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Unlucky36 07-07-2006 08:43 AM

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Quote:

Originally Posted by yossarian

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while we don't agree on matters of religion, I've grown to love his catch-phrase.

Come on ren, haven't seen it for awhile... let's have it! :D

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Well, I can't say that I hate scammers; but I will say that I have a strong disliking towards them. What I do hate however, is a lie, especially when it is manifested in the form of good advice.

renloyx 07-07-2006 08:54 AM

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vamapega 07-07-2006 09:09 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

It never fails...

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I had hoped that we could maintain a mature discussion in here.

Interestingly, you can usually tell when someone is speaking the truth by the manner in which he addresses you. Now there's something to think about...

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renloyx 07-07-2006 09:23 AM

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Originally Posted by deepsouth

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That's a fair and honest question.

If potential reps ask that question.. they will get nothing but lies and false statements.

Do I hate Tim Darnell, no.. Hate is a strong word.

Do I have zero respect for someone who lies and scams and targets honest christian people out of \$10,000. YES!!

Wishyouknew 07-07-2006 04:38 PM

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...What are you, the Posting Police? I bet you were hall monitor at your high school, huh?

The following illustrates one of the many problems I have with AC, as posted on page 3 of this thread.

After viewing the site, I suppose I don't have a problem with the actual product the company is selling.

They seem to offer solid, common sense advice from millionaires about running a business and making investment decisions. I don't doubt that their product has some value, but I'm fairly confident that any and all advice offered can be found with a little diligent searching at one's local Barnes and Noble.

As a Christian, the problem I have with this company is the use of Christianity as a marketing asset.

There is a letter found on the opening page in which Mr. Darnell describes the gift of God's abundance as something we should strive for, not shy away from.

Quote:

The vast majority of peoples' thinking regarding the concepts of income, finances, having wealth, giving, and money in general is seriously flawed. To not live abundantly or accept abundance in the midst of God's abundant provisions surrounding each of us is simply wrong. We can and will experience abundance when we shed antiquated fears and misconceptions that society promulgates regarding money and income. Subsequently, we can learn to become much better and bigger receivers, givers, and contributors to society, ministries and our fellow man.

I have seen this argument in a variety of forms, (and the catch-word "abundance" is almost always utilized), none of which sit very well with me as a Christian. In a round about way, it is saying that God wants you to be rich, so don't feel guilty about seeking wealth. Oh, and by the way, buy our product — it's God-approved.

I'm not saying that God doesn't want people to be rich; I'm sure that is in his plan for some people. He certainly wants us to manage our finances responsibly and give openly.

But in my opinion, he does not smile down on those who profit by blatantly taking advantage of their connection to other people within the faith.

Remember, the only account in the Bible of Christ violently losing his temper was in the temple market, where he turned over the tables of money-changers and traders.

When I wrote the above post, I was not aware of the high cost of the program, which in my estimation is grossly exorbitant for the service provided.

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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!

I got a cold chill when I read this. It reminded me of the kind of rhetoric spouted by followers of David Koresh prior to the Branch Davidian incident.

Tim is exploiting your faith in God to line his own pockets. Religious scams have always been, and will continue to be, among the most popular because they are by far the easiest to pull off. They provide a built-in captive audience; you need only mention the name of God and the suckers come in droves like moths to a flame.

Again, I suggest you read what has already been written before taking even the slightest step to defend these characters.

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Ouote:

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To everyone else, I challenge you to find another home-based business that requires an interview and approval. Folks there is a lot of garbage out there, spend your time more wisely. I appreciate the opportunity to share this.

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yossarian 07-07-2006 06:07 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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openQuestion 07-07-2006 06:20 PM

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Oh, and on the God and Christian aspects of this whole thing...yes, your Christian beliefs should certainly be reflected in the way you operate your business and run your life. However, constantly blabbing and bragging about it is distasteful at best, manipulative at worst. The people you are in business with should know what kind of person you are simply by the way you act and how you treat others. Flapping your gums constantly about how Christian and God-like you are is, in my opinion, kinda weak.

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To solve this dilemma, Mission Two's purpose becomes to gradually move the prospect away from rational, objective thought and toward a mental state that facilitates a situation where the prospect is practically begging you to let him pay the \$10,000 fee, and when you eventually oblige him, he feels as though he just got the deal of a lifetime. This may sound like an impossible task, but it's Salesmanship101 and fairly simple to achieve, and it is where the 'interview process' comes into play.

