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Richard Hoagland

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In a crossposted message dated 96-12-24 01:04:38 EST, Ronan wote:

> *Richard Hoagland, for those of you haven't heard him speak, can go
> on and on, and talk about nothing. This is why a five hour forum,
> like the Art_Bell radio show, is an excellent opportunity for him to
> talk about nothing.*

I would doubt there is anyone on the planet who would argue that Dick Hoagland isn't capable of going on and on. However, the listener's dilemma is not falling into the "nothing", but knowing enough to keep up.

Hoagland is possibly the most brilliant and most original thinker plowing the UFOlogical terrain. Oscar Wilde once mentioned that as a young boy he went for the first time to a not insubstantial library where he was enthralled to see the vast shelves of books. He committed immediately to himself that he would read them all. He didn't, of course, but one has to admire the thought. Hoagland wants to know it all.

Most would agree that in the postparadigm world (one in which extraterrestrial presence is a given), significant resources will be devoted to reexamining all of cultural and scientific history. Each piece of new information will be collated with that history - producing a new understanding of past events.

Dick Hoagland is not a patient man. He is trying to figure it out in advance.

Imagine a Paleolithic man coming upon a pristine Mercedes 450SL which happened to have dropped through a worm hole. Paleoman could simply take notice and wait for his ancestors to figure it out. On the other hand, why wait. Paleoman tries to understand the Mercedes by running his hands over it, looking through the windows and measuring the thing to death. You have to admire the effort.

Hoagland is a synthesizing thinker. He can speak on a dozen disciplines in the same exchange and not break stride. Because he knows so much about so many fields, he is trying to connect the dots -- all the dots.

It is difficult to follow, at times maddening, and at times totally out in left field. But left field is still in the park, and when someone really pushes the envelope (with hard, not soft thinking), they sometimes take the rest of us along with them to breakthrough understanding.

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P.S.

I have to confess to being a "Bellhead". I have no trouble saying, with the caveat that at least once a week the show goes completely over the falls, that Bell's show is the most provocative, interesting and daring exposition in media today. I predict it will destroy the circadian rhythms of millions.

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