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EDITORIAL

Following these few weeks of silence, information coming from the 7 Raelian corners would fill up too many pages to be covered in only one publication. Since Contact chooses to inform and not to fill up the same number of pages no matter the events, I opted to gather in this issue the point of view of Our Beloved Prophet on various topics as well as selecting certain activities that you have participated in recently. The next issue will relate more of these events, diffusion activities of all kind, each more passionate and inspiring than the other... I hope that you will forgive me if your article takes a few days longer to be published :-)

Before I leave you to savour The Words of our Beloved Prophet, I would like to suggest an idea that comes from Johnny from Arequipa in Peru and James from Narita in Japon. This idea consists in taking pictures of yourself with a Raelian symbol in as many different places of our planet as possible. Johnny went to the shores of Lake Titicaca in Puno, Peru, the highest lake in the world and sent us the photo you see above... With the diversity of our origins, I think that we could create an interesting illustration of our presence in the world through all your pictures... If you feel like contributing, you can send shots taken in the most symbolic or heteroclite places possible with the raelian symbol well in site. Please send your pictures to editor@raelianews.org

Looking forward to discovering all of you soon...

Brigitte

WORDS OF OUR BELOVED PROPHE

'TUROK IS RIGHT – THE UNIVERSE HAS NO BEGINNING!

Cambridge University mathematical physicist Neil Turok has put forth what the mainstream media and academic press describe as a “new theory” about the universe that excludes the “Big Bang” event endorsed by most physicists.

According to Turok, neither time nor the universe has a beginning or end in what he terms ‘an infinitely repeated cycle of universal expansion and contraction.’ *



In other words, this is the first time that a physicist from a famous university proposes what we have known for 33 years thanks to the messages given to our Beloved Prophet, that “The universe is infinite in space and eternal in time,”

Our Beloved Prophet has sent his congratulations to Turok and saluted his work as one of the major steps towards the understanding of how the universe is organized. He also reminded us that there is still another important scientific knowledge yet to be discovered, the fact that time is inversely proportional to mass, or rather to the level of the form of life,” As it is said in the Messages: “While a millennium has gone by for us, the gigantic being of whom our sun is just an atom has only had time to take one step.” Our Beloved Prophet said: “The scientist who makes that discovery will become as famous as Newton and Einstein.”

You may see the wired.com article recently published on Turok’s work at the end of this newsletter.

You may also want to visit this site : <http://www.fractaluniverse.org/conclusion.php> which explains that the universe appears to be fractal, cyclic and self- regenerating which of course implies that it is eternal and infinite :-)

BEIJING AIMS TO CONTROL WEATHER AT OLYMPICS... ANOTHER PREDICTED SCIENTIFIC EVENT!

Nearly 11,000 artillery guns and rockets are used in China to manipulate rain. The technique used is well known; the rocket when reaching the clouds seeds them with chemicals like silver iodide which makes the cloud release its rain. Chinese scientists say they are confident they can keep rain away from the Olympic Games opening ceremony, or summon a storm on cue to clear the city’s choking pollution. China, short on water and arable land, is spending an estimated \$100 million a year and employs 50,000 for rainmaking... International scientists prefer to doubt their capacity and question the reality of any weather control.

What Chinese scientists propose to do is the beginning of what our Beloved Prophet announced and what the Elohim master, the full control of the Planet’s weather which looks like an impossible task for today’s experts. We know it will happen, sooner than they think☒

KORAN, SCIENTOLOGY, Raelism, IS THERE A DANGER?

Censorship of religious texts is more than ever current news. France, Germany and Greece have made themselves the antisect champions of Europe, attempting to ban from their territories all forms of spirituality less than a century old. Lately, Germany has become the leader of the pack with the proposition of Senator Nagel to ban Scientology as contrary to the constitution, though the constitution is to respect Human Rights, advocating of course the respect of religious differences.

At the same time, Northern countries like Denmark or Holland, who traditionally have less religious fanaticism, are leading a core debate concerning the respect of religious beliefs and freedom of expression. Rael wished to welcome this approach in order to underline the absurdity of the fight against sects when majority religions kill and threaten with impunity. The case involving the caricatures of Mohammed in a Danish newspaper, two years ago, is a perfect example of it. Because of the few

published images of a prophet, embassies were attacked, violent demonstrations were organized in many Muslim countries and the life of one of the cartoonists, Kurt Westergaard, is still threatened two years later!! Despite the pressure of Muslim powers, the Danish media recently chose to publish these caricatures once again, showing their solidarity with Kurt Westergaard and their determination not to give up their freedom of expression. Rael renewed his support to Kurt Westergaard and reminded that no one should be offended by the caricature made of one's prophet. The caricature is not the prophet...

Geert Wilders, a Dutch politician, went a step further as he launched a campaign last August, asking for the 'banning of the Koran in Holland «The Koran is a fascist book which incites violence», writes Geert Wilders. « That is why this book, just like Mein Kampf, must be banned. »

In a recent press release for Germany, Rael indeed raised the following question: « Why is it that German politician, Nagel, who recently proposed the banning of Scientology in Germany because it was contrary to the constitution has nothing to say about the Koran? In the Koran, there are many quotes inciting the murder of Jews, Christians, Atheists and Homosexuals and also some that recommend the use of physical violence against women. Isn't all this more contrary to the German constitution than Scientology? Nagel is either publicly demonstrating his incompetence or his cowardice attacking harmless scientologists rather than Muslims, encouraging such sordid crimes. Or would the fact that the Koran recommends the killing of Jews awaken the nazy mind that may remain dormant in some Germans?»

