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yossarian

09-22-2006 09:50 PM

**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

Quote:

Originally Posted by **M.J.**  
*Good morning,*

*I just found this online news about Advantage Conferences. Interesting.*

<http://www.browardpalmbeach.com/Issu.../tailpipe.html>

*Sincerely,*

*M.J.*

**GREAT ARTICLE, M.J.! (Full Text Below)**

Jesus Saves

Like everybody else in this country, Tailpipe wants to get rich. And like everybody else, he wants it to come fast and effortlessly. So the 'Pipe squirmed with anticipation when he found a card from a rep for Advantage Conferences (it was perched on a gas pump in West Palm Beach),

promising that he could make "\$7,000 Over & Over & Over Again." How could Tailpipe resist!

The almost-clincher for the 'Pipe was the hint of divine protection the program offers. After receiving promotional materials from Mike Melvin, an Advantage Conferences emissary, the 'Pipe learned that it was a "Christ-centered business." This battered auto part wouldn't be dealing with just the hurly-burly of capitalist schemers but with an enterprise bathed in a warm, heavenly glow. All Tailpipe needed to do was ante up \$10,059.90.

Based in Allen, Texas, Advantage Conferences recruits "pro reps" across the country to sell its \$10,000 product, a ticket to a two-day "Millionaire Mindset Conference." That's a golden ticket. With each one you sell, you get a \$7,000 commission.

You don't even have to buy the first ticket yourself, the company's promotional materials say; the only cost to participate and represent the company is a \$59.95 "enrollment fee." Of course, you don't get the full \$7,000 commission unless you cough up ten grand of your own money. But, hey, it's a breeze. There are already pro reps all over Florida, from Loxahatchee to Tampa to Boca Raton, who are so eager to add you to their ranks that they're leaving business cards in odd public places.

"Nobody knows about this company," says Melvin, Tailpipe's own pro rep, who declined to answer questions about his income, saying that success depends entirely on personal effort and marketing skill. The company has grown from 220 people last November to 500 today, he says.

"As it grows out, it's going to go faster," Melvin says.

You betcha. The promotional materials talk about the "infinite width" and "infinite depth" of its potential to make money, guaranteeing that it is "legal" and "federally trademarked." The visual aid the company uses is a diagram of a pyramid.

Wait a minute. This sounds familiar.

The money really starts to roll in when the folks you recruit start to recruit some candidates of their own. Advantage Conferences is run by Tim Darnell, who writes on the company's website: "You get 100% of 70% of the two training sales of everyone who comes into your business, ad infinitum." Could this be a Jesus Christ-endorsed pyramid scheme?

Darnell apparently learned the ropes of this kind of financing at Liberty League International (formerly called Big Ass Britches Holdings, LLC, according to Arizona corporation records), which sells conferences and a "multimedia personal development program" for huge fees.

Darnell left Liberty League in 2003, got Jesus' backing, and started Advantage Conferences. In May of this year, Arizona's attorney general fined Liberty League \$115,000 for "tricking" consumers. Though Liberty League suggests that associates who hawk its products will earn sizable commissions, the attorney general's office found that a "majority of participants did not earn enough to cover the amount they paid to buy the products sold to them."

When the Dallas Better Business Bureau suggested last fall that Advantage Conferences might be a pyramid scheme, Darnell sued them for "defamation and business disparagement." A year later, the suit is still under way. The Florida attorney general's office hasn't received any complaints about Advantage, though if things proceed as such endeavors do, it may be only a matter of time. Consumer affairs experts say that, as would-be investors get wise to what's going on, pyramids inevitably collapse, with the pro reps at the bottom losing their own \$10,000 investment.

Become a Christian entrepreneur today — Tim Darnell and Mike Melvin will thank you. The 'Pipe said thanks, JC, but no thanks.

Sibangel97

09-23-2006 04:39 AM

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Wishyouknew

09-23-2006 11:32 PM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

20/20 or Dateline or one of those shows will be interviewing the top 400 Richest people in the US this week for a program. They are going to be telling what they did to get rich, how they did it and keys to success.

If many of the Advantage Conference watch this they can get a lot of their so-called product they paid \$10,000 for, for FREE!

The show will come on this week.

openQuestion

09-24-2006 03:16 AM

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My sympathies on your loss. I am sorry you got dragged into this mess with these swine. May you find peace.

