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## WORDS of OUR BELOVED PROPHET

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A few excerpts of what the Prophet RAEL said on the First Sunday of April Celebration in Australia.

“Remember that the Elohim love you. They love you because you are special, because you use your consciousness. They only love the Human Beings who are using their consciousness.

The teachings of the Elohim destroy discrimination and make us love every human being, every living consciousness, whatever its forms, its shapes.

We have to prepare Humanity to welcome beings who will be different from human beings. There are so many different kinds of conscious beings in the Universe.

I prefer to be with a conscious spider rather than with a human being like Hitler.

Only the people who are full of love can survive.

Today on this planet, our level of technology is higher than our level of consciousness, and because of that we could destroy ourselves which is good as only peaceful people should reach the intergalactic level.

We are here to change that so that humanity can reach that level. We are here to teach to love differences.

Today, the other civilizations out there are carefully avoiding Earth and when we see how Bush treats Iraqi people, we understand why. What would he do to other people coming from space?

So they avoid us and they will not help us to survive with this level of violence. They will only save the non-violent ones, but not the whole Humanity if we don't globally change.

Our mission is to save them all, whatever they think of us, whatever they say about us; it is our mission to save them, despite them. I need you for that.

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## A LITTLE TOUR AROUND THE RAELIAN PLANET... the life of the RAELIAN MOVEMENT J

Raelians are different, happy, researching new areas, new pleasures, making their points here and there, and having fun... here are a few illustrations of what is going on... Sit back and enjoy our diversity.

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### Action towards the black diaspora in France *by Sarahdji.*

I attended lately a ceremony at a University in Lyon, in the center of France, where Mr. Abdou Diouf, the ex-President of Senegal, received the Honoris Causa Doctor title. He is also today the General Secretary for the "Francophonie", association of French-speaking countries. I was able to give him personally, Uriel's book.

I introduced myself as the Ambassador of Uriel Nawje as it was actually a gathering of ambassadors, politicians, journalists, lawyers and students. Mr. Diouf said he has heard of Uriel and would be pleased to be contacted by him.



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*a few days later*

During the week of the "Francophonie" in Lyon, Said and myself were able to give Uriel's book and brochures explaining the vision of our Beloved Prophet about Africa to a few personalities gathered there:

- Mr Abass Bonfoh: President of the House of Representatives in Togo
- M. VIODO Roland: Mayor of Pointe-Noire, Congo
- M. TCHATA CANGA: Representatives in Togo
- Mme Huguette ONDE representing Mrs SASSOU, the wife of the President of Congo-Brazzaville who couldn't attend himself as Mr Koffi Annan is in Congo at present.
- Miss Peggy Hossy , a journalist from Congo who approached me as she wanted to know what was going on. She makes reports for Africa TV from France where she is based and I am supposed to meet her soon to discuss the



coming conference of Uriel planned on June 24th in Lyon.  
And to finish, on March 27th, I met with Mr LONFO, director of trade in Congo and gave him a book as well as to several personalities I met the following day at an art show opening, featuring African paintings and sculptures.

Congratulations dear Sarahdji!

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## DIFFUSION IN FRENCH GUYANE

*By Constant CHELIM, Responsible for French Antilles Islands*



Pierre BOURGEAU (specialist for Crop Circles diffusion) and myself, Constant CHELIM, spent time to spread the Messages in Guyane from March 7th to 10th.

The "Crop Circles" theme speaks for itself and we can do it with the same material everywhere. It is an easy way to make a link with the Messages. We displayed our posters in the main street of Cayenne and more than a hundred people came to us to find out more about our philosophy. We sold 9 books and gave out 250 pamphlets.

Hopefully we will soon find someone from here to carry on. We will go back there soon, it has been such a pleasure to spread the messages with our expert, "Tonton Pierre" J

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## IN ASIA, from Junzo

A new pamphlet is in use, available on intranet for those who want to use it in their Buddhist community nearby J

**● AWARENESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR ACTIONS**

Everyone is responsible for everything they do, even if they are obeying someone else's orders. Those who pull the trigger are just as guilty as those who give the order. Never obey any order, no matter what it is, or who gives it, if the order goes against your conscience.

