

THE 3ABN LAWSUIT

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Another tragedy is in the making. I have been very careful to avoid the slightest mention of the series of unfortunate events at Three Angels Broadcasting Corporation (3ABN), since 2004,—which has now led to an explosive lawsuit.

This litigation is so momentous in its implications, that you should be aware of it. Regardless of which side you may be on, tragically, this litigation is not going to help 3ABN. Many fear that Danny Shelton has made a great mistake in initiating this lawsuit; for, throughout its course and however it ends, it can only bring injury to 3ABN and its mission.

Some of our readers may feel I should be silent about it, but this lawsuit is too big to ignore. Eventually, leading newspapers in Chicago and Boston will be reporting on it, and wire services will then carry the story across America—and Protestant and Catholic Sunday-keepers will rejoice.

Yet I can assure you that, in providing any news reports on this matter, I will consistently maintain a neutral position. Fortunately, in America the press still has a right to do this. It is not yet muzzled.

As you probably know, on August 2, 2007, Amazing Facts backed out of the planned merger, which it had announced on April 19. In view of this lawsuit which was served only eleven days after the merger was announced (April 30), it would appear that Amazing Facts was wise to do that. Indeed, the lawsuit may have helped trigger its decision.

This lawsuit was filed by Danny Shelton and 3ABN in late April against Gailon Joy and Bob Pickle. Danny chose to file the suit in a federal (not state) court; and they selected Worcester (pronounced “Wooster”), Massachusetts, as the location where the case would be litigated and decided. The courthouse is not far from Gailon Joy’s home.

This suit will be massive. It already involves over 50 subpoenas by Shelton against Joy and Pickle; and innumerable counterclaims are in the process of being filed by the other side. When all this eventually hits the public press, it surely will be a smudge on the Adventist Church and its precious message.

This is a tragedy in the making. How we wish Danny had not filed that suit! It would have been far better to let that tiny website continue complaining about him; for hardly anyone knew about it. —But now word is rapidly spreading, from mouth to mouth, to go read what is on that internet site: save3abn.com.

I do not wish to say much about what is involved in all this, but the basic crisis which prompted Joy and Pickle to start their protest website included a number

of allegations; all of which Danny denies.

For Linda Shelton’s defense, type lindashelton.org. Especially click on “Questions.”

For Danny Shelton’s defense, you would want to go to dannyselton.com.

For Gailon Joy and Bob Pickle’s collections of documents, type “save3abn.com.” It appears surprisingly well-documented. But you should be warned that Danny declares it all to be fiction. So you may not want to read any of it, since Danny says that none of it is true.

Yet we would not expect that Danny would dare sue for libel if those allegations were true. Surely, he will be able to bring forth evidence at the trial disproving such outlandish charges!

At the heart of all this is the question whether Danny had a Biblical right to divorce Linda and remarry. *There can be little doubt that Danny would not dare to remarry if he had no evidence that Linda had committed adultery!* Doing so would be utter foolishness on his part. It would mean the end of his ministry; for, when 3ABN supporters eventually learned about it (as they eventually would),—they would not donate to an adulterer to be in charge of their funds. Therefore the following statement, on save3abn.com, is another example of alleged information which Danny should have no difficulty disproving:

“In keeping with Linda Shelton requiring an open and transparent ASI sponsored hearing, Linda has now published a letter that includes a clear demand that 3ABN and Danny Shelton produce the evidence they claim to have [that she is an adulteress] for inspection and verification by the entire church membership and by the *stockholders in the pews*. Danny Shelton in various forms and under various aliases has repeatedly referenced evidence that he claims to have thereby giving him a basis for divorce and remarriage. The chairman of 3ABN on AToday has made it clear they [Danny and 3ABN] have no *proof* of an adulterous affair. Linda Shelton and Arild Abrahamsen have repeatedly asserted that there was no basis for divorce, that no inappropriate relationship occurred and that there is no evidence to support Danny Shelton’s claims.

