

## RAELIAN FESTIVALS

Some of us have been travelling for days to hear the teaching of the Prophet RAEL, the Maitreya, some quit their job as they couldn't get a few vacation days, some sold their belongings to have the money to pay for the trip... So many of us have felt the effect of this happiness training but it is likely that if we are asked to describe what we lived during this one-week festival, each one of us will likely give a totally different report. A Raelian festival is a week of fun, shows and dance parties but it is also a seminar for those who wish, with up to 5 hours a day of teaching about meditation, science and the technology of the future, and planetary unification. RAEL himself, the last Prophet and the planet's best happiness teacher, speaks up to 2 hours a day and helps people to destroy their



fears, guilt (sexual or others), develop their self-confidence and self-loving potential, and discover their true self.

If you want to have a glimpse of what's going on at Raelian festivals, have a look at the latest video about the African festival, posted on our new website : [www.raelianews.org](http://www.raelianews.org). - You may download Contact also from this website and see more news every week and let your friends know!!!

The next festival is scheduled in May in Las Vegas, only 4 months away now! The U.S. team is devoting all energies to making it a success. Ricky, the national guide, hopes you will all come to the warm Las Vegas desert for 8 wonderfully warm days *with The Maitreya* - in English of course. :-) May in Vegas is sooooo nice! You can see the very simple registration form on [www.rael.org](http://www.rael.org) - Festival-Americas-US Festival. You will see that this is a very affordable trip. Four months is not a lot of time ... so why wait? You know you want to come! Register NOW!! :-) and if you haven't attended a festival yet, as a newcomer you are admitted for free as are all students and those under 25.

Free e-books  
Free festivals  
Free teachings  
Free-DOM!!!

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## Leon Ferrari new honorary guide

Argentine artist Leon Ferrari was given the title of honorary guide for the high level of consciousness and iconoclastic nature of his works.

84 years old and author of works judged to be offensive by the church, such as "Christ on a plane" which represents a Christ crucified on an American war plane, he recently saw one of his expositions canceled in Buenos Aires under pressure of the local Catholic authorities.

Ferrari based his inspiration on the fact that he is against torture while Christianity supports it. Christianity, he explains, maintains that the souls of men who die in sin are tortured in hell. This idea of punishment of those who are different is at the origin of many exterminations: of Indians, Jews, heretics, Vietnamese... it also explains how the American people accept the tortures afflicted to Iraqi people.



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## ACTION! LET'S HELP LEWIS



Lewis is a young supergifted boy from the Ivory Coast who finished high school when he was 11 years-old and has been struggling against the establishment since then to enter university. He attended the last African seminars and is now level 1. The government of his country is not doing anything to help this little genius study in a good university. So our Beloved Prophet would like the world Raelians to help him. If we can help him get some government money anywhere in the world to attend a big American university that would be great.

It can also be anywhere else, in Japan, Korea or Europe... We have to try any possible avenue. Hortense supervises this action. If you can help him, please contact her at [hortense@knology.net](mailto:hortense@knology.net)

Let's help Africa.....

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## PROTESTS IN FRONT OF BELGIUM EMBASSIES

The Raelian responsible for Nopedo Belgium is about to be seized because of a huge fine decided by the Belgian justice!!! Belgium authorities are really shameless.

The Raelian movement through its association Nopedo has been very active denouncing paedophilia, especially amongst the Catholic priests. While in the USA there is no cover up about the paedophile crimes of the Catholic church, in Belgium it is those who are denouncing it like Nopedo who are condemned!!!

How can Belgium dare to condemn an organization which denounces paedophiliac Catholic priests? Raelians of the world, let's unite our forces to let the world know about this denial of justice and make Belgium authorities feel shamed.

Protests in front of Belgium embassies will be organized. Stay tuned...

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## OUR SUPPORT OF THE WEEK

Our support was sent this week to **Beatrice Dalle**, a French actress, for her courage as she defied the establishment by marrying a man in jail, someone she met while visiting prisons. The Prophet Rael sent her His best wishes and expressed the desire to meet her one day.

