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### BlackSDA \_ 3ABN \_ Sacrificing Yourself For "the Ministry"

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**Posted by: Clay May 4 2006, 01:37 PM**

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**Posted by: Clay May 4 2006, 02:05 PM**

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**Posted by: PaperTigers May 4 2006, 02:08 PM**

I think saying NEVER sacrificing yourself is going a little to the extreme... There are times when I sacrifice my wants all the time for other people.. I think the line is when you, yourself are suffering from your sacrifices... whether it be physically, emotionally or spiritually. I know personally, when I was working at 3ABN there was a point in time where I didn't even want to go to church because I couldn't stand all the stuff that was going on.. That is when I knew that my sacrificing had gone too far. There is a line that you have to draw when things are good. So that when things start getting bad, you know how far you will go and then go no farther. And that line is different for every individual..

It's a matter of great prayer, because you want the good to outweigh the bad, but sometimes it just doesn't.

**Posted by: Panama\_Pete May 4 2006, 02:17 PM**

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Today, most ministries are corporations. The Corporation, itself, is a piece of paper in your Secretary of State's filing cabinet.

Why, on earth, would you sacrifice yourself for a piece of paper in a filing cabinet?

(Unless, of course, the incorporation paper is made from Strathmore's 20 percent cotton and linen blend. Otherwise, I see no sense in sacrificing yourself.)

**Posted by: beartrap May 4 2006, 03:28 PM**

Perhaps I am a bit jaded, but I tend to take the term "ministry" very lightly these day. Everyone with a religious agenda, and everyone out to make a buck on the religious market calls their organization (or scam) a ministry. Perhaps we should look at the meaning of the word in the American Heritage Dictionary:

ministry (n.) The act of serving; ministration.

ministry (n.) The profession, duties, and services of a minister.

ministry (n.) A governmental department presided over by a minister.

And what would be the definition of the verb "minister"

minister (n.) One who is authorized to perform religious functions in a Christian church, especially a Protestant church.

minister (v.) To attend to the wants and needs of others: Volunteers ministered to the homeless after the flood. See synonyms at tend2

minister (v.) To administer or dispense (a sacrament, for example).

"The act of serving" and attending "to the wants and needs of others" generally involves some form of sacrifice for a person, or people. Under the humanitarian definition of ministry, I can see some merit in a balanced amount of self-sacrifice.

Under a religious definition of the term "ministry", I can see where people may have a burden to disseminate what they see as a superior form of religion, or set of doctrines, and would therefore engage in a certain amount of sacrifice for that cause. However, when people sacrifice deeply, as in cutting back on nourishment and climate control, for the purpose of giving what is thereby saved to a "ministry" where the leader uses a significant portion of that personal sacrifice to provide for financial excesses for himself, his family, and friends... and the people sacrificing know that their money is being used in those excesses, their sacrifice has not only gone too far, they should be reading the other 3ABN spin-off thread. They have fallen into an abusive relationship

with an idea, a person, a corporation, or something.

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I would submit that we should from the very start be on the skeptical if not jaded side.... but I digress...

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**Posted by: alramwill May 4 2006, 09:16 PM**

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**Posted by: Denny May 5 2006, 04:18 AM**

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1 Corinthians 13 The Message Bible

I'll go with Paul on this one.....

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**Posted by: statrei May 5 2006, 06:38 AM**

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**Posted by: beartrap May 5 2006, 09:44 AM**

For the sake of ministry, ethics, integrity, morals, dignity, and self respect are all too often the biggest sacrifices made.

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**Posted by: Clay May 5 2006, 10:00 AM**

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good points Higherground.... I am with you on this one..... folks make up stuff and then want to say its God directed.....

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I think it all goes back to the fact that we just don't think for ourselves, and there are a whole lot of reasons for that...the "group think" mentality will do more to destroy our church than any external factor IMHO.

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One might make an individual choice to sacrifice himself/herself for a ministry, or church. But, such a choice does not give that person the right to demand that other people sacrifice themselves for that ministry, or church.

It is never right for a ministry to demand that people sacrifice themselves for that ministry. This was what he was thinking of those who said that Jesus should die for the good of the nation. In other words, 3ABN did not have the right to sacrifice Mrs. Shelton for the good of 3ABN.