**● ABSOLUTE RESPECT FOR LIFE**

Even if some authority leads us to believe that we could save the whole humanity by killing just one person, we should still not kill that person. The life of one non-violent person is more precious than all of humanity. This rule renders all massacres, holocausts and crimes against humanity impossible.

**● SELF RESPECT**

Using drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or coffee is forbidden. These substances not only damage the user's own genetic code but also that of future generations.

**● LOVE FOR ONESELF**

Guilt, fear and lack of awareness, lead to stress and the secretion of toxic substances within our body. These destroy our health and damage the genetic code of children born from such a state. By developing our awareness, we can avoid stress and its harmful effects.

**● RESPECT FOR OTHERS**

Tolerance alone is not enough. It lacks enthusiasm and only involves putting up with other people's differences while remaining quick to change our opinion if these differences disturb us. Really loving other people's differences means supporting their individuality and encouraging them to live out their racial, cultural, religious, sexual or genetic differences.

**● NON-VIOLENCE**

Threats of violence should be punished as severely as violence itself because they imply that those who threaten assume their point of view can triumph through violence.

**● WORLD PEACE**

All the national armies must be removed in order to create a true world government and a world military army whose task is to be the planet's guardians of peace. Governments should dedicate their military budgets to combating hunger in the world.

**● SHARING**

Every person has the right throughout their life to sufficient food, a place to sleep, clothes to dress decently and an education, even if they are not working.

**Want to learn more?**

You can download Maitreya Rael's books from [www.rael.org](http://www.rael.org) or if you prefer hard copies, purchase them from your country's Raelian Movement. Local contact information can also be found at [www.rael.org](http://www.rael.org)

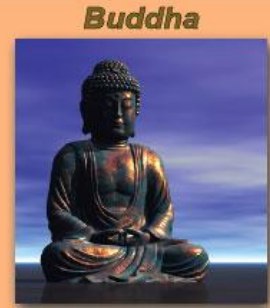


**The Book which tells the Truth**

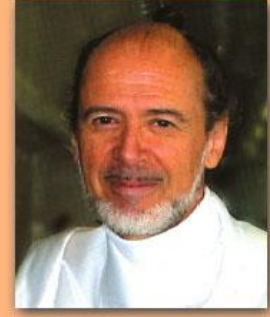
This book reveals the truth about the origins of life on our planet. It goes on to reveal the previously unknown connection between Moses, Jesus, Buddha and Mohammad.

**The Maitreya - Extracts from his teachings**

The Maitreya's teachings contain immeasurable wisdom which has brought happiness to thousands of people around the world. This collection of His writings and speeches reinforces the importance of Raelian values and heightened awareness.



**The New Buddha?**



**Has an ancient Buddhist prophecy at last been fulfilled???**

**Want to experience the Maitreya and the Message in person?**

**Come to Our Seminars!**

Every year a wide variety of continental and national seminars are conducted around the world which are open to both Raelians and new-comers. At our seminars you will hear the incredible truth and life changing beauty of the Message, learn how to open your mind through the transforming power of sensual meditation, and experience the love and serenity of the Maitreya and the values he teaches.

You get all of this **PLUS** the excitement and joy of some great music, parties and making lots of new friends. The pace at which you choose to awaken and develop your spiritual, sensual and professional levels is purely up to you! For the latest information and schedules on upcoming seminars in your area (or to contact the local Raelian Movement near you) please visit

[www.rael.org](http://www.rael.org) / [www.maitreya.co.kr](http://www.maitreya.co.kr)  
china@rael.org (for China)

**Buddhism, UFO's and a Prophecy**

Buddhist art and temples have long been known to show representations of space craft which scholars have described as "the figures of creators who came from the sky". These depictions are found throughout the Buddhist world including China, Thailand, Tibet and India.



