

## NEWS AND VIEWS

(Also seen everyday on <http://www.raeliannews.org> )

### MUSLIM CYBER TERRORISM

Rael.org, our main website, was hacked this week by fanatic muslim cyber terrorists from Turkey, disturbed by the fact that the Raelian philosophy say « there is no god ». For a few hours, by connecting to the site, you would see a Turkish message and hear Turkish music. Thanks to our dedicated server team, the site was back online quickly but thousands of visitors couldn't enter for several hours which is unacceptable.

The Raelian Movement has started legal actions to defend its freedom of expression which is guaranteed by the International Human Rights Declaration as well as the US constitution and in accordance with international laws which criminally prosecute and punish hackers wherever they are in the world. As the Raelian server is on US soil, this should be considered as an act of terrorism against the US and its constitution.

The Raelian Movement also hopes that the Turkish police will be quick to prosecute these hackers as the whole world will be watching, especially the European community that is reviewing its application for joining the EU.

### JERZY URBAN GUILTY ?



One of Poland's best known newspaper editors has been fined \$6,500 for ridiculing Pope John Paul II. A court in Warsaw found Jerzy Urban guilty of insulting a head of state by writing a satirical article on the eve of the pontiff's 2002 visit to Poland. He said that the pope was the Breznev of the Vatican, referring to his obvious disease.

Our Beloved Prophet is asking us all to send our support to Jerzy Urban. Email : xxxxxxxxx.

Protests should be organized in front of Polish embassies to ask for his case to be reviewed as no one should be fine for saying the truth J

### LEARN TO BE POLITE

The city of Montpellier in the south of France organizes classes in its town center to reduce violence ... classes of politeness !!! It has been demonstrated that polite people are indeed less violent.

Our Beloved Prophet said that such classes should be mandatory everywhere , especially in USA and France, except in Asia where it's natural, and that's why the crime rate in Japan is the lowest of the world...It is the best way to have less violence in the world, not only from individual but also from states. When you learn how to respect others and be ultra polite you are less encline to kill. Just learning young how to say "please" and "thank you" train you to respect other people. We are never too polite or too respectfull !Sadly it almost became cultural in occidental macho world to be rude and agresive with others. If it is culturally fashionable to be umpolite, then the next step is that it become culturally fashionable to be disrespectful, then agresive, then violent. We have so much to learn from Japanese education where every step of the communication with others is based on politeness and respect. And that 's again why the crime rate in Japan is 1000 time lower than in USA and 300 times lower than in France !

## OUR SUPPORT TO THE HINDUS

Several hundred-thousand British Hindus have begun a high-pitched "reclaim the swastika" campaign in an attempt to prevent a Europe-wide ban on the 5,000-year-old Sanskrit symbol of good fortune. They want to let the West know that the swastika is in the Hindu ideology a positive symbol of the cosmos and has been so for 5000 years. This cannot compare to 60 years of bad image associated to the nazi killing machine.

The raelian movement is in contact with the European Hindu group to help them in any way we can.

Tai, the African continental guide is also telling us that the swastika has always been the symbol of the Ashanti people of Ghana. It can be seen on catholic churches in Ghana, often above the entrance door.

## OUR SUPPORT TO THE GAY COMMUNITY

Our support has been sent to the town of Trieste, in Italy, concerning the erection of a monument to the memory of the gays killed in WW2 as well as to the gay organization that collaborated with this town.

Raelians were present at the inauguration of the monument, and Bruno Shirato is in contact with the gay organization ARCIGAY.

A letter of congratulations and support has also been sent to Opus Gay in Chile, who just won a legal battle against Opus Dei who has refused the idea that a gay organization should carry the same name as their own. Opus Dei saw its request refused J

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## THE LIFE IN THE MOVEMENT



### An extraterrastral in the streets of Korea.

A Korean member, Ari, took funny and revolutionary actions around our largest city, Seoul in Korea. He walked around the streets wearing Extraterrestrial costume with the message book in his hands. He takes funny picnics in subways, street, etc. Several passers-by felt great interest

and surprise.

