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 **sister** Jun 9 2006, 06:59 PM Post #1

*Doing things for GOD...*

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**BlackSDA Enthusiast**

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Laundry day...between loads of washing, drying and ironing, I turn on 3ABN. There is Danny smiling at me. I should know better, but sitting down I start to listen. This is a one sided conversation, Danny talks and I listen. Sitting comfortably in his red chair, smiling at me, he begins to relate all the things he is "doing for God". Sitting back, a puzzled expression creases my forehead as I begin to analyze what he is actually saying. Today Danny is quite animated, cheerfully relating all **he** has done for God through **his** ministry. I continue listening... With enthusiasm he relates all he

has accomplished. As those seated with him nod and give their approval, Danny appears quite pleased with himself. He reminds us that he has done everything that God has required of him, great and marvelous works have been wrought by his hands for God. At the end of the program the credits roll and Danny disappears from my living room, but his words linger on wafting through my mind. Like a pair of hands swiftly moving over the surface of an abacus, expertly sliding the counters along the wooden rods, I make an accounting of what I have heard. Each new computation results in the same solution: *Not once did Danny mention what GOD has done for him, only what he has done for GOD.* Danny has not suggested that it is God working in or through him. Again I ponder Danny's words and the following Scripture is brought to my remembrance: *"So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things..."* James 3:5

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

Proclaiming his belief in God's special calling of him for such a great task to preform, Danny also contends that with this calling certain privileges are bestowed upon the recipient, granting him the equivalent of a perpetual "get out of jail free" card in respect to the laws of God. This "privilege" bypasses the usual course of events pertaining to acts of sin against God: there is no requirement for acknowledgment of wrongful behavior, no reason for being humbled, or of repentance and contrition. So in this outlandish twist of reasoning the relationship between God and man becomes similar to a Mexican stand off: a possible power struggle is kept at bay with each side being equally matched in regard to their perceived position, resulting in a mutual stand down with each of the parties returning to their own areas of authority. Practically speaking, as long as Danny fulfils his commitments to God through

building and sustaining the ministry of 3ABN, he is not bound by the Laws of God. And included in this "deal" is the understanding that in the position of god within his realm of 3ABN, Danny is free to do as he pleases. This is definitely strange fire in the sanctuary for a self-professed Seventh-day Adventist Christian. When a man becomes the voice of God for himself, there are no binding restrictions in any area of his life and spiritual anarchy, like a hissing cobra raising it's hooded head, is prepared to strike out in every direction.

The following quotation from Galatians 2:20 gives a balanced description of what a mature life in Christ is intended to be: "*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*" Like a clear glass vessel, that brings water to parched and thirsting souls, it is not the glass that supplies refreshment, but that which is contained within it. It is God who enacts the "doing" and we in cooperation with Him that become the vessels through whom He works for His good pleasure.

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

*Stay tuned...*

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 **gracetoyou**

Jun 9 2006, 07:19 PM

Post #2



Sister, what ever happened to part 4 of "The Tree in the Midst of the Garden" mentioned in post #164 about the two women who have convinced Danny that he is an oracle of God?

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[Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:3](#)

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 **sister**

Jun 9 2006, 08:07 PM

Post #3

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**QUOTE(beartrap @ Jun 9 2006, 07:42 PM) [snapback]134164[/snapback]**

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

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

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

Actually, it would have been a perfect setup...unfortunately, they

seem to forget that it is no longer magic once you know how the magician pulls the rabbit from his hat.

**QUOTE(gracetoyou @ Jun 9 2006, 08:19 PM)**

**[snapback]134169[/snapback]**

Sister, what ever happened to part 4 of "The Tree in the Midst of the Garden" mentioned in post #164 about the two women who have convinced Danny that he is an oracle of God?

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

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 **summertime**

Jun 9 2006, 10:30 PM

Post #4

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**QUOTE(beartrap @ Jun 9 2006, 07:42 PM) [snapback]134164[/snapback]**

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

If anything drastic happens to who or what? Seems to me that something drastic has already happened.

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 **beartrap**

Jun 9 2006, 10:37 PM

Post #5

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**BlackSDA Enthusiast**

**QUOTE(summertime @ Jun 9 2006, 11:30 PM)**

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wayward calf-worshippers are killed. The rest of the Israelites are forced to drink the ground-up dust of the calf to show them how powerless idols really are.

One Jewish History site says:

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

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

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

[http://www.aish.com/literacy/jewishhistory...Golden\\_Calf.asp](http://www.aish.com/literacy/jewishhistory...Golden_Calf.asp)

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 **sister**

Jun 12 2006, 10:26 AM




Post #18

*Best Friends...*

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Where does Brenda Walsh, a.k.a. the cookie lady, fit into the Unauthorized History of 3ABN? Could she be just another one of Danny's conquests?  Or was she really Linda Shelton's best friend?  How could she publically include Linda Shelton as the "fourth sister" in the quartet that includes Linda with Brenda's two  female siblings and then when she writes her autobiography refer to this same Linda, not even by name but only as the "vice president" of 3ABN?

*Stay tuned...* 

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 **Panama Pete**

Jun 12 2006, 01:40 PM

Post #20

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**BlackSDA Enthusiast**Group: Members  
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Some time after her return from Norway Brenda had a birthday party for Danny (May 19) where all the Sheltons were invited. Although Danny was still married Linda was not invited. I recall Linda telling me she could not understand why she was left out, because she had no intention of leaving Danny.

Benda Walsh gives Linda Shelton no invitation? Isn't it interesting how all of the puzzle pieces start to fit together to form a bigger picture.

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Jun 12 2006, 08:28 PM

Post #21

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**BlackSDA Enthusiast**Group: Members  
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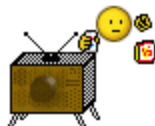
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Working out the 3ABN puzzle has become something like those pictures that were very popular in the 90's; they appeared to be a random pattern when first observed, but upon closer inspection there was a recognizable image, although it was not easily detected by the uninitiated. Some individuals became quickly adept

at decoding the pattern and finding the picture hidden within the design. I was not one of these. Using as much determination as possible I would continued to stare at the page before my eyes, searching for the image that was hidden among the seemingly unconnected pattern. My husband kept saying, "Do you see it?" I replied, "No." Again he would ask, "Do you see it now?" Still nothing. Then someone working in the shop would come and give some hints. Still nothing... Then finally someone "in the know" gives just the right directions that brings everything into focus: "stare straight ahead and then kind of look sideways at the same time". And suddenly out of all the disassociated information an image pops out at me! At first you only get a quick glimpse and it disappears again into the background. With time and practice you develop a new paradigm for discovering the message cleverly hidden beneath the surface design. So it is with discovering the truth behind the history of 3ABN.

Panama Pete, hopefully you are not the only one putting together the puzzle and others are also beginning to see new images emerging from seeing behind the scenes at 3ABN...

Stay tuned...



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 **Johann**

Jun 13 2006, 02:33 AM

Post #22



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QUOTE(sister @ Jun 13 2006, 03:28 AM) [snapback]134494[/snapback]

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