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## **Australian Author Explores Alien Intrusion During US Tour**

Australian author Gary Bates has been touring the U.S. for the past month exploring the mysteries of UFO phenomenon with audiences that include ufologists, skeptics, and even some people who report having experiences with extraterrestrials. But it is Christians that Bates has found to have been among the most fascinated and confused about the subject of UFOs and aliens. In over 15 years as a speaker, he notes that this book has captured the imagination and attention of people in a most remarkable and unprecedented way.

"Why does one of America's leading journalists devote a special two-hour program to this topic?" Bates notes in reference to the Peter Jennings' special on UFOs that aired on ABC Network last night. "I think it reflects the tremendous interest in this topic that exists in not only the United States, but the world as well."

Bates, who works on-staff in ministry development with *Creation Ministries International* in Australia, is completing a whirlwind tour promoting his new book, *Alien Intrusion: UFOs and The Evolution Connection*, with dozens of featured speaker events in California, Indiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky.

Bates has not only been presenting a fascinating exploration of UFO phenomenon in these presentations and with press interviews, but also boldly explores the connection of UFOs with the explosive creation vs. evolution debate, the hot button origins controversy which has raged since Darwin first published his theory 1859 and the Scopes Monkey Trial gripped headlines and shifted public debate to U.S. classrooms in 1925.

Bates explored the controversial origins debate, as well as UFOs, on the popular *Coast to Coast AM with George Noory* radio show. He also answered some of the most intriguing questions from the Bible - including the Nephilim which some believe were the offspring of angels and human females, and which were ultimately destroyed during the catastrophic worldwide flood associated with the biblical story of Noah and the ark.

The book quickly climbed the Amazon.com charts to become a top 50 best-seller following the interview, and continues to be popular with consumers at the site.

When discussing his study of and ultimately his conclusions about alien phenomenon, Bates makes a crucial point. "Although I'm a Christian, I would hope that my research and findings would not be excluded due to

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such; everyone approaches the evidence with preconceptions. My book is a genuine attempt to find answers to this persistent and puzzling phenomenon."

"The UFO believers love the Bible, thinking it to be a record of ancient extraterrestrial visits," Bates noted. "I'm only dealing with the subject matter that is common in UFOlogy."

*Alien Intrusion* is a unique and exciting new angle on a timeless mystery and audiences have been amazed at the information he has been giving about this issue. The reception has been particularly profound among Christians who have been confused about this phenomenon - and the extensive influences on popular culture that it has had.

"*Alien Intrusion* ultimately leads people to the realization that there is a spiritual dimension to our universe, and that the UFO phenomenon can only be satisfactorily answered by the Bible," Bates indicates.

Unlike many authors of UFO phenomenon, Bates is careful to avoid a 'one size fits all' explanation of every incident he explores, while skillfully pulling together common threads among the reported experiences that lead the reader to some startling, and for some, disturbing conclusions.

Bates notes in the book "There is an enormous spiritual battle going on which has eternal consequences for those involved, and it is more widespread than most people realize."

"All the evidence we have looked at points against these "alien" entities as being "extraterrestrials", i.e. from other planets," he continues. "However, they seem to be interdimensional, in the sense that they seem to be emanating from another dimension or realm".

He concludes the experiences are of a spiritual, even demonic, nature rather than actually extraterrestrial.

Some Christians feel that UFOlogy is the fastest-growing belief system in the world. UFOs are a controversial subject in their own right among not only Christians, but the population in general, and with the additional twist of the origins issue, Bates' presentation of the debate has been breaking new ground.

Bates' speaking tour has brought him into contact with some interesting characters, including those who actually believe that the Apollo moon missions were a total hoax-not to mention other conspiracies about government cover-ups, etc. And there have been many in the audience who have been confused about the possibility of life on other planets, not to mention biblical mysteries like the Nephilim and if UFOs are mentioned in the Bible - questions with answers to be found in the book.

All these sorts of 'angles' on a fascinating topic are thoroughly yet entertainingly covered in *Alien Intrusion*, which meets the claims of

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ufology head-on with tough questions and serious study on mysterious experiences and sightings which have been reported in a myriad of ways for centuries.

The book is causing a stir that both Christian and secular media are taking notice - and people are starting to debate the issues and its correlation to faith and our understanding of the universe in exciting new ways.