Now, Korean raelians have decided to show more their funny side to people and surprise them by their performances and messages. It's so Funny!

So, Korean raelians will keep doing such an activity wearing more funny costumes.

## Lamane and Manaka with the artist Abdoulaye Diabate

Lanane, level 5, and Manaka, national guide of Burkina Faso, had great pleasure in meeting Abdoulaye Diabate, an artist who had himself a great deal of pleasure in humbly coming to spend an hour and a half and receiving the congratulations and support of the Movement.

Says Lamane, "This enthusiastic young artist full of hope and energy was very happy and touched by our support and he rejoiced in advance to meet with the Prophet one day (When we told him of the Raelian festival that just ended in



Accra and which he could have attended if we had met earlier.) He left happy with the Messages and the words of the Prophet, and promised to come back. He invited us to the next show happening in a few months, after the FESPACO in which he'll be playing together with another musician from Mali.

FESPACO is the huge "Festival Panafricain du Cinema de Ouagadougou", a weeklong festival that attracts thousands of people. It happens every other year, and the Raelians always have a booth. It will be this year end of February, beginning of March.

## Lecture in an Indian school



Indian member Bharat organized through his friend a lecture and video presentation in a school hall of a high school (15 to 18 years old) for the Korean guide Yaho (Jin Hee KIM) now living in India. The town was in Mahabaleshwar, 300km from Mumbai, located 1,500 meter altitude, a tourist resort.

70 boys/70 girls, 7 teachers from different schools, 12 Rotary Club members were there.

A lot of interest was created on the subjects of ET/UFO/Crop circles. Awareness was there due to recent Hindi movie "Koi Mil Gaya" featuring ET, and English Movie "SIGNS".

The presentation was followed with great interest. Important points were clarified in local Marathi / Hindi language translated by Bharat and his friend. After the presentation, two books of the Message were donated to the library of the schools.



Next day, a few members came to arrange for presentations in schools at Panchgani in future. Love to Raelians all over the world from Bharat.

## Diffusion in Bolivia !

*By Daniel Turcotte, Assistant of American continental guide for the development of South America*



Isabel Zabala, a Raelian originally from Bolivia who now lives in Holland, has been back home lately to organize diffusion activities. Among other things she has organized a conference at the Gabriel Rene Moreno University where almost 50 people attended. "The general reaction is really positive," she says in an email she wrote me after her return from her trip, "except perhaps for some Christians who are offended by the idea of the non-existence of god. I sold two books and distributed a lot of flyers."

Isabel was also in contact with a list of people that was given to her by Norma Toral. She diffused in the streets and many people asked to know more about the Messages. "Most of the people were positive, they didn't show any aggression or even surprise at the idea that life exists on other planets. The people who were the most open were the young people; they are so open to new ideas," said Isabel enthusiastically.

"That wasn't really the case with the country's largest newspaper. When I went to put in my advertisement, they refused on the pretext that it promoted an atheist cult while maintaining that they were a deist journal. They used plenty of excuses to justify themselves. I complained quite firmly following their refusal and asked them to put in writing their reasons," she continued. " Naturally they refused to put anything in writing so I asked to speak to their superior, as their refusal constituted hard evidence of religious discrimination and I would permit no-one to make me submit to such discrimination. We went from complaint to complaint and finally, with the help of my brother who is a journalist who's very respected in television, I received official apologies from the journal and my announcement will be published for an entire month rather than the two weeks I'd originally asked to schedule!"

Thanks to Isabel's persistence, here is the announcement published by the paper which claimed to be so deist: GOD DOES NOT EXIST. Man has been created scientifically in a laboratory by extra-terrestrials, thanks to a mastery of genetic engineering and DNA. For

more information go to [www.rael.org](http://www.rael.org). The journal will publish this announcement everyday from January 23 to February 22.

"I was really gratified to have accomplished this diffusion and it's thanks to the example of our Beloved Prophet - who encourages us to never accept discrimination and fight for our philosophy - that I had the force to carry the day," Isabel concluded.

Since the 23 of January, Isabel has received 4 emails from interested parties who read the ad in the newspaper and I'm convinced that many others will come to her as well.