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**Posted by: Johann May 7 2006, 07:37 AM**

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<http://www.tbmforchrist.org/home.htm> has a Website.

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The TBM Website says:

Write for more information on how to bring Samuel Thomas, Jr. or the Radio Programs to your community!

[maranatha@TBMforChrist.org](mailto:maranatha@TBMforChrist.org)

Samuel Thomas, Jr.  
Transformation Broadcast Ministries  
Or: PO Box 11008  
Huntsville, AL 35806-11008 - USA

**Posted by: HUGGINS130 May 7 2006, 04:57 PM**

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I remember. He and Steven Lewis started a short-lived revival series. Mrs. Thomas moderated a talk type show and Pastor Thomas preached. I thought they were in Ohio.

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Whoso putteth away his wife for the sake of the ministry shall be blessed in this life with material success, accolades and respect from religious leaders, and receive 72 more wives in the life to come.

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**Posted by: awesumtenor May 9 2006, 07:37 AM**

**QUOTE(Zephyr @ May 9 2006, 08:33 AM)**

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**Posted by: Clay Jul 8 2006, 01:19 PM**

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nope... there is "the church" and there is "The Church." I think BroJ was referring to The Church.... as opposed to some man made church...

**Posted by: Johann Jul 8 2006, 05:11 PM**

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**Posted by: Clay Jul 10 2006, 12:18 AM**

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not a problem.... threads get long and wander all over the place..... my original thought was that it is dangerous to commit yourself to a ministry to the point that you cannot see its fatal flaws....

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**Posted by: Johann Jul 10 2006, 02:51 AM**

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Stay tuned for a verification. . .

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**Posted by: awesumtenor Jul 12 2006, 03:24 PM**

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Those who believe this completely miss the point that God doesnt work from the devil's toolbox. The end does not justify the means.

Of course since those that believe it seem to be in a trusting state of mind I might have a bridge in Brooklyn for sale... cash only, in small bills...danke

Seems to work for Danny, sooooo....

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**Posted by: Noahswife Mar 16 2007, 01:13 PM**

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I don't know what you are talking about, nor am I going to take the time to investigate. I don't share your interest and that of many of those who regularly (many exclusively) post in these threads. There are a lot more interesting and certainly more timely discussions going on at BSDA than somebodys 3 year old messy divorce. Maybe Clay or Di will be interested in honoring your request.

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Thanks NW for the suggestion to read this thread.  Thanks BSDA for the good information.

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**Posted by: Noahswife Mar 18 2007, 06:47 PM**

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**QUOTE(Johann @ May 7 2006, 08:37 AM)**

According to my observations throughout this whole affair, and my dealings with the main individuals affected by the ordeal, this question has often come to the surface. Linda was told - and this has been verified by others who witnessed it - that regardless if she had done something wrong or not, she must be ready to be sacrificed for the benefit of the "ministry". In this case the "ministry" was evidently one person.

At an early stage one of the head administrators of 3ABN informed me that regardless if Danny or Linda were telling the truth, Linda had to be sacrificed because Danny was able to collect more funds for 3ABN. The songs Linda wrote and sang about grace were considered too liberal for the conservative supporters, and therefore she had to leave 3ABN.

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**Posted by: Skyhook Mar 19 2007, 02:47 PM**

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**Posted by: seraph|m Mar 20 2007, 04:59 AM**

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**QUOTE(Clay @ May 4 2006, 02:37 PM)**

*To what extent should we sacrifice ourselves for the sake of "the ministry" or "the church?"*

Listening to the dialogue now about the conditions at 3ABN, I believe that well meaning christians felt they were doing the right thing for the sake of that "ministry." My question though is this, if there is something morally or spiritually wrong with a ministry or a church, what obligation does a christian have to continue sacrificing themselves for that ministry?

At what point can it be said, this is wrong and should not be allowed to continue? Or are christians to keep silent and hope for the best?

These are all good questions. And here is another one. Is it the "ministry" folks are sacrificing themselves for, or is it for the ego of those who claim to be "called of God"? Are people sacrificing their conscience out of obligation to the "ministry" or are they allowing themselves to be manipulated to keep peace while they themselves have no peace of mind or heart?

