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Our Beloved Prophet with Cameron and Andre performing during the Palm Springs Seminar... according to everyone, it was the best show ever... it truly was!

We are in favor of science as science is love. The supreme act of love is to destroy all diseases. Anne was given love, but she died. She needed science. 80 billions are spent in Iraq that could help science....

An Amazing US Seminar

If you missed it, you missed a lot ☺

We were about 270 following and enjoying deeply the teachings of our Beloved Prophet in hot Palm Springs last week where it was more than 40°C every day. The pool of the nice hotel chosen for that special edition of the US Continental Seminar was the main gathering area after the teachings, a place where special bonds were created, where dreams were exchanged, and where we all gathered on the last evening for an ultimate meditation lead by our Beloved Prophet under the moonlight.



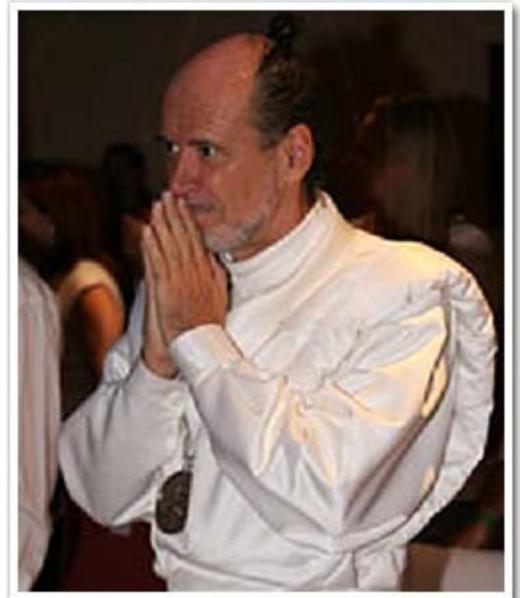
Some of us even had a surprise, seeing a colored object crossing the sky at a very high speed. Was that a "love ray" from our Creators? "It could be" said our Beloved Prophet. In any case, they were in our thoughts at that time and our love to them was beaming brightly towards the sky.

Our Beloved Prophet led us high every day and talked to the American hearts in a moving way, especially when he told the African-Americans to make Africa their priority! "Every person of African descent is African first and American second," he declared, refuting the commonly held patriotic logic of being American first. "African-Americans should make money in America to help Africa," he added. "This is the most beautiful thing they can do, to go back and invest in Africa, helping the black continent to become more powerful than America one day. An African-American who is rich and not investing in Africa is a traitor to the memory of his or her ancestors. By investing in Africa, rich African-Americans will not only help their ancestors' countries but can also greatly increase their personal wealth in a continent full of resources.

As usual we cannot disclose here the theme of the year as we want you all to discover it in due time if you attend the upcoming summer seminars in Europe and Asia (see www.rael.org for the dates). But here are a few excerpts of what he said, taken from notes.

"The Raelian Movement is the school of Real God's. This is where you can understand that we have the privilege to do what gods are supposed to do. For example, scientists said lately that they know how to push the Earth away from the sun if need be... moving planets was supposed to be an act of god only. We are almost almighty; we will be once we have destroyed death. The holy books don't understand anything. We have to realize that we are gods; we are equal to Elohim, becoming equal to them. Craig Venter is a good example, creating life from basic elements. They came on Earth and there was only soil, rocks. Then they created everything from these elements."

"If your garden is beautiful, it will encourage others to have a beautiful one too! A smile is the first gift of love. When you see someone smiling, you automatically feel better. Don't wait for a reason to smile, smile for no reason. The most important smile is the one you have when you wake up... wake up and smile, feeling good to be happy! Smile to the diversity of this humanity... Smile, you are on Elohim's camera ☺"



"It is a refined pleasure to be taken for an idiot by imbeciles"... (we all loved that one ☺)

"The only competition that is good is this one: how can I be the best Buddha in the World? I want to be the most humble - not very humble to say that but it's ok-, the most altruistic person on the planet, the one giving the most love. This is the only acceptable competition you can embark on. All other competitions are vain. This world doesn't need competition, it needs help and cooperation. We are one."

"If you make everybody else better than you, you will be the worst but at the same time, you will be the best."

"This country (USA) needs an enemy and since China is a little too powerful to deal with, some highly ranked military people are preparing for another enemy: little green aliens. We have to be careful to not let the US make people believe that violence and hatred come from space. Only love comes from space. How can they pretend to be protecting Earth from God ☺ . What they are trying to put in the brains of people isn't right. To be afraid of the sky is like being afraid of our neighbors. We should rather think of when we will have the chance to meet other loving civilizations!."

"Become the script-writer of your life. Don't feel obligated to play a script written by other people"...

He he, I am sure you will feel tempted to know more on how you can write your own script. Hope to see you at the next seminar with the best teacher, the one who brings information straight from those who created us, straight from the source, and the results speak from themselves, see for yourself ☺

Kathy attended her first seminar in Palm Springs and this is what she wrote...

This was a milestone week for me, a life-enhancing, magical week I'll never forget. The Palm Springs seminar brought all facets of my life together for the very first time, and I've never before experienced so much uninterrupted joy, love and laughter in just a few days.