Bravo Isabel and receive all our love.

## ABOUT OUR YOUNG GENIUS LEWIS

Doubtless you remember Lewis of whom we told you in one of the last Contacts, a young genius from Ivory Coast who we wish to support. Here are a few words that he sent to Hortense – and such beautiful words that we wish to share them with you all:

"My little life? I get up in the morning, do my chores, bathe, take a look at the newspaper, then go to my room to study. In the afternoon I look after my two little brothers, Dagaud Darkis Franklin and Dagaud Charles Hermite. I try to draw their attention in our moments of leisure to the infinitely small and the infinitely big. I talk to them of the universe, of our solar system, etc... I tell them stories about wise scientists like Gilbert norton lewis, thomas edison, Garrett Morgan, etc... My desire is to see the whole world living in peace. My dream is to see my Africa responsible and independent. My ambition is to have a group of African scientists capable of moving into space in order to explore beyond our own solar system. That is my vision.

On a relationship level I have friends both young and old, but often the level of reflection obliges me to let go of the discussion when the older friends begin to debate whether or not Neil Armstrong really did land on the moon or it is just a hoax perpetrated by painters painting little men on pictures of the moon to show us that they succeeded. I find myself obliged not to talk with this kind of person. I have to say that compared with kids my own age, I grow faster, then I make the effort to understand them and coexist with them the way they are in their thoughts.

I study late into the night as I am in a popular area and there is too much noise. For sport, I practice Shotokan karate which is a defensive martial art, and therefore non-violent unless our life is threatened.

I think that I have nothing out of the ordinary except that I was conscious very early. At 4 years old I was living with my aunt far from my mother and father, and I needed to be esteemed. This is how I got interested in studies, and with those who were going to school, I learned to read and write. At 5 years old, I was enrolled in cp2 because some teachers who knew me thought I was apt. By the end of the year, I had an average of 8,31/10 I was 1<sup>st</sup>/56 the years 93-93; 94/95, I was enrolled in ce2(3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and by the end of the year I had an average of 8,52/10 and I was 2<sup>nd</sup>/42. By the end of the year, I was refused the CEPE and this put me very off, I was 7. That same year another 8 years old was accepted in 6e. Touched by failure, I refused to go to school the next year 96-97. The same year I went to stay with my father. He punished me because by his lights I was

simply refusing to go to school. He offered me to go to 6e(6<sup>th</sup> grade). I refused and learned instead by studying his own documents. The year 97/98 I went to plead with the headmaster of the college, Saint Ruth, which accepted me in 3e after a test and with the following conditions: if in the first trimester I don't succeed then they can put me in a lower grade. The first trimester had an average of 11,62/20; 13,76 in math; 13,00 in physics; 10,25 in biology. The third trimester I had 12,33/20; 15,80 in math; 14,50 in physics; and 12,50 in biology. My average for the year was 12,08/20, and I passed the BEPC at 9 years old.

We were then invited officially to the regional office of the national study program (DREN), my father, the headmaster, and I. Then at the office of Minister Kipre, the Minister of Education, they gave me a test with a math professor from the University and Kipre himself tested me in history/geography. I won the prize of the President of the Republic Henri Konan Bedie; the prize of the youngest hope in mathematics; and I was Laureate de la Coupe of National Excellence. I was sent to Yakro but I pleaded to stay in Abidjan. They sent me to Lycee Classique ( best high school) without taking into account where I live. Each morning I woke up at 4 a.m., struggled to the bus, changed twice before arriving at Lycee, and fell sick because of the fatigue. I refused to go any longer to this high school under those conditions. I was 10 years old and I was frail. I even declared that I could prepare for the BAC (college admission exams) while staying at home. The journals published my declaration and I was again required to meet with the Secretary General of the Government Mr. Adolphe Kadjo Djidji. He wanted to know how I proposed to pass the BAC when I hadn't even finished the first semester at High School. I asked him to give me documentation, which he did, and he sent me to a professor who could determine my level.

