

FROM ONE SEMINAR TO THE NEXT

The Las Vegas seminar with the Prophet Rael himself just ended. It has been a memorable one with meditations in the desert and much more. A special report will be published in the next issue of this publication. In the weeks before, several meetings and seminars were held around the planet....

In Québec - Canada (*by Jean Riendeau*)

An enchanting seminar full of sensuality and consciousness



What could be better than a week end of training in a charming and secluded location on top of a mountain in the north of Montreal, in the Laurentides... After all we deserve the best !

The 150 participants mainly coming from Quebec and Ontario filled the Far Hills Inn for two days and transformed it in a real raelian center....

(On the picture, from left to right, Pierre Bolduc, national guide, Daniel Chabot, planetary responsible for teaching and

Daniel Turcotte, assistant to the continental guide for South America)

The teachings under "Captain" Michel Chabot supervision were of high quality. On the first day we sailed in groups through the philosophy, the messages and the teachings of our

Beloved Prophet. The second day was dedicated to workshops on self confidence, charisma, leadership and refinement of our gestures.

Between these workshops, the videos, the meditations, we could feel a special bond being built between us, we were one, in harmony and on our way to the Embassy.

When asked how to keep our panoramic view and trust in the structure decision, Rejean Proulx, wise among the wisest, gave us his recipe :

- Read and read again the Messages
- Meditate every day
- Read the prayer to the Elohim every day

He also said in conclusion : « *it would be very arrogant to pretend that the negative around us would never reach us. It is then wise to avoid it at all cost as it can plant doubts in us and doubt could destroy so easily* » Thank you dear Réjean to bring us back to the source!

In the middle of Europe...

The European guides were gathered in a breathtaking site in Switzerland, Les Marécottes for a few days of debates around their continental guide Gerard Jeandupeux...



In Australia....by Pete

The first weekend of May 59' Aquarius, saw the Australian RAELian family come together for three days of love, fun, bliss and some fantastic teachings from the "Home Grown" team as well as beautiful words and insights from our beloved Prophet :) As we did twelve months before we all congregated in Sydney and our beautiful angel Sonja opened up her home and heart to over 30 of the most special people in Oceania. The scene was set, a

wonderful venue with beautiful decorations and all the necessary technical equipment including plenty of lounges and cushions so we could all squeeze in very comfortably, we are a close group and very familiar with each other :) All our meals were catered for either by professional caterers or prepared by various participants from the Sydney team and we enjoyed a weekend of culinary delights, including a very special breakfast on the last day where we were all blindfolded and taken one by one and seated at a table covered with an abundance of beautiful fruits and nuts all examples of the ELOHIM's love for us. We then were served by the "Guides" and discover these beautiful textures, flavors and aromas of these foods in silence, allowing our other senses to develop and enhance due to the lack of visual stimuli. After a time we started to talk to those around us and discovered who was sitting beside us and the meal continued as any social feast would with good food and conversation, all without the use of our sight. We were then lead back to the room where the teachings were held and removed our blindfolds and shared our experiences. It was a wonderful exercise :)

We all participated in much fun and laughter including a number of interesting exercises. We also watched a screening of the new independent movie "What the "Bleep" (a must see) which I feel contributed well to the overall teachings and information



shared over the few days. Much thanks must go to all those that helped organize this event especially Gerry and his fantastic Sydney team as it was a spectacular three days. Thanks also to all those who participated especially our Continental Guide Jean Francois and our beautiful National Guide Yvonne who spent much time preparing the teachings and format for the weekend. A special thanks goes to our Sister and Brother who traveled great distances to be with us, our special angel from New Zealand Bonnie who always makes any event special with her love and enthusiasm and of course Anthony Grey who came and shared his wonderful energy, knowledge, commitment and friendship with us and I feel fell in love with our dynamic team from Oceania. So another powerful and successful event in Australia, and we all invite "YOU" our Sisters and Brothers from all

over this incredible planet to come and join us for our summer Seminar in January as this will be the best Seminar, held over 8 days in the Tambourine Mountains Australia, having booked the most beautiful of resort retreat as the venue,,, ask anyone who has experienced a Seminar "Down Under" it really is a special event not to be missed :) Ok, Happiness and Smiles from all of us in Oceania, enjoy :) Love & Light Pete :)

Meeting of the African guides in Cotonou

By Manaka Douanio, national guide of Burkina Faso

In order to help our Beloved Prophet to paint the new African map, the African guides were gathered from the 11th to the 15th of May in Cotonou, Benin. 16 guides came from 7 countries and we had so much fun. The women came first and put so much femininity in the location, colors of love.... it definitely helped to have the beautiful exchanges we had during these 5 days together.

