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The ancient life on Mars was eradicated by aliens armed with nuclear weapons, plasma physicist and an expert in propulsion technologies Dr John Brandenburg believes. He therefore warns that a nuclear attack of this kind will also happen on Earth.

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This 1999 Hubble telescope image shows Mars when Mars was 54 million miles (87 million kilometers) from Earth. A NASA spacecraft designed to investigate how Mars lost its water is expected to put itself into orbit around the Red Planet on Sunday after a 10-month journey. After traveling 442 million miles (711 million km) from Earth, the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution, or MAVEN, probe faces a do-or-die burn of its six braking rockets beginning at 9:37 p.m. EDT/0137 GMT.

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In his paper titled "[Evidence of a Massive Thermonuclear Explosion on Mars in the Past, The Cydonian Hypothesis and Fermi's Paradox.](#)" Brandenburg concludes that the Earth's interstellar neighbourhood has forces or beings hostile to young, noisy, civilisations like the ones people has on Earth. It is with the same reason that aliens launched a nuclear attack against the ancient life on Mars, he said.

Brandenburg outlined apparent evidence that immense nuclear explosions happened on Mars twice, attacking two sites of the early life -- the Cydonians and the Utopians. He said these two sites were erased by nuclear bombs launched by highly advanced aliens. He said the red colour of the surface of Mars proved that nuclear explosions happened on its surface. Back in 2011, he attributed the red colour with natural nuclear reaction or a nuclear device detonation. However, in his final paper presented during the 2014 Annual Fall Meeting of the American Physical Society Prairie Section in Monmouth, Illinois, he upheld that nuclear attacks from aliens caused the appearance that Mars has today.

Just recently, NASA's Mars Odyssey spacecraft was able to detect high concentrations of Xenon-129 in the Martian atmosphere. The same amount of concentration was also found following various nuclear incidents on Earth, including the Chernobyl disaster that happened back in 1986.

"Given the large amount of nuclear isotopes in Mars atmosphere resembling those from hydrogen bomb tests on Earth, Mars may present an example of civilisation wiped out by a nuclear attack from space," Brandenburg wrote in his paper.

"Providentially, we are forewarned of this possible aspect of the cosmos. The author therefore advocates that a human mission to Mars is mounted immediately to maximize knowledge of what occurred," he concluded.

While some scientists agreed that nuclear explosions destroyed life on Mars, they do not concur with Brandenburg's theory that the nuclear attacks were launched by aliens. A gradual and natural nuclear reaction happened on Mars, Dr. David Beaty a science manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said according to [Digital Journal](#). This belief was echoed by Dr. Lars Borg of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, geologist and former Apollo spacecraft astronaut Harrison Schmitt and scientist Edward McCullough.

Brandenburg is a former consultant on Space Missile Defence and Directed Energy Weapons and is currently holding post as researcher at Orbital Technologies in Madison Wisconsin. His paper will be published in the [Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics](#).

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