Prophet Rael is one of the most riveting public speakers I've ever heard. Especially because he does them so spontaneously, his seminar talks are literally "out of this world." I enjoyed every moment of my first seminar

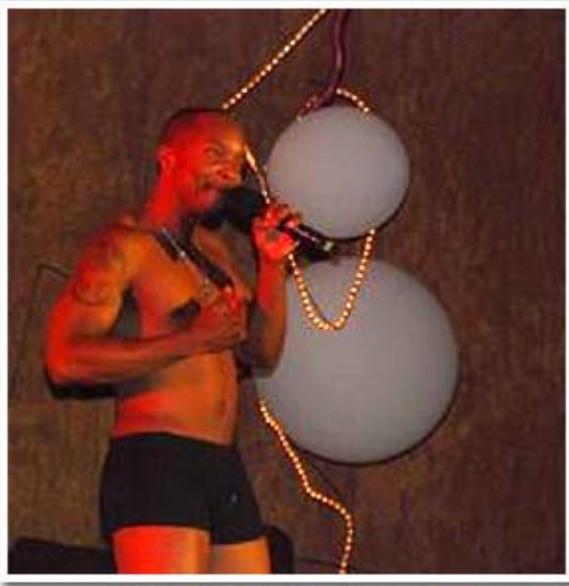
I've been a seeker all my life, as well as a musician and writer, but after my first seminar I'm no longer seeking. In Palm Springs, the jigsaw puzzle of ultimate questions I've pondered for decades was completed once and for all. On my own, despite my best efforts and decades of reading and research, I couldn't fit more than half of the pieces together. Now they all fit, face up, in one magnificent, completed picture of humanity's origin, development and future. For many different reasons, this was the best week I've ever spent. And the best part is there will be many more!

The Seminar in Pictures



Very impressive piercing during the show

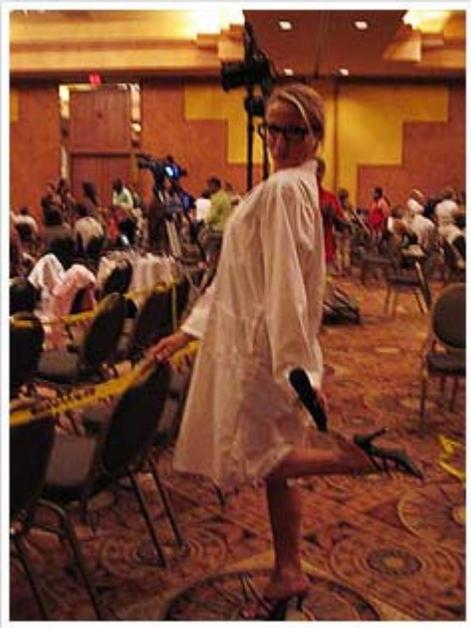
During a sensual evening



Tony touched us all with his songs



So did Nubia...



Lara, the sexy professor of sensuality...
not to miss!



Kids playing on sensual evening

WORDS of OUR BELOVED PROPHET

About Prostitution – Self-Enslavement

Recently a video was aired on youtube, showing women and young girls of Kama (Africa) trying to leave the continent using internet to find white westerners who would be willing to marry them, in order for them to have a more comfortable life. Uriel who is in charge of teaching in Africa asked our Beloved Prophet what he thinks of this situation. Here is what our Beloved Prophet answered:

“The fact that a ‘black girl looks for her white guy’ or that ‘a white guy looks for his black girl’ isn’t a problem if there is love. On the contrary, it is rather good for mixing races and fighting against racist prejudices. By mixing races we create this melting pot which will one day lead to a unique race like on the Elohim planet, gathering all the advantages of each one of the original races.

It is even possible that the Elohim in their macro-biological vision, had planted in each race voluntarily genes fighting against diseases which, when combined will make all diseases disappear. This is just a thought...

The problem arises when, whatever their skin color is, someone is looking for material advantages without love. This is called prostitution. Whether it happens between white people or between different races, whether it is a permanent situation or a temporary one, to marry someone rich just for their money is as much prostitution as selling oneself along a sidewalk.. The only difference is that in the first case it is part of our institution and considered “respectable” by our society, while the other one is not, despite the fact that there is actually no difference between the two cases. This being said, if both parties have advantages in their agreement where one brings youth and beauty and the other one brings money, there is no reason to condemn such deals in a world lead by money, whether it is a temporary situation like in prostitution or a more permanent one by marriage.

It is also true that the ideal society towards which we are leaning hopefully will not use money anymore and hence will not know prostitution, neither from marriage nor from temporary prostitution.

But what is most important is to draw a parallel between colonization and slavery and relationships between men and women in rich and poor countries. A woman who leaves her country to marry a black or white man only for his money is somehow voluntarily enslaved and participates in a process of sexual colonization of Africa where the most beautiful women are pillaged thanks to an economical superiority. It is true that these women are consenting. However their decision is acceptable only if they consciously choose this solution as a temporary situation, having in mind to divorce one day and to come back rich and possibly educated, in order to develop Africa. It is a little bit like the African students who come to American universities and choose to come back to Kama afterwards. The African women could take advantage of such marriages to go to school in a rich country and to leave once they have their diploma, to enrich Africa with their competencies. The pillaged must pillage in return. In such a case it is acceptable for those who have no other solutions than take advantage of their beauty and youth to go and finish their studies.

They should have the discipline to not have children with the person they don’t really love as they would attach themselves to him for ever and prevent their return.

The real solution however is for the United Kingdoms of Kama to use their exceptional means and resources to provide education to all their inhabitants as well as enough goods so that no African women is ever tempted again to prostitute herself in rich countries by marrying one of their citizens. This will be possible only once the federation of the United Kingdoms of Kama is accomplished.

The liberation of African women will occur once Africa has gone through a political revolution which will lead to economical and educational revolutions. This is why we need to push the Raelian women of Kama to get involved in politics as much as the men and even more!

