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Wishyouknew

06-27-2006 06:31 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by the411

SoapboxDad.

I believe anyone who reads my post will be able to see the difference in my replies versus those from other voices of opposition here. It is not my responsibility to police the opinions of others on this thread. All voices of dissent are not the same.

I hope innocent readers considering this opportunity will think through what I have said thus far. There is beyond reasonable doubt to be involved with Advantage Conferences:

- 1) Unsatisfactory report from the Better Business Bureau.
- 2) Advantage Conferences Lawsuit with the Better Business Bureau.
- 3) Tim Darnell's order to all Reps to remove Trademarked symbols from advertising material after touting Federally trademarked concepts/systems.
- 4) Altering verbage concerning Rep qualification processes.
- 5) Conferences without disclosure of speakers involved.
- 6) Complaints to the Attorney General for non refunded monies.

People are smart enough to make their own decisions. I have posted with the intent that people seek the whole story and not just what they read on an Advantage Conference Page or from a message board of AC reps with vested interests.

I agree the 411,

The reasons you have stated are just some of the reasons why I am so adamant about this scam of a company. I have just not been as politically correct as you have.

Anyone who knows me personally knows me as a person who speaks my mind and will tell you exactly what I think.

I believe that those of us that come on here with the facts are preventing hundreds if not thousands of people from losing their hard earned money and causing major damage to their family and financial situation. This thread and scam.com pops up very well on all the search engines.

Soapboxmom 06-27-2006 08:20 AM

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deepsouth 06-27-2006 09:30 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by the411

Thank You **DEEPSOUTH**. You have taken a thread with over 1,100 post and condensed it beautifully.

"People are spending thousands per month promoting this stuff. Most will never come close to breaking even"

The debate over this company's legal status or even it's Christian nature is an important one. But the Bottom line is that this system is simply NOT profitable for the vast majority of those

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Wishyouknew 06-27-2006 03:58 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Deepsouth,

I am sorry that you got envolved. I am guessing, you are holding alot of information back in your post out of fear of them knowing who you are.

Am I correct in this?

I hope you will notify the authorities, the Attorney General, BBB, and FTC.

The more people who notifiy them, the more evidence the Attorney General will have and the more important it will be to them and get shoved to the top of the priority list.. Unfortunatly alot of people have to file complaints with the AG and prove they are victoms before they will act I think.

Notify the BBB, because of this would help them in their lawsuit I am sure. I am sure if you called them to notify them of your situation they would take your evidence with out sending it back to Tim Darnell. (as they would a typical complaint)

And Notify the FTC regarding their marketing.

BIGfranky75 06-27-2006 05:10 PM

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Soapboxmom

i couldnt agree more mom, the 411 adds such a credibility to the thread..... his presence is really a huge help in the cause of getting the word out to people that this company is indeed a situation where the odds are stacked against the average person. such a shame...thanks so much for sharing 411! your posts are no doubt helping people to make a more well-informed decision regarding the Advantage Conference hoax/opportunity. keep up the good work!

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good for you deepsouth. thanks so much for sharing.... it takes a great amount of courage to do the right thing sometimes. your story and stories like yours will help others to learn about the advantage conference scam.

and dont worry.... no one here will question your faith.... if anyone in the AC organization has,

all that proves is that they should really take a long look at their own faith.... as it is extremely un-Christian to doubt someone elses belief.... no one knows what is in a mans heart except for that man and God...

Again, thanks for sharing...excellent post.

SoapBoxDad 06-27-2006 05:31 PM

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I am encouraged every day by the team members experiencing personal and business growth at Advantage Conferences, but it is not for everyone. Be blessed with whatever you do so that you can be a blessing and serve others.

SoapBoxDad 06-27-2006 05:33 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by renlovx

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the411 06-27-2006 06:08 PM

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DEEPSOUTH, From your posts it's clear how deeply this company has affected you in a negative way. I truly sympathize with your situation.

I want to touch on a very important concept, which is hi-lighted in your quote above. It deals with the issue of faith. I want to be very clear that I am a faith believing Christian, and that I recognize the importance of living out your faith in every arena of your life; including business.

