

UFO sightings herald invasion, Rumley says

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Rev. Calvin Rumley is hoping the interest in UFO's inspired by a proposed landing site for extraterrestrials in Elmwood will bring people closer to God. At 8 p.m. Sunday he will give a presentation at the Knapp Baptist Church. His message: UFO sightings are signs of the second coming of the Lord.

In 1953 Rumley saw a UFO while living in Lodi, Ind. To this day, he is unsure of what he saw. He believes, however, that God's plans concern only the earth, and the only beings living outside the earth are holy angels or demons.

"What beings have access to earth and the stellar heavens?" he asked. "The Biblical answer is angels and demons. In Ephesians 2:2, Satan is called the Prince of Power of the Air."

UFO sightings, he said, are either angelic influences, physical phenomenon, or signs of the second coming.

Rumley has purchased space in local papers to advertise his presentation. The lead on the ad reads, "I saw a UFO!"

Although he does not believe in extraterrestrials, Rumley said his personal sighting will serve as an attention-getter to draw people to the presentation, and then to heart of his message.

Of his sighting, Rumley said, "It's one of those things you can't explain. What it was, I don't know. The only explanation of what I saw is the signs and sights mentioned in the Bible."

His sighting occurred about 10 p.m. as he was bending over to empty a vacuum cleaner bag.

"Suddenly a large, brilliant light — a little bigger than a full moon — appeared in the eastern sky," he said.



Rev. Rumley

The object was blue, he said, the color of a gas stove flame. The object sparkled as if it were electrically charged, he said, and remained visible for about 15 seconds.

"Suddenly, it was if there were two," he continued, "one behind the other. One moved down to the horizon. As it reached the horizon both suddenly disappeared at the same time."

It couldn't have been a meteor because it was stationary, he said. He also checked to make sure there were no search lights in the area.

The same objects, he said, were seen by another couple in a car some 20 miles from his siting. At the time, UFO's were "somewhat new," Rumley stated.

"You didn't talk too much about it, or people would wonder," he added.

Despite his sighting he remains sceptical about UFO reports. In some reports, the person may not have actually seen anything, he said. Some reports may be exaggerated and some may be figments of the imagination. Other sightings might be of what Rumley called "mistaken items," such as search lights or airplanes.

He acknowledged, however, that many people are seeing and reporting mysterious sights in the skies.

"With so many sightings by reliable people, there has to be something to the appearance of UFO's," he said. "I'm not saying UFO's are there, but there could be a tie-in."

The "tie-in" relates to the scriptures, the reverend said. Rumley

said Luke, Chapter 21, states that "Fearful signs and great sights shall appear from the heavens. There shall be signs in the sun and the moon and in the stars." The chapter continues by saying that men's hearts will fail them for fear, and for "looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

According to the Bible, as the end of the world approaches all eyes will be on the heavens and on Israel, said Rumley. Predictions are that Israel will be "...divided for gain" in the latter times. That is just what's happening with the Palestinian situation in Isreal, Rumley said.

Two major invasions of earth by beings from space will take place, Rumley said. In the first invasion, called a "rapture," all Christians

will be taken from earth to heaven. During the second invasion, or "tribulation," angels of the Lord will spread the chaos leading to the Battle of Armageddon.

"The Bible has no place for little green men coming from space, but it does have to do with the Lord coming with his angels," said Rumley.

Rumley said he doesn't want to cause trouble for the people planning the Elmwood landing site. He said, however, that believing in space ships and aliens is akin to believing in the occult.

"My goal is to attack sin, not the people of Elmwood," he said.

In the mid-seventies Elmwood's police chief reported seeing a space

ship outside of town which bombarded him with a blue light. After that time the sheriff reportedly suffered from terrible nightmares.

Rumley was asked if the sheriff, or others who have reported flying objects, would accept these sightings as manifestations of angels or demons.

"I don't doubt the sheriff's experience," he replied. "It might have been angelic beings, but it could have been some physical phenomenon. Who knows? There are some things you can't explain."

Instead of building landing sites, Rumley feels there is a better way to prepare for the coming invasions.

"Prepare to meet thy God," he said. "Trust in Christ."

Bible may be linked to outer space

Pastor explores teachings about UFO connection

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KNAPP — The pastor of Gospel Mission Baptist Church believes all the talk about unidentified flying objects stimulated by a proposed UFO landing center at Elmwood may be connected to events foretold in the Bible.

The Rev. Calvin Rumley said he will have a meeting at 8 p.m. March 13 at his Knapp church to "go into the Bible to present what it teaches about beings who have access to Earth from outer space." The Bible, Rumley explained,

mentions both holy angels and evil angels, the followers of Satan. Holy angels, of course, appeared to Abraham, Zacharias, and Mary and Joseph, he said.

Now Rumley doesn't believe UFO sightings are angels. He said some UFO reports may be false, some may be exaggerations, and some are "figments of the imagination."

"I don't plan to talk about Elmwood in the message . . . but, No. 4, there's too many credible sightings in too many places, so there must be something to them," he said. "And just what they are, I do not know."

A second issue to be discussed will be what Rumley calls "two major invasions of Earth" from outer space.

The first is the Rapture, when, according to the apostle Paul, Jesus will resurrect the bodies of dead

saints, Rumley said.

"Now the second major invasion from outer space will be when the Lord comes back to fight the battle of Armageddon, with his holy angels," Rumley said.

That conflict, as predicted by the book of Revelation, will be the decisive battle between the forces of good and evil.

The gospel of Luke predicts that before Lord comes, "there will be signs in the heavens . . . these signs will grow in intensity as we move toward the end of the age," Rumley said.

Rumley himself says he saw a UFO on a summer night in 1953 while assigned to his first church in Lodi, Ind. An object that seemed similar to an electric blue light, about the size of a full moon, hovered in the east. From behind it, a similar object descended toward the horizon while the first stayed stationary. Then both disappeared, he said.

A young woman who attended the church and her boyfriend were about 20 miles away at the time and saw the same thing, he said.

"Of course, I don't know what this was," Rumley said.

UFOs became a widely discussed topic last month when a new Chipewa Falls group proposed to raise millions of dollars to build a UFO "site center" at Elmwood, a Pierce County village famous for its UFO sightings.

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