Love RAEL

Regarding Germany refusing a production company to film with Tom Cruise on their land because he is Scientologist!!!

"What better way to recall the Nazi era than by denying a man work due to his beliefs." this is what the whole world thinks, except for Germany and France which were partners in anti-Semitic actions during WW2.

It's time to teach a lesson to German and French people about respecting the freedom of religion and freedom of thought granted by Human Rights. France should also cancel the cult list made by its parliament which de facto made million of its citizens, members of religious minorities, social pariahs; it should dismantle the government agency called MIVILUDES which is a kind of "belief Gestapo", and stop financing associations like UNADEFI, the purpose of which is to officially promote intolerance and religious discrimination.

Germany and France didn't learn their lesson and are again creating sub-citizens according to their belief. It is time for the whole world to protest officially and use international agencies like UNO to publicly condemn France and Germany and impose economic sanctions on them. Boycotting German and French products is the first move that all Human Right loving governments and individuals should do. How can you be a scientologist and drive a Mercedes or a BMW? The US Scientologists should be the first to boycott German cars and French wines and all other religious minorities worldwide should do the same until French and Germany apologize and amend their policies.

RAEL

We have to stand up

We received the following email which is definitely worth reading... followed by our Beloved Prophet's comment..

A man whose family was German aristocracy prior to World War Two owned a number of large industries and estates. When asked how many German people were true Nazis, the answer he gave can guide our attitude towards fanaticism.

"Very few people were true Nazis "he said," but many enjoyed the return of German pride, and many more were too busy to care. I was one of those who just thought the Nazis were a bunch of fools. So, the majority just sat back and let it all happen. Then, before we knew it, they owned us, and we had lost control, and the end of the world had come. My family lost everything. I ended up in a concentration camp and the Allies destroyed my factories."

We are told again and again by "experts" and "talking heads" that Islam is the religion of peace, and that the vast majority of Muslims just want to live in peace.

Although this unqualified assertion may be true, it is entirely irrelevant. It is meaningless fluff, meant to make us feel better, and meant to somehow diminish the specter of fanatics rampaging across the globe in the name of Islam. The fact is that the fanatics rule Islam at this moment in history.

It is the fanatics who march.

It is the fanatics who wage any one of 50 shooting wars worldwide.

It is the fanatics who systematically slaughter Christian or tribal groups throughout Africa and are gradually taking over the entire continent in an Islamic wave.

It is the fanatics who bomb, behead, murder, or honor kill.

It is the fanatics who take over mosque after mosque.

It is the fanatics who zealously spread the stoning and hanging of rape victims and homosexuals.

The hard quantifiable fact is that the "peaceful majority", the "silent majority" is cowed and extraneous.

Communist Russia comprised Russians who just wanted to live in peace, yet the Russian Communists were responsible for the murder of about 20 million people. The peaceful majority were irrelevant.

China's huge population, it was peaceful as well, but Chinese Communists managed to kill a staggering 70 million people.

The average Japanese individual prior to World War 2 was not a warmongering sadist. Yet, Japan murdered and slaughtered its way across South East Asia in an orgy of killing that included the systematic murder of 12 million Chinese civilians; most killed by sword, shovel and bayonet.

And, who can forget Rwanda, which collapsed into butchery. Could it not be said that the majority of Rwandans were "peace loving"?

History lessons are often incredibly simple and blunt, yet for all our powers of reason we often miss the most basic and uncomplicated of points: Peace-loving Muslims have been made irrelevant by their silence.

Peace-loving Muslims will become our enemy if they don't speak up, because like my friend from Germany, they will awake one day and find that the fanatics own them, and the end of their world will have begun.

Peace-loving Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Russians, Rwandans, Serbs Afghans, Iraqis, Palestinians, Somalis, Nigerians, Algerians, and many others have died because the peaceful majority did not speak up until it was too late.

As for us who watch it all unfold; we must pay attention to the only group that counts; the fanatics who threaten our way of life.

Lastly, at the risk of offending, anyone who doubts that the issue is serious and just deletes this email without sending it on, can contribute to the passiveness that allows the problems to expand.

So, extend yourself a bit and send this on and on and on!! Let us hope that thousands, world wide, read this - think about it - and send it on.

Our Beloved Prophet's comments:

"This applies also to the people who don't move a finger when fanatics against religious freedom attack religious minorities which they called "sects" or "cults" ... It is the responsibility of every human being to stand up against fanaticism and hatred and not to just look at it thinking that it is not so bad...That applies especially when journalists dare to attack religious minorities they call "sects" and the dignity of their members.

Real human beings must stand up and say "NO, you can't do that" ... It takes courage to stand up yes...but it's the only way not to bare later a collective responsibility while saying "we didn't know"... A great thinker said it right when he declared: I don't agree with your opinion and belief but I will fight till the end for your freedom to express them".

So, before forwarding this message to all your friends ask yourself THE question : are you sitting while crime against human rights are prepared and perpetrated, laughing stupidly at the strange belief of these strange cults and thinking ""in a way they deserve to be insulted because their beliefs are strange " or do you stand up before it's too late ?."

Love RAEL

Could a Member of the Raelian Movement Participate in Politics and be Elected ?

This question was asked following the candidacy of the National Guide of Congo as a house representative.

Here is what our Beloved Prophet answered:

"There are no objections to the fact that a member of our structures do politics or become elected as an independent. There have been famous precedent with 'Chanoine Kir' who was the mayor of Dijon in France. He must however be independent and not a member of an existing party, except of course if there is a Raelian party. It is actually not only acceptable but recommended that Raelians have political activities outside of the traditional political parties.