But what MUST be mentioned here, is that faith should never be used as a manipulative force to control employees. Advantage Conferences makes use of weekly "Mindset Calls" where top representatives and Tim Darnell himself will promote a "transending-type" mindset rooted in faith. This, in and of itself is not all bad. But if Representatives are told in the Getting Started E-Package, that their success is Ultimately "in God's hands" and that their work with Advantage Conferences will require "entrepreneaul faith" to keep dumping thousands of dollars into a system even with no results, the dynamic is altogether different. Faith can be no part of this equation.

An illustration would be for me to jump off a cliff and expect faith to do "all the magic." It is nothing about faith and everything about gravity at this point. Likewise, I really view AC reps (sadly) as jumping off of cliffs into a system that doesn't work, while top dawgs keep churning out lessons in faith.

Listen to King Solomon, the wisest and possibly the most wealthy man to ever live: "I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does the food come to the wise, OR WEALTH TO THE BRILLIANT, or favor to the learned; BUT TIME and CHANCE happen to them all." Ecclesiastes 9:11

If you are a current Rep and have dumped thousands and thousands into this company with no results, please realize that your failure has nothing to do with your lack of mindset, faith, or persistance. And the success you've seen in your mentors has everything to do with TIME and CHANCE.

spanky 06-27-2006 06:41 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by the411

Poweroldglory

Your last post is absolutely chilling. Undoubtedly, you and SBD have faced personal attacks here that I do not condone nor have participated in. (Re-read any of my posts). I have sought to be a moderate, professional voice of dissension when it comes to Advantage Conferences.

Regardless of what has been said to you or about your company, your retaliation in like manner is most unbefitting for someone Representing a Christian Company. You have responded not in love or gentle words which turn away wrath, but in harsh words that stir up anger- Proverbs 15:1. You and SBD have repeatedly referred to your opponents here as "lame brains," "cognitively challenged," "delusional", "scizophrenic," "bigots", "ass" and flat out "idiots." To add to this, you have taken a "Holier than Thou" stance in each of your post, often asserting that you are part of a world wide crusade while those here serve a useless purpose. If that wasn't enough, you have had the audacity to end these snide retaliations with "God Bless You."

Sir, I am going to ask you kindly to hold to your commitment of being done with this thread. You are making a mockery of the Christian faith that I hold dear.

Let me remind you of the only time our Lord lashed out in anger. In Matthew 21 the tables of the money changers were over turned in the temple. These "robbers" were convincing good men and women that the sacrificial animals they brought to the temple looked weak and pitiful. These temple go-ers were conned into paying ridiculous prices for better, healthier looking sacrificial animals. The parallel here to Advantage Conferences is left to interpretation, but clear to me. With the new "Treasures for the Kingdom" slogan you have adopted, you have taken a similar role. The real crusade you are a part of is convincing good Christian people that they need your Network Marketing program in order to offer God a meaningful, more giving life as a part of his Kingdom. The fact of the matter is that people do not need your \$10,000 conference in order to please God, be part of a world wide crusade, or even be successful in life. And to call those who express opposition to your crusade "idiots" only confirms my suspicion that it is only a matter of time before the tables are over turned on you!

Excellent post the 411.... Wow... i couldnt have said it better myself.... Thanks for posting on this thread and warning innocent people about this scam!!! :-)

Wishyouknew 06-27-2006 07:00 PM

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Yeah I'm with you Wishyouknew,

TO: the 411 and Wishyouknew some excellent commentary on these scammers btw.

One thing these scammers never seem to figure out is, that all the lame attempts SBD and others have made to employ some kind of damage control have failed miserably.

They have been repeatedly incriminated and condemned by their own statements made here and on their many websites.

Not once could these clowns produce any documentation of real value received for \$10,000.00 invested.

Their endless blather here trying to defend the indefensible has just kept AC at scam.com on the top of the Google hit list.

renloyx 06-27-2006 07:38 PM

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Ohh please scammer do we really have to go over the numbers again?

