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NEWS AND VIEWS

Booming nations 'threaten Earth' or do they?

The Worldwatch Institute said this week that the booming economies of China and India are "planetary powers that are shaping the global biosphere" and that the two countries' high economic growth hides a reality of severe pollution. It said the planet's resources could not keep pace with such growth. This US think-tank has warned, Earth lacks the water, energy and agricultural land to allow China and India to attain Western living standards...

The Prophet Rael made the following comments:

"Of course, a US report saying that the boom in development of poor countries threaten the world...in other words "stay poor and underdeveloped so we can continue to waste energy in our luxurious way of life while you are starving " ...a great neo-colonialist and imperialist message.

The right way would be to say: "in order to balance the pollution generated by poor countries having a wonderful booming development we, the rich countries, will invest heavily in clean energy technologies and reduce drastically our emissions, even if it means being a little poorer for a while, so the poor world can enjoy the economic boom and equal us in wealth, and then we will give away for free to developing countries the new clean technologies we will discover as a sign of humanitarian help."



But this is of course not the current message, which is "we want to stay the wealthier , the worst polluting civilization but you, underdeveloped countries, must stop developing and continue to starve so we can continue to enjoy our world domination and luxury."

Thankfully booming countries will only laugh at such advice and advance toward equaling the quality of life of the American citizens, and even surpassing it ! There are no reasons for Americans who are less than 5 % of the world population to be the wealthiest and the more powerful in the world. China and India together, are almost 40 % of the world population. If they apply the same technologies as the USA they will for sure do better.

Then the western powers will have to show their true face: will they accept to be dominated by their former colonies ? Or will they again use their military domination to make the poor stay poor ? They may use the pretext of "spreading democracy" or "operation freedom"...Everything is good for them in order to keep their world domination...The coming years will be interesting to watch.

Overpopulation threat...

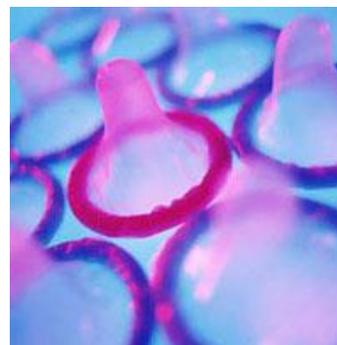
Professor Chris Rapley, the director of the British Antarctic Survey, said this week that the 76 million annual increase in the world's population threatens "the welfare and quality of life of future generations". Environmental problems such as global warming can be tackled only if the international community addresses the problem of population growth.

He said : "Combined with ongoing economic growth, what will be the effect on our collective human 'footprint'? Will the planet cope? The issue of human management must be addressed"

This is exactly what **the Prophet RAEL** has been teaching for 32 years. He added this week: "promoting contraception is the only way out. And those like the Catholic Church opposing it are just committing a new crime against humanity."

Our congratulations and support were sent to :

Mr. William Pena, member of the city council of Tulua, Colombia, who wants to have all men, starting at 15 when they become sexually active, to carry condoms with them, just like they do with their ID.



The Prophet RAEL has asked that his personal support be expressed to Mr. William Penna. He declared: "the Pope and the Catholic Church are responsible for a real genocide and should be accused of crimes against Humanity as they oppose the use of condoms while thousands of human beings are dying of AIDS, following their recommendation. To pretend that abstinence and fidelity are the only solutions to the problem is denying the hormonal reality that no education can stop. The fact that tens of thousands of Catholic Priests have been condemned for pedophilia in the world is proof, if necessary, that hormones are stronger than religious decisions.

According to the info we have received, the men who don't have condoms in their possession would have to pay a fine or take a three hour course on how to prevent AIDS in Tuala, as 14 people have died of sexually transmitted diseases there last year. "Imagine

all the lives that would be saved on the planet if all the cities in the world were passing this law" said Allan Rojas, Raelian Priest in charge of the Colombian Raelian Movement.

To the **French Jehovah Witnesses** who won a case of religious discrimination as one of their members had lost his job because of his religion. The court also asked the French Intelligence Services to show all their files regarding the Jehovah Witnesses. This is a huge step towards more religious freedom in France.

To **Remy Martinot**, in France as well, who keeps the body of his parents frozen in his cellar, respecting their will as they believed they may be revived in the future. The court said the bodies must be moved because of public health concerns. Mr Martinot is considering appealing against the decision at the European Court of Human Rights. How can a frozen body be a "danger for public health" or a "danger for public order " ? Laughable... just stupid anti-science conservatism.

To the **Nepalese "Metis" or transvestites**, as there seems to be a pattern of arbitrary arrests and violence in Katmandhu against "Metis", who identify themselves as women.

