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- # Soapboxmom

06-10-2006 06:05 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

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.

I have no qualms calling Timmy, Jack and the few big hitters scammers and goons. Timmy and Wacko Jacko are master manipulators and know full well that the vast majority of the recruits will lose their money. We all can see from Jack own words and the fact Timmy's website is the most often seen one exactly where most of the money is going. The only way to surefire millions in profit is to start an MLM. The fact that the money trickles upward and the math dictates that almost all the reps will lose doesn't bother these guys. The minute this goes the way of All-Star Timmy will be cooking up another scheme and all the professional heavy hitters will drag gobs more people in again to take their hard earned money from them.

I don't need experience with the business to understand the grade school math behind these ventures. You cannot change the math that dooms most prospects to fail. Without the pyramid scheme attached to it the conferences wouldn't sell worth beans. And no I don't have to attend a 2 day conference charaging 10 grand to figure that out. We also know the attorney at Quatloos came to the same sensible conclusion I did that no real professional speaker at a 10 grand

conference would donate their time. That is ludicrous. A 2 grand donation to charity should be no incentive for these multi-millionaires either. To a multi-millionaire that is pocket change and they should be donating much more generously themselves. It is the Christian thing to do to reach out to your fellow man, but just not reach out and empty their wallets like Timmy does.

Tell Timmy to try selling just the conference without the scheme attached and see how well they sell. The only reason this deal hasn't crashed yet is there are several hundred reps desperately trying to recoup their investments. Quit acting like some God fearing minster in a church and look at this as a businessman. Folks who understood that they were just lining Timmy's and Jack's pocket with only a miniscule chance to profit themselves would never have signed up in the first place, but all they got was Wacko Jacko's ad that said 95 grand in one month and 540 grand in 13 months. You folks are slime for misleading folks like that. Then you cloak it in religion like that makes this practically outright theft morally acceptable.

I intend to hammer on this bum deal until Timmy's little sham of a company goes the way of his last pyramid scheme. I will not sit back and watch folks bilked out of their money by goons that use religion and wealth as a hook. If folks want to explore their relationship with Christ they can do that at church. There is never a legitimate reason to mix religion in with scamming. Timmy claims God called him to do this and that leads truting vulnerable folks to think this will be a safe investment and an honest way to make money when it is neither!

Soapboxmom

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06-10-2006 07:04 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **poweroldglory**

You guys want to feel good about this world and truly help others - get off your butts shut this thread down and take the advise from the founder of the Salvation Army. One Christmas he was to send out a wire message to all the SA locations around the world. There was only enough money in the kitty to send one word. that word was

OTHERS

Helping others does NOT include spouting off on a thread read by 3 1/2 people.

Until next time,

God Speed, Good Luck and Good Night. See you in a couple of weeks.

P.S. A personal message to Tim Darnell

Tim there is a growing band of brothers and sisters in Christ who support you and the awesome Christian Movement you are leading. God is not threatened by the negativity on this pathetic thread and He will be glorified in your fight and He will prevail. We love you brother and will stand by you as witnesses for and to His Glory!

We are helping others. We are saving folks from falling victim to a serial scammer who uses religion as a cloak to disguise his treachery. This is a fight between the truth and the scammers. Timmy shouldn't be leading a Christian Movement when folks can go to any number of very nice churches in the area and get counsel from ordained sincere leaders.

This guy was claiming this joke of a company was a business. What does any of this have to do with running a business? You AC loonies are trying to turn this into a holy war. Are you sure God didn't call folks to bust this scam? How is warning folks about a scam that could cost them thousands of \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ in losses negativity. It is a positive and worthwhile endeavor as many of us truly have folks best interest at heart and not Timmy's wallet.