After successfully testing the professor concluded that I was at level terminal C (last year of high school, scientific section) and that I could then do the BAC at 11 years old. I did the BAC C level in free candidacy and the BAC was refused to me because for them my way put into question the whole educational system. I appealed and they presented their excuses in March, saying they couldn't find my tests anymore. At twelve years I changed track and applied as an official candidate. Four days before the results were to come in my father and I were called to DECOB and I was asked to pass again the BAC under the supervision of advisors from each field. I passed the BAC D. To the eyes of the CI my scholarly path was quite irregular. His Excellence M. Laurent Gbagbo, President of the Republic, promised to send me to study in the USA. To my great surprise, the promise was never kept. I then asked my father to enroll me in four tracks anyway: electrical engineering; radio-tv/hifi; electrician; electro-mechanics. Then a person of good will enrolled me in computer engineering at CFCIP in Cocody in Abidjan. My passion is to always learn, progress, and be free. I am misunderstood by the authorities like Jonathan Livingstone Seagull was, from the book by Richard Bach.

Your devoted Norman Lewis Dagaud

## **ARTICLE OF THE WEEK**

And maybe of the year, as our Beloved Prophet declared yesterday.

He added, "This is exactly the way it is on the planet of the Eternals, where all that can be made by machines is made by machines, and the rest by humans (the Elohim are humans). Love and Consciousness, not because the machines can't do that too, but because it is a pleasure.

This world of the future is made only of pleasure... the famous Paradise.

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[http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/13.02/brain.html?tw==wn\\_tophead\\_6](http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/13.02/brain.html?tw==wn_tophead_6)

## **Revenge of the Right Brain**

Logical and precise, left-brain thinking gave us the Information Age. Now comes the Conceptual Age - ruled by artistry, empathy, and emotion.

By Daniel H. Pink

When I was a kid - growing up in a middle-class family, in the middle of America, in the middle of the 1970s - parents dished out a familiar plate of advice to their children: Get good grades, go to college, and pursue a profession that offers a decent standard of living and perhaps a dollop of prestige. If you were good at math and science, become a doctor. If you were better at English and history, become a lawyer. If blood gassed you out and your verbal skills needed work, become an accountant. Later, as computers appeared on desktops and CEOs on magazine covers, the youngsters who were really good at math and science chose high tech, while others flocked to business school, thinking that success was spelled MBA.

Tax attorneys. Radiologists. Financial analysts. Software engineers. Management guru Peter Drucker gave this cadre of professionals an enduring, if somewhat wonky, name: knowledge workers. These are, he wrote, "people who get paid for putting to work what one learns in school rather than for their physical strength or manual skill." What distinguished members of this group and enabled them to reap society's greatest rewards, was their "ability to acquire and to apply theoretical and analytic knowledge." And any of us could join their ranks. All we had to do was study hard and play by the rules of the meritocratic regime. That was the path to professional success and personal fulfillment.

But a funny thing happened while we were pressing our noses to the grindstone: The world changed. The future no longer belongs to people who can reason with computer-like logic, speed, and precision. It belongs to a different kind of person with a different kind of mind. Today - amid the uncertainties of an economy that has gone from boom to bust to blah - there's a metaphor that explains what's going on. And it's right inside our heads.

Scientists have long known that a neurological Mason-Dixon line cleaves our brains into two regions - the left and right hemispheres. But in the last 10 years, thanks in part to advances in functional magnetic resonance imaging, researchers have begun to identify more precisely how the two sides divide responsibilities. The left hemisphere handles sequence, literalness, and analysis. The right hemisphere, meanwhile, takes care of context, emotional expression, and synthesis. Of course, the human brain, with its 100 billion cells forging 1 quadrillion connections, is breathtakingly complex. The two hemispheres work in concert, and we enlist both sides for nearly everything we do. But the structure of our brains can help explain the contours of our times.

Until recently, the abilities that led to success in school, work, and business were characteristic of the left hemisphere. They were the sorts of linear, logical, analytical talents measured by SATs and deployed by CPAs. Today, those capabilities are still necessary. But they're no longer sufficient. In

a world upended by outsourcing, deluged with data, and choked with choices, the abilities that matter most are now closer in spirit to the specialties of the right hemisphere - artistry, empathy, seeing the big picture, and pursuing the transcendent.