“We have repeatedly asserted that, if there is no proof, then a remarriage [by Danny] would constitute an adulterous relationship. Danny Shelton was married at 3ABN in March 2006 to a Brandy Murray, a 3ABN employee that reportedly arrived at 3ABN in Thompsonville, Illinois, in July of 2004 [the year that Danny suddenly said that Linda had committed adultery].” *Italics theirs.*

In view of all this, it is rather obvious that, if Danny can bring forward the needed evidence, he will surely win this lawsuit against Joy and Pickle.

Someone could reply, "But maybe he won't have the evidence." Yet, I can assure you that Danny surely must have to have it—or he would not dare to sue Joy and Pickle! It would be impossible for him to win the case without that evidence.

So we have here a cliff-hanger. There is no doubt that we will all be waiting to see what happens when this case goes to trial. I will say it again: Danny would not dare sue against such a sizeable collection of detailed charges, if he could not disprove them in court,—especially in view of the fact that the suit is going to cost so much.

Even though the Joy/Pickle website especially concerns Danny, 3ABN will be covering all the costs of his suit against Joy/Pickle. Those legal expenses will be sizeable, for six lawyers in two states have been hired by Danny to handle his case. This will be an added drain on his ministry, and will require extra money from donors to defend him in court.

On Monday morning, April 30, 2007, the lawsuit papers were served upon Bob Pickle in Minnesota by a representative of Hons Investigations of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Shortly thereafter papers were served upon Gailon Joy in Massachusetts. The federal case #(07-40098) has been filed in the United States District Court in Massachusetts.

The crucial question in all of this is whether or not Linda Shelton committed adultery. The Joy/Pickle statement quoted earlier, included this:

"The chairman of 3ABN on AToday has made it clear they [3ABN] have no *proof* of an adulterous affair. Linda Shelton and Arild Abrahamsen have repeatedly asserted that there was no basis for divorce, that no inappropriate relationship occurred and that there is no evidence to support Danny Shelton's claims."

Who are the three people mentioned in the above quotation?

The chairman of the 3ABN Board of Directors is Walter Thompson. He is the key man on the board, knows more about this than any other board member, and is in frequent contact with Danny. He should be unusually knowledgeable about everything, more so than anyone else besides Danny.

Linda Shelton was the co-founder, vice president, and co-speaker of 3ABN until she was suddenly fired in 2004.

Arild Abrahamsen is a medical doctor who lives in Norway. Both Linda and Danny had children by earlier marriages. Linda's son had become involved in narcotics addiction; and, deeply concerned to help him, she had taken him to see Dr. Abrahamsen in Europe.

Later, at times, Danny claimed that she was an adultress; while on other occasions both he and Thompson said there was no evidence that she had committed adultery.

So a key question at the forthcoming trial will be whether or not Danny really has the evidence which he claims to have. *He would have to have definite evidence or, as a Christian believer in Jesus Christ, he would not have dared to remarry!* For quite some time

now, Linda has demanded that Danny produce that evidence, but so far he has not.

He must be waiting for the trial to convene, so he can spring the evidence on everyone—and win the case.

If Danny loses this case, he could use his six attorneys to keep the matter tied up in federal appeals courts for a number of years—in the hope that doing so might delay the final outcome of a lost cause. That, of course, would be very costly; but 3ABN, with over \$16 million in donations last year alone, will cover his legal expenses. Danny is firmly in control of how 3ABN money is spent.

It is an interesting fact that, because this lawsuit has been filed against Joy and Pickle,—they now have the right to obtain additional information—directly from Danny's and 3ABN's private records. This "discovery phase" has already begun.

This is a very brief news report. Hopefully, we will have nothing more to say until the trial date, which at this time is tentatively set for April 2009, which is a long way off.

Pray that God's will be done. There are only two alternatives: Either *save3ABN.com* will be terminated or Danny—and perhaps certain others—should be discharged from 3ABN.