All the guides level 4 thought they would work full time on preparing the coming seminar in Congo but the guides level 5 surprised us in giving us a full training.



Together and under the guidance of Tai, the continental guide, we reached a better panoramic vision of where we stand regarding the orientations given by the Prophet Rael. We are definitely more conscious of what needs to be accomplished to awaken this continent.

Lamane enchanted us with his teachings, Jerome told us how great the seminars will be in Congo, Marian Banemanie shared her femininity with us.... for me, it was the first time I experienced so much love, sensuality and femininity. It was more than fraternity, it was pure love as taught by our Creators.

Raël Oyéhééééé !!!!Elohim Oyéhééééé

And coming soon... the EUROPEAN SEMINAR IN SPAIN !!!!!

By Benoit Aymonier seminar coordinator...



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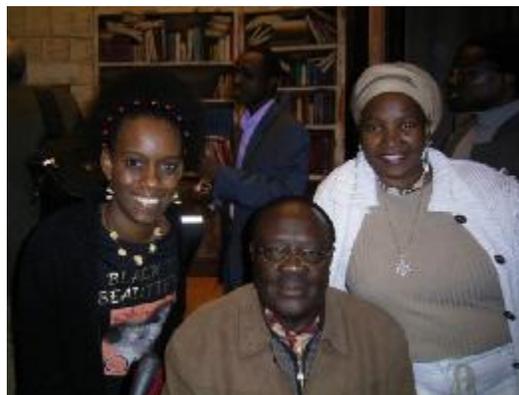
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THE RAELIANS IN ACTION

In Paris,

With the Herero chief of Namibia, *by Uriel*

I heard that the great traditional Chief of the Herero people of Namibia, which was victim of a genocide perpetrated by the Germans around 1905, had to stop in Paris With a letter in my name to his attention two raelian girls of the Black Diaspora (Elisha and Lisa) were able to hand him over the file " speeches of the Prophet Rael - for a new Africa " ... He read my letter wherein I expressed him Rael's desire to meet him one day ... The Chief Herero Kaime Riruoko travels around in order to get support for the recognition of the genocide on his people and of course the necessary repair of the damage caused ... I expressed him our support for his action.



Day in memory of the slavery victims *by Bouda le raelien*



We had a real good time today at the national day in memory of the victims of slavery, held in Paris at the Trocadero. I was with **Elsa, Rachel, Vita, Elisha and Stéphane**, a very efficient team. There were more than a thousand people gathered there and we gave at least 250 pamphlets. We gave Uriel's book to several personalities :



- Lilian Thuram, (a soccer player)
- Christian Karembeu, (a soccer player)
- Marie José Pérec, (an olympic champion)
- Stéphane Pocrain (politician and anchor in a radio show)
- Magloire (anchor at M6 TV and proud of his homosexuality)

In GENEVA, *by Lili Peace*



A wonderful conference was given by Uriel and Guillaume on May 7 in Geneva. It will remain imprinted in our brain for a long time as the ambiance was so great.

We advertized it with posters (see picture) and with an ad in the newspaper GHI. We also sent invitations to the African embassies and associations based in Switzerland.

A few days before the conference, I was contacted by a Kimbangist who informed me about the different kimbangist communities in the country. Several of them attended.

This conference has been a real success with around 100 people attending, very respectful and genuinely interested. At the end of his talk, Uriel opened a debate with the public and at one point, Uriel didn't

have to answer questions anymore, other members of the public were doing so, defending Uriel's thesis with passion J

In CANNES during the film festival....by *Véronique Chevreuil*

Cannesa myth ...the famous stepsand the stars.... well, this year, we were the stars !!!! J



Several teams came to play during this special week end in Cannes...

- A team was wandering around with posters saying: " life is cinema" or "what if it was true". They had a great impact, especially with the policemen! But we had no real tension. People in Cannes are there to have fun.