One politician once said 'if you don't take care of politics, politics is taking care of you' and the German Jews realized it just like the members of 'sects' do today with the Milivudes in France. So to see in many countries one day the creation of a political party called the 'Raelian Democrat Party' like they have the 'Christian democrat party' in Germany, is highly desirable in order to promote our values and have the members of religious minorities in general respected, especially the Raelians."

Love RAEL

NEWS AND VIEWS

OUR SUPPORT

Our support was sent to **Robert Fisk** who wrote a beautiful article about Palestine on the Independent (read his article at the end of this newsletter)

To **Mr Denis**, a French Scientologist who was fired from a nuclear plant in France because of his religion as the director thought he could be a threat to security.... A French court confirmed last week that the director was right to fire that engineer, will France really change one day? Mr Denis is now living in the US like many of the discriminated Raelians...

To two **lesbian teenagers** who were kicked off a bus in Oregon, when a passenger complained about them kissing each other.



To **Jill Cocco**, a New York artist arrested by police when she went on a topless stroll two years ago.

She just won her case and was paid \$29k for violating her rights - her rights being decided in a previous NY court that women had the right to go topless if men had the right. Our Beloved Prophet has always wanted to organize through the whole America, a topless right day for women saying that as long as men can be topless constitutionally, women should have the same right or men should also be forced to wear something hiding their tits. He said: "I hope she can join us in promoting this day for equal treatments of men and women where all Raelian girls should expose their breast in a national protest day." A new website promoting the idea, www.gotopless.org is in preparation... we will soon let you know when will this national topless day for equal treatment of women be...

(Lisa, Raelian Guide in Miami, during a demonstration to promote

femininity on March 60 a.H.)

A Note about death.... By Shizue

As you may know, our sister Anne from Canada passed away a few days ago and the Canadian members who gathered in Montreal the day after her death, for their monthly gathering, had a thought for her... Here is what Shizue shared afterwards, a very important part of our philosophy...

I was very happy to see you all today at the monthly gathering in Montreal.

It was a great idea to talk about art, and discover the wonderful artists we have, I had such a great time and bravo again to the whole team.

I just noticed something about the part regarding the death of Anne Lebeuf, and if I may, please allow me to share my reflection.

I found the words of love from Orev so wonderful and full of love as always, but I felt suddenly, maybe because of the music and the way it was presented, I felt that the atmosphere went down to a sad mode... I could feel it in the air and could hear a few people crying. Maybe some of them were crying for the beautiful emotion from the beautiful words of Orev.

But I also felt it went a little too serious.

I thought maybe it would be mentioned after to recuperate, and yes... somehow it did in other subjects as the program went on with joy and funny moments.

But the more I think about it, I believe it would have been better to have some words said during THIS SUBJECT right after to remind us all that death is not a sad event. I regret myself that I did not say it during the meeting...

I believe death is a very important part of our philosophy which makes a big difference compared to other religions; I feel it is important to clearly show it to the public and especially to Raelians so that we "celebrate" this event with joy.

I think we should be revolutionary in the way we act, especially during events like this, by laughing and even making joke about it, like the last message our brother Real Theriault left us with his death on this earth by being a clown. Our beloved Prophet reminds us always that we are not like Catholics, who believe in paradise and at the same time are sad when someone dies, in contradiction with their beliefs.

In the message, it is said: "Death should not be an occasion for sad gathering; on the contrary, it should be a time of joyful celebration, because it is the moment when the beloved one may perhaps reach the paradise of eternal in the company of our creators, the Elohim."

After the gathering, her brother Dominique told me that the day Anne was found dead in the morning, her face was smiling ☺

I communicated with Anne often, we always joked and she was funny, playful until the end.

I am so happy that she is free from suffering now and maybe joining Real having fun right now!

Thank you very much all for reading my reflection.

Love to you all,

Shizue

On a side note: Irene, Anne's mother, was at the Palm Springs seminar, full of love as usual and helping other people to not feel sad about the death of her daughter... a beautiful Raelian example.

Rael initiates new “Seven World Wonders” poll, declares ‘old stones and ruins’ insignificant beside 21st century technology

RAEL said it’s shocking that more than 100 million people voted for “old stones and ruins” in a poll naming the new Seven Wonders of the World.

“People need to wake up – we’re in 2007,” he said. We’re not only in the era of electronics and computerization but traveling and residing in outer space. Those are the real wonders of today.”

Accordingly, he has launched a new survey at www.realwondersoftheworld.org that asks people to vote about the *current* Seven Wonders of the World. He hopes the results will give much more emphasis to modern science and technology. In a statement released July 9 to promote the new survey, Rael said:

“The real Seven Wonders of the World today aren’t the same old stones and ruins from vanished civilizations. The new list should be selected from modern achievements, such as the International Space Station; the Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur; the artificial residential islands of Dubai; the Aswan High Dam on the Nile River; the Three Gorges Dam on China’s Yangtze River that is five times larger than Hoover Dam; computers and the Internet; and particle accelerators. And of course there are many others. Those are just a few examples.”

He added that while it’s understandable that the ancient Greek observers who compiled the first “Wonders of the World” list a few centuries BCE would include structures best known in their time, such as The Great Pyramids of Giza, we have “more important wonders” to include today.