Beneath the nervous clatter of our half-completed decade stirs a slow but seismic shift. The Information Age we all prepared for is ending. Rising in its place is what I call the Conceptual Age, an era in which mastery of abilities that we've often overlooked and undervalued marks the fault line between who gets ahead and who falls behind.

To some of you, this shift - from an economy built on the logical, sequential abilities of the Information Age to an economy built on the inventive, empathic abilities of the Conceptual Age - sounds delightful. "You had me at hello!" I can hear the painters and nurses exulting. But to others, this sounds like a crock. "Prove it!" I hear the programmers and lawyers demanding.

OK. To convince you, I'll explain the reasons for this shift, using the mechanistic language of cause and effect.

The effect: the scales tilting in favor of right brain-style thinking.  
The causes: Asia, automation, and abundance.

Asia

Few issues today spark more controversy than outsourcing. Those squadrons of white-collar workers in India, the Philippines, and China are scaring the bejesus out of software jockeys across North America and Europe. According to Forrester Research, 1 in 9 jobs in the US information technology industry will move overseas by 2010. And it's not just tech work. Visit India's office parks and you'll see chartered accountants preparing American tax returns, lawyers researching American lawsuits, and radiologists reading CAT scans for US hospitals.

The reality behind the alarm is this: Outsourcing to Asia is overhyped in the short term, but underhyped in the long term. We're not all going to lose our jobs tomorrow. (The total number of jobs lost to offshoring so far represents less than 1 percent of the US labor force.) But as the cost of communicating with the other side of the globe falls essentially to zero, as India becomes (by 2010) the country with the most English speakers in the world, and as developing nations continue to mint millions of extremely capable knowledge workers, the professional lives of people in the West will change dramatically. If number crunching, chart reading, and code writing can be done for a lot less overseas and delivered to clients instantly via fiber-optic cable, that's where the work will go.

But these gusts of comparative advantage are blowing away only certain kinds of white-collar jobs - those that can be reduced to a set of rules, routines, and instructions. That's why narrow left-brain work such as basic computer coding, accounting, legal research, and financial analysis is migrating across the oceans. But that's also why plenty of opportunities remain for people and companies doing less routine work - programmers who can design entire systems, accountants who serve as life planners, and bankers expert less in the intricacies of Excel than in the art of the deal. Now that foreigners can do left-brain work cheaper, we in the US must do right-brain work better.

Automation

Last century, machines proved they could replace human muscle. This century, technologies are proving they can outperform human left brains - they can execute sequential, reductive, computational work better, faster, and more accurately than even those with the highest IQs. (Just

ask chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov.)

Consider jobs in financial services. Stockbrokers who merely execute transactions are history. Online trading services and market makers do such work far more efficiently. The brokers who survived have morphed from routine order-takers to less easily replicated advisers, who can understand a client's broader financial objectives and even the client's emotions and dreams.

Or take lawyers. Dozens of inexpensive information and advice services are reshaping law practice. At CompleteCase.com, you can get an uncontested divorce for \$249, less than a 10th of the cost of a divorce lawyer. Meanwhile, the Web is cracking the information monopoly that has long been the source of many lawyers' high incomes and professional mystique. Go to USlegalforms.com and you can download - for the price of two movie tickets - fill-in-the-blank wills, contracts, and articles of incorporation that used to reside exclusively on lawyers' hard drives. Instead of hiring a lawyer for 10 hours to craft a contract, consumers can fill out the form themselves and hire a lawyer for one hour to look it over. Consequently, legal abilities that can't be digitized - convincing a jury or understanding the subtleties of a negotiation - become more valuable.

Even computer programmers may feel the pinch. "In the old days," legendary computer scientist Verner Vinge has said, "anybody with even routine skills could get a job as a programmer. That isn't true anymore. The routine functions are increasingly being turned over to machines." The result: As the scut work gets offloaded, engineers will have to master different aptitudes, relying more on creativity than competence.

