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Re: Hoagland in Phoneix -- AZ Republic Article

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>How about we eliminate all those who have been convicted
>of felonies? How about we eliminate all those who have
>inflated their credentials? How about we eliminate all those
>who have been caught lying about their backgrounds, their
>employment or their accomplishments? Seems to me that
>this would be a good starting point.

>KRandle

I'm not sure how the call for Congressional Hearings will ever become reality if we have to eliminate most of the politicians under those strict guidelines <g>

Okay, Okay, it was a cheap shot.

It appears that since we don't have "evidence" other than anecdotal hearsay, it is felt that the individual's "character" is a deciding factor. This would make sense if we can assume that those of GOOD character will always be truthful, and those of BAD character tell only lies. I think these are key points one must take into account when reviewing the statements made, but perhaps not the only factors.

I don't want to get into specifics, but at least one "researcher", whose statements and evidence have been identified as nonsense, has faded completely into the background. This occurred naturally, as individuals simply stopped listening to him, which appears to be the natural process of this genre. But this is an individual (grassroots) phenomenon. Unlike major sciences, there is no peer review process that has become generally acceptable to the public to make these kinds of judgement calls in this genre. Since there are so many individual "viewpoints" regarding the various tangents of this genre, it would be difficult to imagine a common thread that could pull them together into a focused group.

The goal here is a good one, and I'm not in favor of lending credibility to those who are clearly "off the wall". But, whenever I hear the call to get rid of those who are hurting the genre, I worry about who is going to make that value judgement for me and define my beliefs.

Steve

PS- I'm working my way through your new book "Conspiracy of Silence", and find it quite interesting. I would be interested in your views of Clifford Stone's new book "UFOs Are Real", which I have just finished and seems to parallel your book fairly well.

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