How in God's creation do you think this scam is glorifying God. If folks want to glorify God give to UNICEF or another legitimate charity and see that all his children are well cared for. How does God prevail if this AC/Timmy, Wacko Jacko, and a small handful of reps prosper at the expense of almost all the rest? Did God intend for folks to get ripped off and left in financial peril by these complete goofs? Are you really going to stand by Timmy when the authorities come a callin'? Just how will you know when you have won?

Look carefully at what completely insane things these scammers will say to draw folks in. I thought we were discussing a business, but we are still in a holy war declared by Timmy and his troops. That is the only straw he has left. We have shown that only a handful of recruits will make any money and the company and reps have always totally misrepresented the earnings potential. We have exposed that joke of a company All-Star, that sold the same MMC conferences. We have seen no names or credentials for the speakers. We have confirmed that a number of the charities that AC claims to have supported are in fact bogus. We have seen no real earnings figures. All we have gotten is religion shoved down our throats in a lame attempt to side track us from the real issues surrounding this business.

Soapboxmom

poweroldglory

06-10-2006 08:09 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Originally posted by **SoapBoxMudslinger**(SBM)

Quote:

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SBMS I normally come on this excuse for a thread every couple of weeks. But I have just about had enough of the utter garbage you are slinging at SBD. I know this guy personally and to make the accusations against him that you have is incredible. This guy is one of the most honoroable people you could come across. Thats the opinion of many people from all walks of life. I'm so insensed I could vomit red hot nails. He comes on here to stand up for AC and Tim and stand up for what he believes is right. You come on here and spew your self-righteous crap and opinionated drivel from the gutter to the effluence digester.

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I'm going go cool off for a few minutes. I'll be back and any of you want to take a shot give it your best. You **ARE** doomed to failure when alls said and done. **BRING IT ON!!**

SBD is cool, calm and collected. I on the other hand have the demeanor of a pit bull (without I might add the bull, unlike you SBMS!!) I also have no probem calling a spade a spade. Meaning that if you attack those I love and respect, God help you.

SoapBoxDad

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Originally Posted by **openQuestion**

*You are correct. I do not believe that it is a vehicle. However, I NEVER said NO ONE is making money at it. Rather, I said it is **bad business for most.***

renloyx

06-10-2006 08:27 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 08:30 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

BigFranky, you guys are the ones making faith an issue including SBM's post that was quite frankly not relevant. Christians are not punching bags and one can just click on your username along with Renloyx to determine if you have something of value to add here. Good luck with that. What did SBM gather her minions this morning.

The Lord gives us many promises in his instruction manual for believers. Many of them have to do with abundance and how to operate our lives and businesses for the Kingdom. As long as that remains an issue that is attacked, you may get a word of knowledge if you read the scriptures shared. Then this entire waste of time on this thread may be worth something.

Phinnly Slash Buster

06-10-2006 08:35 PM

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You are a traitorous lying sack of Sh!t !!

With this statement you have exposed yourself who you really are.

THIS IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BUDDY!!!

Not some half-a\$\$ed Chisto-nationalist banana republic you would certainly like to create. Every race, color and CREED, [meaning religion]. Has **equal** rights in this land. To social services, civil rights, the right to vote, And *"At the gym, at the mall, in a field, up a pole and yes IN BUSINESS!!!"*

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But it is dominion we are after. Not just a voice.

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SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 08:53 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

SoapBoxMom, I refuse to stoop to your level except that you continue to spread lies (OK inaccuracies from another's definition) since you don't know or don't care to know the truth. You are one of the saddest individuals I have ever encountered.

So you keep claiming this pyramid scam label.

I have my MBA, have owned 3 multi-million dollar businesses and I consulted for 2 years billing out at \$11,000 a week (\$2,200 a day). I have attended 3 MMC conferences, have been on 100 training and coaching calls, and we are to believe you SBM who has no experience with Advantage Conferences? That might fly for your fan club that follows you from board to board here, but people can read the threads from the past two weeks and make up their own minds.

And you have an issue with a few people at the top of the business making a lot of the money?

