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# Soapboxmom

06-09-2006 09:42 PM

**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

I have already given way too many details on other threads and I have some very litigious little goofs to deal with, so I will give you the bare bones here. I have a degree from a college in the great state of Texas. One of my majors was education. The other major and minor would surprise you greatly. I have hours toward 2 masters, but had to quit for my husbands job and then was blessed with 2 very inquisitive children that I am busy home schooling. I worked a number of part-time jobs to get myself through school and garnered a 3.79 grade point average including postgraduate hours. I feel perfectly comfortable discussing these business ventures.

## Soapboxmom

# SoapBoxDad

06-09-2006 09:46 PM

**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

Great to get to know your background and I am a big home schooling fan. Kudos to you on that.

I concur with OpenQuestion's post above. Have a great weekend.

# Soapboxmom

06-09-2006 11:22 PM

**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

Quote:

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Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

*You are wrong here again. There are about 500 representatives worldwide now. There have been about 220 that have attended the last 3 MMC conferences.*

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Soapboxmom

openQuestion

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Soapboxmom

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Oh, you know what you do to me when you start doing math, SBM!  
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It's like when Morticia spoke French to Gomez Addams. Hubba hubba hubba!

SoapBoxDad

06-09-2006 11:57 PM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

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SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 12:03 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

Wow, I hadn't even noticed how you highlighted both those items in my quote just to attempt to make more connection. Let's combine two pieces of truth and create a new picture that serves one's purpose. Somehow you believe that the end that you are trying to achieve, justifies your means.

By the way, you never answered my question if you had accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, but if you have, we are called to a higher standard. I continue to pray for wisdom and discernment for you SBM.

openQuestion

06-10-2006 12:10 AM

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See, now we're having fun. Good info, both ways.

What other company's comp plans have you analyzed, just out of curiosity? Wondered if I might have been "lucky" enough to have been involved with one of them back in the day.

openQuestion

06-10-2006 12:29 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

Quote:

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Really? Didn't know that. If that's true, I guess I'm not surprised. That's typical of 100% commissioned sales.

openQuestion

06-10-2006 12:32 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

Quote:

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Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

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It's like Brad and Angelina, innit???

SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 12:34 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

You are blinded by love and bias :)

There is no limit as to what a person can do with this business. Some like Jack can treat it as a full time business and some decide to invest 2-4 hours a week. The system is not a respecter of persons, but it is a respecter of time and effort. There are no guarantees ever shared in any business, nor will there be.



Later.

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openQuestion

06-10-2006 12:46 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

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I really didn't see any inaccuracies. I guess love really is blind. Or maybe I just suck at math, being a word guy.

Quote:

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Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

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I presume you mean MLMs. And how many of them were any good, in your honest opinion.

SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 01:23 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

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Advantage Conferences has tried it's best to eliminate those MLM of the month junkies and the focus is on building a long term business with integrity. Yes, there is serious income potential, but once again, we are one of the few that are not showing pictures of cars, large homes, G5's, etc. SBM and others will forever disagree as they are making assumptions regarding product value that are simply not true, and I respectfully disagree as will hundreds who have attended the MMC.

What I cannot respect is calling me and others a scammer, con, you name it just because they have seen scams, are anti-MLM, and have an issue with a business that is faith-based.

Our model, which one can argue is MLM, truly pays one commission to the qualified rep vs. sharing that with 20 others as is the case with MLM. It is the closest to a direct sales model possible and even in a direct sales model, the manager is getting overrides based on their team's sales.

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There are folks on these board that simply believe the entire concept of MLM is a scam. While I am not enamored with the concept or structure, I always stay away from the "s" word. That's my opinion, and actually, one area where my girlfriend SBM and I kinda part ways. But I still love her.

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I'll give you props for this much: if the conferences are truly worth everything you claim they are worth -- and I haven't a clue about that -- then a rep surely can profit selling them without the

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Nope, it doesn't make it a scam, and as you well know, I've never called it that.