LATEST NEWS RELEASE

On August 4, 2007, the North New Zealand Conference of Seventh-day Adventists issued a Bulletin, in which, under a heading of "Important Notice about 3ABN," the following statement appeared:

"Following advice received from the South Pacific Division and the General Conference we wish to share the following information with members regarding 3ABN: . . . Serious legal allegations have been made involving the 3ABN organization which have yet to be resolved.

"The General Conference and the South Pacific Division has therefore taken action that the denomination will no longer process and/or accept donations received for 3ABN. Therefore any funds received at the local church after 31st August 2007 . . . must be returned to the donor, and any funds received at the conference office after 20th September will be returned to the source from which they were received."

Apparently the growing number of allegations against Danny and 3ABN, and the continued refusal of 3ABN to produce evidence which would answer them, is disturbing church leaders on various levels.

Yet, surely, those charges can be satisfactorily answered. They have to be! Many are waiting for Danny and 3ABN to do so. We will be thankful when that happens. This extremely expensive lawsuit against *save3abn.com*, which required hiring six attorneys working in Minnesota and Massachusetts, will cost 3ABN a great deal of money each month—all the way to the trial date, tentatively set for April 2009. This immense drain could cause Danny to announce on his broadcasts that funds are low and plead for more donations.

But it seems that if—right now—Danny would reveal the evidence he must have that he had a Biblical right to remarry, it would put an end to *save3abn.com* and the lawsuit would no longer be necessary. —vj

WATER AND YOUR HEALTH

Your body needs water and lots of it. Here are several facts most people do not know.

There are a number of physical disorders such as asthma, arthritis, and hypertension, which are patterns of symptoms created by the body's drought management system. When the human body begins to get dehydrated, it initiates a drought management system that seeks to conserve water.

This is because the brain must be kept hydrated at all times. **So the body, when it is lacking water, will do everything possible to keep supplying adequate water to the brain.** A primary way it does this is by limiting the amount of water that other parts of the body can lose. An important function is breathing. This causes the normal loss of a significant quantity of water each and every day, depending on the climate in which you live and your level of physical exercise.

If you are experiencing chronic dehydration from not drinking enough water or from drinking water-depleting drinks such as coffee, beer, or beverages containing sugar, **your body tries to prevent respiratory water loss by producing histamines which close off the capillaries in your lungs.** Through the constriction of these capillaries, water loss is reduced, but of course breathing is made far more difficult. It's important to understand that the body is doing this on purpose. The body is producing histamines as a strategy, not as a disease or something gone awry. The body wants to constrict the capillaries in your lungs because it is trying to save your brain.

What is conventional medicine's answer to this production of histamines by the body? Well, of course, it is the prescription of *antihistamines*, or drugs that are designed to counteract the histamines produced on purpose by the body in order to conserve water. These antihistamines then open up the capillaries in the lungs, making breathing seem easier. As you can see here, then, the conventional medicine approach treats nothing but the symptoms; and, in doing so, it counteracts the body's own intentions and strategies in trying to conserve water. What patients with asthma really need is lots of water on a regular basis, not histamine prescription drugs.

The same sort of destructive cycle of medical treatment is taking place with other diseases as well—especially hypertension and arthritis. Many of the prescription drugs profitably mar-

keted to doctors and patients today are, in effect, various forms of histamines which counteract the body's efforts to conserve water.

What we need to do is to drink more water. But we also need to stop drinking beverages that deplete our water supplies. Most beverages do not provide the needed extra water. Drinking soft drinks *results in a loss of water in your body, not a gain in water.* Once you drink one can of a soft drink beverage, you feel like you still need more, and thus the body is trapped in a never-ending cycle of craving for hydration that simply cannot be met by consuming soft drinks. What your body truly craves is water. The water is used in an effort to help flush the toxic substances in the soft drinks out of your body. But not all of them are eliminated.