#1 since this is more direct sales than MLM a person can join AC 2 years from now and make more money than people building now. Once a person has qualified with only 2 or 3 sales, they earn 100% of the \$7,000 commissions on the conference. If you understood the compensation plan and had experience with it, you would recognize that fact. In fact, I make many times per month what the person who introduced me to AC makes.

Also, this argument is just ridiculous for starters. Corporate America--tell the guys working on the Exxon rigs or better yet, the ones at the stations for \$8.00 an hour, why their CEO received a \$400 million package. I personally believe that is a ridiculous discrepancy, but it is a free market. Tell the Wal-Mart employees vs. the folks managing in Arkansas corporate. Is this a pyramid scam too?

OK, let's look a small business opportunity--

Look at the franchising industry. There are a lot of folks at corporate for Doctors Associates making millions, where their Subway franchisees make \$55,000 a year or so on average. In fact, those successful Subway franchisees who have a regional master franchise may make \$500,000 a year.

- 1) So is Subway, franchising, and corporate America a scam then?
- 2) Please show me a business as an entrepreneur that has a better relative risk/reward ratio.
- 3) Are you anti-success in general? Are you a capitalist? I applaud Jack, myself and others who are building this business full time already.

I and those here interested in the truth will wait for your answers.

Please OpenQuestion, let your girlfriend answer :)

SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 09:01 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Renloyx, you are now on ignore. Your post is just downright ridiculous.

Our business is Christ-centered and all are welcome, but we do not care if some folks like yourself do not see this as a marketplace ministry. In fact, that is why we boldly share what our foundation is built upon. If a person has an issue with Biblical success principles, they should not attend our conference and they should not build this business. Plain and simple.

SBM's continued comments that one's faith is for Sunday would be funny if it were not so sad.

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It would be impossible for me or for SBM or for anyone else to recognize the value in this program without actually seeing it for ourselves. And that's a difficult thing to do, since the only real way to see for ourselves would be to attend a conference at \$10,000. Which ain't gonna happen, obviously. You HAVE to agree with that point. Really, should I EVER get behind ANYTHING I have not seen with my own eyes and that I do not fully believe has real, intrinsic value? That's why I asked way earlier on if it is hard for the folks who have NOT been to the conferences to SELL the conferences.

But I do have to ask one final question regarding your post above, because I do very much agree with the vast majority of what you have written: from what I read there, you are basically deeming the entire MLM industry as a way to make a full-time income as pretty much worthless, with the exception of AC because of the things AC brings to the table (the President's Interview, screening process, high ticket item conferences, etc.). Is this an accurate assessment?

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renloyx

06-10-2006 09:06 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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Stop the bullsh*t. Subway doesnt sell a \$10000 pyramid scheme.

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Throwing money away has a better risk/reward ratio because only a few scumbags on top of the pyramid make money in AC.

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wow more typical mlm cheerleader bull****. We are anti-MLM-scam-cult in general.

renloyx

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* Assurances that it is perfectly legal to participate.

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SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 09:12 PM

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Phinnly, people already know where you stand as you hate Christians and those that share their faith. One can click on your name to see all your posts. I pray that the Lord sends someone into your path and that you have the open heart to receive someday. My best to you.

It is great to see where the battle and major issues are here--

1) some people do not like network marketing and I have agreed on many accounts with OpenQuestion in a logical debate on the abuses and that it is not for most people. In fact, many here believe that ALL network marketing is a scam even though it is a multi-billion dollar industry and the second richest man, Warren Buffet own's an MLM.

2) some people have an issue with someone having their faith as a foundation for their business

3) some people--none of which have experienced the value of the MMC, training and mentoring think that somehow (and it surely is not the Holy Spirit) they know better than hundreds that have experienced the MMC and ongoing mentoring.

OpenQuestion, I know you may have phrased this differently with your bias (which we all have) but is this fair enough?

With those questions, let's face it, there will be nothing settled on this board. If you think differently, we are fooling ourselves.

renloyx

06-10-2006 09:21 PM

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**
Warren Buffet own's an MLM.