On December 13th, 1973 a young Frenchman had an encounter with a UFO much the same as those shown in ancient Buddhist art. The craft was flown by a member of the Elohim, an advanced civilization from another planet. Over the next 6 days, this visitor shared the Truth of how life came to be on this planet, the role of mysticism in Humanity's Past, how Science has brought us to the dawn of the Golden Age, what possibilities the Future holds for Humanity, and how the young Frenchman was to become the last in a series of Messengers whom the Elohim had sent to us over the centuries. The young man took the name "Rael" meaning "Messenger" and accepted the task of spreading the Message of the Elohim...following in the footsteps of Siddhata Gotama the young prince who later would attain enlightenment and become the Buddha.

**Buddhism's Prophecy and Rael**

The link between Buddhism and Rael is more than just depictions of UFO's. Ancient Buddhist texts foretold his coming thousands of years ago. The origin of the "New Buddha" was specifically described as shown below.

Buddhist Prophecy	Rael's Fulfillment
★The Buddhist sutras state in the year 3000 the "truth that reveals the fire of three worlds (past, present, future) will appear"	★Rael was first given the Message from the Elohim in December of 1973 which is the Buddhist year 3000 (Northern branch)
★The sutras go on to say "7 days after the truth arrives, the Maitreya will appear"	★In 1973 Rael met with the Elohim for 6 days and became their ambassador to Earth on the 7th
★The sutras state, "the new Buddha (Maitreya) will come from the west and will appear in "the land of the Cock"	★Rael, a Frenchman, met the UFO in central France which used to be called "Gaulle" meaning "Rooster"

In 1997 the Elohim again contacted Rael and provided him with additional teachings and clarifications of the Message they had given him 24 years earlier. Included in this communication was the following:

**"Buddhism is achieving more and more success on the Earth and that is a good thing because it is seeking a necessary balance between science and spirit and is therefore the closest religion to the truth for the people of the new era. If we took away the mystical importance of the past in Buddhism, it would become Raelianism. More and more Buddhists are likely to become Raelians."**

**Raelian and Buddhist Symbols**



Two of the sacred symbols of Buddhism have equally high importance with Raelians. In Buddhism the swastika is often seen on the chest of Buddha and is considered the first of the 65 auspicious signs on the footprint of the Buddha.

The mark of the 3 treasures is one of the sacred signs of Buddhism representing the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha. Both of these symbols are prominently seen in Buddhist scriptures and temples. When Rael was visited by the Elohim in 1973, their emblem was visible on the side of their craft. In the center of the Elohim's emblem was the Swastika.

**Symbol of the Elohim**



The Swastika represents infinity in time. Everything in the universe exists forever, it merely changes shape



The Star of David represents infinity in space including the infinitely large and infinitely small

In July of 1975, a large UFO passed over Rael in France. After the encounter, he discovered a mark



on his arm which was identical to the "Three Treasures" associated with Buddhism (and many other belief systems around the world).



15 days after the mark first appeared, it changed into one of the 10 primary symbols of Buddhism - 2 concentric circles.

Today, the emblem of the Elohim which combines the understanding of infinity in space and in time has become the symbol of the Raelian Movement.

**"Raelian Values" the original teachings given to Buddha by the Creators**

The Message from the Elohim given to Rael includes fundamental values for living our lives with a serenity, balance and happiness that transcends the distractions, turmoil and conflict so pervasive in modern society. These values, given to us by our creators and taught by Rael, are the same teachings which the Elohim originally gave to Buddha...but are free of the mysticism Humanity has added in over the centuries.

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## PUERTO RICO

On March 21st, I organized a conference at the Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico and a majority of the students were surprised to hear about our philosophy. As I am a Professor of Molecular Biology and Genetics, I was able to explain to them the concept of "Atheist Intelligent Design" as well as a few elements of genetic engineering that science can explain nowadays.

I am also preparing a formal presentation on Human Cloning in another University in Porto Rico. This university contacted Clonaid via Nadine Gary who gave me their contact info.