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Exactamundo.

SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 01:48 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

I know that you have not called it that (nor did I imply you did), but your girlfriend has. You have many reasons to not like the MLM model as there is much evidence there, but it is still a legal business model and a person can do very well if they are committed to building a long term business, and pick the right business that has a compensation model where a person does not need 10,000+ people to earn a full time income, and the product has to overdeliver. There are bad people in every business model that I have ever seen and there seems to be a fair share in this industry. As you mentioned before as well, I have also met some of the best people in this industry as well. It is rarely ALL or none. To paint with such a wide brush is irresponsible on both sides.

One thing I know for sure that a colleague recently shared, money exaggerates what is already there in your heart. If you are a jerk now, you will become a much bigger jerk with more money. If you have a big heart or a servant's heart, you can do greater things with more money. It is simply a tool entrusted to our care (regardless of your faith).

wheatfromchaff

06-10-2006 03:23 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

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SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 03:51 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

Wheat, thanks and it really depends on who is defining what is an what is not an MLM. The case can be made that AC is an MLM, but it is more of a direct sales organization than anything. Either way, there are stellar examples of MLM/direct sales like Pampered Chef--Warren Buffet purchased a few years back, Keller Williams which was the fastest growing real estate brokerage, Mary Kay and others. Many will not call themselves MLM as there are many bogus companies out there as well in the industry.

Once again, I am not going to convince anyone here of anything, but I will not be accused of sitting on the sidelines as good people and a solid company are maligned. It is disgusting and irresponsible what has been written on this thread and anyone who is a believer should pray for discernment and wisdom. Have a blessed weekend.

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Soapboxmom

06-10-2006 04:01 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

Big Daddy,

The poor rep spends 10 grand plus advertising expenses, airfare, hotel , meals, rental car and other expenses related to running a business. So, we have far exceeded 10 grand. The first 2 sales go upline. Sale number 3 gets the rep his first check in the amount of 7 grand. Sale number 4/ check 2 will finally pay off the last 3 thousand of the conference investment and then 4 thousand is available to pay advertising, and all the other expenses we named.

Quote:

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Tax deduction for educational expenses

An income tax deduction is permitted for educational expenses (registration fees, cost of travel, lodging, and books) undertaken to (1) maintain or improve skills required in one's employment or business, or (2) meet expressed requirements of an employer imposed as a condition to retention of employment, rate status, or rate of compensation. Meals and beverages may be deductible up to 50 percent.

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<http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc513.html>

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With all those movers and shakers, attorneys (esp. tax attorneys), accountants and MBAs how much of a deduction is the typical rep getting? And is this enough tax complexity to warrant the expense for professional tax help?

Soapboxmom

openQuestion

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1. I believe SBD is an honest man. That means something. 2. I do NOT believe his company presents a realistic chance for an average person to make realistic money based on what I've read here. A very small percentage have a real chance at success with this company. He knows this, and has even said as much. I cannot comment on the content of the conferences, as I have no personal knowledge of them. **3. I am a Liberal Democrat and an American, I am proud of it, and you can kiss my butt you insulting, self-righteous, uppity individual.** Should I now stoop to your level and call you a conniving conservative Republican? No. That would be wrong. After all this reasonable behavior, you have to go and insult me while trying to take a shot at someone else. When did "liberal" become a bad word in this country, anyway? Maybe it's only a bad word south of the Mason-Dixon line. Anyway, you wanna try **me** when the heat is on?? Take your best shot, babe, take your best shot.

I'll be waiting for your apology.

SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 07:13 AM

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SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 07:19 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

OpenQuestion, you did kind of stoop now didn't you :) It's hard not to when you are outraged isn't it? Now just imagine that someone kept posting that same attack over and over, and then said, prove that there is nothing wrong with being a liberal. What, you can't prove it? Where are the documents....liberals are scammers and cons and thieves.....you get the picture or at least some of what I have dealt with here.

