posted by: Pickle Mar 28 2007, 05:42 PM

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Mar 28 2007, 10:25 PM

NW,
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Good. There is proof that that is false. Please get the proof ASAP so that we can lay this one to rest.

My understanding is that there were three different sources for that story. But of course they could all be wrong. And proving that they are would be a great blessing.

P.S. On second thought, you didn't specify what you were talking about. Which issue were your referring to? Linda defying the board? Brandy getting paid anyway? Tommy getting to work for 3ABN anyway on a contract basis? Which one is false?

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Perhaps this is the question: Does the view presented by Inga, or that of Gregory more faithful to reality? That question recognizes that both positions exist, and only asks which is normative.

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That's a good one, Pete!!!

I also see both sides of the argument regarding the board. The big difference that I see between 3ABN and the SDA church structure is the ongoing question as to whether or not 3ABN is a business. Sure, they call themselves a ministry, but the Illinois tax case disagreed, and won thus far...

If 3ABN is truly a business, then perhaps the board should not be hand-picked by the CEO but rather appointed by the "shareholders in the pews".

If they truly are a ministry, then I guess the hand-picked idea is OK if that's how it works in the SDA structure, but then some other things should probably change... BTJM.....

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my reply (also at http://www.maritime-sda-online.org/forums/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=87230&page=0&PHPSESSID=7cf2e03e7b3167cd43f0540f7ecdbb1f#Post87230)

"Daryl,

Some of what I know about the board issues.

In May of 2004, Dan told Linda things like,
-it won't do you any good to meet with the board
-your finished
-it will only humiliate you to go the board
and other things to discourage her from thinking that the board would listen to her. She had already heard one sided conversations of Dan on the phone with various board members (which there is no proof it was a real phone call with someone on the other side listening to Dan or not) telling them things about her, and he would hang up and come right to her and say
-it won't do you any good to go talk to them
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He wanted her to feel that it was hopeless and a done deal. She clearly knew that they were getting only one side - Dan's side - and that it would do no good to go the board and try to tell them anything herself. The board was mostly men, and she may have felt they had already accepted what Dan said and that was that.

At this time, as everything was moving very fast, she was an emotional wreck, feeling beat down, and that it seemed it was hopeless and a done deal for certain, that they wouldn't even listen to her, she decided to write a letter to the board (and I believe Johann helped her write this letter). This was during campmeeting time. In her letter she said "I guess I'm fired..." . She was writing this based on the things Dan said to her of how the board felt. She believed Dan as to what the board had told him already by this point. Looking back now, I'm sure she has great doubts about what was true coming from Dan in this regard.

After she wrote her letter to the board, no one on that board bothered to contact her about anything.

By December of 2005, Linda and Dr. Thompson had been emailing back and forth, Linda asking for a committee of people to meet with (and/or the board) and talk to, and that discussion continued until she received an email from Dan that basically said that if she was going to meet with anyone, Dan would have to be the one she went through, that he was not going to let her go around him. That ended that attempt.

Although, in Feb of 2005, she did contact both Larry Welch and May Chung. Larry said he wasn't the one to talk to, and May hung up on her.

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Posted by: Clay Mar 29 2007, 02:07 PM

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Do courts wallop people for making statements that they believed to be true when called on the carpet by individuals who adamantly and stubbornly refused to correct the ones making the statements?

That just doesn't sound right in my mind. Newspapers all the time report how so and so declined to comment. Then so and so sues the newspaper for libel when they were given an opportunity to correct what they claimed to be a misperception?

Posted by: Pickle Mar 30 2007, 07:32 AM

Think about it.

A ministry has serious allegations being raised by people that are genuinely concerned. That ministry refuses to deal with the allegations by picking up the phone or writing emails to answer the questions people have. Sometimes they may say they don't have time for that as they write a huge missive.

That ministry instead maintains that they will answer the questions in court after they sue the ones asking the questions.

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Mar 30 2007, 03:15 PM

They are very close, use the same computer, have even accidentally used the same persona, have

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Posted by: Lee Mar 30 2007, 03:48 PM

QUOTE(Pickle @ Mar 30 2007, 08:32 AM)

Think about it.

A ministry has serious allegations being raised by people that are genuinely concerned. That ministry refuses to deal with the allegations by picking up the phone or writing emails to answer the questions people have. Sometimes they may say they don't have time for that as they write a huge missive.

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Posted by: Pickle Mar 30 2007, 04:21 PM

Lee,

I suppose you'll be in court too, and we can meet in person?

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I remain genuinely concerned regarding the potential damage to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and message that the scandals of Danny et. al. may cause, as well as for the stability and effectiveness of the global ministry of 3ABN.

If you had come by here almost one year ago, you would have seen a billboard across from Wal-Mart advertising TCTR. I did the work on that billboard, whatever work was left after downloading the artwork. I arranged for the purchase of that space. My time was gratis.