Any job that can be reduced to a set of rules is at risk. If a \$500-a-month accountant in India doesn't swipe your accounting job, TurboTax will. Now that computers can emulate left-hemisphere skills, we'll have to rely ever more on our right hemispheres.

### Abundance

Our left brains have made us rich. Powered by armies of Drucker's knowledge workers, the information economy has produced a standard of living that would have been unfathomable in our grandparents' youth. Their lives were defined by scarcity. Ours are shaped by abundance. Want evidence? Spend five minutes at Best Buy. Or look in your garage. Owning a car used to be a grand American aspiration. Today, there are more automobiles in the US than there are licensed drivers - which means that, on average, everybody who can drive has a car of their own. And if your garage is also piled with excess consumer goods, you're not alone. Self-storage - a business devoted to housing our extra crap - is now a \$17 billion annual industry in the US, nearly double Hollywood's yearly box office take.

But abundance has produced an ironic result. The Information Age has unleashed a prosperity that in turn places a premium on less rational sensibilities - beauty, spirituality, emotion. For companies and entrepreneurs, it's no longer enough to create a product, a service, or an experience that's reasonably priced and adequately functional. In an age of abundance, consumers demand something more. Check out your bathroom. If you're like a few million Americans, you've got a Michael Graves toilet brush or a Karim Rashid trash can that you bought at Target. Try explaining a designer garbage pail to the left side of your brain! Or consider illumination. Electric lighting was rare a century ago, but now it's commonplace. Yet in the US, candles are a \$2 billion a year business - for reasons that stretch beyond the logical need for luminosity to a prosperous country's more inchoate desire for pleasure and transcendence.

Liberated by this prosperity but not fulfilled by it, more people are searching for meaning. From

the mainstream embrace of such once-exotic practices as yoga and meditation to the rise of spirituality in the workplace to the influence of evangelism in pop culture and politics, the quest for meaning and purpose has become an integral part of everyday life. And that will only intensify as the first children of abundance, the baby boomers, realize that they have more of their lives behind them than ahead. In both business and personal life, now that our left-brain needs have largely been sated, our right-brain yearnings will demand to be fed.

As the forces of Asia, automation, and abundance strengthen and accelerate, the curtain is rising on a new era, the Conceptual Age. If the Industrial Age was built on people's backs, and the Information Age on people's left hemispheres, the Conceptual Age is being built on people's right hemispheres. We've progressed from a society of farmers to a society of factory workers to a society of knowledge workers. And now we're progressing yet again - to a society of creators and empathizers, pattern recognizers, and meaning makers.

But let me be clear: The future is not some Manichaeian landscape in which individuals are either left-brained and extinct or right-brained and ecstatic - a land in which millionaire yoga instructors drive BMWs and programmers scrub counters at Chick-fil-A. Logical, linear, analytic thinking remains indispensable. But it's no longer enough.

To flourish in this age, we'll need to supplement our well-developed high tech abilities with aptitudes that are "high concept" and "high touch." High concept involves the ability to create artistic and emotional beauty, to detect patterns and opportunities, to craft a satisfying narrative, and to come up with inventions the world didn't know it was missing. High touch involves the capacity to empathize, to understand the subtleties of human interaction, to find joy in one's self and to elicit it in others, and to stretch beyond the quotidian in pursuit of purpose and meaning.

Developing these high concept, high touch abilities won't be easy for everyone. For some, the prospect seems unattainable. Fear not (or at least fear less). The sorts of abilities that now matter most are fundamentally human attributes. After all, back on the savannah, our caveperson ancestors weren't plugging numbers into spreadsheets or debugging code. But they were telling stories, demonstrating empathy, and designing innovations. These abilities have always been part of what it means to be human. It's just that after a few generations in the Information Age, many of our high concept, high touch muscles have atrophied. The challenge is to work them back into shape.

Want to get ahead today? Forget what your parents told you. Instead, do something foreigners can't do cheaper. Something computers can't do faster. And something that fills one of the nonmaterial, transcendent desires of an abundant age. In other words, go right, young man and woman, go right.

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