Of course, the debate should not remain focussed on one religious or another. Whether they be Scientology texts or those from the Koran or the Bible, in the 21st century, every religious text should conform to the Charter of Human Rights may they be 2000 years old or 2 months old. Rael repeatedly asked for the censorship of religious texts so that the fundamental rights of each human being be respected and that all violence be finally removed from the teachings they perpetrate.

Rael added:

« To the proposition of Geert Wilders, who is asking for the Koran to be banned, I propose a midway solution that would ban the version encouraging those crimes and replace it by a censored version omitting them. Non violent and respectful Muslims could only welcome such a compromise. Otherwise, they would be recognizing that they are in favor of inciting these despicable crimes and, in that case, the Muslim religion would deserve to be completely banned from Germany far more than Scientology would.»

TURKISH REFORM OF ISLAM 'GREAT BOOST TO WORLD PEACE'

And this is what Turkey is now doing! This 'Islamic' country has officially decided to publish a document encompassing a revolutionary, human-rights oriented reinterpretation of Islam. Our Beloved Prophet has of course applauded that decision and sent a statement of support to the Turkish government encouraging this historical reform.

"This is a global revolution toward world peace that will forever bring positive change to the current negative image of Muslims," Rael said in a Feb. 28 statement after learning that a team of theologians at Ankara University has been officially commissioned by the Turkish government to carry out a fundamental revision of the Hadith, the second most sacred text in Islam (after the Koran).

"Hopefully this will change the whole face of Islam," Rael commented. "Muslims worldwide will now have the choice to either embrace the reformed Islam, which will respect international laws and human rights, or stay with the primitive version and be outlawed. Peaceful Muslims will now have the possibility of putting distance between their faith and the shameful and fanatic parts of the unrevised scriptures that not only support hatred and crimes against Jews, Christians and atheists, but recommend sexist behavior and violence against women and homosexuals."

Calling the imminent scriptural reform "a historical event toward world peace," Rael added that although it is "a very big step in the right direction," more remains to be done, and that other countries and religious leaders should follow Turkey's example.

"Violence and hatred in the name of God dominates our world even though the prophets brought messages of peace and

non-violence,” he declared. “All of them have been betrayed. Therefore, the scriptures of all religions – not just Islam – should be reviewed and revised to be in full agreement with both the actual messages of the prophets and the Declaration of Human Rights.”

Rael also sent his support to the association of ex-Muslims in UK which denounces the violence of traditional Islam.

See www.ex-muslim.org.uk

THE USA IS *THE* COUNTRY OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

In contrast to what is happening in Europe with the Scientology or the Raelian Movement, it is refreshing to see what is happening in the USA with regard to religious freedom. Neil Bush, younger brother of President Bush, was in Paraguay a few weeks ago where he met with Paraguayan President Nicanor Duarte and later with an opposition leader as well, before heading to a leadership seminar sponsored by a business federation founded by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

The federation’s Web site says it is trying to promote peace in the Middle East, South Asia and other regions, as well as proposing a 50 mile (85-kilometer), \$200 billion tunnel linking Siberia and Alaska. The seminar, held at an Asuncion hotel, was entitled “Toward a New Paradigm of Leadership and Government in Times of World Crisis.”

Rael commented:

“Can you imagine the brother of a French president accepting such an invitation? All headlines in the media would be attacking this visit as fraternizing with a “cult” which is on the scandalous list of the French parliament of “Dangerous cults”, altogether with 180 other groups including the Mormons, the Jehovah Witnesses, and of course our organization, while there is absolutely no Muslim organization in it, despite the fact that they support killing the Jews and the atheists, and violence against women and homosexuals. May be the French congressmen are too afraid of bomb attacks to put Muslim cults on their list? Of course by having non-violent religious minorities on this list they don’t take any risk...

The USA is really THE country of religious freedom and respect for religious minorities while France should be boycotted and condemned for not respecting religious freedom.”

PROPHET RAE: GABON HAS FAR MORE OF A NEED FOR UNIVERSITIES THAN BASILICAS.

A few days ago, the AFP announced the decision of President Omar Bongo to build a basilica with a 4500 seat capacity in Libreville, the capital of Gabon. This project should engulf between 80 and 120 million euros reminding of the Yamoussoukro Basilica (Ivory Coast) in its magnitude. That project had been wished by Ivory president Félix Houphouët-Boigny.

“Africa does not need basilicas but rather free universities” declared Prophet Rael, leader of the Raelian Movement which is strongly implanted in Africa, and notably in universities.

“How many scientists could have been trained with the millions of Euros wasted here, and would have really given a better future to Africans?” Rael added.

“The quote “religion is the opium of the people“, here of the African people, is more that ever perfectly fit here, a people that is being kept in such a state of torpor that only a drug can induce.”

“The Vatican has a heavy past in Africa. Associated with the great powers of the European conquistadors from past centuries, it drove this people to the most complete servility, pushing it to abandon its culture and identity, shattering original tribes, pillaging the wealth and forcing them to reject their ancient religions and traditions” explained Kayemb Uriel Nawej, author of the best seller ‘A black Christian is a traitor in the memory of his ancestors’ and Raelian bishop guide.