Belinda1973

09-24-2006 05:48 PM

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**Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

Quote:

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Originally Posted by **gregory889**

*I just finished reviewing the online presentation for Advantage Conferences. I must say, as a Christian, I was extremely uncomfortable with some of the things presented by Tim Darnell.*

*First, it's apparent that Advantage Conferences is in the same mold as Liberty League International, Emerald Passport, etc. These "Aussie 2UP" programs have a history of costly investments and low percentages of success by people who join. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe Mr. Darnell is an old partner with Liberty League.....a company that has a pretty poor reputation.*

*I know very little about Tim Darnell & AC but something very disturbing jumped out at me during the 20 minute "online presentation." The investment for a level IV rep is \$9,995 and goes all the way down to \$1,000 for a level I rep. Mr. Darnell was very adamant that the \$9,995 was "a joke" for an entrepreneur and those serious about this opportunity would find a way to come up with these funds. He implied that borrowing these funds to start this business was a viable option because it could be easily recouped with this opportunity. In my opinion, marginalizing a 10K investment is both puzzling and disturbing.*

*Encouraging people to borrow 10K to start a business with a historically high failure rate is extremely irresponsible and in my opinion, unethical. I would like to remind my "Christian brother" Mr. Darnell of Proverbs 22:7 which states "the borrower is a servant to his lender."*

*Admittedly, I know very little about Advantage Conferences (all of this is my opinion). I only know what I've learned from the online presentation and supporting websites. However, something just did not sit well with me, particularly since this company is promoting Christian ethics, values, and principals.*

*The fact is, as this company grows, there's a less chance of success as time goes on. Tim*

*Darnell knows this, hence understanding at some point the majority of people who join Advantage Conferences will lose their initial investments.*

*Please do your due diligence if you are considering this opportunity or any internet program that promises high rates of return. I have no doubt there are successful individuals in Advantage Conferences. However, as with many "opportunities," the majority of people who join are hurt and often cannot afford the loss.*

*Mr. Darnell, I wish you and your company the best of luck. If you are the Christian you say you are, I would encourage you to use the money you've earned to further glorify God's Kingdom in ministry instead of promoting an internet money making system with a historically high failure rate.*

*God Bless, G.*

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I can tell you any Aussie 1 Up or 2 Up is illegal and a scam. It totally angers me that Companies like this use Christianity for gain. As A Christian, I'm furious about this. I'm telling all of you right now, don't ever, EVER, join a high investment company like this or Emerald Passport or Liberty League. You will get burnt BIG TIME! This company is only made for the red color personality people to achieve and as I said it's illegal anyway. Stay far away! If you want to know how to find good companies out there, just email me. I belong to a free Christian mentoring group called Mentoring For Free. They mentor others, and show them how to read the different comp plans to see which ones work and which don't among many other things. They do this all free because their motto is "Serve With A Servant's Heart". I love helping others succeed in their current business, and help those without a business, find a good one to join. No one gets paid to do this. If we need money, we all have our own companies that we work to make money with. All we do it just help others not get burnt like some of us did.

[belinda\\_condell73@hotmail.com](mailto:belinda_condell73@hotmail.com)

Belinda

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09-27-2006 06:22 AM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

Anyone have any clue as to what happen in the trial between Tim Darnell and the BBB? It was suppose to be this week. I am going to make some phone calls to see what happen and what I can find out.

Are there public records you can find this information at?

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Yes, Cheaters Never Win and God is Good! I don't think this is any big win for those who lost their \$10,000 to that jerk. But, know that precedent has been set.. Maybe some former Reps can sue this guy with the confidence that there has already been a legal ruling against this company.

By Definition, this means the evidence was so "one sided" that there was no need to go to court. MAN that's a crushing Blow to Mr. Darnell!

Wishyouknew

09-28-2006 06:50 AM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

Do you think Tim Darnell will be honest with his Reps?

Do you think he will tell everyone the truth?

He could not **Slay that Giant**, :eek: All the prayer in the world won't change the fact that he is operating an Illegal Pyramid Scheme!

PS. I got this information from a very Reputable Source!

CuriousinDallas

09-28-2006 07:10 PM

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CouriousInDallas,

I agree with most everything you are saying. But, let me bring up this one point:  
You mentioned that the Conferences is difinatly a product.. But you also questioned that anyone should have to pay for it..

Which leads me to believe that you do not feel the product has a market value of \$10,000. So how can you call it a legitimate product???

To make it a legitimate product it has to be sold at a fair market price at fair market value.

In my opinion this is basically a "smoke screen" of a product to participate in a Pyrimid Scheme.

Correct me if I am wrong, but, Promoting a Pyrimid Scheme is a jailable offense in the state of Texas for up to 3 years.

Phinnly Slash Buster

09-28-2006 08:14 PM

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I don't know if this applies in Texas but many states offer remedies for frivolous lawsuits or law suits brought to a court with out any merit that are intended only to intimidate, harass or extort. Tim could indeed find himself in a world of hurt if the court itself decides to initiate an action against him and his lawyer.

