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I've been a listener to Art Bell and Jeff Rense for several years; basically since they enabled streaming audio over the internet.

I have a strong interest in arcane phenomena and such, and therefore enjoy many of the guests of these shows even though some of them truly seem like people who have somehow missed incarceration in a mental health facility. It is very difficult to know the kooks from the genuine "experiencers," since they tend to tell the same stories.

Anyway, I find Art Bell's style very dramatic and entertaining, though I do feel he goes pretty far overboard with the Doomsday prognostication. I can't help but feel this is done with the agenda of selling books and merchandise. Not a very ethical stance for a public figure; but given the nature of public figures in this era, I guess tiz to be expected.

Jeff Rense, on the other hand, strikes me as wholly sincere in his efforts to bring unusual phenomena to the public. He doesn't have the budget or mass appeal of Coast to Coast however, and his on-air style is much less full of histrionic zeal. In fact, Rense can almost be described as Valiumesque. \*giggle\*

My main problem with Rense though, being that he seems sooooo very gullible and ready to believe any olde goofball story his guests bring to the venue. Surely there must a degree skepticism somewhere in him, but I have heard him agreeing with the silliest BS from people like David Icke, etc. that just made me wince in despair.

Art Bell, though, seems to take great delight in pointing out the most dire possible scenarios--Killer Fungi from Mir, Alien Rape, Doomsday Asteroids--and expounding on them ad infinitum. I almost think he would be happy if a truly monumental disaster DID take place, just for the drama of the event. It's kinda like he's stuck in a movie; waiting for the action to take place.....

Whitley Strieber is a snooze, and he also seems to feel quite superior to his callers. It's irritating to listen to his irritation with the people who call in.

I know there were various guest hosts during Bell's absence, but Golly they were boring! Hilly Rose was the next best thing to Nytol.

So which host do U guyz prefer? Or, have I missed-out on someone better?

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Hi SpDrMN!!!!

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I do enjoy Jeff's shows for the most part, especially those with Jim Marrs, and such. These were in the rather extensive archives that I enjoyed when AB left the air.

I also enjoy his interviews with Sherman Skolnick and Carl Limbacher.

Whitley Streiber I don't get on these airwaves anymore, and you know he has no longer archive accessibility. To tell you the truth, I don't feel I'm missing anything. I have this feeling in my gut that WS was so traumatized by his alien experience, that as he gets older, he's more fixated on it, and the irritation with others you mentioned seems to be almost choking back a kind of hysteria about his beliefs.

Ian Punnett is a good host; actually I'm very disappointed with AB. As I've said before, he's not the same person since he returned. In many ways he has displayed an in-your-face-arrogant attitude and told us that we were the "negative" aspect of his job. I have a feeling he is sorry he returned..his agenda does not include his listeners, except only as they benefit him...

Linda in R.I. ☹️

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
Hey, SpDrMN.

I discovered Jeff Rense even before Art Bell. I've been listening to him on and off since about 1998. You are right -- his show is very \*low key\* but I kind of like that approach. He tends to have a lot more UFO related shows than Art does which (for me anyway) gets old real fast. The other problem is that I have to be sitting near my computer to listen to Rense as no local stations carry him.

I always try to listen to Rense on the 3rd Thursday of each month -- He has Dr. Louis Turi on doing "divine astrology readings". I don't even know how accurate this guy is but he's very interesting to listen to.

OK - that's all I have to say for now. 😊

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<p><b>suvata</b> Buccaneer</p> <p>Posts: 129 From: Michigan USA Registered: Jun 2001</p>	<p> posted 14 June 2001 12:38 PM <a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">mail</a> <a href="#">edit</a> <a href="#">quote</a></p> <hr/> <p>Oh alright ... I did have another thing to say ...</p> <p>Maybe this forum could have a new category for JEFF RENSE like they do for WEISSBACH: THE QUEST.</p> <p>Just a thought.</p> <p>Now I'm really finished. 😊</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: <a href="#">Logged</a></p>
<p><b>HB3</b> Buccaneer</p> <p>Posts: 2243 From: Altadena, CA Registered: Nov 2000</p>	<p> posted 14 June 2001 01:46 PM <a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">edit</a> <a href="#">quote</a></p> <hr/> <p>I've never found Rense the slightest bit interesting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: <a href="#">Logged</a></p>
<p><b>flprice</b> Swashbuckler</p> <p>Posts: 2193 From: Half-Way Down Arkansas, USA - Registered: May 2000</p>	<p> posted 14 June 2001 04:30 PM <a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">mail</a> <a href="#">edit</a> <a href="#">quote</a></p> <hr/> <p>We once had a Rense area like for Weissbach but no one ever used it. That was months ago though, it might have some intrest now.</p> <p>If you ever want a new topic area, just drop a line to Linnea (click on Contact us at the bottom of the page) and ask.</p> <p>Oh, and I prefer Rense over Weissbach over Bell, just to answer the original question.</p> <p>Frank</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: <a href="#">Logged</a></p>
<p><b>rapa</b> Swashbuckler</p> <p>Posts: 1833 From: Fairbanks, Alaska, USA Registered: May 2000</p>	<p> posted 14 June 2001 05:50 PM <a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">mail</a> <a href="#">edit</a> <a href="#">quote</a></p> <hr/> <p>I have been listening to Rense more now that we have him on our local station but i still like Weissbach better. And Art is Art sometimes I like him &amp; sometimes I don't.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: <a href="#">Logged</a></p>
<p><b>SpDrMN</b> Buccaneer</p> <p>Posts: 51 From: Registered: Apr 2001</p>	<p> posted 14 June 2001 06:59 PM <a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">mail</a> <a href="#">edit</a> <a href="#">quote</a></p> <hr/> <p>Good. I am going to start listening to streaming Weissbach and see if maybe he is more to my taste. Frankly, I often find myself wishing someone would come along to replace Art Bell on the paranormal circuit: Bell has become so mired in in-fighting and nonsense in the past 3 years that it's hard to take him seriously anymore. He would have been better to ignore some of the things people were saying about him gracefully than to sick his NetNazi on them or file lawsuits. I still listen to the shows on occasion of course, but a better alternative would certainly be a welcome change.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: <a href="#">Logged</a></p>