You have 500 reps and 300 sales. Four scammers have 154 of those 300 sales. That leaves only 146 sales for the other 496 suckers. The suckers will never see their \$10000 again.

Those numbers prove your product is worthless and you are a lying piece of ****.

BIGfranky75 06-27-2006 07:51 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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no doubt about it.... he wont respond to my posts either.... i think that this company is going down the drain... i really believe tha tthis site has saved innocent people thousands of dollars.

which is driving Tim & SBD crazy... because they are the ones that are lining thier pockets with that STOLEN money!!!!

do any of the "insiders" or former reps have any info as to who SBD is? He is obviously one of only a couple "heavy hitters" in Advantage Conferences. Has his identity been narrowed down as of yet?

Wishyouknew 06-27-2006 08:00 PM

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That makes your opinion so much more valuable than mine. I can crunch numbers and quote all the misleading statements made, but I have not been with the company.

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Timmy's only intention is to line his pockets and those of a select few early entrants and heavy hitters like Wacko Jacko. That is why guys like him originate these schemes. They are professional cons who know exactly how to play people, so don't be embarrassed to think the worst of them.

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I have endleesly researched this deal and I have not seen more than about a dozen reps with AC pages, press releases and ads. I have seen a few more names in testimonials, but the end result is only a handful are getting sales and making money and the vast majority of reps will be left having lost everything.

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Of course one will have to hit up every warm body they can find. And for the reps to break even they need 4 sales. 500 reps x 4 = 2000 x 4 = 8000.... 32,000.....128,000.....512,000.....512,000.....8,1 92,000..... 32,768,000131,072,000.....524,288,000.....2,097,152,000.....8,388,608,000.....

If we want all 500 reps to make close to the 100 grand mark we will need at least 14 sales each. $500 \times 14 = 7000$. $7000 \times 14 = 98,000...1,372,000....19,208,000...268,912,000....$ 3,764,768,000...52,706,752,000......

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As long as you do not give any details that would give away your identity you can speak freely here. The moderator assured me they will not release any information about legitimate posters here. So, your continued input is very valuable. If you fear legal ramifications from Timmy that tells us all what a slime he is and what a scam he is running. Quote:

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We know this scam is mathematically unsustainable. The 2 up is only intended to line Timmy's pocket, Wacko jacko's pocket and a small handful of others. It is a guaranteed loser for the majority of the reps so kudos to you for suffering that tremendous financial loss and then instead of desperately trying to recoup your money looking out for other folks. You have a heart of gold!

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The remaining reps should be wary of the pyramid laws in Texas. They should also be aware that fraud and misrepresentation related to earnings could bring them legal consequences. Some reps like yourself will sue their uplines and I think it is time these shady deals and the heavy hitters promoting them face the consequences for the lives they ruin.

This deal has nothing to do with being Christian. Christianity is not a wedge to con folks and manipulate them. Folks who walk the walk in business never need advertise they are Christians. They will simply conduct themselves in an honest forthright manner and always deal with folks fairly. They will lead by example and earn peoples trust through their commendable actions.

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The mathematics and past history of deals like this show that your opinion will morph into very painful reality.

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We never said it was a get rich quick scheme. You folks made all those statements such as must be expecting to make at least 100 grand your first year. You signed folks up to make 100 grand, 250 grand, 500 grand or a million their first year on Timmy's/AC's 2005 homepage. We were just smart enough to produce the numbers and facts to completely destroy the nonsense AC and its reps tout.

The way to succes for starters is to steer clear of blatlant recruiting schemes like this. The numbers in my earlier post show the real opportunity here. One can't change the numbers.

We all must remember again that a Chrisitian business will not use faith as a tool to manipulate and entice people in. True chrisitians will simply conduct themselves in an honest and fair way in all aspects of their lives. No advertising of their supposed faith will be necessary as they will shine with trustworthiness, decency and fairness.