EVEN MORE TYPICAL MLM CHEERLEADER BULLSH*T!!!

Warren Buffet's MLM (Pampered Chef) sells stuff that is actually useful and could be successful even without the MLM. Your scam sells a \$10000 scamference that nobody would ever buy without the pyramid scheme.

Soapboxmom

06-10-2006 09:29 PM

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Soapboxmom

SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 09:36 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

No that is not an accurate assessment. I believe the model is one of the best opportunities for those that commit long term, pick the right company and have a true desire to help others, to achieve financial freedom. A person should join first and foremost for the product or service and those that are truly successful long term believe in what they represent. Here we go with value again and I can repost the value proposition again and again if need be. We will simply not agree there.

I shared that the blame goes both ways as folks jump from program to program looking for a lottery ticket. We live in a microwave society and most people are not willing to make the short

term sacrifices of time and commitment and money to build their business. They treat it as a hobby. If you open a store for \$250,000 and you have a 90% chance of failing and fail, was that store a scam? The logic simply does not make sense that others have used on this board.

So does that make the business model flawed or inferior, I think not. I know not. There are thousands of people who have succeeded building and MLM the right way when they could not start a more traditional business that may have required \$300,000 to capitalize.

Entrepreneurship is not for most people, period. That is whether buying a franchise, network marketing, and we can add to that commissioned sales positions as well. Because the majority of folks do not make a full time income in **any** business, does not mean the business is flawed.

I am not a big fan of some of the companies on these boards, and many may even be scams, but to paint with a wide brush to state that companies like PrePaid and others are, is simply not accurate for anyone to do (I know that is not you).

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SoapBoxMom, a few corrections on your inaccuracies.

#1 since there is no product purchase required, a rep can start for only \$59.95 as you already know and refer 3 MMC-IV conferences to be fully qualified. Their 4th MMC-IV sale would in fact represent a \$7,000 GP, so the ROI is what percentage math wizard?

#2 If a person purchases an MMC-IV conference, they need two more MMC-IV training sales for full qualification. The MMC is tax deductible in the year that it is attended and their 3rd MMC-IV sale represents what?

--\$9,995 MMC purchase

tax deductible in the year attending

--Makes 2 MMC-IV sales

--Actually their 3 sale has them at about break even--not their 4th as you indicated as just break even

--Their 4th sale has them solidly into profit with a commission of \$7,000

I have studied compensation plans for years and Advantage Conferences has one of the fairest and doable plans that I have ever seen. Once again, if someone is looking for a get rich quick scheme, go somewhere else. And yes, with the average cost to start a business being north of \$100,000 here in the U.S. with 50-90% failing depending on whose stats you go by (D&B is 90%) there is what I believe to be the best risk/reward ratio that I have seen.

Please don't let facts get in the way of your "means" SBM.

Phinnly Slash Buster

06-10-2006 10:20 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

So you keep claiming this pyramid scam label.

I have my MBA, have owned 3 multi-million dollar businesses and I consulted for 2 years billing out at \$11,000 a week (\$2,200 a day).

This claim can't be verified and we doubt you will post any proof. Even if it were proven true it would have limited value in the context of this discussion.

Here is why:

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Phinnly Slash Buster**

Organized Crime Expert - Amway Just Like Mafia

<http://www.holisticjunction.com/disp...le.cfm?ID=3071>

2002-2006 Holistic Junction

Another similarity , comparing MLM's to organized crime:

Many Mobsters use the proceeds from ill gotten gains to fund legitimate businesses.

Legit businesses also offer the Mobster/MLM an opportunity to launder money and present the façade of respectability.

SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 10:33 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Phinnly, whatever and at least OpenQuestion is a voice of reason. He personally asked for my professional experience and I provided it. Although he will be the first to say, no one is providing proof, he also stated that he believes me to be an honest man. If I wanted to embellish, trust me I would have had my doctorate from out East or something.