We also sent our support to **Roque Fraticelli**, another artist from Cordoba who has been denied the right to display his creations as they were considered offensive to the Catholic Church... a strange way to interpret the freedom of expression???

Our Beloved Prophet encourages all American soldiers to become conscientious objectors, as war is always wrong, and only Gandhi's model of absolute non-violence should be followed. Our support was sent to the American soldier, **Sgt. Kevin Benderman**, who is considered AWOL after refusing to return to Iraq.

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## LETTER FROM OUR ATTORNEY JON LEVY TO AN INTERNET PROVIDER IN THE U.S. WHO IS BLOCKING ACCESS TO OUR SITE .... Enjoy!!!

George Y. Shih, CEO  
8e6 Technologies  
828 West Taft Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Shih:

I represent the Raelian Movement whose website, [www.rael.org](http://www.rael.org) has been erroneously blocked by 8e6 as a "Cult." One of my client's members has previously requested that you review your decision and correct your error, however 8e6 refused to alter its finding and the website remains blocked to the detriment of hundreds of people each day seeking information on the Raelian Movement at libraries, schools, or at home. In fact, your actions are not a mistake but intentional as your "content control division" re-reviewed the site and still calls my client a "cult". This is 100% unacceptable.

The Raelian Movement is a significant worldwide religious movement and is not a cult. The Raelian Movement is for this purpose, engaged in discussion of your censorship, comparable to Scientology, the Unification Church, or even the First Church of Satan, all of which are unblocked by 8e6. Obviously, your classification scheme is in bad faith, arbitrary, capricious and designed to discriminate against the Raelian Movement. Where is your proof that my client is a dangerous cult? What are the qualifications of your censors to distinguish a legitimate religion from a dangerous cult?

The Raelian Movement has, in fact, been championing the rights of victims of child molestation, victims of sexual abuse by Catholic priests, women's rights and human rights in general on a worldwide scale for decades at the local, national and international levels.

In addition, websites of truly dangerous groups like the predatory Order of St. Charbel whose leader, the Little Pebble, believes the Virgin Mary and the Pope have authorized him to molest children, remains unblocked by 8e6!

As a private contractor for the government, libraries, and schools you must be aware that you are liable under various civil rights acts for violations of the First Amendment, Equal Protection and Non-Establishment Clauses, and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Your intentional blocking of the rael.org website violates some or all of the aforementioned.

In addition to civil rights violations there is the issue of libel. Scientology, which you have not blocked, but for this purpose can only be considered similar to the Raelian Movement, has sued repeatedly and won against groups that have demonized it as a cult. The Raelian Movement will not hesitate to do the same.

Therefore, the Raelian Movement is willing to extend the following settlement offer, which will expire 20 days from the date of this letter:

1. 8e6 unblocks rael.org and provides a written apology and;
2. 8e6 remits a payment of \$2,500 to this office to cover the Raelian Movement's costs in pursuing this matter.

If no response is received within 20 days of the above date, my client will assume any further attempt to resolve this issue is futile and will take all other measures under the law.

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## MESSAGE STORM IN TURKEY J

Leon Mellul told us a few days ago: "In the last four days I have received over 1,300 e-mails and they are still coming. It reminds me of the Cloning announcement :-))) I don't even have the time to reply to any personal mails..."

During the lecture and mini-seminar he gave in Istanbul, someone "infiltrated us", YIPPY!!! A so-called "student", a young woman who attended the lecture and mini-seminar and made her transmission, was apparently sent by the Turkish national TV and had a hidden camera in her bag.

The national Turkish television station, "Star TV" did a 40-minute program on us :-)) that was followed by a surge of hits to our website. Already more than 7,000 ebooks in Turkish have been downloaded. It is the #1 hit since the launching of our ebooks. Wonderful news!!!! We love being infiltrated J

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## REGARDING OUR WEBSITE RAEL.ORG

The new "Maitreya From the West" video is now available on English Rael TV.