Rael gave many speeches in Africa during the past few years explaining that the complete and entire decolonisation of Africa

must inevitably go through the abandoning of the colonizing Christianity. Many apostasy campaigns have been launched in West and Central Africa, including Gabon, to support this spiritual decolonization. Concerning this, Rael said: “Thanks to the spiritual decolonization, a great Africa of peace, love and fraternity will be born and will be able to recover the splendor of ancient times, the pride of its origins and the return of the religions of its ancestors who cry when they see their descendants embracing the religion of those who colonized and enslaved them with violence and in a blood bath. They watch their descendants who pay for churches and who don’t apostasize as traitors to their memory. This memory of the ancestors is so dear to the traditional African religions and they curse them”

Prophet Rael calls on all the Raelians of Africa to send their written protests to the Gabonese president and calls on all Gabonese to subtract from the income tax the percentage of the budget that this basilica will cost. He adds: “there is no reason for non-catholics, that is to say half of the gabonese population who are faithful to traditional African religions or Muslims, Raelians or atheists, to pay for this catholic basilica, symbol of the spiritual colonization. If you are not catholic, why would a part of your income tax go to finance it? Do subtract the percentage this project represents from your income tax because it is an expense that is contrary to the sovereign principal of the separation of church and state. This income tax strike is totally justified.

Last week, Eloize, Gabon’s National Guide was a guest on Africa N01, a radio station broadcast all over French speaking Kama. There, she was able to expose the point of view of the Raelian Movement and of Our Beloved Prophet concerning the basilica and the need for Universities. Here is what Eloize shared with us a few days following her radio interview: “the President had already laid the stones in four Gabon provinces for the construction of scientific universities.

After our relentless campaign, the government spoke about the launching of the ground breaking work [of these four universities] as related in the news on TV. In Gabon, too many stones are set for projects without the work ever been completed...” to be continued :-)

PROBLEMS AT SWISS BANK UBS, JUSTICE SERVED?

A few days ago, the UBS Bank published the first annual loss of its time, a historic loss of 4.4 billion of Swiss Francs (2.7 billion of Euros). The bank also declared that it expected a difficult year.

The financial analysts turned to the American real estate market to explain how a company of such scale could have gone under that way. However, the elements leading to such an important collapse are always multiple, and the Swiss Raelians didn’t fail to remember when reading the announcement, that these same persons who caused the historic loss recorded last year, are the same who last year refused them as clients. Indeed, UBS was one of the first banks to expel the Raelian Movement as one of its clients, finding it too politically incorrect and not wanting to sully its image with these “second class citizens ” accused of so many bad things by the Media’s rumors.

Was UBS looking to give itself a respectability while discriminating against a non-violent religious minority? Was it to make people forget about its past collaboration with the Nazis?

Raël declared: “Let’s celebrate when an important Swiss bank that refused the Raelian Movement as a client has problems! I want to remind all the Raelians in the world, especially Americans, to boycott the Swiss banks that refused the Raelian Movement as a client, in a way that can only be described as religious discrimination...contrary to the banks of the other countries where we are welcomed.”

“Of course, these same Swiss banks, and especially UBS, had no problem at all welcoming the leaders of Nazi Germany and open a bank account for the billions of dollars stolen from the Jewish victims of the Holocaust.” He added: “these banks kept this money for 40 years, making huge profits with the investments before they admitted they had it.”

“Don’t forget that if you are in business with a Swiss bank, you’re doing business with a company that built its fortune on the blood of the Jews”

Chris Antille, spokesperson for the Swiss Raelian Movement added: “ Since all the Swiss banks “courageously” expelled the Raelians they judged undesirable in their virtuous establishment, will they have the courage to separate themselves from the

Catholic Church whose clergy is thrown into in the vast scandal of pedophilia world wide?”

The Raelians are indeed proud to defend values that don't agree with the Nazi criminal practices or the catholic pedophile perversion and are happy to see that those who defend them are facing some problems... will the decision-makers of the UBS learn from it?

TO WATCH AND LET WATCH

- A BBC video about the sex crimes of the Vatican , to forward to your contact list so that no one can ignore the ignominy within that organization... which doesn't deserve the term 'religious'...
<http://video.google.fr/videoplay?docid=-2817091091099308361>
- A peace song performed by Palestinian and Israeli artists... such a wonderful and inspiring song full of hope!
http://uk.youtube.com:80/watch?v=5d_i2F2LIF8

THE RAELIAN PLANET - IXACHILAN

BOLIVIA,

David Uzal, National guide for Brazil, paid a visit to Bolivia. He tells us about his missionary days...

We arrived in Santa Cruz, the big city in the tropical region of Bolivia. There, Teresa, Pimpi, Luis

Antonio, Cris and others were waiting for us, and welcomed us with unexpected warmth in this “small country” a bit isolated from the rest of the world. We then headed into the heart of this people that is probably the most preserved from this continent devastated by the European-Christian colonization. After a few days, we temporarily left Santa Cruz, passed through the hills bordering the equatorial jungle until we reached Samaipata, a lovely village known for its “fort”, mistakenly named as this place is actually associated to ancient religions. For the Raelian eyes (and for Erick Von Daniken), such site would likely be linked to a landing base that the Elohim may have used when They used to live among the people of the Earth.