I think it was Doug Batchelor's series that was my first billboard. There were two of them, one across from West Acres Mall in Fargo, and the other on a busy corner in Moorhead. 3ABN's logo and the local cable channel appeared right there on the billboard along with our church's address.

It was my idea to advertise the cable channel in the newspaper, on the billboard, and in posters in order to entice people to watch at home who were too afraid to come through the door of our church building. The members here bought into the idea. I think it was a good one. And arranging for and laying out all the advertising fell on my shoulders.

Doing all that meant two versions of ads at least, since where I live is a different cable TV company than where our church is. Yes, I did different ads, and I think I ran ads throughout the series in my home town. There is no church here. Just a local phone company that offers cable TV, with 3ABN as one of the basic channels.

I registered a whole bunch of towns on A-Facts' website, advertising it as appearing on 3ABN on cable. When A-Facts or whoever saw that, they got rid of all but the live sites. I called them and argued a bit, but they just felt that live sites were better and that that was what they wanted to use the website for. Oh well.

Lee, you need to find out a little where someone is coming from before you haul off and start hurling accusations.

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>
> I would like to see Linda allow the Lord to work for her. If she makes the way, she will never be where God could take her.

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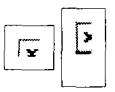
Posted by: Pickle Mar 30 2007, 04:59 PM

And lookin4truth, it is amazing to see that Danny has told Linda in writing that if she sues, she will lose all credibility, and Adventists just won't stand for it. Something like that.

Now after writing that, I think multiple times, how can he and his crowd threaten to sue over and over and over again? For years? And never actually do it? Until maybe now? Because they have no other choice? Except maybe to say ... "I'm sorry. Will you forgive me?"

Posted by: Jnana15 Mar 30 2007, 05:04 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Mar 30 2007, 03:28 PM)

 "i will speak for him"???

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'lease respond.

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)s If you scan up a few posts, you will see the original, with the quote I took from you, and the quote about oseph.

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This the the 3ABN/Shelton love of Jesus. Sarcastic venom is the "Jesus" you represent.

Posted by: Fran Apr 1 2007, 03:41 AM

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> QUOTE(Lee @ Mar 30 2007, 04:48 PM)
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Lee;

Mr Pickle has stated many times he is not trying to destroy 3ABN! Maybe you could restate that sentence more accurately to make that statement true? Right now it is not true.

You said, "You can't lie in a courtroom."

Since When? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

Maybe a better statement would be, "It is against the law to tell a lie while under oath as a witness ,while court is in session. IF caught, you will be charged with perjury. Or something along those lines. You are the legal one. I am sure you could word that differently also, don't you?

The reason I say this is that I know for a fact that some people LIE on the witness stand when questioned. They even lie to their LAWYERS! There are some people that lie even if there is no reason to lie.

However, pathological liars forget the lies they told yesterday and to whom they lied to. It makes it difficult to keep their stories straight! I am also 99.9% sure you have recently read some examples of this type of liar.

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\OTE: I happen to believe that you are honest in what you say. But, I am confused. It deos not make sense o me. So, I assume that I am wrong. Please clairfy my confusion.

Thank you,

Posted by: Pickle Apr 1 2007, 10:12 AM

Lee,

Here's just one of the ads I did (with the artwork supplied by AFacts or Color Press) and placed in the weekly paper in this dark county, an ad advertising 3ABN:

How many of these would you like to see?

Please share with us different things you've done to promote and support 3ABN in your local community.

Fallible, I think we'd all be interested in hearing of ways you've done that too.

Posted by: Noahswife Apr 1 2007, 10:51 AM

> **QUOTE(Pickle @ Apr 1 2007, 12:12 PM)** ☐
>
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I think we would also be interested to hear what Fallible's church board said about inviting Linda to speak as it surely has been enough time since he said he took it to them for them to have had a meeting and gotten back to him.

Posted by: Clay Apr 1 2007, 11:30 AM

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I am not licensed in any state to offer representation, and I am not interested in licensing myself at this time. I am, however, fully educated in the law and have the degree. Please note my signature at the bottom of my posts.

Having said that, your post above still does not answer my questions.....

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Posted by: YogusBearus Apr 1 2007, 11:54 AM

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What a great point! That is exactly the meaning I recall as a kid. We really were/are a arrogant bunch.

On a side note, I do recall going out on many Saturday nights looking for those "dark" counties. We were pretty sure they were having some serious fun in those counties and wanted to see for ourselves.

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Thanks for the April 1st, April Fools Day, joke.
This was the right day for it.

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Clay,

think the best answer to that starts with why we talk about the "light of truth" and the "darkness of error or gnorance." Basically, it's a biblical principle. God is light (1 John 1:5).