“Twenty-plus centuries later, the collective human genius has in a very short time produced scientific achievements that would have been declared magical by people living only 100 years ago,” Rael explained. “But where are those astounding modern achievements in the news? At most, they’re 20-second sound bite filler material at the very end of network broadcasts, or even relegated to the back pages of our leading newspapers.”

Further, he said the public is conditioned by the mass media to admire achievements of the past rather than technological wonders of today, and that the latest scientific discoveries get short shrift in the torrent of pseudo-news centered on the latest escapades of celebrities.

As described by Rael, the Raelian philosophy promotes science and new technologies because, “They liberate mankind from the myth of God and help free us from age-old fears of disease and death. They also free us from the sweat of physical labor.”

He asked, “Should we elect a wonder to the honored list for the amount of labor involved in its making, or for the ingeniousness involved? I hope this new survey will help people better appreciate the exceptional creativity of today’s geniuses.”

RAELIAN PLANET'S NEWS

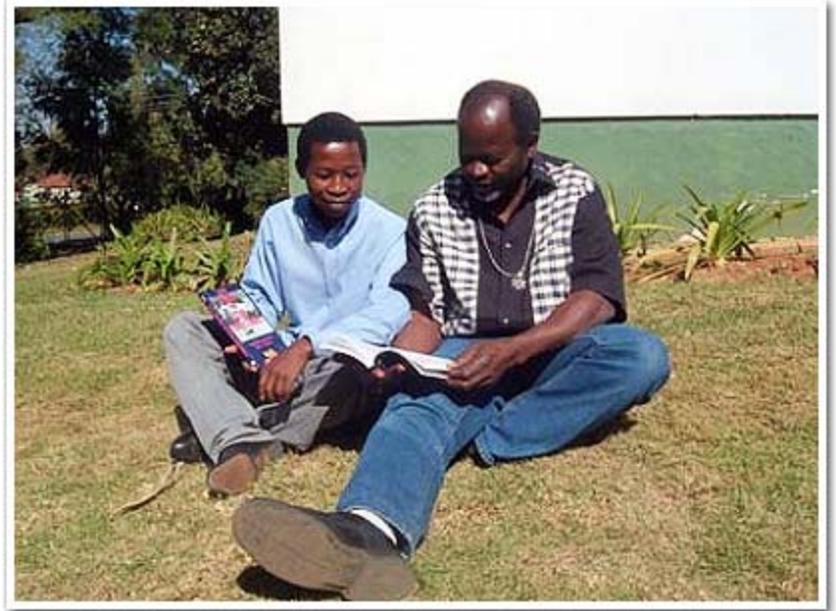
Lamane's tour in East and South Kama...

In Lesotho:

A student has committed himself to spread the Messages in the young communities. He has one book and a copy of a DVD summarizing the Messages.

In Swaziland:

Phumlani and Mlungisi Zwane are committed as well. They have finished reading the books. Mlungisi is a teacher in a small college, he is the most passionate. He wants to go to South Africa to have his transmission done in August. He is ready to represent us on radio and TV and doesn't mind being the leader here in the kingdom!



In South Africa:

The National Guide Gildas Mahouassa decided on a strategy which is to create small diffusion cells in each big city all of them coordinated from Johannesburg. The cells of Johannesburg, Randfontein and Pretoria (after the conference at UNISA) are already built. Gildas is talking with some people to organize the same in Port Elisabeth, Cape Town , Bloomfontein and later Durban.



In Johannesburg:

Winnie, an employee in a big company, and Rebecca a student about to finish her degree, both are awaiting August 6 with excitement to have their transmission. Winnie is also impatient to see our Beloved Prophet at the seminar in December..... hmmm!

In the picture: Neal, Winnie, Tony, Gildas (National Guide) and Rebecca during a Raelian afternoon party at Neal's in Randfontein . The party must have been great since Neal asked the National Guide to provide him with 200 copies of "The Message Given By Extraterrestrials!"

Photo on Right: The little team of Johannesburg ready to support the National Guide Gildas (with the hat), Rebecca, Winnie, and Princesse (Level 3 from Congo Mfoa).

The dream of the South-African Raelians is to be numerous enough for the Continental Guide to organize seminars with our Beloved Prophet in South Africa in 2010... ☺



In Zimbabwe:

A small team of 3 young and dynamic people lead by Tawanda (one of them) who teaches in primary school.

This young Tawanda has been sending the press releases of our Beloved Prophet to the media of the country, last May, when our Beloved Prophet was asking President Mugabe and the people of Zimbabwe to apostatize massively.

Despite from the fact that the media didn't publish the content of our press releases, their sending had a positive impact since National Radio gave him a 30 minute time slot to present the Messages in the National Language. He also sent the press release to the President's Office and he told me that he will also make sure that all the letters sent by our Beloved Prophet to President Mugabe reach their destination.

I deeply want to go back to East and South Kama at the end of July to complete my diffusion tour in the region, going to Kenya where 10 transmissions are expected in August, then in Tanzania, Malawi, Botswana and Namibia.

With lots of pleasure, thanks to the dynamic Gildas, National Guide of SA who took great care of me :-))

Love, Lamane

It's Moving in Puerto Rico!

My brother, the doctor Adrian Giraldo and I, had a radio interview on WKAQ and Radio Univision. The program lasted two hours and was aired in Puerto Rico and in the USA. From the beginning of the program, people have called the station, they were very interested by our philosophy.

All the questions were very positive and none were against our philosophy or our religion. It has been a very exciting and fun program. I have been able to explain the main points and geniocracy in details.

