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The independent Labour Peer, Lord Stoddart of Swindon has rounded on Tory MP Nick Herbert for his "quite ridiculous use of language" and for trying to "scare people" into voting to stay in the EU, in the forthcoming referendum. Mr Herbert has described leaving the EU as a "jump into a void."

Lord Stoddart said: "It is a quite ridiculous language use of language, designed to scare people. A 'void' is nothingness. The truth is that by leaving the EU, the United Kingdom would be taking a bold step forward into the real world, by retrieving our right to govern ourselves unhampered by decisions taken by 27 unelected officials from other countries, most of which are inimical and unsuitable to the status and interests of the UK. This much needed freedom would enable us to trade on a worldwide basis, rather than on terms dictated by Brussels.

"The only 'void' would be in respect of the immediate cessation of our net annual payment of £10 billion and rising to Brussels, which could then be used to put funds back into our much neglected public services and give aid to industry

and agriculture.

“In my view, staying in the costly, incompetent, chaotic and corrupt EU is the biggest leap into darkness imaginable.”