In this area rich with a history that we suspected to be close to the Elohim, we meditated and shared about the raelian philosophy with a small group present for the occasion. Let us thank Luis Alfonso who invited us to stay in his cottage in Samaipata. Then, we left this balmy region and started to climb 4000 meters up into the Andes in the direction of La Paz. The difference of altitude is very hard on the legs and the stomach, causing some to be noxious or even to faint. The very first afternoon, despite our shortness of breath and headaches we distributed a press release in each media of the city and the main TV station came to interview us at our hotel. We took advantage of this opportunity to introduce Steve Bravo, the newly nominated national leader, as the spokesperson. He did really well, his professional background as DJ and artist helped him be completely at ease with his speech. Steve welcomed us

as if we had known each other for a long time. His knowledge of the Messages and his assimilation of our values are surprising for

someone who has never attended a seminar. He has a great mastery of Spanish, French, Portuguese and English and this gives him a wonderful international scope that is sometimes lacking on this continent. During the dinner he invited us to in his lovely home, Steve moved me with his intelligence, his insight, his knowledge of the country, his sensitivity. Being part of this grand planetary scheme as raelian missionary, it is rare to meet with someone who has the skills to carry on the mission in a new region. It is one of your culminating points and I was rarely given the opportunity to live this throughout my travels. I was able to truly enjoy one of these moments with Steve on one special evening. Now the ball is in his court and I am sure he will do well in this country in complete revolution. The revolution! We could not help but mention that! After five centuries of servility and of being pillaged, a Indian born president was elected in Bolivia and until very recently has not been the puppet extension of the US Embassy and its disastrous Latin- American politics.



As proud pilgrims of the reconquest of Ixachitlan*, we went to the Parliament, and visited the offices of the MAS party headed by the President of Bolivia, Evo Morales. Thanks to contacts initiated by sympathizers in Santa Cruz, we managed to give a letter written by the Prophet to two senators one of them and being in very close with the President. The next day, thanks to the intervention of this deputy, we were able to go to the presidential palace and deliver the Prophet's letter to the personal secretary of Mr. Evo Morales. We shall see if he answers in the next few weeks, but nevertheless there are strong chances that he has indeed read it or that he has been informed of its content.



Our visit in Bolivia generated 2 TV interviews, one local station in Santa Cruz and a National one in La Paz, broadcast all over Ixachitlan through cable. It allowed us to find a National leader with an extraordinary potential, Steve Bravo, to meet highly motivated raelians and sympathizers. I would like to sincerely thank Teresa for her welcome and Pimpi who hosted us in his home.

Bolivia whose capitale is like the Jerusalem of Ixachitlan*: Ciudad de La Paz means « the City of Peace », «

Yir u shaleim» –Jérusalem- in hebrew , within harms length of the temples where one strongly suspects the influence and even the presence ot Elohim (the Door of the Sun in Titicaca, etc.) , her people, with the highest percentage of native indian out

of all the countries on the continent: : 64% of the population is native and almost 99% is mixed, her revolutionary president, without forgetting her national day which falls on no other day than the 6th of August, her raelians for so longer isolated but so enthusiastic: all this gives this country somewhat hidden a grandiose raelian destiny. If a continental capitale was to be chosen, I think that it should be in Bolivia because of its central geographical position and especially because of its precolombus authenticity. All this gives her a strength and a direct link to the Elohim, our creators. Some of the raéliens showed a strong interest in going to the mini seminars which will take place in Brazil during the first week in April and maybe President Morales will answer

the letter he was entrusted with. Steve is now in charge and we hope that these new Elohim Samurai will surprise us. If one day you wish to discover a wonderful country and bring your contribution to this newly born team, your presence even if temporary would be so appreciated. Add Bolivia to your list of your dream journeys!

Good luck to the new raelian structure!

- Ixachitlan is the name referring to the continent of Latin America. It comes from the main native language of Mexico provient de la principale langue.

PRESS CONFERENCE IN TOLOCA, MEXICO

On Wednesday February 20th, The Mexican Raelian Movement organized a press conference/ luncheon in the city of Toluca, located near the mega capital of Mexico City. The media were invited with the purpose of informing them about a public conference that Esteban Constantino Hernández Miranda, National guide for Mexico, was going to give 2 days later at the Cultural Center of the Autonomous University of the state of Mexico (Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México). The theme of the conference was the Message given by Extraterrestrials.

The media were convened at 9:45 and several journalists attended with among them a delegation from the Daily Newspaper Agenda Informativa including its CEO, Mr Leonardo Directeur général, Mr. Leonardo Alejandro Olivas Ortiz. The Movement was represented by Sergio García Fabela and my self. Sergio, the leader and spokesperson of the region who explained the main points of our philosophy extended an invitation to the conference two days later.

Résult: 50 people were present at the conference and 4 books were sold.

Alfredo Garcia Pichardo

THE RAELIAN PLANET - AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY 17TH FEBRUARY 2008, MARDI GRAS FAIR DAY, VICTORIA PARK, CAMPERDOWN.



UFOs BRING LOVE

Our stall looked amazing on Fair Day with the spectacular, inflatable UFO. We made quite an impact with the extraordinarily diverse crowd. Our acclaimed main Mardi Gras message 'F**K HOMOPHOBIC RELIGIONS' has been especially welcomed. We've had many requests for t-shirts with the slogan. This is an idea to work on for next year, as well as for Pride later in the year. Stickers and merchandise are always popular at these events.

The GLBTQ community recognizes us now and is at ease with our presence. We sold three books on the day and took contact details from many more. Gerry Teixeira, Sydney area manager, was assisted by our great

team including Veronique, Eden, Craig, Michael, Marie, Rhanda and Tony (thanks Tony for the great pics).