The Interview Process Accomplishes Two Important Things:

- 1.) It provides the company with the appearance of legitimacy. If this was a scam, they wouldn't be so careful about who they let in, would they? It is used to build up that all-too-important credibility factor, which, due to the program's exorbitant cost, will be vital in closing the prospect.
- 2.) It utilizes reverse-psychology (and to great effect) to manipulate the situation to the point where the prospect begins selling himself to the company as if it is an actual interview, and he is speaking to the manager of a Fortune 500 company! You would be amazed at how quickly they can move a seemingly intelligent person into this frame of mind. In fact, it has very little to do with intelligence and everything to do with the prevailing thoughts running through the prospect's subconscious at this time.

Their questions are geared toward making the prospect want to convince the company how hard-working and dedicated he is:

Once he has completed the written portion, he is invited to speak with a representative. Whew! he thinks to himself. That was pretty thorough, but I made it to the next step.

The phone interviewer asks questions similar in nature to those found on the questionairre. They are targeted at the prospect's sense of self-worth, and ever-hinting at the company's "strict selectiveness" in choosing those it will accept.

In addition, the rep makes intermittent comments that seem to suggest he is constantly on the verge of turning the prospect down. "I don't know, John -- we only want the most serious and motivated people to join us, and it sounds like you might not be right for this..." which elicits from the prospect a gut response: Wait! No, I've got what it takes. I'm dead serious about this and am willing to go the distance!

He does this without thinking; he almost can't help it. Human beings possess a strong emotional desire to appear valuable and capable in the eyes of others. Our gut reaction is to defend ourselves and our abilities, which is precisely the purpose behind the company's 'cautious' approach. Consequently, the interviewee does his best to prove himself, touting is work ethic, dedication, etc... shifting even deeper into a defensive state of mind, and unconsciously elevating the company's prestige (as he perceives it) in the process.

The company rep has now effectively done his job; he no longer has to try to sell the prospect on the program; the prospect is now trying to sell him on his own worthiness to become a member. The interviewer will push the prospect as far on the defensive as he possibly can, and, once he has reached the ideal point – once the tables have turned a complete 180-degrees – he closes the deal.

The prospect hangs up the phone, both exhilerated and relieved that he made it through the phone interview, and that the company has agreed to take his \$10,000 payment and given him the chance to reap the vast riches that surely await him.

These are nothing more than slight-of-hand parlor tricks. Salesmen and con artists alike have used reverse psychology for hundreds of years and will continue to use it as long as the human psyche possesses the capacity to be taken.

Alas, a post worth reading!

I think it is important to note however, that selling is not intrinsically evil. It's what you sell, and in many cases how you sell it, that makes selling bad.

Nevertheless, every sale fosters some form of manipulation. It's virtually inevitable not to manipulate a sale. Therefore, we have to discern the difference between manipulation that is morally appropriate as opposed to the kind that is unscrupulous. And for the most part, only the one who is doing the selling can know the difference, for he is fully aware of his motives for selling. Certain ideas that reside in his sales pitch can give us an indication of what his motive might be, but since every sale involves manipulation of some form it is quite difficult to detect ill-willed motives.

the411 07-07-2006 07:07 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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Have you been through their 3 steps?

Inflated price tag + manipulation = unscrupulous.

seems logical to me....anyone else?

vamapega 07-07-2006 07:15 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by openQuestion

No, the BBB report is a very, very minor point to this whole discussion, and I stand by that opinion 100%.

But see, here you clearly state that it is your opinion that the bbb report isn't very reliable here. Yet, it is still a fact, not an opinion, that a report has been made with the bbb against AC, and only one report nonetheless in the past 36 months.

This bears more weight than what you are giving it credit for, in my opinion.

Nevertheless, as I had stated already, this single report does not rule out the possibility that AC might be unscrupulous. However, it does work in their favor.

Quote:

And who specifically might you be referring to with those comments, pray tell?? If you are going to call people out, you might want to do it by name so that ALL of us don't take offense.

It should make no difference to you who I am referring to. And if you do take offense to what I had said then it is likely that you are feeling guilty about something that you had said to conclude

that I am referring to you.