In our team, we had a special star, Lilipeace, who was under the flashes of the festival photographers at every corner. She really created an event everywhere she went with her beauty, her sensuality. By passers wanted to know who was this new star J



Thanks to her and the whole team, we were able to deliver the messages to a few actors, directors and producers like:

Jean Pierre Castaldi (French actor), Tony Leung (Japanese actor) , Tony Jaa(Thai actor) Tuk Kongmalai (Thai actress), Colin Firth (Bridget Jones diary, minority report), Passi (French singer) , Mouna Ayoub, Morgan Freeman, Damian Lewis

Guillaume went to many producer and director gatherings and was able to give them a CD of the messages. He was also interviewed many times at the exit of



Star Wars as he was the only one not to talk about special effects but rather on the parallel between the destruction lead by Dark Vador, and the one conducted by Bush.

We really created the event and it was fun to run after George Lucas or to ask a star whether it was really him or her, before offering the book of the Messages. We

really had a lot of fun!!!

Next year, we'll be there again and climb the famous steps.... Until we are part of the jury J

In TOKYO, by Tetsuya OSHIMA

We held two demonstrations in the center of Tokyo!!!



On the fifth of May -- Children's Day, as children of the Elohim, we enjoyed ourselves by holding two demonstrations in the center of Tokyo, spreading our love and messages to the people on the streets.

One of them was for amendments to the discriminative law(s) of the Swiss government against some races and beliefs, and the other for asking NHK (Japanese Broadcasting Corporation) in Japan to broadcast a science program on the creation of life by another race of people coming from space.

In Switzerland, there does not exist any civil code, which protects the human rights from racial and belief-based discrimination. Under such terrible legal conditions, Maitreya Rael suggested that all Raelians in the world do a demonstration against the Swiss government.

And, Junzo C.G. suggested that we also do a demonstration for NHK to broadcast a science program on the creation of life by extra-terrestrials.

Under a very beautiful sky on a Golden Week holiday, eighty-five Japanese Raelians gathered in Ebisu Park in Tokyo to start the demonstration with a placard in our hands and a smile on our faces.

From Ebisu Park to the Swiss embassy, we appealed to the public by saying, "Amend the laws that approve discrimination!", and from the Hiro-o station to the Aoyama Park, we appealed by saying, "we request that NHK broadcast a science program on the creation of life by human extra-terrestrials!"



Great rhythm of Samba music and big illustrated panels drew people's attention to the streets, and they came out there to watch our revolutionary parade. Some joined us in it and walked all the way to its destination. One of them said that he wanted to go to the monthly meeting in May.

We had great fun in having appealed to the public straightforwardly about some of the most important rights for us -- human rights, and a theory of the creation of life by extra-terrestrials, which is the core of

the messages.

I would like to give my appreciation to all the raelians, who helped in this demonstration We could bring a revolution to our society thanks to the power of your love.

I would like to express my gratitude to Maitreya Rael and Junzo the continental guide., who gave us such a wonderful chance!

And, I would like to give my great appreciation to our dearest creators. We enjoy everyday like this waiting for the day we will be able to welcome you.



P.S. Later, we received a reply from the Swiss ambassador:
No surprise J

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To Whom It May Concern:

I read the letter dated the fifth of May received from you. I am not the person, who can tell you any specific opinion regarding this matter. However, personally, I would like to tell you that I trust the system of law and Swiss Federal Court in our country. If you and your organization wish to stop purchasing any products made in Switzerland, and stop travelling to Switzerland, nobody will stop you from doing so.

Sincerely yours

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ARTICLE of the WEEK

<http://www.iconsofevolution.com/index.php3>

INTRODUCTION to ICONS of EVOLUTION: Science or Myth? Why much of what we teach about evolution is wrong

(Washington DC: Regnery, 2000)

by Jonathan Wells

"Science is the search for the truth," wrote chemist Linus Pauling, winner of two Nobel prizes. Bruce Alberts, current President of the U. S. National Academy of Sciences, agrees. "Science and lies cannot coexist," said Alberts in May, 2000, quoting Israeli statesman Shimon Peres. "You don't have a scientific lie, and you cannot lie scientifically. Science is basically the search of truth." For most people, the opposite of science is myth. A myth is a story that may fulfill a subjective need, or reveal something profound about the human psyche, but as commonly used it is not an account of objective reality. "Most scientists wince," writes former Science editor Roger Lewin, "when the word 'myth' is attached to what they see as a pursuit of the truth."

