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'Sightings' & Firmage - Bell & Hoagland

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[Non-Subscriber Post]

Art,

The following is a posting that I wrote on your bbs. I must say that I was surprised that you allowed Mr. Bara's comments concerning Sightings and Mr. Joseph Firmage to be posted on your main page. By allowing this posting on your main page it appears that you have totally disregarded one side of this issue and that you have, in effect, declared your allegiance to Mr. Hoagland and his theories. My fear is now that you appear to have taken sides in this issue, we will no longer enjoy interviews with guests such as Mr. Firmage or anyone else who may be at odds with Mr. Hoagland or his theories.

I have read Mr. Bara's posting and I would like to comment.

It is curious to note that Mr. Bara has admonished "Sightings" and personally attacked Mr. Joseph Firmage in his writing.

Mr. Bara seems to be upset with Sightings for allowing guests on the radio show who openly question Richard Hoagland's scientific theories or his credibility.

I say "seems to be" because it is the only time I can recall that I have heard Mr. Bara or anyone else associated with The Enterprise Mission, publicly complain about Mr. Rense's radio show.

I have listened to these broadcasts and in my opinion Mr. Rense has always conducted himself in an objective and professional manner and, if I am not mistaken, he has extended an open invitation to Mr. Hoagland to appear as a guest to present his side of this issue. So, as far as I am concerned, Mr. Bara's comments directed at the "Sightings" radio show are absolutely baseless.

Mr. Bara's comments concerning Mr. Joseph Firmage are simply mean spirited.

I read Mr. Firmage's statement and as a result I concluded that Mr. Firmage has some difficulty believing Mr. Hoagland's claims and his method of scientific investigation.

In his statement, Mr. Firmage states that he had provided a financial grant to Mr. Hoagland to see if there was any "there" there. I suspect that whatever Mr. Hoagland provided to Mr. Firmage, it was not enough to convince him that his grant was spent productively, and if Mr. Hoagland did indeed accept the funding than Mr. Firmage has every right to publicly comment upon Mr. Hoagland's research.

It is curious to note that Mr. Bara now questions Mr. Firmage's intelligence and integrity with his statement:

"Obviously the acquisition of large sums of money is not dependant on the possession of a large degree of intellect or integrity.", and causes me to wonder how important was integrity when Mr. Hoagland deposited Mr. Firmage's financial grant into his account.

Respectfully,

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