Now I hope that people will contact me and that many will read the Messages. Since the show was a success, the producer wants to do another one with my brother and myself this coming August. We will talk then about Human Cloning and Sensual Meditation.

Willy Giraldo, *National Guide of Puerto Rico*

IN SLOVENIA

Being in Slovenia since the beginning of May, I joined the Slovenian Raelian Team on May 23rd for a conference at the University of Maribor, the second biggest town in the country. The conference was given by Gregor and Mladen, the National Guide. The theme was the Messages of course and a link with the Universe and the possibility of other extraterrestrial lives.

To be able to organize a conference in a university was quite a surprise for me coming from France, but I was also very surprised by the talent and the competence of this young Slovenian team.

Gregor presented a superb slide show – i hope you will all see it - which he realized all by himself, using pictures of the sky, stars, planets, which he shot himself with a telescope. He made us travel in space during the one hour, enhancing the beauty, immensity and most probable infinity of lives in the universe. He then went on with the different theories of Intelligent Design and on the Messages given by our Fathers, brought by our Prophet.

It has been a beautiful moment of diffusion of the Messages of our Fathers in this small part of Europe. Congratulations to Gregor for the realization of this super slide-show, Mladen, Vule, Iztok and the whole Slovenian team with its enthusiasm and dynamism.

Love, Milan

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

On Friday June 8th, it was the Tel Aviv's turn to tease the religious people who are harassing gay prides organized in the country. But in sin city, they had a harder time to oppose it as the euphoria and enthusiasm of the participants shook their old principles.

The city of Tel Aviv is modern, free and no one judges anybody. One can see homosexual people holding hands or kissing each other and they won't be singled out. The religious people are not pleased of course and they are trying harder, marching with banners talking about "Animal Pride". Yes, this is how they named the parade.

We Raelians are always there to support this parade and we have lots of fun.

Kisses

Joce :-)

Leon adds:

Just like last year, we will also be in Jerusalem to support the right to be different.

We have to remember that last year, the day before the parade, religious people had covered donkeys, cows, goats and dogs with gay pride colored banners and they declared it "Animal Pride". This is how they consider gay people. They must have forgotten a few commandments like "love your neighbor as yourself" and "thou shalt not kill".

They intend to use tear gases and promise that blood will be spread if the parade happens but the police will be there and us as well ;-) - Leon Mellul



Gay Pride in Australia

What a wonderful Pride presence we had this year!!!! Zabou, Lea and I were in the march and those pictures will be available later. I'm also sending a second email of images as well today.

The entire day was a great success for us. I sincerely felt we've come of age with the gay community here. There was a great deal of interest and all our stickers had gone by mid-afternoon. Our message 'F**K Homophobic Religions - The Future Is Beautiful' really meant something to the crowd. Naturally there were a few gay people confronted by it, as religious groups have a small presence at Gay Pride. The greater majority were extremely encouraged by and approving of our message.

However very vocal homophobic Christians always placard and scream at the crowd gathering for the march. This year I was able to hold our sign up in front of them. When I turned around to show the crowd what was written on it there were huge yelps of delight and great outbursts of laughter. It was a wonderful moment and one that will be talked about for some time.

Lots of Love
Lucifer

The Melbourne Mini Seminar

The very first Melbourne Mini seminar was held at the Alpine Retreat, Warburton on the Queen's Birthday Weekend (9-11 June); an hour and a half out of Melbourne. The scenery was breath-taking with lush green forests surrounding the quaint township with wonderful sunny weather.

We all met to share a meal at lunch time on Saturday with a mixture of old and new Raelians coming from near and far. Josh, one of the 'new' Raelian had this to say: "As a new Raelian, I found that the mini-seminar blew my mind! The mini-seminar was a great chance to live the Raelian lifestyle with other like-minded people and it was a great chance to really connect with people. I had no idea that I had so many other like-minded brothers and sisters. I found that the seminar really reinforced the Messages in my mind and that it recharged my motivation and enthusiasm. I had a fantastic time!"

Another new face came to the mini seminar after just reading the books on the internet a little over a week ago. Chris contacted Justine only two days before the seminar and decided to come, though to all of us it was like he had been Raelian for years.

We watched a documentary from Dr Bruce Lipton on 'The New Biology'. It was wonderful to see a scientist backing up the information that Rael has been teaching for over thirty years now. We played charades, guessing words and sentences from the Messages, we had lots of laughs and shared lots of love. Met and welcomed new members. Got out into nature and found our creativity. Mediated, learnt, cuddled, kissed, giggled, played, shared, loved one another and felt free.



It is a dream come true: The Melbourne Raelian team is growing from strength to strength. And to be one of the founding members is such an immense privilege.

Thank you RAEL for giving us all the chance to truly make a difference.

Love Samantha-Jayne.



Two Major Articles For You To Enjoy

Welcome to Palestine

Fisk: <http://news.independent.co.uk/fisk/article2663199.ece>

Robert Fisk: Welcome to 'Palestine'

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How troublesome the Muslims of the Middle East are. First, we demand that the Palestinians embrace democracy and then they elect the wrong party - Hamas - and then Hamas wins a mini-civil war and presides over the Gaza Strip. And we Westerners still want to negotiate with the discredited President, Mahmoud Abbas. Today "Palestine" - and let's keep those quotation marks in place - has two Prime Ministers. Welcome to the Middle East.

Who can we negotiate with? To whom do we talk? Well of course, we should have talked to Hamas months ago. But we didn't like the democratically elected government of the Palestinian people. They were supposed to have voted for Fatah and its corrupt leadership. But they voted for Hamas, which declines to recognise Israel or abide by the totally discredited Oslo agreement.