To the **Gay and Lesbian Alliance in South Africa** that fights against the South African National Blood Services that announced recently that it would not accept donations from men who have sex with men. All blood should be treated equally! The question of risk of HIV infection was no reason to discriminate against gay men as they already admitted that they use state-of the art equipment that ensures rigorous screening of donated blood. If people were discriminated against based on risk, then South African women between the ages of 18 and 24 should not be allowed to donate, as research shows that they are the group with the highest HIV infection rate in the country. This is clearly homophobic discrimination.... Aramis, the Raelian association for the respect of differences, is mobilizing its members J

Aramis is also calling the Raelians to sign the petition from the "**European Citizens Movement in support of homosexuals in Poland**" that we endorse. Follow this link: <http://www.petitiononline.com/mcepol/petition.html>

Press release sent by Clonaid

CLONAIID OFFERS DR HWANG TO COLLABORATE IN ONE OF THEIR SECRET LABORATORIES

Brigitte Boisselier CEO of CLONAIID sent a letter to Dr Hwang, to offer him to collaborate in the laboratory of CLONAIID where the scientists perform human cloning and develop stem cell lines in order to stop ageing, rejuvenate and even use them for aesthetic applications. Dr Boisselier, whose team cloned the first human being 4 years ago and who has since then cloned several tens, declared about Dr Hwang, the Korean Scientist, who was recently subject to a scandal as his discoveries about stem cells were qualified as a fraud by a panel of "experts: "I support Dr Hwang, I am sure that his discoveries were genuine but that opponents to stem cell research , mainly from the Catholic Church, tried to discredit him even by tampering with his data. I have been myself victimized in this way by these conservative anti-science people. It would be an honor to welcome Dr Hwang into our team".

EDITOR's ANSWER

We have received comments at Contact, regarding our constant support of gay marriages, through our actions in San Francisco supporting the Mayor's decision to proceed and marry gays or lesbians despite the federal law, sending our support to Elton John recently, offering Rosie O'Donnell to celebrate her marriage. Some of you considered that this position is strange since our philosophy doesn't recommend marriage.



Let's get it clear.... we will never endorse any discrimination. Differences make the beauty of our Creation, differences are our asset and must be enhanced. This is the bases of the teaching of the Prophet Rael who encourages us to live and express our differences, fully and without any fear or any guilt. If a person or a group of people are denied access to any service or location because of their difference, whether it is a sexual, religious, philosophical or racial one, we will always stand up and ask for them to have access to that service or location, without considering the nature of the service or the location. It is their choice to get married and it has to be respected.

Regarding marriage, if getting married means being owned by your partner, it is clearly out of our philosophy. No one can own anybody. But if getting married, is to express our joy to share life with a special partner and express it to the people around, whether this partnership lasts for a week, a month or a lifetime, then it is a beautiful gesture that we support. This is the essence of the Raelian marriage that is celebrated by our Priest-Guides and Bishop-Guides and even sometimes by our Beloved Prophet.

Dear all, if you have questions regarding our philosophy or any of the statements made in this newsletter, you can send your letter to lettertotheeditor@raelianews.org, it will be my pleasure to have it answered J

THE MOVEMENT in ACTION

The Messages in Portuguese now available on RAEL.ORG !

Thanks to the perseverance and dynamism of David Uzal, National Guide of Brazil, more than 200 million of lusophones in the world will have access to the book of the Messages for free on internet, says Daniel Turcotte, Continental Guide of South America

San Francisco team gave the book of the messages to President Carter

Felix, Craig and Nancy went to see him at a local library where he was having a signing session. Thanks to Nancy's patience who queued 3hrs before the opening of the session, they were able to have access to the President and give him our precious information J



A Bourges, in France, the local team decided to diffuse in comfort as it was freezing cold... so they did it in a truck!

They covered it with big posters and toured the strategic places of the city, parking sometimes in the busy streets...

"What a success we had", said Bruno. "Most of the people were looking twice when they saw the truck and the big picture of our Beloved Prophet on the backdoor. I cannot describe the stunned faces of the passers-by!"

We laughed a lot, we were warm inside, had music and meditation... a really funny diffusion!!!



UFO-picture exhibition in Sri Lanka

by Hideaki Hirai, level 3 in Japan



We held a Japanese style UFO-picture exhibition in the streets of Sri Lanka for 3 days last December. I brought my displaying tools and 22 laminated pictures in A3 size with me. I put a Sinhalese sign, used as a title of the book of the messages into the Sinhalese language, at the top of this display. We were five participants for this exhibition in total ; Robert who is living there, and an assistant, Danushka, and from Japan, Minoru, Akiko, and Hideaki.

We held the exhibition in two places - Majesty Street, and a railway station. We were able to get a good response from people ; soon after setting up the pictures, many gathered around us. For those who did not have the chance to hear about the messages, this exhibition must have been a shock. It was a great experience for us to diffuse the messages, displaying UFO pictures and giving pamphlets in Sri Lanka. Our exhibition sites were located just in front of the station, so it was easy for people to recognize it from a

distance, and it attracted a lot of attention. Many stopped to pick up a book to read the summary of the contents and we handed-out 1000 pamphlets. There were even 7 people who wanted to be contacted later and gave us their address and phone number.

IN LONDON, with our new Honorary Guide Brian Haw



BB and Cameron stopped on Parliament Square in London this week to express our support to Brian Haw, this courageous man who has been staying in front of the Parliament for 4 years now, days and nights, asking the UK to stop this infamous war in Iraq. He explained to us that he was in the court that day as another of the protesters was accused and he told us how distorted were all the information given to the court.... we stood there for 15 minutes, chatting, and were freezing.... we rushed to our hotel to

have a hot shower and recover... he told us he is having his shower, cold, in the station under Parliament Square every day... There are wonderful people on Earth, yeahhh!!!