And the long awaited English version of **Geniocracy** is also available as an ebook... Enjoy!!!

Also, if you want to know what is published about us in the media of the world, you could receive the articles by subscribing to the following links, according to your language.

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New members will get an e-mail asking them to confirm thier membership.

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## THE ARTICLE OF THE WEEK ... not too bad ;-)

### Prophet Rael 'a creative artist'

by MONIQUE POLAK

8 January 2005, Montreal Gazette

Susan J. Palmer's study of the Raelians - a religious movement headquartered in Quebec - has all the makings of a TV movie: flying saucers, sexy robots, a cloned baby and a charismatic leader with a scantily clad entourage.

Palmer, a Dawson College religious-studies instructor, provides a behind-the-scenes peek at a strange religion with a surprisingly wide appeal. At last count, the Raelians claim to have 65,000 members worldwide.

Their spiritual leader is Rael, a ponytailed Frenchman born Claude Vorilhon. Vorilhon's life changed in 1974, when he claims to have encountered an extraterrestrial who broke the news that Vorilhon was not a racing-car driver turned journalist, but Rael, a prophet sent to Earth by scientists from another galaxy. Two years later, Rael says, the extraterrestrials whisked him off to their planet, where he was seduced by six female robots.

Palmer, a specialist in new religious movements, does not think that Rael, whom she has met on numerous occasions, is a kook. She sees him instead as "a creative artist."

What emerges in this book is that Rael is awfully clever. Palmer discusses several theories that attempt to explain the success of new religions. Rael meets all of the requirements. He maintains a balance between what researchers call "formal distance" and "personal closeness", appearing at Raelian functions in a highly orchestrated fashion; he tolerates no dissent from his followers; and he courts a moderate level of controversy with the outside world, which serves to unify members in what Palmer calls a "self-defensive posture".

But Palmer believes it is the Raelian reverence for science that lies at the heart of the religion's appeal. It's not just that Rael dresses like an astronaut. It's that his religion posits that we can be saved by science, if it is correctly used.

It helps, too, that Rael is media-savvy. At a press conference here in Montreal in 2000, he introduced 50 women who had volunteered to act as surrogate mothers for a cloning experiment. That led to Rael's appearance at a congressional hearing in Washington, D.C., the following year.

But when authorities searched the West Virginia laboratory of Clonaid - a company associated with the Raelians - the high-tech equipment they found was little more than an incubator and a Brita water filter. Baby Eve, the Clonaid poster child, never materialized.

Rael and his followers were undaunted. What mattered most to them was the media buzz and the fact that their religion was taken seriously, if only for a short time, by the scientific world.

For Palmer, who has studied them for over a decade, the Raelians are a largely harmless group. She finds them "fun to be with, full of vitality, humorous and playful." She points out that in their vocal opposition to nuclear war, overpopulation, sexism and racism, they are more responsive to contemporary problems than many other religions.

Palmer acknowledges that, as advocates of free love, most Raelians are not cut out for matrimony, and that the marriages of members often suffer as a result of their involvement with the religion. She also includes testimony from a disgruntled former Raelian who claims that money earmarked for building an embassy to welcome the extraterrestrials, due, according to Rael, to arrive in 2035, was used to fund Rael's racing-car habit.

If anything, Palmer errs by taking the Raelians and their leader too seriously. She writes for instance that "Vorilhon's first contact with an alien was on December 13, 1973." Some skepticism would have been in order here. Yet for a scholarly work, Palmer's style is lively and engaging. Same goes for the work of some of her students, whose excerpts are included. The Raelians, Palmer explains, enjoy being studied. Eager to recruit young members, they consented to interviews with Palmer's students. Palmer never says whether the Raelians had any success on that front. That might make for another interesting book - or TV movie.

*.... A letter is being sent to the newspaper so that they correct the point regarding the*

*Rael racing team as, of course, no money of the movement's has ever been used for racing!*