How can one be a blessing to others if Timmy has put them in financial peril? I still laugh when they brag about 6 \$2000 donations at the conference to various supposed charities. We still have no further info on these charities and the majority must therefore be considered bogus as they are

not registered with the IRS, have no mentions on the web and all the braggarts here have provided no further info. Our family sacrifeces so we can donate \$2000 a year to various charities. I certainly do not wear fur coats like Wacko Jacko's wife does. I spend no money on makeup, jewelry, perfume or fancy clothes, because I feel called to reach out to those in need and would not want to waste money on vanity items. With all those millionaires and multi-millionaires sitting around for a weekend I think \$12,000 in alleged donations is beyond pathetic. What are Timmy and his crew of goons really doing to serve God's Kingdom? Would Wacko's wife like to auction her furs for charity?

Soapboxmom

Wishyouknew

06-28-2006 12:00 AM

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Of course he will never admit to it as the things he says could be used againts him in court!

he is obviously a dishonest coward that has no shame.... and so is this "Gregg Poffenbarger"

these people have no business savvy and prey on innocent people and fleece them for all that they have... they have destroyed lives and ruined relationships.... tearing families apart. and the worst part about it is the fact that they do all of this while declaring themselves Christians....all for money.

These men have no integrity and no credibility.... hope the ill-gotten money was worth it guys!

Soapboxmom 06-28-2006 02:16 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

http://www.scamstalk.com/about6290.html

The first 2 pages of our incredible disappearing thread are there. One of the reps Doug V. was actively posting at that time. It is noted that Timmy boy was one of the founders of Liberty League International. Now, has everybody read what the AG in Arizona said about that scam? Timmy learned the cardinal rule for success in MLM----Start your own scheme and rake in the money fast and furiously before the thing implodes.

http://www.scam.com/showpost.php?p=202596&postcount=80

Soapboxmom

deepsouth 06-28-2006 03:44 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by SoapBoxDad

Deepsouth, I am sorry that your business was not a good fit for you. As for everyone bidding on the same key words, that is simply bunk. We teach over a dozen ways to market one's business and this is not a get rich quick scheme. No one will question your faith and I encourage you to find something you are passionate about and put forth consistency over the next several years. That is the only way to succeed in business, period.

I am encouraged every day by the team members experiencing personal and business growth at Advantage Conferences, but it is not for everyone. Be blessed with whatever you do so that you can be a blessing and serve others.

I believe you would have to agree that most of AC's marketing thrust has been Internet marketing. Therefore, I don't believe my comments to be **bunk.** In fact, even on the website it goes into great lengths about Internet marketing.

I appreciate your advice on how to succeed in business. However, I believe that consistently **spending money advertising** without a return on investment will more likely cause more people to go bankrupt instead of them being successful.

In my opinion, here's a good way to evaluate your program:

How many new members have signed up this past month at the MMC IV level? This will tell you how many of those \$7000 checks were mailed. Now divide that number by about 500 AC reps. Maybe you should put that on your website as the expected earnings? At least it would be realistic.

I am not trying to bash AC reps. They can do as they please. However, I believe that far more people will be hurt by AC than it will help.

Again, this is just my opinion.

Wishyouknew

06-28-2006 05:57 AM

Re: Advantage Conferences, is it Legal and ethical in its use of Relgion?

Quote:

Originally Posted by James tyler

Oh Renloyx,

Is Jesus juice extract of ground up Jesus, or is it just blessed Tang???? I really want to know. I think you may be running a scam here.

Mr. Tyler, I think you have some information on Advantage Conferences.. Can you fill us in on anything?

the411

06-28-2006 06:37 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

From an Advertising Document written **BY TIM DARNELL** in the first few months of Advantage Conferences' public exposure:

"Serious Question of Ethics: I find it unconscionable that companies promote an income opportunity at which the overwhelming majority of people fail. The people who are exceptions to

this statement (those who do succeed) comprise such a small percentage of people that it is a blatant misrepresentation for a company to parade their "stud's" success in front of the unsuspecting public and say the opportunity is for everybody."--Tim Darnell

now, several months later...is this self-fulfilling prophecy coming to pass?