The Prophet has personally told Pierre-Paul (ARAMIS Planetary President) that "We



are the one and only religion where sexual minorities are welcome. We are the only one whose affirmation is that sexual orientation is genetic and natural like the color of skin. We need to promote our message to sexual minorities in all our public appearances". So, YES, it's Mardi Gras all year round for the Raelian Movement!! Keep the message thriving and reaching out.

The next great event in Oceania is the Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday 1st March. This year the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras is 30 years old. Congratulations everybody!!

SYDNEY GAY MARDI GRAS 2008!



By Brent, from UK

Wow! What a spectacle, what an event, what a party! And what a privilege for me to spend this awesome day down-under with my brothers and sisters from Oz!

With 10,000 beautifully bronzed participants wearing skimpy outfits and big smiles the 30th anniversary of Sydney's Gay Mardi Gras made this the biggest event of its kind on the planet and we Raelians were in the thick of it! From across Australia and New Zealand 40 Raelians and friends gathered to celebrate and diffuse our message of love and acceptance.

We arrived up to 6 hours before our team would be marching the streets of Sydney and what a great time to diffuse. Our very sexy Jandy (Jezibel) had spectators and tourists enthralled, enchanted and amused as she graciously posed in front of their cameras for over 2 hours! The public adored her skimpy outfit and gorgeous looks. The team then rallied around to spend the remaining time preparing the float for the parade. 500 helium balloons printed with our message were tirelessly filled and strings attached to adorn our float, costumes prepared and make-up applied. Pink hair, pink and silver wigs, ufo skirts, veils, sashes, pink shorts and topless tanned bodies. How beautiful we all looked and the float looked fabulous with the fantastic message "UFO's Bring Love" – "F@#k Homophobic Religions" It was a wonderful sight and so many people were photographing the message before we'd even started to move! Then with the music pumping top volume we danced and laughed as we waited in line for our turn to enter the parade and shine.

LuXifer led the proceedings dressed in his bright pink 'alienesque' finery as Pope Alice – Queen of Heaven – and with his entourage alongside we moved forward to the cheers and delight of the crowds. The next 45 minutes of marching was totally



exhilarating. While I go-go danced on the float I watched as the team ran alongside the crowds with banners and placards, the crowd couldn't be more enthusiastic as they clamored for flyers, waved and cheered and applauded and photographed our slogans. And from section to section of the crowd a roar of approval went up as they spied our float with it's beautiful message. I didn't want it to end! It was so much fun and sexy and sensual.

By the end of the parade with sore feet and happy exhausted smiles we gathered in a group to acknowledge everyone's hard work. And what an achievement! This huge, well planned and executed operation got our message out to approximately 350,000 people! The Aussie team got it right again!!! And should be very proud of their accom-

plishments.

I will never forget this day. It was a highlight of my year. Events such as this reaffirm my love for the diversity of humanity all thanks to our beautiful creators.

And on a final note..... for those of you who are thinking of coming to Australia for this event next year... Why not combine it with the Oceanic seminar – these events are both unique and unforgettable. Live the Dream..... anything's possible.

Love Brent, UK responsible for Sexual Minorities.



THE RAE LIAN PLANET - EUROPE

ITALY

Sunday February 17th, in Rome, a ceremony commemorating the death of Giordano Bruno was organized by the UAAR Association (Atheist, Agnostic, Rational Union). The organizers themselves sent us an invitation and an important Raelian Movement delegation attended the event. Armed with banners, flags, flyers proning Atheism and a lot of love, 18 fearless white knights from everywhere in the country gathered at 10AM on the town square of Campo de Fiori to speak their voice and light sparks of consciousness all around them.

Our National Guide, bishop Marco, greatly honored us with his presence during this event with the precious support of



Roberta, Elena, Giovanni and Giuseppe, supported themselves by Josel, Vittorio, Marilena, Gabriele and her companion, Maria Rita, who joined Lazio's team after hours of travel. We had an excellent exchange with the organizers, who thanked us for responding to their invitation and for our availability contributing to this day of consciousness and indignation against the Roman usurper.

On the town square that icy Sunday, a group of about a hundred people gathered. The number of participants was far inferior that day than when Our Beloved Prophet presided over the ceremony at the closing of the year of Atheism in 2004. However in spite of the modest presence of the public, we were visited by TV cameramen sent by the RAI TV station who made sure to film our banners. The celebration took place with the speeches of several associations, including ours. We were represented by Giovanni Ottaviani

who started to speak with enthusiasm and warmed up the crowd made even more profound by his charisma: he left us all breathless! The celebration concluded with the recitation of the words of Giordano Bruno thanks to the participation of two actors: one was a representative of UAAR and...the other from the Raelian Movement : the magnificent Roberta Pucci, who was given the opportunity to honor the memory of the great philosopher by reading passages of his written legacy Her touching interpretation was enriched by her personal testimony adding depth to that moment. The morning of the 18th ended with a well deserved philosophical meal in a pleasant restaurant nearby. The freezing cold was offset by the heat generated through our wondrous mission...

Thank you all who have made unforgettable this fantastic day! And thank you Giordano Bruno! Despite the passing of time, you are still an example for which we can and must gather witnesses!



THE RAE LIAN PLANET - AMERICA

QUEBEC

Testimony of a trainee

Everything started 24 years ago, when I was created in my mother's womb and I didn't know it yet at that time, but I had the great honor of being accepted as a trainee.

I did the Transmission of my Cellular Plan on August 6. 62 aH. And I got accepted into the structure during the national seminar in the fall, October 5-7, 62. Afterwards, I was in a hurry to move up to level 1, level 2 maybe...