Paul was so sent, according to his own words: "Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Acts 26:17-18

And Ellen White reiterated the concept:

QUOTE

Let Christian Families Enter Dark Counties.--God calls for Christian families to go into communities that are in darkness and error, and work wisely and perseveringly for the Master. To answer this call requires self-sacrifice. While many are waiting to have every obstacle removed, souls are dying without hope and without God in the world. Many, very many, for the sake of worldly advantage, for the sake of acquiring scientific knowledge, will venture into pestilential regions and endure hardship and privation. Where are those who are willing to do this for the sake of telling others of the Saviour? Where are the men and women who will move into regions that are in need of the gospel, that they may point those in darkness to the Redeemer? {AH 488.2}
If families would locate in the dark places of the earth, places where the people are enshrouded in spiritual gloom, and let the light of Christ's life shine out through them, a great work might be accomplished. Let them begin their work in a quiet, unobtrusive way, not drawing on the funds of the conference until the interest becomes so extensive that they cannot manage it without ministerial help. {AH 489.1}

t is just such a light that we are all called to be, "you in your corner, I in mine."

Greenie

Edit: I have seen just such "dark counties" on this earth, though some might better be termed "dark provinces." There are STILL entire provinces in Thailand, for example, with zero Adventist presence (e.g. no members, no church, no medical work, no school, no Christian radio or television coverage in the local language, etc.). I have been in villages where no one would have heard about the Christian God before. They certainly had not seen a real-live "foreigner" before--and they couldn't help staring.

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Anywhere Jesus is not welcome is a dark place. Most the time the location of darkness is in the heart of the one who will not see the light.

Luk 1:77-79
(77) To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,
(78) Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,
(79) To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

2Pe 1:18-21
(18) And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.
(19) We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:
(20) Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation.
(21) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Col 1:12-13
(12) Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
(13) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

I thank my God, He has delivered me from Darkness, and given me His Light. Now He wants us to take His light to the DARK world.

Mat 5:14
(14) Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Posted by: mozart Apr 1 2007, 12:34 PM

Great replies people, but how'd we get on this topic?

Posted by: Pickle Apr 1 2007, 12:57 PM

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One could look at it this way: God never commissioned us to achieve a numbers goal, but He did give us a territory goal: Every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

Further, in 9T 28, 29, it states that we are to raise up memorials in every city and village on the planet. And as 7T 105 and other passages make clear, what that means is that we are to raise up church buildings, school buildings, etc., physical structures that might be "humble in appearance" as memorials to the true Sabbath.

So a dark county could be considered a county that does not yet have a lighthouse serving as a memorial to the true Sabbath given by God in Eden. And without that sort of lighthouse, things aren't as bright as the Lord would have them be.

Posted by: princessdi Apr 1 2007, 01:14 PM

LT According to Bystander, wwjd, Lee, FHB, and Aletheia. Danny/3ABn are aupposed to be in the midst of suing Gailon Joy, Pickle, Sister(even though they dont' know who she is), and pretty much anybody(if I remember correctly they even threatened Kevin a time or two with civil action) who has had something negative to say about Danny, and therefore 3ABN, here at BSDA.

This is why they are not free to divulge any of the mountains of evidence they "have" which disproves and allegations here. So Lee wants us to tbe patient and rust her, bastion of turth that she is, that the lawsuit is coming and eeeeeeverything will come out then. and people will pay for crossing Danny and 3ABN, etc., etc., etc.....Got it?

Save3aBN.com,and anyother internet site.

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Posted by: Pickle Apr 1 2007, 01:23 PM

Don't forget when Task Force told Calvin that a lawsuit was coming his way too.

QUOTE(task force @ Feb 2 2007, 11:50 AM)

What a joke you are...Such PRIDE! It's oozing out of you! Now who's whinning? I will adhere to the "terms of service" when you do!
Sure remove my membership "Boss" that won't stop the lawsuit coming your direction!

And he ought to know, even if he doesn't. http://www.save3abn.com/danny-shelton-demise-of-marriage-1.htm

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 1 2007, 01:24 PM

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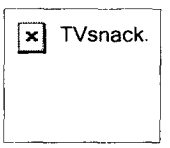
oh... that's what that was... well, I am enjoying the tangent as it's my job to ensure discussion..... to which i am deeply committed.....

I suspect someone will post something that relates to the 3abn board... but until then, this little distraction is fine with me...

Posted by: Rosyroi Apr 1 2007, 07:24 PM

yes very enjoyable...



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If you give some specific examples, I might know better how to comment.

But we can't stop preaching the truth about what God thinks about child molestation simply because the head of 3ABN hasn't taken a firm stand on that one, can we? Never in the history of the planet has all of God's people consistently living the truth been a prerequisite for some to preach the message God said must be preached.

Otherwise, Noah and Elijah and John the Baptist never would have started.

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I'm sorry you felt I was being arrogant, Clay. That is not at all the case. Let me bold some key thoughts in my prior statement, and then add a few additional comments for clarification.