I am convinced that this conference will be a success from the point of view of participation of the students and faculties, but also of the media



Con amor

Willie Giraldo, National Guide of Porto Rico

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## MONTREAL, QUEBEC

*By Marisse Caissy*

On March 15th, Sara Léha, Pierre-Charles Dubreuil and myself with our Guide Rolland Gaudette, were attending a symposium on inter-religion dialog organized by the University of Concordia in Montreal, responding to their official invitation to attend as a religious minority.

This symposium was about " building bridges together ", in other words, how to recognize respectfully the other religions while keeping one's own faith.

We heard there all kinds of interesting presentations given by experts in theology and sociology, Pastors and Catholic missionaries, Professors of religion or Anthropology..... all really open-minded people with whom we had pleasure to exchange during the breaks.

Their invitation was certainly recognition, but also at several moments, the speakers referred to us. In the domain of religion as well, we are unavoidable J

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## PAPANTLA, MEXICO

Noticeable presence of the Raelians in Papantla, Mexico

From the 17th to the 21st of March, the Raelians gathered at the international art and culture event of Papantla, "Cumbre Tajin" , in the state of Veracruz, to spread the Messages. Under the harmonious supervision of Gabriela Reyes, responsible for this region, they all had a good time. Here is what she says:

We rented a space at the fair and put



books there and a sign saying: "There is no god, no evolution, we have been created by the Elohim, human beings coming from another planet. Read their message! The Mayas, the Aztecs and the Tononacas knew about their existence. [www.rael.org](http://www.rael.org)".

Many people came to us to take our pamphlets. It was so pleasant to see the interest of the people for our philosophy. Three adults bought the book for their kids!

The second day, thanks to an idea of Manuel Arguelles, we were wearing a sign saying: "God doesn't exist, we have been created by extraterrestrials." Immediately people started to film us, take pictures of us. Alerted by the big interest, journalists came to us to interview us. One of the broadcasters was a big one from the capital. Thank you Manuel for your exceptional performance!

We have even been visited by 4 people from Paris who told us that RAEEL is quite well-known in France.

We believe we have been seen by 30,000 people during this diffusion. We sold 17 books and gave out 4000 pamphlets. We hope that many books will be downloaded from our website in the next few days.

We spent 4 wonderful days, full of harmony and in communion with our Beloved Creators the Elohim, thanks to this activity of diffusion of this marvelous message.

Con amor.

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## BRAZIL

*By David Uzal, National Guide*

Last Sunday, I participated in a show on the main radio in Rio de Janeiro, "Quem sao eles?" (Who are they?) that specializes on extraterrestrial matters. It airs on Sunday evening between midnight and 3:00am. They always have one guest. It wasn't me, but they asked me to come all the same and I was able to speak for about twenty minutes.

The main guest has probably regretted my presence. There was a psychiatrist with one of his patients who allegedly says he was abducted in a park in Rio, by a couple of blond extraterrestrials who gave him almond milk before going for a little tour in the UFO.

When the host asked me what I thought about it, I said it was really non-sense. Why would this man be contacted and in the end remembers nothing and needs the help of a psychiatrist .

If the extraterrestrials have a message to give us, they will make sure that the messenger has a clear and conscious memory of it. Also, in order to have this message well revealed, wouldn't they choose someone who is able to deal with such a task? What's the point in giving a message to someone who is unable to remember it without a psychiatrist. These extraterrestrials seem a little dumb to me... maybe because they were blond ? J

I gave them the example of the Prophet RAEEL who remembers well his encounter and has successfully transmitted his message. Whether we agree or not with the Raelians, we must acknowledge the fact that he is the only successful contactee.

And, it makes sense, as he is the only contactee!



The host enjoyed my straightforward manner, he wants to invite me for a full programme. While talking with the Radio employees, they told me that the magazine UFO that is quasi-official here in the Ufology circles of Brazil, censures the Raelian philosophy. We knew it already and it only reinforced my vision of the mediocrity of the Ufology world which fears

us a lot as they know that most of their studies have no foundations and would melt like snow in the sun under the enlightened vision of a Raelian.