But today, January 27, 62 my view has changed; I understand the honor,



privilege and profoundness of being a trainee. Actually, it's my biggest role on Earth and it's MY mission. From the day of my conception, I was accepted as a trainee for the Elohim. I'm lucky in my life to have everything I desire, to develop myself and grow in consciousness to help humanity. It also gives me the great joy to hope to see the Elohim one day, and maybe be able to be recreated.

I love being a trainee on Earth at this time, because our Beloved Prophet is amongst us, and thanks to all the tools and teaching He gives us, we have the opportunity to be conscious and grow faster than anybody else in the history of humanity. We are in an era of change and evolution where His teachings help us even more.

I have all the opportunity, knowledge and love on my side. What am I going to do with my status as trainee? I'm going to have fun, discover, create, help and love. I'm going to appreciate and savor it.

What about you?

With affection and tenderness

Veronique Daneau

Kisses xxx

Responsible for ARAMIS in Montreal

USA, LAS VEGAS

First off I want to tell you a little about me. My name is Joe, I was born and raised in Las Vegas Nevada. I did not come to find out about the messages till June of 2007. I then read all of the books I could get my hands on involving anything that would scientifically prove that there is no God. On October, 7, 2007 I received my transmission. I felt new and alive for the first time with eyes that opened up to my being. I am a very independent and outgoing person.

Well in February of 2008 I decided to buy my necklace of peace (our Raelian symbol of infinity.) Which I did online and it is the silver pendant that I am still wearing proudly as I write this story. After two weeks of wearing it out in public and seen at work my boss approaches me. He says "Joe, could you please tuck that symbol in your shirt?" "Some people could take that as an offence and we do not want that here." That was not what I wanted to hear after working hard for this company for almost a year. My response was "If I have to tuck in my pendant then why do people who wear crosses around their necks get to wear them openly!?" He had no response other than "Well it's a swastika with the Jew symbol people might think your a skin head." I replied "This symbol that represents my religion, peace, and infinity." After him four other people in the company came up and asked me to tuck it in. I said "I will not and no one can make me!" As you can probably guess I was pretty distraught. I who follow a way of peace, and supposedly free to express my religion stated by the constitution was told to hide my religion with shame!

Well that was not going to fly with me. I spoke to my best friend and guide Thomas about the situation who looked into the matter for me to see what rights I still had. But I did not just stop there I pulled the Human Resources lady aside and asked her about it as well. I told her I was offended that I was told to put my symbol away like some shameful relic! She said she would look into this for me. The next day she pulled me aside and said she was sorry that I went through that ordeal, she spoke with the managers, and owners of the company telling them that I am allowed to wear it openly. The only ground rules were that I do not preach. *I saw irony in that statement due to our philosophy on preaching.* She also said as long as it does not become a hazard in the workplace I am free to express myself as I wish!

If there is any lesson that I learned out of this mess was this. If you do not stand up for yourself and for what you believe in you will not accomplish anything in life. Be proud of who and what you are, I am!



Joe Musso

Well... Joe will attend his first seminar in Las Vegas in a few days with several hundreds of other Raelians who are proud to be who they are... you still have time to pack and join us at the Alexis Park hotel from March 23rd to March 29th.

See you there!

A little taste of what and who you may encounter there following this link:-)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsPPeiXqavU>

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PHYSICIST NEIL TUROK: BIG BANG WASN'T THE BEGINNING

http://www.wired.com/science/discoveries/news/2008/02/qa_turok

By Brandon Keim

The Big Bang was big, but it wasn't the beginning, Cambridge University mathematical physicist Neil Turok says. He theorizes that the universe is engaged in an eternal cycle of expansion and contraction: There have been many Big Bangs, and there will be many more. For decades, physicists have accepted the notion that the universe started with the Big Bang, an explosive event at the literal beginning of time. Now, computational physicist Neil Turok is challenging that model -- and some scientists are taking him seriously. According to Turok, who teaches at Cambridge University, the Big Bang represents just one stage in an infinitely repeated cycle of universal expansion and contraction. Turok theorizes that neither time nor the universe has a beginning or end. It's a strange idea, though Turok would say it's no stranger than the standard explanation of the Big Bang: a singular point that defies our laws of physics, where all equations go to infinity and "all the properties we normally use to describe the universe and its contents just fail." That inconsistency led Turok to see if the Big Bang could be explained within the framework of string theory, a controversial and so-far untested explanation of the universe as existing in at least 10 dimensions and being formed from one-dimensional building blocks called strings. Within a school of string theory known as m-theory, Turok said, "the seventh extra dimension of space is the gap between two parallel objects called branes. It's like the gap between two parallel mirrors. We thought, What happens if these two mirrors collide? Maybe that was the Big Bang." Turok's proposition has drawn condemnation from string theory's many critics and even opposition from the Catholic Church. But it's provoked acclaim and wonder, too: He and Princeton University physicist Paul Steinhardt published *Endless Universe: Beyond the Big Bang* last year, and Turok -- also the founder of the South Africa-based African Institute for Mathematical Sciences -- won 2008's first annual TED Prize, awarded to the world's most innovative thinkers. Turok spoke with *Wired.com* about the Big Bang, the intellectual benefits of cosmology and his bet with Stephen Hawking. *Wired*: In a nutshell, what are you proposing? Neil Turok: In our picture, there was a universe before the Big Bang, very much like our universe today: a low density of matter and some stuff called dark energy. If you postulate a universe like this, but the dark energy within is actually unstable, then the decay of this dark energy drives the two branes together. These two branes clash and then, having filled with radiation, separate and expand to form galaxies and stars. Then the dark energy takes over again. It's the energy of attraction between the two branes: It pulls them back together. You have bang followed by bang followed by bang. You have no beginning of time. It's always been there. *Wired*: But isn't there still a beginning? Turok: Imagine you have a room full of air, with all these molecules banging around. The vast majority of time, these molecules spread uniformly -- but once in a trillion trillion years, they all end up in the corner of the room. If you look at the room and run the clock forward, they'll eventually make themselves uniform: But it would reverse, and you'd watch them flying into the corner. Then they'd fly out again. If this is right, it means that time runs forward for a while. Then there's a random state without an arrow of time, then time runs backwards, and then time runs forward again. That's the bigger picture: We're still very far away from understanding it, but that would be my bet. But my main interest is the problem of the singularity. If we can't understand what happened at the singularity we came out of, then we don't seem to have any understanding of the laws of particle physics. I'd be very happy just to understand the last singularity and leave the other ones to future generations. *Wired*: How do you test this theory? Turok: If the universe sprung into existence and then expanded exponentially, you get