Quote:

And what do you know of anyone's "agenda" or "character"? Seems like that would, by definition, have to be simple speculation/opinion on YOUR part, as you have no idea who any of us might be nor what we are about...and we don't know about YOU, either. But yes, I will agree that there are people around here -- around EVERYWHERE actually -- who have a lot of pent-up rage for whatever reasons. Not my place to judge them, either, though. If you want to judge their "scruples", feel free. To me, the use of bad or questionable language doesn't necessarily make someone a bad person. But that's just me.

Actually, a post can tell you quite a lot about a person's character.

You are aware of this passage I hope:

"The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." Matt. 12:35-37

My advice to you concerning this is that you should avoid encouraging blasphemers to strike others down with their hateful words. And you know who I am referring to.

vamapega 07-07-2006 07:22 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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It's not that simple...

Although, it does pose a red flag.

You see, we still need more evidence before making an absolute conclusion.

Someone had mentioned that a law will be passed that will force MLM businesses to disclose all sales transactions, to give prospects an opportunity to see if they are legit. When this happens, then we will know for sure if AC is unscrupulous or not.

As it stands right now, I just can't put myself in a position to invest in their company, not only because I can't afford it, but even if I could I wouldn't because of this red flag.

openQuestion 07-07-2006 07:31 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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No, I never said the report isn't reliable. Those are YOUR words. I have no way of knowing about that. I simply don't give it a ton of weight in this thread/argument.

Ouote:

Originally Posted by vamapega

Nevertheless, as I had stated already, this single report does not rule out the possibility that AC might be unscrupulous. However, it does work in their favor.

Just to be clear, I've never said they were unscrupulous because I don't know enough about them to make such a value judgment or form an opinion. Like you, I simply think the whole thing is at least in question. And I also think the business model is a joke. Quote:

Originally Posted by vamapega

It should make no difference to you who I am referring to. And if you do take offense to what I had said then it is likely that you are feeling guilty about something that you had said to conclude that I am referring to you.

Sorry, but I have a very clear conscience. However, I maintain that if you are going to insult people, you are nothing but a coward unless you do it specifically. So please name names (handles) or stop flaming.

Quote:

Originally Posted by vamapega

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Oh? And what do my posts tell you about me, my wise friend? Quote:

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Again, I have to repeat myself. If this company is indeed as bad as many think they are -- and I do NOT know this myself and have never stated anything of the sort -- then **LET THEM BE BLASTED**. Were the people who called Hitler a creep, murderer or worse BAD people? Or were they simply good people who recognized evil and spoke out against it?

So my advice to **you**, my all-knowing friend, is to learn who the "blasphemers" really are prior to condeming people to hell for speaking out against something they believe is not right.

the411 07-07-2006 07:34 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

vamapega,

If your research has enabled you to appropriately identify the red flags around Advantage Conferences, then this discussion has been worthwhile. I believe that the ultimate reason this thread exist is for people to consider these red flags and how they should exercise extreme

caution when faced with claims such as those made by Advantage Conferences.

It is my suspicion that honest well-meaning customers will reach the same conclusion as you vamapega. If the price itself is not enough of a deterrant, the the undeniable red flags certainly should be.

People, be extremely cautious when reviewing this company.

openQuestion 07-07-2006 07:35 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by vamapega

You see, we still need more evidence before making an absolute conclusion.

Yup. But please note how unwilling this company (and in fact, most companies in this industry share that fault) is to provide numbers.

Quote:

Originally Posted by vamapega

Someone had mentioned that a law will be passed that will force MLM businesses to disclose all sales transactions, to give prospects an opportunity to see if they are legit. When this happens, then we will know for sure if AC is unscrupulous or not.

Funny how EVERY MLM company is up in arms against this law, a law which is simply asking them to tell the truth. No one has been able to explain that to me yet...other than to yip and yap about how much more work and expense it would be for the companies themselves. If they made the companies reveal this information on their websites, that would CLEARLY not be a big expense for ANY of them, so they are full of it.

Ouote:

Originally Posted by vamapega

As it stands right now, I just can't put myself in a position to invest in their company, not only because I can't afford it, but even if I could I wouldn't because of this red flag.

As I said, the business model just seems dumb to me. But that's just one nit-wits opinion, and nothing more.

Wishyouknew 07-07-2006 08:52 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

I know for fact that 5 or 6 people have filed complaints againts AC with the BBB and Attorney General.

I myself have faced threats from Tim Darnell of lawsuits. How many other people have faced those same threats and are scared to file a complaint or go to the authorities.?? Who knows?