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## ITALY

*By Alessandro Piccinini,*

On March 18th, a few representatives of the Italian Raelian Movement, Marco Franceschini, the National Guide, and his assistants Alessandro Piccinini and Davide Lombardi attended a meeting in Alexandria held by the House representatives Enrico Boselli (President of the Italian Socialist Party) and Emma Bonino (Party Radical, European representative), political leaders of the new political coalition named "La Rosa nel Pugno".

"La Rosa nel Pugno" is the most progressive and anti-clerical party in Italy. In their programme, they offered to cancel the Concordat, that is to say the agreement between the Vatican State and the Italian State, and they also want to legalize therapeutic cloning. Not bad, huh?



After the meeting, the Raelian representatives met in a private salon with the two leaders. For about 12 minutes, they debated on secularity. The Raelians insisted on the necessity to give support to the action of Judge Tosti, a judge who refuses to work in tribunals where a crucifix hangs on the wall. They also stressed out the importance of scientific freedom and the necessity to make a stand for secularism.

The two representatives promised to be more provocative and anti-conformist so that the main content of the "LA ROSA NEL PUGNO" coalition is more manifested.

It had been a nice contact. At the end, Marco Franceschini gave to the two representatives, the book "Yes To Human Cloning" that was accepted with interest.

Then they expressed their wishes to both for success in their election campaign.

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## BOBO DIOULASSO, BURKINA FASO

### The National Week of Culture!!

*By Abi Sanon, Assistant- Guide in Burkina Faso*

We already mentioned that event in Contact #304, but there are a few details we received that we thought interesting to share.

The Raelian women in Faso were in charge of this event from the opening.

Organization, decoration, pamphlet distributions .... a feminine touch that helped us to have the most beautiful stand as the passer-by told us. A hotel manager and a designer came to ask whether they could copy our decoration. What was not possible to copy was the unshakable harmony, the shining joy, the endless love and the committed enthusiasm of the Raelian women.

Our stand had two sections, one where people could watch the show "Homeostasie", a beautiful interview with the Prophet Rael made in Congo last December, and the other part where we delivered pamphlets and made contacts.

On our two banners, people could see from afar : "The United States of Africa, for a true success, let's go back to the frontiers we had before colonization; and Adam and Eve were black. Africans, don't feel inferior, go back to your roots and culture.



Our stand attracted so many people. We recorded more than 1,000 visitors per day and our pamphlets were going out like peanuts. The press came too, we had TVs, radios and newspapers coming to interview Banemanie and Abi Sanon. On the news at night, they talked about us for 2 minutes.

In three days, 65 people registered to become Raelian or participate in the coming seminar. An old healer who talked at first for a while in Dioula about the messages, said that it was what he was looking for. He made a copy of his ID for us and wants to do his transmission at our next ceremony.

What a beautiful party we had. Our pleasure to spread the messages increases everyday. All the Raelians of Burkina are so happy!! Viva our Beloved Prophet RAEL, the Messenger of Infinity, viva our Creators, the Elohim.

See you all soon at the Embassy.

## GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Our Beloved Prophet mentioned in one of his talks in Salguesh, Switzerland, during our convention in October that all our senses are stimulated by many arts (visual art, audio art, food art, perfumes) but the art of touching is not as developed as the other ones and he suggested we should be the ones developing it... J

Annick Perdriau shared this with us...