gravitational waves traveling through space-time. These would fill the universe, a pattern of echoes of the inflation itself. In our model, the collision of these two branes doesn't make waves at all. So if we could measure the waves, we could see which theory is right. Stephen Hawking bet me that we'll see the signal from inflation. I said that we won't, and he can take it for any amount of money at even odds. So far he hasn't named an amount. He's richer than me, so he's being nice. *Sheep In Human Clothing: Scientists Reveal Our Flock Mentality* <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/02/080214114517.htm> ScienceDaily (Feb. 16, 2008) — Have you ever arrived somewhere and wondered how you got there? Scientists at the University of Leeds believe they may have found the answer, with research that shows that humans flock like sheep and birds, subconsciously following a minority of individuals. Results from a study at the University of Leeds show that it takes a minority of just five per cent to influence a crowd's direction – and that the other 95 per cent follow without realising it. The findings could have major implications for directing the flow of large crowds, in particular in disaster scenarios, where verbal communication may be difficult. “There are many situations where this information could be used to good effect,” says Professor Jens Krause of the University's Faculty of Biological Sciences. “At one extreme, it could be used to inform emergency planning strategies and at the other, it could be useful in organising pedestrian flow in busy areas.” Professor Krause, with PhD student John Dyer, conducted a series of experiments where groups of people were asked to walk randomly around a large hall. Within the group, a select few received more detailed information about where to walk. Participants were not allowed to communicate with one another but had to stay within arms length of another person. The findings show that in all cases, the ‘informed individuals’ were followed by others in the crowd, forming a self-organising, snake-like structure. “We've all been in situations where we get swept along by the crowd,” says Professor Krause. “But what's interesting about this research is that our participants ended up making a consensus decision despite the fact that they weren't allowed to talk or gesture to one another. In most cases the participants didn't realise they were being led by others.” Other experiments in the study used groups of different sizes, with different ratios of ‘informed individuals’. The research findings show that as the number of people in a crowd increases, the number of informed individuals decreases. In large crowds of 200 or more, five per cent of the group is enough to influence the direction in which it travels. The research also looked at different scenarios for the location of the ‘informed individuals’ to determine whether where they were located had a bearing on the time it took for the crowd to follow.

“We initially started looking at consensus decision making in humans because we were interested in animal migration, particularly birds, where it can be difficult to identify the leaders of a flock,” says Professor Krause. “But it just goes to show that there are strong parallels between animal grouping behaviour and human crowds.” This research was funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and was a collaborative study involving the Universities of Oxford and Wales Bangor. The paper relating to this research, entitled *Consensus decision making in human crowds* is published in the current issue of *Animal Behaviour Journal*. Adapted from materials provided by University of Leeds

NIH: JAZZ GREATS ‘TURN OFF BRAIN’ TO LET CREATIVITY FLOW

When John Coltrane was expanding the boundaries of the well-known song “My Favorite Things” at the Village Vanguard in May 1966, no one could have known what inspired him to take the musical turns he took. But imaging researchers may now have a better picture of how the brain was helping to carry him there. Scientists funded by the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) have found that, when jazz musicians are engaged in the highly creative and spontaneous activity known as improvisation, a large region of the brain involved in monitoring one's performance is shut down, while a small region involved in organizing self-initiated thoughts and behaviors is highly activated. The researchers propose that this and several related patterns are likely to be key indicators of a brain that is engaged in highly creative thought. NIDCD is one of the National Institutes of Health. The study is published in the Feb. 27 issue of the journal *Public Library of Science (PLoS) One*.

During the study, six highly trained jazz musicians played the keyboard under two scenarios while in the functional MRI scanner. Functional MRI (fMRI) is an imaging tool that measures the amount of blood traveling to various regions of the brain as a means of assessing the amount of neural activity in those areas.

“The ability to study how the brain functions when it is thinking creatively has been difficult for scientists because of the many variables involved,” said James F. Battey, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., director of the NIDCD. “Through some creative thinking of their own, these researchers designed a protocol in which jazz musicians could play a keyboard while in the confines of a functional MRI scanner. And in doing so, they were able to pinpoint differences in how the brain functions when the musicians are

improvising as opposed to playing a simple melody from memory.”