I know I won't get any sympathy nor do I need it, but an interesting point to share. Have a blessed evening.

SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 07:21 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

Quote:

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Originally Posted by **openQuestion**

*1. I believe SBD is an honest man. That means something.*

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OpenQuestion, I do appreciate that as I have built my life based on integrity in all I do. I am surely not perfect, just forgiven.

wheatfromchaff

06-10-2006 08:01 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

OQ,



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wheatfromchaff

06-10-2006 08:16 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

However, I will say this. Liberal became a bad word in this county when left of center democrats hijacked the party of John Kennedy and drew it into the grip of the likes of Kennedy, Reid and Polaski. These people have no clue as to the true democratic beliefs of the red blooded americans that have fought and died for this country for countless decades.

This is irrelevant to this thread I know. I hope you understand that my apologies are for real OQ. To be honest, I think that the powers that be on both sides of the isle have lost sight of the grass roots desires of this country.

I deserve the venom you showed. However I don't apologise for bringing you off the fence on an issue. I now see an intellegent AND passionate contributor to our society.

With you and SBD we have a true blend of what has made my country the best place on earth to raise my children. Amen?

Soapboxmom

06-10-2006 08:18 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

SoapBoxDad,

No math error, sorry. If you have some other numbers to share please do so. It is actually one of the most egregious comp plans out there. Most reps in these 1 and 2-ups only make about 2 sales average in these opportunities. In PAS after 2 1/2 years the heaviest hitter admitted that 2500 had zero sales. Of the 713 that were qualified many were not doing very well. AC is likely to be no different. Many reps will not be able to peddle this thing. The result will be that Timmy boy, Wacko Jacko and a small handful will profit at the expense of the vast majority of reps. What is fair, equitable or Christian about that especially since the websites and press releases still promote 100 grand can be expected annully and 7 figures (1 million) in 18 months?

You call it a good solid company. It is also a recruiting scheme. The minute the recruiting grinds to a halt or trickle the whole thing will come crashing down. I would bet there are very few outside sales. Most of the folks at the conference have joined for a spot in the money making scheme. That has to be the lure for most folks. That in and of itself dooms this venture to disaster. The conferences could not stand on their own. Without Jack's constant press releases touting \$540,000 in 13 months and \$95,000 in his fifth month few folks would be joining. Telling us only 220 reps have attended conferences in the last 2 years and there are only 500 reps worldwide currently tell us just how poorly Timmy's company is doing. For anyone to profit there must be exponentially rapidly increasing numbers of recruits. When the recruiting comes to a trickle or halts the whole thing ends and most likely 99% as Dr. Taylor states will lose their money. The math and folks unwillingness to part with 10 grand spells a shortlived venture at best.

Love isn't blind. Open and I have tremendous respect for one another. I greatly admire his honesty and fairness. We both have a deep desire to help others. We can honestly enjoy disagreeing as we both have learned a tremendous amount from one another. Best of all we aren't selling anything or promoting anything, so our motives are pure and not at all driven by greed. We share our opinions and hope that when the day is done we have served our fellow man in a positive way. SoapBoxDad you have a pretty big investment in this as do all the reps. You have a tremendous amount of incentive to do everything possible to promote this thing. What do Open and I have to gain by what we say?

Soapboxmom

Soapboxmom

06-10-2006 08:39 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

<http://www.falseprofits.com/MLM%20Lies.html>

Quote:

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Lie #5: MLM is a spiritual movement.

Truth: The use of spiritual concepts like prosperity consciousness and creative visualization to promote MLM enrollment, the use of words like 'communion' to describe a sales organization, and **claims that MLM is a fulfillment of Christian principles or Scriptural prophecies are great distortions of these spiritual practices.** Those who focus their hopes and dreams upon wealth as the answer to their prayers lose sight of genuine spirituality as taught by all the great religions and faiths of humankind. The misuse of these spiritual principles should be a signal that the investment opportunity is deceptive. **When a product is wrapped in the flag or in religion, buyer beware!** The 'community' and 'support' offered by MLM organizations to new recruits are based entirely upon their purchases. If the purchases and enrollment decline, so

does the 'communion.'