Of course, science has mythical elements, because all human enterprises do. But scientists are right to wince when their pronouncements are called myths, because their goal as scientists is to minimize subjective story-telling and maximize objective truth. Truth-seeking is not only noble, but also enormously useful. By providing us with the closest thing we have to a true understanding of the natural world, science enables us to live safer, healthier and more productive lives. If science weren't the search for truth, our bridges wouldn't support the weight we put on them, our lives wouldn't be as long as they are, and modern technological civilization wouldn't exist. Story-telling is a valuable enterprise, too. Without stories, we would have no culture. But we do not call on story-tellers to build bridges or perform surgery. For such tasks, we prefer people who have disciplined themselves to understand the realities of steel or flesh.

The Discipline of Science

How do scientists discipline themselves to understand the natural world? Philosophers of science have answered this question in a variety of ways, but one thing is clear: Any theory that purports to be scientific must somehow, at some point, be compared with observations or experiments. According to a 1998 booklet on science teaching issued by the National Academy of Sciences, "it is the nature of science to test and retest explanations against the natural world." Theories that survive repeated testing may be tentatively regarded as true statements about the world. But if there is persistent conflict between theory and evidence, the former must yield to the latter. As seventeenth-century philosopher of science Francis Bacon put it, we must obey Nature in order to command her. When science fails to obey nature, bridges collapse and patients die on the operating table. Testing theories against the evidence never ends.

The National Academy's booklet correctly states that "all scientific knowledge is, in principle, subject to change as new evidence becomes available." It doesn't matter how long a theory has been held, or how many scientists currently believe it. If contradictory evidence turns up,

the theory must be reevaluated or even abandoned. Otherwise it is not science, but myth. To insure that theories are tested objectively and do not become subjective myths, the testing must be public rather than private. "This process of public scrutiny," according to the National Academy's booklet, "is an essential part of science. It works to eliminate individual bias and subjectivity, because others must also be able to determine whether a proposed explanation is consistent with the available evidence." Within the scientific community, this process is called "peer review." Some scientific claims are so narrowly technical that they can be properly evaluated only by specialists. In such cases, the "peers" are a handful of experts. In a surprising number of instances, however, the average person is probably as competent to make a judgment as the most highly trained scientist. If a theory of gravity predicts that heavy objects will fall upwards, it doesn't take an astrophysicist to see that the theory is wrong. And if a picture of an embryo doesn't look like the real thing, it doesn't take an embryologist to see that the picture is false.

So an average person with access to the evidence should be able to understand and evaluate many scientific claims. The National Academy's booklet acknowledged this by opening with Thomas Jefferson's call for "the diffusion of knowledge among the people. No other sure foundation can be devised for the preservation of freedom and happiness." The booklet continued: "Jefferson saw clearly what has become increasingly evident since then: the fortunes of a nation rest on the ability of its citizens to understand and use information about the world around them." U. S. District Judge James Graham affirmed this Jeffersonian wisdom in an Ohio newspaper column in May, 2000. Graham wrote: "Science is not an inscrutable priesthood. Any person of reasonable intelligence should, with some diligence, be able to understand and critically evaluate a scientific theory."

Both the National Academy's booklet and Judge Graham's newspaper column were written in the context of the present controversy over evolution. But the former was written to defend Darwin's theory, while the latter was written to defend some of its critics. In other words, defenders as well as critics of Darwinian evolution are appealing to the intelligence and wisdom of the American people to resolve the controversy. This book was written in the conviction that scientific theories in general, and Darwinian evolution in particular, can be evaluated by any intelligent person with access to the evidence. But before looking at the evidence for evolution, we must know what evolution is.

What is Evolution?

Biological evolution is the theory that all living things are modified descendants of a common ancestor that lived in the distant past. It claims that you and I are descendants of ape-like ancestors, and that they in turn came from still more primitive animals. This is the primary meaning of "evolution" among biologists. "Biological evolution," according to the National Academy's booklet, "explains that living things share common ancestors. Over time, evolutionary change gives rise to new species. Darwin called this process 'descent with modification,' and it remains a good definition of biological evolution today." For Charles Darwin, descent with modification was the origin of all living things after the first organisms. He wrote in *The Origin of Species*: "I view all beings not as special creations, but as the lineal descendants of some few beings" that lived in the distant past. The reason living things are now so different from each other, Darwin believed, is that they have been modified by natural selection, or survival of the fittest: "I am convinced that Natural Selection has been the most important, but not the exclusive, means of modification."