The study was conducted by researchers of NIDCD’s Division of Intramural Research. Authors on the study are Charles J. Limb, M.D., who was then a research fellow with NIDCD, and Allen R. Braun, M.D., chief of the division’s Language Section. Dr. Limb is now an otolaryngologist at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and faculty member at the university’s Peabody Conservatory of Music.

The first scenario, called the Scale paradigm, was based on a simple C major scale. Using only their right hand, the volunteers first played the scale up and down in quarter notes, an activity they, as accomplished musicians, had performed many times before. Next, they were asked to improvise, though they were limited to playing quarter notes within the C major scale. “Although the musicians were indeed improvising, it was a relatively low-level form of improvisation, musically speaking,” said Limb.

The second scenario, called the Jazz paradigm, addressed higher level musical improvisation. This paradigm was based on a novel blues melody written by Limb that the volunteers had memorized beforehand. Again, using only their right hand, the musicians would play the tune exactly as they had memorized it, only this time accompanied through headphones by a pre-recorded jazz quartet. When they were asked to improvise, the musicians listened to the same audio background, but they were free to spontaneously play whatever notes they wished.

All of this was accomplished while the musicians lay on their backs with their heads and torsos inside an fMRI scanner and their knees bent upward. The plastic keyboard, which was shortened to fit inside the scanner and which had its magnetic parts removed for safety, rested on the musicians’ knees. A mirror placed over the volunteers’ eyes, together with the headphones, helped the musicians see and hear what they were playing. The resulting fMRI scans recorded the amount of change in neural activity—increases and decreases—between the improvised and memorized versions.

Turning Off ‘the Monitor’

One notable finding was that the brain scans were nearly identical for the low-level and high-level forms of improvisation, thus supporting the researchers’ hypothesis that the change in neural activity was due to creativity and not the complexity of the task. If the latter were the case, there would have been a more noticeable difference between the Scale and Jazz paradigms, since the Jazz paradigm was significantly more complex.

Moreover, the researchers found that much of the change between improvisation and memorization occurred in the pre-frontal cortex, the region of the frontal lobe of the brain that helps us think and problem-solve and that provides a sense of self. Interestingly, the large portion responsible for monitoring one’s performance (dorsolateral prefrontal cortex) shuts down completely during improvisation, while the much smaller, centrally located region at the foremost part of the brain (medial prefrontal cortex) increases in activity. The medial prefrontal cortex is involved in self-initiated thoughts and behaviors, and is very active when a person describes an event that has happened to him or makes up a story. The researchers explain that, just as over-thinking a jump shot can cause a basketball player to fall out of the zone and perform poorly, the suppression of inhibitory, self-monitoring brain mechanisms helps to promote the free flow of novel ideas and impulses. While this brain pattern is unusual, it resembles the pattern seen in people when they are dreaming.

Another unusual finding was that there was increased neural activity in each of the sensory areas during improvisation, including those responsible for touch, hearing and vision, despite the fact that there were no significant differences in what individuals were hearing, touching and seeing during both memorized and improvised conditions. “It’s almost as if the brain ramps up its sensorimotor processing in order to be in a creative state,” said Limb. The systems that regulate emotion were also engaged during improvisation.

“One important thing we can conclude from this study is that there is no single creative area of the brain—no focal activation of a single area,” said Braun. “Rather, when you move from either of the control tasks to improvisation, you see a strong and consistent pattern of activity throughout the brain that enables creativity.”

‘ANGER CONTROL’ KEY TO RECOVERY

Learning to control your anger may also speed up the healing process after surgery, US research suggests.

The Brain Behavior and Immunity study indicates stress has a major impact on the body’s ability to repair itself.

Nearly 100 participants were asked to rate how well they could control their temper, and the speed at which they recovered from a blister was monitored.

Hotheads were more than four times likely to take more than four days to heal than mild-mannered counterparts.

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The team at Ohio State University gave participants blisters on one of their arms and then monitored how the wound healed over the course of eight days.

They were asked to fill in a questionnaire which looked at how anger was expressed - whether externally, by shouting at others, for instance, or internally, when one rages insides but keeps a cool exterior.

They were also asked to judge their general ability to manage their anger.

Whether one directed one’s anger externally or internally proved to have no bearing on recovery - what was crucial was just how much control the individual was able to exert over their feelings.

Those with low anger control produced higher levels of the stress hormone cortisol, which was in turn, associated with delayed healing.

“Such stress-induced delays in healing could increase the susceptibility to infection at the wound site, a process that fuels further decrease in the speed of repair,” the team, led by Jean-Philippe Gouin, wrote.

They suggested that therapeutic strategies such as relaxation, or even cognitive therapy, could help those at risk make a swifter recovery.

Bedside manner

The team sought to ensure the association between anger control and healing was not explained by other health factors by taking into account sleep, amount of physical activity and alcohol consumption.

Four participants ended up being excluded because these details were missing, but for the rest of them, anger control still proved to be the most significant factor affecting recovery.

The findings also tally with others in the field of stress and recovery.

One study for example found women caring for a spouse or parent with dementia took on average 24% longer to heal a wound than a control group.

Another found that even marital spats could slow down recovery from a simple wound.

Steve Bloom, professor of metabolic medicine at Imperial College, London, said stress was now increasingly recognized as a factor in recovery rates.

“Your body prioritises and sorts one thing out at a time, so if you are stressed - angry in this case - your body works through that before it gets on with the process of healing.

“We’ve yet to see a study that categorically proves having an attentive, calming presence by your bedside actually speeds up your recovery, but the evidence is certainly pointing that way.”

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