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I believe Robert FitzPatrick has hit the nail on the head!

Soapboxmom

SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 08:42 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

SBM, I cannot believe how idiotic your post is. Have a blessed night.

Once again, have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior? I keep answering questions, but you tend to gloss over many. You are in my prayers each night now as you obviously need better discernment and healing.

Open, please let SBM answer.

You are an instigator and I have lost any respect for you and you demonstrate little integrity. I will share all kinds of information for people to make an informed decision. Are you entrepreneurial? Have you owned a business and how long did it last?

Open, she can speak for herself, but her personal attacks on people will not fly. In fact, if look at her early posts, she is the one that has sowed these personal attacks on this thread. It is unprofessional, un Christian (does not matter if she is not a Christian I guess), and irresponsible. Once again, she has -0- experience with this company, has not attended and MMC and quite frankly is making her decision based on a bias she has as she even compared us with PAS. Please. SBM, you would disgust me if I did not feel sorry for you and I am called to love the unlovable.

I encourage everyone to read through the thread, do you due diligence and have a peace about building any long-term business. If you don't have peace about building AC or the value provided, go somewhere else.

SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 08:53 AM

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renloxx

06-10-2006 09:13 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

I think you and timmy forgot the most important one: Thou Shalt Not STEAL.

Soapboxmom

06-10-2006 09:14 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

Gee Daddio,

I see you can't handle a challenging women. There are no personal attacks. I am attacking a recruiting scheme and its biggest recruiters. The numbers speak for themselves. Sharing facts, accurate calculations and opinions shows a lack of integrity? Really???????? You are so desperate to discredit me as you can't refute what I say with facts. We are not discussing my religious beliefs. We are discussing this venture and whether it is a viable option for the average Joe out there. The only thing I am instigating is an honest open debate about a very questionable business opportunity that is wrapping itself in the cloak of the bible. Historically recruiting schemes like this have not been long lasting or stable ventures, so I don't see any need to discuss building long term businesses. Remember All-Star?

Soapboxmom

SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 09:55 AM

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SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 10:05 AM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

If you do in fact have a personal relationship with Christ, you really should pray for discernment and you should also watch how you personally attack individuals (yes, calling them scammers, cons, goons, etc) when you have no experience in this business, have not been to an MMC, and have painted with a wide brush.

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renloyx

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BIGfranky75

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openQuestion

06-10-2006 04:56 PM

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openQuestion

06-10-2006 05:06 PM

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SBM believe these guys are stealing money from innocent people knowingly. If I KNEW that for a fact, this LD would be calling them names, too. However, though I do KNOW FOR A FACT that there ARE people in this industry who are rat-finks and would take money from their own mother, I have no way of knowing that about the people posting on this board. Hence, I do not stoop to name calling. I understand why she does, but I do not agree with it. She doesn't call ME names, hence I don't get "outraged". Sorry.

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I have always demonstrated "bi-partisanship" with regard to the facts. You want me to get p!ssed off, but that is generally not in my nature...unless someone calls ME names or calls my integrity into question. Which you did, and which I still do not like and did not appreciate. You want to do experiments, go find a laboratory.

SBM has provided some pretty good research, period. SBD has done his best to respond to that, and that's fine. NEITHER, however, have provided many real, solid facts on this company or this industry that would help any newbie make his/her decision either way. If all of you would stick to the facts and opinions, this would be a much easier thread to get through. But in reality, what real factual information has been provided here that would help a new person decide if this business is for them or not? I'm just not sure there's much. For my part, all I've done is ask some questions that people thinking about this business and industry should also be asking.

But at this point, I'm getting tired of going back and forth, as I'm just not seeing any facts that matter much anymore. Maybe I need a vacation.

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