Sibangel97

09-28-2006 10:24 PM

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Wishyouknew

09-28-2006 10:45 PM

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This does not surprise me Tim Darnell is the lowest of the low!

txfan

09-28-2006 11:53 PM

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It sounds like to me you should report all this to the Texas Attorney Generals office. They are



already actively investigating Advantage Conferences and I'm sure this would only strengthen their case in showing what a scam this company is. Tim Darnell needs to be behind bars!!

txfan

09-29-2006 12:08 AM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

I also heard that one of the speakers at the upcoming conference is Arch Bonnema. If anyone knows him or knows how to get in touch with him, you might refer him to this sight so that he knows what a scam this is before he attaches him name to it!

Wishyouknew

09-29-2006 12:29 AM

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How did Mr. Bonnema make his money? There is a chance there might not be a conference in October.

I think Tim Darnell needs to hire Terrell Owens Publicist! :eek:  
Tim Darnell is trying to commit business suicide! (bad joke, sorry)

Who advises this guy to do the things he does? Its not God..  
Who told him that it would be a good idea to sue the BBB and Jon Taylor?  
This guy has to be one of the stupidest businessman in the State of Texas!  
I am sorry to be so cruel, but this guy boggles my mind.

Soapboxmom

09-29-2006 03:04 AM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

Wishyouknew,

Thank you so much for such wonderful news. We predicted all along that AC had no chance against our dear scambusting friend Dr. Jon Taylor and the BBB. I hope they can countersue for the cost incurred by Tim's frivolous lawsuits. I wanted to share the e-mail you posted on this

subject again.

Quote:

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I did find this when I was searching for some old A/C info, This is a e-mail Tim sent to us reps a while back. Tim lied and would like us to believe that the BBB is a for profit organization when in fact they are not. They are Non-profit.

Also, another thing I found funny. Is it with God's merciful hand to sue others?  
Soapboxdad, How would I have this e-mail if I was not a rep..???

Hi Team,

As some of you know, we applied for Better Business Bureau membership in October of this past year. Their response to us was to take our \$375.00 membership fee and post surprisingly erroneous information about our Company. Upon being advised of the posts, we immediately sent the documentation that clearly showed the errors of their posting. To our amazement, they refused to take them down, correct them, or much less apologize for their mistake, establishing a clearly belligerent stance with AC. They offered no contract for enrollment and no explanation of their irresponsible action. We, therefore, are now in the process of litigating against the north Texas chapter (an independent for-profit franchise) on several counts.

**Our case is iron-clad and we are well represented.** We could use your help, however, and here's how:

If you have any instances of a Candidate who saw the posting and decided to not continue the 3 Simple Steps, the President's Interview, or enrollment due to that posting; or if you have a Rep who was intimidated by the posting and decided to pursue other activities, our case will be strengthened by knowing those particulars. If you are one of the latter, a Rep who saw the posting and was influenced in a negative way, I would appreciate knowing that and won't think any less of you at all. If you saved any e-mail messages from one of these scenarios, that would be wonderful. Please forward those to me at: [TimD@AdvantageConferences.com](mailto:TimD@AdvantageConferences.com).

**With that being said, Advantage Conferences is growing at a fantastic rate and the caliber of individuals coming on board is almost beyond my comprehension** (though not really). **The quality of Reps is exactly what we have prayed for, expected and envisioned; and now humbly accept as God's favor and goodness.**

**This confrontation with the local agency is our willingness and obligation to stand up to our giants and let them know they can't arbitrarily libel a company based on non-truths. We will have future challenges as well, and we are resolutely equipped, with God's merciful hand, to deal with each and every one.** I truly thank you for your support and spirit of forward movement. This is truly an amazing company with amazing people. **More importantly, God is absolutely in control, and we will prevail (as plaintiffs).**

We need your instances, if any, as requested in above paragraph 3 as quickly as you can send

them. Thanks for attending to this issue promptly.

Blessings,

Tim Darnell

President

Advantage Conferences

Office: 972-727-4995

1-888-832-7635

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I would love to see Tim trying to explain to his reps how he lost both suits he filed. Did God lie???? Did Tim lie or does he just need a one way ticket to Terrell. I suspect the way things are going the public hospital is all the boy can afford.

Soapboxmom

CuriousinDallas

09-29-2006 06:32 PM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

Quote from WishyouKnew

Quote:

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I agree with most everything you are saying. But, let me bring up this one point:  
You mentioned that the Conferences is difinatly a product.. But you also questioned that anyone should have to pay for it..