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"Art Bell likes to stay up late, scare old poeple, and sell them prostate medicine." Chuck Shramek

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**Barbara**  
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I like Jeff Rense very much. I love his low keyed "Perry Como" style. Jeff is not full of himself, rarely interrupts his guests and above all has great respect for all those who call in. He takes the time to say goodbye and thanks them for calling.

He is something that seems to be missing in todays society - a gentleman.

I listen to his archives two or three times weekly. It is difficult to sit at the computer to listen, I'd much rather be in my cozy bed listening with my ear plug. I listen to Peter Davenport and Brad Steiger and a few others in his archives.

Art is much more dramatic than Jeff, but he's not the "old Art". He has changed somewhat, perhaps because of all the legal problems he had and because of the horrendous thing that happened to his son. He may regret the legal action he took and all the \$ he spent going after the losers that tried to attack him. I miss the "old Art" and long for the good old days when he seemed more "sincere" than he does now.

I listened to Weissbach last year and enjoyed him very much, but I gave up trying to listen because I could NEVER get his show in clearly - it was pure torture trying to listen.

There's always been a place in my heart for Whitley and I enjoy listening to him every week. I know he has suffered because of the "contact" he has had. I could sense that suffering from the very first time I saw him on Larry King. I knew very little about aliens, UFO's or anything paranormal - he peaked my interest in those subjects.

Art is the one that really got me going on the internet reading everything I could find pertaining to it. Personal encounters interested me the most and I would spend hours every evening searching for those stories.

Wouldn't be be great if there was a national paranormal radio network. All things paranormal 24/7 - I'd be in heaven listening to it. I've been listening to talk radio since 1974 and I'm sick of politics and the everyday talk show banter.

Barbara R.

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Does anyone know if Weissbach will ever have archives of his shows? I know money is a factor, but he seems to be growing in popularity, and I suspect it will continue in light of AB's disillusioned listeners.

I can only hear him on the pc, and can't always catch his shows. He sure does have the kind of guests that I wish AB would have on his show. Frankly I'm starting to gag now when I see/hear that he's doing ANOTHER show on UFO's, mars, etc. I'm sick of this mars business and RCH arrogance ☹

Linda in R.I.

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I thought he did have some of the shows archived. I know he sells cd's at a reasonable price because I buy them when Wayne Dyer is on.

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I really don't see any changes in Art, other than a slow evolutionary change. Whatever you think, he's been outrageously successful in a genre where no one else has had more than marginal success. If he is ever replaceable (which he must be at some point), I'd say the best think Premrad could do would be to allow Art to pick his own successor. But, I don't expect that to come for at least 10 years.

As for Jeff Rense, I think he had a chance to take off in Art's footsteps. He was a natural, and his hours...the 3 hours prior to Art, made him a good bet for stations who either carry Art, or who would have liked to. But, Jeff has displayed far too much professional jealousy in the past. As SpDrMN points out, he seems too gullible, yet at the same time, I've heard him rail against Art with the same accusations. So, I think Rense will forever be a 2nd or 3rd tier host.

I only listened to Pete Weissbach a few times. He nearly sparked a rebellion sitting in for Art a couple of years ago when he tried to take the show back to politics. He spent most of his first night Clinton-bashing. He dropped that quickly, but I don't like his style of having a different guest every hour. It doesn't allow the time for really digging into the material the way Art does with his style.

My favorite to date, and the man I'd personally pick to replace Art is Ian Punnet. He's younger, and would be perfectly poised to take over the show in the future. And, I can see more and

more of the show's fans appreciate Ian's style.

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Well said Rick - and I agree about Ian Punnett! (Also - he likes us at the FF! 😊 )

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posted 06 July 2001 05:10 PM



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Rense? Gullibility incarnate! And chronically, professionally a-froth with indignation, besides. Every dubious theory offered up to him is judged to be proven on the basis that no proof exists. It's that old "academic establishment", y'know! He and his guests create a mutually-supportive gossamer structure of speculation welded to rumour spliced to pathetic "scholarship". Tiring to listen to...

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Well said HB3 !! Rense also was involved with the crap Art took the last time. He can stick-it as far as I'm concerned. If I remember correctly from years past, Sally is real close to the facts in her post also. Rense sucks. He's an Art Bell wannabe. And will do anything to anyone to try to get there. My opinion only, of course.

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