When proponents of Darwin's theory are responding to critics, they sometimes claim that "evolution" means simply change over time. But this is clearly an evasion. No rational person denies the reality of change, and we did not need Charles Darwin to convince us of it. If "evolution" meant only this, it would be utterly uncontroversial. Nobody believes that biological evolution is simply change over time. Only slightly less evasive is the statement that descent with modification occurs. Of course it does, because all organisms within a single species are related through descent with modification. We see this in our own families, and plant and animal breeders see it in their work. But this still misses the point. No one doubts that descent

with modification occurs in the course of ordinary biological reproduction. The question is whether descent with modification accounts for the origin of new species--in fact, of every species. Like change over time, descent with modification within a species is utterly uncontroversial. But Darwinian evolution claims much more. In particular, it claims that descent with modification explains the origin and diversification of all living things. The only way anyone can determine whether this claim is true is by comparing it with observations or experiments. Like all other scientific theories, Darwinian evolution must be continually compared with the evidence. If it does not fit the evidence, it must be reevaluated or abandoned--otherwise it is not science, but myth.

Evidence for Evolution

When asked to list the evidence for Darwinian evolution, most people--including most biologists--give the same set of examples, because all of them learned biology from the same few textbooks. The most common examples are:

- a laboratory flask containing a simulation of the earth's primitive atmosphere, in which electric sparks produce the chemical building-blocks of living cells;
- the evolutionary tree of life, reconstructed from a large and growing body of fossil and molecular evidence;
- similar bone structures in a bat's wing, a porpoise's flipper, a horse's leg, and a human hand that indicate their evolutionary origin in a common ancestor;
- pictures of similarities in early embryos showing that amphibians, reptiles, birds and human beings are all descended from a fish-like animal;
- Archaeopteryx, a fossil bird with teeth in its jaws and claws on its wings, the missing link between ancient reptiles and modern birds;
- peppered moths on tree trunks, showing how camouflage and predatory birds produced the most famous example of evolution by natural selection;
- Darwin's finches on the Galapagos Islands, thirteen separate species that diverged from one when natural selection produced differences in their beaks, and that inspired Darwin to formulate his theory of evolution;
- fruit flies with an extra pair of wings, showing that genetic mutations can provide the raw materials for evolution;
- a branching-tree pattern of horse fossils that refutes the old-fashioned idea that evolution was directed; and
- drawings of ape-like creatures evolving into humans, showing that we are just animals and that our existence is merely a by-product of purposeless natural causes.

These examples are so frequently used as evidence for Darwin's theory that most of them have been called "icons" of evolution. Yet all of them, in one way or another, misrepresent the truth.

Science or Myth?

Some of these icons of evolution present assumptions or hypotheses as though they were observed facts; in Stephen Jay Gould's words, they are "incarnations of concepts masquerading as neutral descriptions of nature." Others conceal raging controversies among biologists that have far-reaching implications for evolutionary theory. Worst of all, some are directly contrary to well-established scientific evidence. Most biologists are unaware of these

problems. Indeed, most biologists work in fields far removed from evolutionary biology. Most of what they know about evolution, they learned from biology textbooks and the same magazine articles and television documentaries that are seen by the general public. But the textbooks and popular presentations rely primarily on the icons of evolution, so as far as many biologists are concerned the icons are the evidence for evolution.

Some biologists are aware of difficulties with a particular icon because it distorts the evidence in their own field. When they read the scientific literature in their specialty, they can see that the icon is misleading or downright false. But they may feel that this is just an isolated problem, especially when they are assured that Darwin's theory is supported by overwhelming evidence from other fields. If they believe in the fundamental correctness of Darwinian evolution, they may set aside their misgivings about the particular icon they know something about. On the other hand, if they voice their misgivings they may find it difficult to gain a hearing among their colleagues, because (as we shall see) criticizing Darwinian evolution is extremely unpopular among English-speaking biologists. This may be why the problems with the icons of evolution are not more widely known. And this is why many biologists will be just as surprised as the general public to learn how serious and widespread those problems are.

The following chapters compare the icons of evolution with published scientific evidence, and reveal that much of what we teach about evolution is wrong. This fact raises troubling questions about the status of Darwinian evolution. If the icons of evolution are supposed to be our best evidence for Darwin's theory, and all of them are false or misleading, what does that tell us about the theory? Is it science, or myth?