Tim Darnell used their refunds over their head to get some to remove the complaints from the file. However, it is my understanding that the BBB will not remove a complaint from their record.

I can come on scam.com with out Tim knowing who I am because I know for fact that Tim has many enemies out there who he has had scamed, lied to and had disagreements with.

There are too many of them for Tim to figure out who I am.

the411 07-07-2006 09:51 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **poweroldglory**

I hate it when people come on and spew their garbage because of their inability to make something work and prefer to blame someone else. :mad: I hate it when utter nut jobs like SBM and Renloyx vomit their irrelevant and irreverant drivel all over the ethernet. :mad:

So if thats what you mean by hate filled then I stand guilty. I can feel the bile rising up inside again. I don't hate you, I hate the fact that you are so bilious towards a company and its personnel for no other reason other than you feel the company failed you and not the other way around.

Would you like to know one of the topics on the latest mindset calls? I was not on the call personally, but here are the words of an AC Rep:

"Tim, I commend you for your powerful message. In my 15 plus years in MLM and networking I discovered one thing. When someone failed in their business, the excuses started pouring in... they never blamed themselves. It was always their sponsor, or the products, or the company. Just a lot of excuses why they did

not succeed, when in reality they should have looked inside themselves."--Barbara Kardokus

PowerOldGlory.....Tim Darnell?? hmmm???

deepsouth 07-08-2006 12:16 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by Wishyouknew

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There's also a lot of people like me that haven't filed that would highly recommend people not lose their hard earned money with AC.

I haven't filed because I know I'll never see one cent of my money.

If I had to guess, I would guess that 95%+ of those that join AC wish they had never heard of it after about six months. I know that's how I feel.

Soapboxmom 07-08-2006 07:49 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by SoapBoxDad

Yes, SoapBoxMom and Wishyouknew, you should be very careful about that which you write, especially when it is knowingly false. Keep up with the evidence. You will not be able to hide behind, well I thought that was the truth, well I was just sharing my opinion acting as if I had a competency in this industry, blah, blah, blah.

You do amuse me, you buffoon. Timmy boy threatens to sue folks in a desperate and pathetic attempt to silence them. If he was lucky enough to find us all he could do is try to break us financially with the monumental cost of fighting his frivolous suit, which would be horrendously expensive for him as well. There is nothing on here that is remotely actionable. Timmy just has grandiose fantasies that he is a warrior and that God is on his side. He wouldn't dare meet any of us in court because then he and his reps would be forced to go through depositions and all his and ACs' financials and records would have to be disclosed. The only way one could prove a

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You goons can threaten me all you want. I will just keep endlessly quoting the fraudulent earnings claims that have been made and keep doing that special MLM math.

Quote:

Originally Posted by SoapBoxDad

As for me, I have great peace as everything that I have written can be backed up and is truthful. Unlike those on this thread where they feel the end justifies their means, they will be accountable in more than one way. Good luck to you with that.

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Originally Posted by SoapBoxDad

AS for credibility, I have my MBA, have built mutliple million dollar businesses and we have attracted fellow millionaires, pastors, doctors, entrepreneurs, and people from various professions and stay at home Moms and Dads.

I am proud of the folks that we attract into our business and I pray every day that the right people are attracted to AC and that the wrong people--you know who you are, stay away from Advantage Conferences. Life is too short to work with folks like you, WishYouKnew, Renloyx and Phinnly.

If you have built multi-million dollar businesses why in the heck do you need to peddle this scheme?

Ouote:

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I do continue to pray for you.

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Soapboxmom

Unlucky36 07-08-2006 08:18 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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Wishyouknew

07-08-2006 08:20 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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Unlucky36 07-08-2006 08:28 PM

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After crapping in his pants, he will have use for alot of imodium AD:D

Soapboxmom 07-08-2006 09:44 PM

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Soapboxmom

The more scambusters we have! The Better! It's cool to have some people with good common sense:) Keep it up.

Soapboxmom 07-08-2006 10:35 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by Unlucky36

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Thank you very much! Welcome to our humble little thread. With Phinnly Slash Buster, OpenQuestion, Renloyx, the411, Yossarian, txfan, Wishyouknew, BIGfranky, and you here I think SoapBoxDad will have his hands full. Perhaps Poweroldglory will come on and assist our beleaguered Sudsy Daddio.

I am honored to be posting with all of you! I think ol' Timmy boy underestimated us!

Soapboxmom

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