*"Hello, it's me the little blond-grey girl with blue eyes! Yes, this idea comes from Rael. He suggested it to us last October: develop the artistic massages..."*

*While listening to him, I felt a big emotion and my neurons started to get busy. Later, I had a preparation evening with Thierry and Annick and here we are with our first artistic massage.*

*We started with a good massage with 4 hands and then added contrasts with different soft and sensual materials. For this art piece, we were 4 groups of 3, to create a paradise.*

*...and the little boys and girls kept on dreaming... and transformed their dreams into reality.*

*Oh, tell us your dreams... Bilitis*

*"Hello !*

*I am a little mischievous girl, sensual and curious...*

*And I do plenty of things!!*

*During the convention, I was doing lots of things with the technique when I heard our Beloved Prophet talk about artistic massages... I stopped right there... I am a mischievous little girl, sensual and full of curiosity... I decided right there that I will go into it. A little later another little blond girl with blue eyes came to me, she had shiny eyes, like every little girl who wants to share something big... so YES, let's dare do it!*

*Sweet kisses*

*Annick.*

*"I love you shivering... of pleasure, of surprises. Ah this fluffy fabric, didn't recognize what it was.. and this feather, mmm.... It was a sweet meeting with myself, with another individual, with the world... There is nothing more beautiful than a loving hand!*

*To touch with respect to the secrets of the body, it is opening a door on possibilities that we never imagined before... Hum, would be great to open our brain and remove all the fears and free our creative energy! To dare! To take the hand of Eros and accept to be guided, in full confidence. To close one's eyes and open one's body. Let go... let go. To feel, to touch, to hear, to see, to taste. To get inspired, together...*

*The awakening of the senses is a source of Creation as it enables us to explore mysterious and sacred spaces.*



*Erotic games are like a sacred link between the mind and the body. It welcomes the amazement and the presence, brings the joy of being, releases a cloud of love vitamins and cures. It transforms everything!*

*Velvet kisses to you all*

*Jean-François*

*During this wonderful massage, I found the little child back inside of me. While I was touching, I could feel the body under my fingers, its form and its texture. Then I was becoming the child who was using soft and sensual objects on the skin. The more it went on, the more the person being touched was getting high. When it was my turn to be touched, it was done with very artistic hands, very delicate ones. Then I had so many different sensations: pearls were gliding softly, rolling on my skin, between my fingers, my toes... so delicious. Silk fabrics caressed the back of my neck, again and again... I recommend this! For a short time a mint flavor caressed my nostrils then a banana slice slowly touched my lips.*

*A taste of paradise?*

*I love you, Bilitis*

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## **LAS VEGAS, USA**

An Article published this month in MindBets, Mensa news-letter

By Iris Bernikow

Our February joint meeting with the Raelians was fascinating. They showed an excellent video to illustrate their basic beliefs with an extended commentary by their speaker. The Q&A was respectful and the answers were straightforward. On display was an ingenious sugar-based model of the compound the Raelians hope to build.

The Raelians claim a membership of 50,000 in 84 countries, with 17 members here in Las Vegas. They don't believe in God and they don't believe in evolution. Their atheism, of course, spares them the epithet "Creationists" although their argument against evolution is, to me, the same as the Creationists'.

The do believe in "Creators", a race from another solar system but very similar to humans (Claude Rael has met them) albeit much more technologically advanced. These "Creators" (not gods and not to be worshipped) made all the life-forms on this Earth, including humans, exactly as we have them today. Unfortunately questions on the fossil record or species extinction or just the several mutations of the new flu bug weren't raised.

The Raelians believe in eternal life, which the Creators enjoy. When these Creators return to Earth to live among us, they will teach us how to clone ourselves and put our wisdom/prior experiences into a fresh young body. If you're intrigued, I recommend their website [www.rael.org](http://www.rael.org). Kudos to Carl for opening up this dialogue.

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## **COLOMBIA**

*By Allan Rojas, National Guide*

The Raelian Movement of Colombia initiated some actions by sending letters and faxes to the Constitutional Court in order to support the lawyer Jairo Quesedo, who has initiated a

request so that Human Cloning is not considered a crime but a right for the people who wish it.

Before the Constitutional Court, the book "Yes To Human Cloning" written by our Beloved Prophet, Rael, was presented, inviting the magistrates to read it and to find in there all the political, religious and philosophical arguments in which they found that human cloning can take us to eternal life. The book was also handed to the lawyer by the Raelian Priest Oscar Orozco who does titanic work for the development of the Movement on the Atlantic Coast.