Caffeine is another water-depleting drug. Consuming caffeine in any form, whether soft drinks or coffee or pills, creates a diuretic effect in your body,—which means your body begins to eliminate water through urination. Soft drinks, coffee, and other beverages deplete water from the system.

Many people who are attempting to lose weight end up in a state of chronic dehydration because they do not want to drink water for fear that it will add "water weight" to their bodies. They actually impair their body's ability to metabolize fat because they're afraid to drink enough water on a regular basis. In reality, **being fully hydrated is a prerequisite to weight loss.** If you want to lose weight, you have to give your body enough water so that it's no longer in a state of emergency. When the body is in a state of chronic dehydration, or a state of emergency, it will not let go of fat supplies easily. It wants to hold on to everything it can eat or drink. **The only way to convince your body to let go of body fat and start metabolizing it is to drink a lot of water,** enough water so that your body feels safe in letting go of unneeded calories. (Keep in mind that water has zero calories, is low-carb, and has zero grams of fat.)

Add to this the fact that many people who go on short-term diets and who think they're losing five or ten pounds over a couple of days are really only losing water weight. **They haven't lost any body fat at all but they have managed to put themselves in a state of chronic dehydration** that will inevitably lead to weight gain once they return to normal habits of eating and drinking. —*vf*

What is in a Vaccine?

Ammonium sulfate—This is a suspected gastrointestinal, liver, nerve, and respiratory system poison.

Beta-propiolactone—This is known to cause cancer. It is a suspected gastrointestinal, liver, respiratory, skin and sense organ poison.

Genetically modified yeast, animal, bacterial and viral DNA—This can be incorporated into the recipient's DNA and cause unknown genetic mutations.

Latex rubber—This can cause life-threatening allergic reactions.

Monosodium glutamate (MSG, glutamate, glutamic acid)—This is being studied for mutagenic, teratogenic (developmental malformation and monstrosities) and reproductive effects. A neurotoxin. Allergic reactions can range from mild to severe.

Aluminum—This is implicated as a cause of brain damage. and it is a suspected factor in Alzheimer's disease, dementia, seizures and comas. Allergic reactions can occur on the skin.

Formaldehyde (formalin)—This is a major constituent of embalming fluid. It is poisonous if ingested, and is a probable carcinogen. It is a suspected gastrointestinal, liver, immune system, nerve, reproductive system, and respiratory poison. It is linked to leukemia, brain, colon, and lymphatic cancer.

Micro-organisms—Vaccines include live and killed viruses and bacteria or their toxins. The polio vaccine is contaminated with a monkey virus which is appearing in human bone, lining of lung (mesothelioma), brain tumors, and lymphomas.

Polysorbate 80—This is known to cause cancer in animals.

Tri (n) butylphosphate—This is a suspected kidney and nerve poison.

Glutaraldehyde—This is poisonous if ingested. It causes birth defects in experimental animals.

Gelatin—This is produced from selected pieces of calf and cattle skins, demineralized cattle bones, pork skin, and feet. Allergic reactions have been reported.

Gentimicin sulfate and polymyxin B (antibiotics)—Allergic reactions can range from mild to life threatening.

Mercury (thimerosal)—This is one of the most poisonous substances known. It has an affinity for the brain, intestines, liver, bone marrow, and kidneys. Extremely small amounts can cause nerve damage and autism. Symptoms of mercury toxicity are similar to those of autism.

Neomycin sulfate (antibiotic)—This interferes with vitamin B₆ absorption. An error in the intake of B₆ can cause a rare form of epilepsy and mental retardation. Allergic reactions can be mild to life threatening.

Phenol/phonoxyethanol (2-PE)—This is used as antifreeze. It is toxic to all cells and capable of disabling the immune system's primary response mechanism.

Human and animal cells—Vaccines contain human cells from aborted fetal tissue and human albumin. Also pig blood, horse blood, rabbit brain, guinea pig, dog kidney, cow heart, monkey kidney, chick embryo, chicken egg, duck egg, calf serum, sheep blood, and other animal contaminants.