Is the sacrifice they think they are making, for the "ministry", worth what it will cost more victims? Please do not fool yourselves, because there are and will be more victims sacrificed as long as you continue to sacrifice your conscience.

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Oh yeah, I forgot... your camp only calls people adulterers and homosexuals...trying to run interference for the aforementioned molesters, adulterers, thieves et al.

If Tommy is not a molester, why the apology... and the loss of his ministerial credentials... and the similar allegations from different places?

If Danny was truly the cuckold, why not show it 3 years ago? Why not show it today?

These questions and others continue to be raised and your camp has had no answers for them.

None. Whatsoever.

If you want to silence the critics, and make the discussion of the sheltons and 3abn go away, all you have to do is give the evidence for your claims.

You have been invited to do so time and again... and you have provided squat... because squat is all you have.

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We tend to "bump up" old post from time to time. I even have a old thread about "I can't post anymore!!!" because I had posted on like 30 different threads in one day (old and new)! Why? I was bored at my house, I dug up some "old stuff" that I had asked/commented on, and I wanted to see what else could be said about the subject.

It's not all about Danny, 3ABN, and Molestation you know....there's health, there's regular old "news", here's **LIFE** people! Why now can somebody not **LIVE IT** by posting on something else?

Do you want a thread brought back up? Go find it using the "search option" and post on it. It's just as easy as posting in the 3 ABN threads.... 

Mountains outta molehills.... 

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Exactly!

Now I'm off to "flood" my board with other posts as I am bored, on Spring Break, and having a good day!

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**Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Mar 20 2007, 10:43 AM**

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**Posted by: from-the-pew Mar 20 2007, 11:02 AM**

**QUOTE(Lee @ Mar 20 2007, 12:29 PM) □**

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Please help me out here, since I don't have anyone to call and ask. What would be some dates of such trips taken by Linda? I have read that there are supposed to be "many", so 4 or 5 examples would suffice.

These dates is all that is necessary at this point, I'm sure that with that info, I can research the two viewpoints on those occurrences, since most aspects of this has already been discussed ad nauseam on this forum.)

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Hello. I work at several different jobs, busier than your average person, but am able to wander past this computer from time to time, and look in...it varies.

Thanks for the correction on the spelling. I don't use the spell check feature and sometimes the keys on my computer have such a soft touch, they don't depress far enough to register the letter I attempted. But, and in good mutual humor, and as my grandfather use to say, "same distance to ya!" I thought I'd look back through your own posts for spelling, and lo and behold halfway through the first page, what do I see? You spelled intelligent with one !! That's almost an oxymoron!

**QUOTE(Lee @ Mar 12 2007, 08:15 PM)**

Any "reasonable" intelligent person reading my post could see that.

Just a little advice: don't become so wise at detecting what's wrong with everyone else, to the tiniest degree. That kind of mindset is the soil in which off-shoots grow, and it's sure to boomerang on ya!

Re your comment, "*If a person who is married is going off on a romantic trip with someone other than their spouse, that should tell an awful lot, don't you think?*" Yes it should, but how different is that from impugment by presupposition?. Your statement is loaded with judgementalism and unwarranted implication. How do you know it's intended to be romantic? How do you know you know? What's your definition of "romantic?" How far can you apply your definition to the case? What if the intentions actually headed south from the start, and were never fulfilled?

See why it's best to leave fantasizing, and so-called fantasizing, to God, and not some human fact-finding committee that is obviously way off base even trying to reach a conclusion through such an endeavor? What would Jesus do? Warn against lust of the heart, and wait till someone is actually caught in adultery before the stoning begins. And then, let those who are w/o sin cast the first stone.

See how different Christ is?

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**Posted by: Pickle Mar 20 2007, 11:41 AM**

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As for your other two, got anything concrete in writing or with their signature on it yet??  
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**Posted by: Clay Mar 20 2007, 12:10 PM**

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**Posted by: Clay Mar 21 2007, 11:00 AM**

**topic reopened..... mind the rules.... address the topic.....thank you....**

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