"unconscionable....blatant misrepresentation"? You decide.

Conference sales have definitely lost their stride, which means those lower tiers of the pyramid structure (the overwhelming majority of people--to use his words) are experiencing significant slowdown.

In the same document, Darnell goes to extensive lengths to contrast his "system" with "dialing for dollars." It states that AC's system "dramatically decreases the time needed to build your business. Instead of working the phones 4 to 5 hours a day or more, you can now effectively work your business in one to two hours a day."--Tim Darnell

Only after hundreds of people were signed to the company has Darnell and his top dogs taken the stance that AC is not an "easy" endeavor. Early documents such as this one, show the **President** of the Company telling people they can work this business "effectively in 1 or 2 hours a day" ... And that you need only be an average person who can read and understand his promises.

The failure rate is rising and Darnell is being forced to sing a different tune.

deepsouth 06-28-2006 07:32 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

411,

I believe one of the things a lot of people overlook is the money spent promoting this business. I am sure that some of the ones that started at the \$59 will spend thousands of dollars advertising.

By the way, the ones that start at only \$59 will need to consider a few other things if they're going to promote their business (+ website \sim \$500, + autoresponder \sim \$130 to start, and \sim \$60 per month for the autoresponder).

It doesn't take long for several thousand dollars to go down the tubes. A person that starts at \$59 (+++ the extras), won't see a \$7000 check until they've had four MMC IVs sign up.

A person can several spend thousand dollars for just one MMC IV sale. The \$7,000 checks will be going to others for a while.

Anyway, I know more about AC than I wish I did. :(

Keep up the good work.

BIGfranky75 06-28-2006 05:09 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **the411**

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wow... excellent post as always 411...

this post to me speaks volumes.... if sales are slowing down so considerably, which i have no doubt that they have (wasnt there more than 1 conference held annually when AC started?).... that calls into question the "value" that SPD (greg poffenbarger?) is always talking about with this \$10,000 product. if they are so great, why arent there high numbers of repeat customers? and if there are high numbers of repeat customers, then why arent new sales being generated?

you cant have it both ways!

Soapboxmom 06-28-2006 05:24 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Back on scamstalk reading our beloved lost thread, http://www.scamstalk.com/about6290.html Doug VanDeventer mentioned a conference in Maui, Hawaii this June. I notice the conference in June in Maui has mysteriously been cancelled. That tells me there has been a sharp drop in sales. To get the conference rooms free or at a reduced rate one must book a minimum number of hotel rooms and Timmy and his goons obviously couldn't do that. So, we are left with Timmy's home town the tourist mecca and hot spot of Dallas? Ouch! This tells the savvy public just how bad things are really going in Timmy's converted bathroom office!

Quote:

The Main product is the Advantage Conferences Conference. Held quarterly Next Conference in March 2006, Orlando FL and June 2006 Maui Hawaii.

Soapboxmom

Wishyouknew 06-28-2006 05:49 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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openQuestion 06-28-2006 06:03 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by Wishyouknew

But, I don't know if I should consider them a threat that he wants to beat me up or what. They seem pretty hate filled..

With God on his side, I'm sure he will be able to kick your ass.

Soapboxmom 06-28-2006 06:30 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Doug VanDeventer wrote on our long gone thread:

Quote:

As you walk in the light of God's Word, you will become prosperous in every area of your life.

A Confession of the Prosperous Life

Father, in the Name of Jesus, I confess that Your Word reigns over every area of my life. Because of that, I live a prosperous life. I thank You that You liberally supply and fill to the fullest measure every need according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus. According to Deuteronomy 8:18, You give the power to get wealth in order to establish Your covenant. So as an act of my faith, I receive that power to work in my life.

I confess before You that I am a giver. As I give abundantly of my increase, I know that You will make all grace, every favor and earthly blessing, come to me in abundance so that I am always, under all circumstances and whatever the need, totally self-sufficient, possessing enough to require no aid or support, and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation.

