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### Re: Hoagland in Phoneix -- AZ Republic Article

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>That's why I went after Hoagland and Bell with such vengeance. If they want  
>to turn a buck fine, this is America after all, but to (use) a case like  
>Phoenix (where honest and decent poeple only want some answers) for a  
>springboard because it's been in the news, and because Hoagland wants to  
>to use every media opportunity in order to win new converts to his hooey.

Agreed, but Bell and Hoagland approach this from different perspectives and  
it may not be fair to lump them together. Bell is an entertainer who (by  
definition) is seeking out the strange and bizarre, and his primary goal is  
to increase his audience share and thus his profits. This is a given, and  
should surprise no one. I would add that he has also made a point of the  
fact that he only wants to provide a platform for others to use, and leaves  
it to his listeners to decide the issue of credibility.

>His new tack/image (in case you haven't noticed) appears to be openly  
>"paranormal." No more emphasis on "hard science" or his background with  
>NASA, now he's freaking "Nostrahoagland" predictor of future events.

>I'm waiting for guys like Hoagland, Mack, and others to apply for  
>non-profit status so they can finally don sacramental robes and found  
>New Age churches.

I hadn't seen Mack's name mentioned before, but there are other names that  
could perhaps be mentioned here as well. But with many UFO believers  
holding on to their beliefs with little more than a foundation of faith, it  
isn't surprising that the genre often seems to be more of a religion than a  
scientific inquiry.

Steve

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