No one asked - on our side - which particular Israel Hamas was supposed to recognise. The Israel of 1948? The Israel of the post-1967 borders? The Israel which builds - and goes on building - vast settlements for Jews and Jews only on Arab land, gobbling up even more of the 22 per cent of "Palestine" still left to negotiate over ?

And so today, we are supposed to talk to our faithful policeman, Mr Abbas, the "moderate" (as the BBC, CNN and Fox News refer to him) Palestinian leader, a man who wrote a 600-page book about Oslo without once mentioning the word "occupation", who always referred to Israeli "redeployment" rather than "withdrawal", a "leader" we can trust because he wears a tie and goes to the White House and says all the right things. The Palestinians didn't vote for Hamas because they wanted an Islamic republic - which is how Hamas's bloody victory will be represented - but because they were tired of the corruption of Mr Abbas's Fatah and the rotten nature of the "Palestinian Authority".

I recall years ago being summoned to the home of a PA official whose walls had just been punctured by an Israeli tank shell. All true. But what struck me were the gold-plated taps in his bathroom. Those taps - or variations of them - were what cost Fatah its election. Palestinians wanted an end to corruption - the cancer of the Arab world - and so they voted for Hamas and thus we, the all-wise, all-good West, decided to sanction them and starve them and bully them for exercising their free vote. Maybe we should offer "Palestine" EU membership if it would be gracious enough to vote for the right people?

All over the Middle East, it is the same. We support Hamid Karzai in Afghanistan, even though he keeps warlords and drug barons in his government (and, by the way, we really are sorry about all those innocent Afghan civilians we are killing in our "war on terror" in the wastelands of Helmand province).

We love Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, whose torturers have not yet finished with the Muslim Brotherhood politicians recently arrested outside Cairo, whose presidency received the warm support of Mrs - yes Mrs - George W Bush - and whose succession will almost certainly pass to his son, Gamal.

We adore Muammar Gaddafi, the crazed dictator of Libya whose werewolves have murdered his opponents abroad, whose plot to murder King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia preceded Tony Blair's recent visit to Tripoli - Colonel Gaddafi, it should be remembered, was called a "statesman" by Jack Straw for abandoning his non-existent nuclear ambitions - and whose "democracy" is perfectly acceptable to us because he is on our side in the "war on terror".

Yes, and we love King Abdullah's unconstitutional monarchy in Jordan, and all the princes and emirs of the Gulf, especially those who are paid such vast bribes by our arms companies that even Scotland Yard has to close down its investigations on the orders of our prime minister - and yes, I can indeed see why he doesn't like The Independent's coverage of what he quaintly calls "the Middle East". If only the Arabs - and the Iranians - would support our kings and shahs and princes whose sons and daughters are educated at Oxford and Harvard, how much easier the "Middle East" would be to control.

For that is what it is about - control - and that is why we hold out, and withdraw, favours from their leaders. Now Gaza belongs to Hamas, what will our own elected leaders do? Will our pontificators in the EU, the UN, Washington and Moscow now have to talk to these wretched, ungrateful people (fear not, for they will not be able to shake hands) or will they have to acknowledge the West Bank version of Palestine (Abbas, the safe pair of hands) while ignoring the elected, militarily successful Hamas in Gaza?

It's easy, of course, to call down a curse on both their houses. But that's what we say about the whole Middle East. If only Bashar al-Assad wasn't President of Syria (heaven knows what the alternative would be) or if the cracked President Mahmoud Ahmedinejad wasn't in control of Iran (even if he doesn't actually know one end of a nuclear missile from the other).

If only Lebanon was a home-grown democracy like our own little back-lawn countries - Belgium, for example, or Luxembourg. But no, those pesky Middle Easterners vote for the wrong people, support the wrong people, love the wrong people, don't behave like us civilised Westerners.

So what will we do? Support the reoccupation of Gaza perhaps? Certainly we will not criticise Israel. And we shall go on giving our affection to the kings and princes and unlovely presidents of the Middle East until the whole place blows up in our faces and then we shall say - as we are already saying of the Iraqis - that they don't deserve our sacrifice and our love.

How do we deal with a coup d'état by an elected government?

The following article was declared as "one of the most important of the year, maybe of the century" by our Beloved Prophet. He added : "it would be great to create a parallel between what the author describes and what people in Europe and Québec believing in the "war on cults or sects" are doing and thinking ..."

A Culture of Atrocity by Chris Hedges

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All troops, when they occupy and battle insurgent forces, as in Iraq, or Gaza or Vietnam, are swiftly placed in what the psychiatrist Robert Jay Lifton terms "atrocious-producing situations." In this environment, surrounded by a hostile population, simple acts such as going to a store to buy a can of Coke or driving down a street means you can be killed. This constant fear and stress leads troops to view everyone around them as the enemy. The hostility is compounded when the enemy, as in Iraq, is elusive, shadowy and hard to find. The rage that soldiers feel after a roadside bomb explodes, killing or maiming their comrades, is one that is easily directed over time to innocent civilians who are seen as supporting the insurgents. It is a short psychological leap, but a massive moral one. It is a leap from killing - the shooting of someone who has the capacity to do you harm - to murder - the deadly assault against someone who cannot harm you. The war in Iraq is now primarily about murder. There is very little killing.

American Marines and soldiers have become, after four years of war, acclimated to atrocity.