For all those that want to be mentored and coached by Phinnly and Renloyx and I'll even throw in SoapBoxMom, please do so. I surround myself with folks who are doing, earning and giving what I want to achieve.

As OpenQuestion stated, let the buyer beware and I would add, let the reader beware. Have discernment and if you think that Amway (although that is not a business I would personally build) is like the mafia, then you already have your picture painted with their wide brush.

SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 10:51 PM

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poweroldglory

06-10-2006 10:54 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Renloyx and Phinn whatever

Quote:

I'm sure that worked great 2000 years ago but this is 2006 and we are in the USA. By dragging your religion into business you are alienating customers and other business owners because (SHOCK, HORROR) NOT EVERYONE BELIEVES IN YOUR GOD.

Quote:

THIS IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BUDDY!!!

Whether you two geniuses believe it or not He's your God as well. With the God they worship in Iran you'd need a pretty strong sunblock when meeting *him* face to face!!

You two represent a very confused sector of our society. My prayers are with you regardless.

This is America and I think you guys need a lesson on it's national character. This country was

founded by Christians. It was built on the understanding of freedom to worship the ONE TRUE GOD without hinderance or bullying from the State. Mans religion has nothing to do with Christianity. By that I mean religion as you understand it.

Therefore your rantings are born of ignorance. By the way bad language is an even greater indicator of lack of intellect.

Incidently, we need to get back on track with this thread. We could start another one regarding this subject but frankly I think I'd be spinning my wheels in trying to convince or lead you charecters in a particular direction.

Have a nice day. I going to go enjoy some family time.

SoapBoxDad

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renloyx

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renloyx

06-10-2006 11:14 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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No you are wrong once again. It was built on FREEDOM OF RELIGION. That means anyone is free to worship any god they want.

openQuestion

06-10-2006 11:20 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

No that is not an accurate assessment. I believe the model is one of the best opportunities for those that commit long term, pick the right company and have a true desire to help others, to achieve financial freedom. A person should join first and foremost for the product or service and those that are truly successful long term believe in what they represent. Here we go with value again and I can repost the value proposition again and again if need be. We will simply not agree there.

I shared that the blame goes both ways as folks jump from program to program looking for a lottery ticket. We live in a microwave society and most people are not willing to make the short term sacrifices of time and commitment and money to build their business. They treat it as a hobby. If you open a store for \$250,000 and you have a 90% chance of failing and fail, was that store a scam? The logic simply does not make sense that others have used on this board.

So does that make the business model flawed or inferior, I think not. I know not. There are thousands of people who have succeeded building and MLM the right way when they could not start a more traditional business that may have required \$300,000 to capitalize.

Entrepreneurship is not for most people, period. That is whether buying a franchise, network marketing, and we can add to that commissioned sales positions as well. Because the majority of folks do not make a full time income in **any** business, does not mean the business is flawed.

I am not a big fan of some of the companies on these boards, and many may even be scams, but to paint with a wide brush to state that companies like PrePaid and others are, is simply not accurate for anyone to do (I know that is not you).

Well, SBD, I respect what you are saying, but the key phrase, which you highlighted yourself above, tells me that you are contradicting yourself inadvertently. If "entrepreneurship is not for most people, period", and if you need "most" people to have interest in order to build an MLM business, well, at the least it ain't gonna be easy. My problems with this industry center around that very fact, and I do agree that your firm may not fall into that mess. But MOST companies in this industry DO tell ANYONE they can be successful at the business (which is a crock), and they do at the least IMPLY that it will be damned easy -- just follow the plan. I think you and I both know that is a stone lie. And until companies cease and desist for using presentations that tell that basic lie, I am gonna have a problem with this industry. And I think that's a reasonably intelligent, well-thought out opinion.

poweroldglory

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openQuestion

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renloyx

06-10-2006 11:31 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Read the constitution

Quote:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof

and Thomas Jefferson

Quote:

No man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burthened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer, on account of his religious opinions or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities.