Which leads me to believe that you do not feel the product has a market value of \$10,000. So how can you call it a legitimate product???

To make it a legitimate product it has to be sold at a fair market price at fair market value.

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I questioned whether anyone should have to pay for it, not because it wasn't worth it but because it was presented as Godly advice and pro-bono by the millionaire speakers. In either case attendees, in my opinion, should not be charged anything over and above a nominal fee REGARDLESS of the worth of the conference.

In short, if it were advertized as a straight forward wealth education conference, AC can charge whatever the market will bear. But as it points out in Proverbs, God clearly warns against **charging** for His wisdom. Unfortunately I cannot remember chapter and verse.

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

I thought a little comic relief was in order so I am quoting Wacko Jacko/SoapBoxDad himself:

Quote:

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**Professional Background:**

I possess a 16-year leadership career having built innovative marketing, sales and business development programs that have strengthened market position, enhanced brand image and driven sustained revenue/earnings growth. Expertise in redefining strategy, vision and long-term action plans, and evaluating industry structure and competitive situation to guide market repositioning. Proven success in spearheading E-Commerce and Internet marketing opportunities, while leveraging traditional marketing tactics.

My experience combines creative design, project management and business partnering skills with technology comprehension and strong general management/financial accountabilities. Characterized as self-motivated, driven, persistent and persuasive, with an interactive leadership style. **Recognized for honesty, strong work ethic and credibility; outstanding presentation, communication and negotiation skills.** Experience and Endorsements

President

OneOasis.com (Privately Held; 1-10 employees)

Internet Industry

March 2005 – Present

“Jack is a highly qualified leader, trainer and coach. He completes large and small projects in very short timeframes. His professionalism, knowledge, team building, Internet skills and Christian Faith is being recognized and rewarded by the Founder and President of Advantage Conferences.” (March 31, 2005)

--- Ken Curry worked directly with Jack at Advantage Conferences

“Jack Weinzierl is one of those rare individuals that come along who really has it all: talent, humility, professionalism, work ethic, and absolute integrity. You will want to be involved with him as either a friend, a business associate, or both. He has added tremendous value to my business, as well as my life personally.” (March 30, 2005)

--- Tim Darnell, President of Advantage Conferences

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I wonder how many of the reps out way more than 10 grand would share these sentiments? Wouldn't we all love Jacko and Timmy boy to explain how it is they lost the lawsuits when God

was on their side and clearly spoke to them of prevailling in that fight with the "giant"? Their "Slaying" isn't going so well is it? I am waiting for the goons to find me.....hahahahahahaha!!!

Soapboxmom

Wishyouknew

09-30-2006 05:25 PM

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Phinnly Slash Buster

09-30-2006 05:48 PM

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HA HA HA .....I love that!!

Does that mean Powerandglory was Tim I wonder???

If so Tim does not know how to STFU either.

Poetic justice!??

Both Tim and Jack W. will swear on the Bible when they appear in court, too funny!!!!

Wishyouknew

09-30-2006 08:47 PM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

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openQuestion

09-30-2006 09:22 PM

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Quote:

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CuriousinDallas

09-30-2006 10:47 PM

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Wishyouknew

09-30-2006 11:30 PM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

Well, I am sure that Tim Darnell won't come out and tell everyone that they lost in Summary Judgement in their lawsuit. That would kill his creditability.

Just because his website is still up does not mean he is still did not get fired.

Thats just the rumor I heard from others at Tim Darnells Church.

Wishyouknew

09-30-2006 11:32 PM

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Where you told this by someone who is "in-the-loop"?  
Is this person a Advantage Conference Rep?

Most people would be too ashamed to admit to this late breaking news!

Wishyouknew

09-30-2006 11:34 PM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

Quote:

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Originally Posted by **openQuestion**

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Thats just it, Tim Darnell has all the power to cut people off when he wants to. He can do what ever he wants.

But, I understand the point you are trying to make.

Wishyouknew

09-30-2006 11:40 PM

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CuriousinDallas

10-01-2006 05:17 AM

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Solomon

10-01-2006 05:34 AM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

Quote:

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Look at Amway. I'm willing to bet money that someone signed up in Amway last year and has



already created a large income. Not bad for a business that was started decades ago.

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Interesting comparison.

Unfortunately, for every one person that created that large income by becoming Platinum (\$2000-3000/year), 100 will never see such a level. The failure rate average (I say "average," because there are a few stats that are argued by the critics) is about a 95% failure rate. "Failure" meaning that the IBO will never see a profit.