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## SAN FRANCISCO

by Craig Fuller

Tens of thousands of people once again took to the streets of San Francisco this past March 18<sup>th</sup> to protest against the US occupation of Iraq, joining others in more than 600 similar actions around the country.

In protest, Bay Area Raelians strolled the SF Civic Center Plaza and marched the rally parade route for approximately three hours and distributed nearly 1,500 fliers, Americanocracy and a flier announcing Our Prophet's Global Pollution Index.



Together, Felix, Craig, Bryan, Edwin, and Nancy were very successful in sharing the views of the Movement, were captured on many personal videos and cameras, a local news channel, and Craig and Nancy were very nearly arrested when they crossed the barrier for opposing protestors Ooops.

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, protestors around the country will once again join to make their voices heard. We urge you to take part in these rallies whenever possible to speak out for Peace and against Americanocracy.

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## ENGLAND

*By Saori*

Emily from Birmingham went to a funeral yesterday, at Trinity Methodist Church in Codsall.

During the service, she spotted Glenn's face (Glenn Carter, the UK National Guide)..... and thought "What's that?" and had another look.. then saw 6 posters of Glenn from his last Jesus Christ Superstar tour all over the wall!

Her mother was very tempted to tell the Vicar that she knew him and he doesn't believe in God! It would have been very funny if she had.....

Isn't it amazing that they are worshipping the images of a Raelian guide as Jesus in a church???

Hope this has made you smile. :))))

### Discussion: Evolution vs. Intelligent Design

*By Andrew, a young Raelian in Northern UK*

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at my school I helped to organise a discussion about intelligent design and evolution.

We advertised a scientific discussion with the topic 'Evolution vs. Intelligent Design: Smackdown', a lot more people than we anticipated showed up, there were 26 pupils and quite a few staff.

As well as the pupils and staff to discuss, a guest speaker was also invited from Newcastle University to introduce the topic and give a bit of background to both theories. We were slightly concerned that the speaker may be biased towards either evolution or intelligent design, but we found he was truly impartial and promoted debate on the grounds of science rather than opinion.

The start of the introduction was about the basics of evolution, the speaker explained Darwin's theory, but then went on to explain how the evidence for this is flawed, and also how improbable evolution was; the chance being so small that it is scientifically irrelevant that original organisms could have formed by chance. He also confirmed that evolution is NOT scientific fact.

Intelligent Design was then discussed; the speaker gave a bit of a background as to what intelligent design actually is. He used the analogy of finding a watch and knowing that that



this, when compared to a stone, could not have possibly appeared by chance but must have a designer.

Different advocates of Intelligent Design were mentioned, firstly the Judeo-Christian creationists, then other religions and philosophies such as Buddhism. The speaker did not know my beliefs, but to my surprise and delight he also mentioned the Raelian Movement! He explained our basic beliefs very accurately (unlike when we are usually mentioned!), but I was a little taken aback when he said 'not likely is it?' I was, however, very pleased when he went on to explain the science behind it and then said 'not so improbable then!' :D :D

After the introduction we split into smaller groups and discussed what had been mentioned. Finally I was able to have a discussion without being laughed at and told evolution was a proven fact! We came together as one large group at the end and discussed what conclusions we had drawn, and what further issues had been raised.

Overall, this was a great discussion; everyone was really interested and had a lot of fun. It was great to have the minority belief explained and not dismissed as lunacy. Everyone left the discussion a bit more open-minded and, in most cases, not so certain about evolution!

This was great diffusion for Intelligent Design, and also for the Raelian Movement, and at the very least has made a few minds more open.

Love  
Andrew Wright (UK)

## PICTURE OF THE WEEK J



This picture was made and published at the request of our Beloved Prophet who loves to make jokes.... Mentioning this just in case you thought it was a lack of respect from the Contact editor J

*Photographer: Jean Pierre Carbonell, on mission in Australia J*