Thats not freedom of religion?

openQuestion

06-10-2006 11:32 PM

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SoapBoxDad

06-10-2006 11:48 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

OpenQuestion, another valuable post and most businesses do not need Most People to build the business side to succeed. There are customers, product users, etc. It is simply a different distribution model with compensation pushed out to those building as is the case in traditional business. I do think you agree with much of what I am posting and we just disagree on some key concepts. I do think that anyone with the will, a commitment to building ANY business long term, willing to do what it takes, can second in this free market economy. But, I agree the fault is on both sides of the isle.

Here's where I agree totally. The 5 get 5 get 5 get 5 down through 100 levels and you will make a gazillion dollars is simply not reality. If one has to be on the phone 4 hours a night, the average person will not succeed with that particular business.

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Wrong again bone head.

Included in constitutionally guaranteed FREEDOMS is the right NOT to worship **any** god.

Atheism is protected and no one religion is favored or excluded.
ALSO, Christ was never mentioned in any of the founding documents.

SoapBoxDad

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You know my pick as I am the only one posting here who has been to 3 MMCs and you have to admit the point is very valid to make. Come on, if SBM and Wishyouknew even states it is worth \$40, coupled with the fact that very few are making money, then you would have over 100 asking for a refund after the conference. I understand your first scenario, but it is simply not correct. A person surely would not spend hundreds in travel dollars and take 4 days out of their lives to attend subsequent events if the value was not there. I have shared the facts, so I guess people can continue to be blind to them.

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Not a complex, reality, but thanks for sharing.

SoapBoxDad

06-11-2006 12:07 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

OpenQuestion, another fair question and another factual answer. No, there is no requirement for a person to be a Christian to become a representative or attend the MMC. If a person looks at folks with dollar signs on their forehead or does not want to serve others, regardless of their faith, they are not approved. Of course there are many Christians out there that do not walk and live by example and they are not welcome to build AC unless they are ready for change and

growth in that area.

It is important that a person understands the foundation of the company and the fact that 6 Christian millionaires will be sharing at each MMC. Our weekly Mindset calls are based on Biblical principles so if someone is uncomfortable with that, they may not want to become involved. We have folks from different faiths involved at Advantage Conferences and some simply recognize the fact that we teach about the responsibility that comes with money and we don't taut the boats, cars and planes that many do in this industry.

Quote:

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Phinnly Slash Buster

06-11-2006 12:15 AM

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Poweroldglory a 'carrier' seems to be using this forum to spread the dreaded Texan Plague:
Bartonism

Who Is David Barton?

“One of the foremost Christian revisionist historians is David Barton, who , in addition to running an organization called Wallbuilders that disseminates Christian nationalist books, tracts and videos, is also the vice-chairman of the Texas Republican Party”

And Why Is He Saying Such Awful Things About Separation Of Church And State?

<http://candst.tripod.com/boston1.htm>

“Barton also has ties to extremist elements. In his literature, Christian Reconstructionist authors and organizations are sometimes recommended. Reconstructionist activist Gary DeMar's book God And Government is suggested reading, and Reconstructionist-oriented groups such as the Plymouth Rock Foundation and the Providence Foundation are touted as resources.

Perhaps most alarming, Barton also has had a relationship with the racist and anti-Semitic fringes of the far right. According to Skipp Porteous of the Massachusetts-based Institute for First Amendment Studies, Barton was listed in promotional literature as a "new and special speaker" at a 1991 summer retreat in Colorado sponsored by Scriptures for America, a far-right ministry headed by Pastor Pete Peters. Peters' organization, which is virulently anti-Semitic and racist, spreads hysteria about Jews and homosexuals and has been linked to neo-Nazi groups. (The organization distributes a booklet called Death Penalty For Homosexuals.)"