Father, I thank You that Your angels are free to minister for me and bring in the necessary finances so that I can continue to be generous to Your work. It is written that Your angels have been sent to minister for heirs of salvation, so I loose them now to work in my behalf.

I confess today that I am redeemed from the curse of poverty. I resist lack and say that it has no place in me: The Lord is my shepherd and I do not want. Abundance is mine. Success is mine. The blessings of the Lord are mine. I confess it and thank You for it, in Jesus Name.

Confession References: Philippians 4:19; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Hebrews 1:14; Psalm 23:1

This is an utterly sickening twist on the scripture. I am sure several billion folks around the world pray for abundance to touch their lives as they struggle just to eat. To suggest that buying a 10 grand conference is going to allow them to live in prosperity themselves and to give more is so patenetly dishonest. This is deceit and psychological manipulation to the extreme. No doubt Doug got this drivel from our scamming friend Timmy boy as he lured trusting Christians into his web of deceit.

Soapboxmom

Soapboxmom 06-28-2006 07:19 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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Precisely! The authorities do read us I know for a fact personally and the posters on here could be anyone. Folks should be careful what they write.

Wish, would you care to share excerpts from those PMs from Poweroldglory to you? Folks would benefit from seeing just how these AC reps really operate. I got some lovelies like that from ol' Rappidone on the Ignite thread and I threw them up there. He isn't hassling me anymore!

Soaopboxmom

BIGfranky75 06-28-2006 07:27 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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by all means Wish.... feel free to share! that would be great if you could post his PM's to you via quoting them in this thread for us all to see how hate-filled these people (Tim & Greg) really are!

(if you cant quote them in the thread.... please feel free to at least forward them over to me via PM!!!);)

i noticed that they havent refuted lately either.... honestly, i think that 411 & deepsouth joining the fray have made them worry a bit. you see, if more people that have been scammed/used/manipulated by these two are willing to post their experiences.... that means that others are reading the thread and if 2 or 3 people are regularly posting against advantage conferences, then more may possible muster up the courage to come forward...

thanks Wish, 411, and deepsouth.... this goes to show you how important it is for you to come forward and share your experiences.... as your lesson learned may very well prevent others from being sucked in by this evil den of snakes!

Soapboxmom 06-28-2006 10:20 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Folks,

We have a hilarious new movie featuring snippets from the mysterious millionaires that blathered at the past Millionaire Mindset Conferences. What they had to say wasn't worth pocket change. Please listen and get a big laugh!

http://www.advantageconferences.com/rjholloway/

Soapboxmom

Wishyouknew 06-28-2006 11:39 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

I wish scam.com let you have more then 50 private messages stored in the memory. I have deleted a bunch of the latest ones that are the "juicy ones"

Here is one from a while back. This is one after I was trying to get him to come back on scam.com after a long leave of absence by him to come give us some facts.

Quote:

Originally Posted by poweroldglory

I have just read that you mentioned that I have not had the guts to come forward and debate you on this thread. Are you nuts? I'm not going to debate you on this whacked out medium. Be a man and face me and discuss this. Or don't you have the guts to do that. It takes a lilly livered wimp to do so here. It'll take a real man to do so in the open.

Again, what say you?

My Reply:

I would love to, I certianly would not be scared of Tim Darnell. But, because Tim Darnell sues everyone he disagrees with then I would not consider breathing the same air has him. Lawsuits are not very manly..

Wishyouknew 06-28-2006 11:40 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

He has been trying to get me to meet him in person for the last few months.. ha ha ha..

renloyx 06-28-2006 11:44 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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Soapl	boxmom

rofl yeah thats so worth \$10000. im gonna go buy a ticket right now.

txfan 06-29-2006 12:10 AM

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Soapboxmom

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Wishyouknew 06-29-2006 12:30 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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They could be Texas Lottery Winners..??? Tim did not say that they were "Self Made"-Millionaires.

Unlucky36 06-29-2006 01:08 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

WHEW!!!! Over 1200 posts about Tim Darnell. He must be a popular scammer! This is like beating a dead horse :rolleyes:

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