

'ALIENS DESTROYED'

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SODOM AND GEMORRAH

★ UNIDENTIFIED flying objects influenced stories in the Bible, one of the world's leading authorities on the subject told me this week.

American nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman was in this country to talk to meetings in Sheffield, Manchester and Leeds about the subject of UFOs.

I spoke to him before his Manchester talk where he told me that there were cases in the Bible where alien interaction had occurred.

One such story was that of the destruction of Sodom and Gemorrah which Stanton explained was caused by aliens with a nuclear weapon.

The Bible states "Get ye to the hills, lest you be swept away", and God also warned Lot and his wife that if they looked back they would be turned into a pillar of salt — a fate which befell the wife.

From the atrocities at Hiroshima, it was seen that the victims had been turned into "pillars of salt".

Stanton also felt that the parting of the Red Sea was also of alien doing.



This is something that Stanton would like to study and one book that looks into this more is *Bible and Flying Saucers* by Dr. Barry Downing.

"One question that is most commonly asked is *Does your belief in aliens affect your belief in God?*, to which I reply that if we think of God as omnipotent master of one little planet, it is almost an insult to what we know about the size of the universe.

"Let's give God credit for being a dominion-over other planets," he told me.

Born in New Jersey, but now living in Canada, Stanton's interest in UFOs started in the 1950s and he gave his first lecture in 1967.

Since then he has given more than 600 lectures spanning the whole of America and he accuses governments of a "cosmic Watergate", where there has been the withholding of information on UFOs.

One man in Missouri, Stanton told me, had evidence of 4127 UFO landing cases which included footprints, landing marks etc.

Sighting

During his Sheffield talk, Stanton asked how many of the audience had seen a UFO. Forty seven said they had but only three had reported them.

"The reason for this," Stanton said, "was because they were scared that people would think they were some kind of nut. It is a myth that only uneducated people believe in UFOs."

According to Stanton, there was a lot of coverage in American newspapers about the recent sighting in the Soviet

Union but they were mainly jokey stories.

"They said that Glasnost meant that Russians tell silly stories too."

On the serious side, a recent Russian military journal *Soviet Union Military Review* tackled the problem of distinguishing between a UFO and an enemy missile, as the response was usually determined by a computer.

Influence

In America, there are many sceptics. A poll discovered that many Americans don't believe that there have been astronauts on the moon whilst at the other end there are those who say that they talk to aliens all the time and even travel to other planets!

Stanton believes it is his job to educate the public and tell them why it matters.

"If one can do anything to have a positive influence on what is happening in the world, then one has an obligation to do so. It is our obligation to put forward data and not hold it back.

"Jews," Stanton concluded, "are curious. We have been at the forefront of those wanting to lift up the rock to see what's underneath."