Soapboxmom

06-11-2006 01:14 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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<http://7kfromhome.com/?ref=005>

Quote:

You must be able to commit to work 5-10 flexible hours a week from a quiet place in your home.

You must be expecting to make at least \$100,000.00 or more your first year.

You must have a very positive attitude and have high ethical standards.

You must be a team player.

You must agree to follow the system, be coachable and trainable and not re-invent the wheel.

You must be self motivated and work consistently without a boss looking over your shoulder.

From the AC sign-up pages of 2005:

Quote:

Thank You for Your Interest!

Please check all boxes that apply to you:

Yes, I would like to find out more about earning \$7,000 on an ongoing basis!

Yes, I am serious about earning

\$100,000 plus this year

\$250,000 plus this year

\$500,000 plus this year

\$1,000,000 plus this year I want access to the complimentary "Getting Started E-Package".

Quote:

Originally Posted by SoapBoxDad

Do I believe that everyone will make \$300,000 a year or even \$100,000 a year, absolutely they will not. Do they have the opportunity to with minimal relative risk to other businesses, you bet. In addition, **an extra \$15,000-20,000 is life-changing income to supplement a family**, not to mention all the personal growth they experience with our MMCs and our mentoring from Christian millionaires.

Well which is it scammers?????

Soapboxmom

SoapBoxDad

06-11-2006 01:41 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

SoapBoxMom, well I see that you have passed over a half a dozen questions so I guess that is your MO, huh. I guess your good cop, OpenQuestion, has to answer your questions for you. He does a pretty good job of it.

Can and will are two different things. When I got started with AC, I believed that I could make \$100,000+ and I have done multiple six figures now. There are no promises in any business and you need to read through the thread and answer all the questions posed to you or you will continue to lose credibility. Will everyone earn \$100,000+ in this business, absolutely not, but do they have the business vehicle and a highly differentiated product that exceeds the cost of the

product, many times over, you bet. Do they have the opportunity to do better than me or Jack or whomever, you bet. It is primarily based on their individual effort and commissions are not shared with dozens of folks.

Answer all the questions, SoapBoxMom. Since no one is making money or only a few as you state, and there is no value to the product as you state, why were there only 2 conference refund requests out of 220 people? You just cannot stand the fact that some people are prospering in a Christ-centered business, and that some people actually value mentoring and coaching from Christian millionaires and folks like myself.

Your posts are irresponsible and you somehow think your cause it noble. Having the courage to stand up for one's faith in the midst of yahoos here is noble, building a business that enriches lives is nobel. What you are doing here is a waste of any God given gifts and talents that you surely possess.

Keep with the name calling as it shows a lack of vocabulary and intelligence.

And by the way, your quip about a strong challenging woman is humorous as I have surrounded myself with strong women in this business. You are challenged however, and I give you that.

SoapBoxDad

06-11-2006 01:59 AM

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Who cares?

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Absolutely that's mine. It is also fact.

SoapBoxDad

06-11-2006 02:13 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

SoapBoxMom, so you have a person who is paying out over 70% (close to 75% actually) to the reps in the field lining his pockets? Here's a little math lesson for you.

Let's say there are 300 out of 500 who have purchased the MMC-IV conference. After all commissions are paid out corporate has grossed over a 3 year period of development, somewhere around $300 \times \$2,500 = \$750,000$.

That is surely not lining pockets as this is corporate gross, meanwhile paying out close to \$2 million in commissions with those numbers.

Out of this gross income, they pay 4 employees, have been paying system development, back office, training, and DVD production costs with 3 camera shoots at the last 3 MMCs, pay the contracts with the hotels, contribute to each of the 18 speakers to date at \$2,000 each, and funding Day of Service costs for extreme makeovers, etc.

Lining his pockets? That is such a ridiculous joke and I applaud the fact that Tim Darnell pays this out to the field. Once again, yes this discredits you and you have done this to yourself with your wild accusations and inaccuracies.

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