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spanky

10-01-2006 05:55 AM

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Wishyouknew

10-01-2006 06:45 AM

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Without giving my sources away, I know for fact they are telling the truth.  
Advantage Conferences lost in a Summary Judgement and the Judge gave Mr. Darnell and his lawyer a stern lecture.

Solomon

10-01-2006 11:11 AM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

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Originally Posted by **spanky**

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Well, in the 90% stat, I'm talking about the average success ratio of all (online and offline) new businesses in the United States. It may be different in other countries, and the Information Age's impact on businesses essentially dooms any business from day one that does not incorporate internet interaction for consumers. In other words, if you even want a slight chance at survival, you need a website.

As with all stats, the founding business success rate sways from year to year, between 10-15%. I decided to be conservative and use 10% as the example, because even at it's lowest possibility (10%), it still surpasses the 5% success rate of Amway IBOs.

Wishyouknew

10-01-2006 05:46 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **CuriousinDallas**

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You could e-mail Dr. Jon Taylor the guy who runs the website [www.mlm-thetruth.com](http://www.mlm-thetruth.com) websiten who was also involved in this lawsuit.

Ask him if anyone has their doubts if I am telling the truth.

CuriousinDallas

10-02-2006 05:38 AM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

Wishyouknew,

Excuse me doubting your veracity. However, you must understand me questioning something that had been denied by one of his troupes. Truth is, if that did happen, it's highly unlikely that Darnell told ANYONE about a legal set back. He now has to do damage control and plan his next legal move.

Wishyouknew

10-03-2006 08:08 PM

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Actually I think this rumor is false. Because Jack W. is still posting as a Rep on the Advantage Conferences yahoo groups page. So he must still be a Rep. He must have, however been asked to stop posting on scam.com..

And actually I think it would be hard for Tim to fire Jack because Jack is one of the "ring leaders" and is too involved and knows everyone.

CuriousinDallas

10-04-2006 04:57 AM

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**Re: Advantage Conferences BS (Merged)**

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Back to the subject at hand. The bottom line is that we do not know Darnell's heart and therefore cannot truly say that 'AC was set up as a scam'. It is entirely possible that Tim Darnell really believes in what he's doing. If that is the case then he is guilty of fooling himself into believing that the AC business model is a good one. The fact is there are no good business models in MLM or network marketing. The reason I know that to be true is that in EVERY case only between 1 and 5% make money. (The 80/20 rule does not apply because it is not an even playing field.) The rest either break even at most or more than likely lose money. The only reason the 'successful' MLMs are out there is an army of legal attack dogs that keep the wolves at bay. Those that cannot muster the shysters fall by the wayside and leave alot of wounded people in their wake. It remains to be seen if AC is among those ranks. It will be interesting to see what happens in the weeks and months to come.

As a side note, my friend who is a rep is now cold-shouldering me as I have been slamming the MLM industry generally and picking at AC in particular. Doesn't that strike you as an indicator of cultish behavior? Just a thought!

Wishyouknew

10-04-2006 06:51 AM

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Originally Posted by **CuriousinDallas**

*I went back and checked the postings of Soapboxdad. There was far more activity on this thread when he was posting. Doubtless he stopped not because he was made to by anyone, but because he was outted by Soapboxmom, the doyen of scam busters. Immediately she outted him he ran. The fact that he posted erroneous information that tried to lead people to believe there were many successful Reps in AC came to the fore when she discovered his identity. Actually if he had never posted info about himself he'd never have been found out.*

*Back to the subject at hand. The bottom line is that we do not know Darnell's heart and therefore cannot truly say that 'AC was set up as a scam'. It is entirely possible that Tim Darnell really believes in what he's doing. If that is the case then he is guilty of fooling himself into believing that the AC business model is a good one. The fact is there are no good business models in MLM or network marketing. The reason I know that to be true is that in EVERY case only between 1 and 5% make money. (The 80/20 rule does not apply because it is not an even playing field.) The rest either break even at most or more than likely lose money. The only reason the 'successful' MLMs are out there is an army of legal attack dogs that keep the wolves at bay. Those that cannot muster the shysters fall by the wayside and leave a lot of wounded people in their wake. It remains to be seen if AC is among those ranks. It will be interesting to see what happens in the weeks and months to come.*

*As a side note, my friend who is a rep is now cold-shouldering me as I have been slamming the MLM industry generally and picking at AC in particular. Doesn't that strike you as an indicator of cultish behavior? Just a thought!*

Yes CouriousinDallas,

That is very much like some of the behavior of many involved with AC.

Thats not very Christian like. Tim Darnell reminds me very much of David Koresh as he is very well versed in group Pshychology as this was his major in College at Texas Tech.

And Yes, Jack W. ran with "his tail between his legs" away from Scam.com

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