The American killing project is not described in these terms to the distant public. The politicians still speak in the abstract of glory, honor and heroism, of the necessity of improving the world, in lofty phrases of political and spiritual renewal. The press, as in most wars, is slavishly compliant. The reality of the war-the fact that the occupation forces have become, along with the rampaging militias, a source of terror to most Iraqis-is not transmitted to the American public. The press chronicles the physical and emotional wounds visited on those who kill in our name. The Iraqis, those we kill, are largely nameless, faceless dead. Those who kill large numbers of people always claim it as a regrettable but necessary virtue.

The reality and the mythic narrative of war collide when embittered combat veterans return home. They find themselves estranged from the world around them, a world that still believes in the myth of war and the virtues of the nation.

Tina Susman in a June 12 article in the Los Angeles Times gave readers a rare glimpse into this side of the war. She wrote about a 17-year-old Iraqi boy killed by the wild, random fire unleashed by American soldiers in a Baghdad neighborhood following a bomb blast. These killings, which Iraqis say occur daily, are seldom confirmed, but in this case the boy was the son of a local Los Angeles Times employee.

Iraqi physicians, overseen by epidemiologists at Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health, published a study last year in the British medical journal *The Lancet*. The study estimated that 655,000 more people than normal have died in Iraq since coalition forces invaded the country in March 2003. This is more than 20 times the estimate of 30,000 civilian deaths that President Bush gave in a speech last December.

Of the total 655,000 estimated "excess deaths," 601,000 resulted from violence. The remaining deaths occurred from disease and other causes, according to the study. This is about 500 additional violent deaths per day throughout the country.

Lt. Col. Andrew J. Bacevich, a Vietnam veteran who is a professor of international relations at Boston University, estimated last year that U.S. troops had killed "tens of thousands" of innocent Iraqis through accidents or reckless fire.

Official figures have ceased to exist. The Iraqi government no longer releases the number of civilian casualties and the U.S. military does not usually give reports about civilians killed or wounded by U.S. forces.

"It's a psychological thing. When one U.S. soldier gets killed or injured, they shoot in vengeance," Alaa Safi told the Los Angeles Times. He said his brother, Ahmed, was killed April 4 when U.S. troops riddled the streets of their southwestern Baghdad neighborhood with bullets after a sniper attack.

War is the pornography of violence. It has a dark beauty, filled with the monstrous and the grotesque. The Bible calls it "the lust of the eye" and warns believers against it. War allows us to engage in primal impulses we keep hidden in the deepest, most private interiors of our fantasy life. It allows us to destroy not only things but human beings. In that moment of wholesale destruction, we wield the power of the divine, the power to give or annihilate life. Armed units become crazed by the frenzy of destruction. All things, including human beings, become objects-objects to either gratify or destroy or both. Almost no one is immune. The contagion of the crowd sees to that.

Human beings are machine-gunned and bombed from the air, automatic grenade launchers pepper hovels and neighborhoods with high-powered explosives, and convoys tear through Iraq, speeding freight trains of death. These soldiers and Marines have at their fingertips the heady ability to call in firepower that obliterates landscapes and villages.

The moral universe is turned upside down. No one walks away uninfected. War thrusts us into a vortex of barbarity, pain and fleeting ecstasy. It thrusts us into a world where law is of little consequence.

It takes little in wartime to turn ordinary men and women into killers. Most give themselves willingly to the seduction of unlimited power to destroy. All feel the peer pressure to conform. Few, once in battle, find the strength to resist gratuitous slaughter. Physical courage is common on a battlefield. Moral courage is not.

Military machines and state bureaucracies, which seek to make us obey, seek also to silence those who return from war and speak the truth.

Besides, the public has little desire to puncture the mythic, heroic narrative. The essence of war, which is death, is carefully masked from view. The few lone journalists who attempt to speak the truth about war, to describe the experience of constantly being on the receiving end of American firepower, soon become pariahs, no longer able to embed with the military, dine out with officials in the Green Zone or get press credentials. And so the vast majority of the press lies to us, although not overtly; it is the lie of omission, but it is a lie nonetheless.

The veterans who return, even if they do not speak about the atrocities they have committed or witnessed in Iraq, will spend the rest of their lives coping with what they have done. They will suffer delayed reactions to stress. They will endure, as have those who returned from Vietnam, a crisis of faith. The God they knew, or thought they knew, failed them. The high priests of our civic religion, from politicians to preachers to television pundits, who promised them glory and honor through war betrayed them.

War is always about betrayal, betrayal of the young by the old, of idealists by cynics and of troops by politicians. This bitter knowledge of betrayal is seeping into the ranks of the American military. It is bringing us a new wave of enraged and disenfranchised veterans who will never again trust the country that sent them to war.

We make our heroes out of clay. We laud their gallant deeds. We give them uniforms with colored ribbons for the acts of violence they committed or endured. They are our false repositories of glory and honor, of power, of self-righteousness, of patriotism and self-worship, all that we want to believe about ourselves. They are our plaster saints, the icons we cheer to defend us and make us and our nation great. They are the props of our demented civic religion, our love of power and force, our belief in our right as a chosen nation to wield this force against the weak. This is our nation's idolatry of itself.

Prophets are not those who speak of piety and duty from pulpits-there are few people in pulpits worth listening to. The prophets are the battered wrecks of men and women who return from Iraq and find the courage to speak the halting words we do not want to hear, words that we must hear and digest in order to know ourselves. These veterans, the ones who dare to tell the truth, have seen and tasted how war plunges us into barbarity, perversion, pain and an unchecked orgy of death. And it is their testimonies, if we take the time to listen, which alone can save us.

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