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As pastor of the National Protestant Church of Geneva for 17 years and lecturer at the University of Lausanne (religion sciences), I came to question myself on the nature and writings of different New Religious Movements such as the Raelians. For over a year now, I was able to meet several leaders in order to achieve a greater clarity between minority movements and neighbouring society; first to denounce abuses and sectarian drifts if applicable, and secondly to guarantee religious freedom and to rectify amalgamations.

I must point out that I feel no affinity with the Raelian theories on extraterrestrials, neither the creation by the Elohim nor their imminent return on Earth, Geniocracy or cloning. I do not intend to make the apology of a movement I consider wilfully provocative. Of course, do not know of all its activities, but I have in my possession the 5 books it has published: *“Le livre qui dit la vérité”*, *“Les extraterrestres m’ont emmené sur leur planète”*, *“Accueillir les extraterrestres”*, *“Le racisme religieux financé par le gouvernement socialiste”*, and *“La méditation sensuelle”*.

In my readings, I didn’t find anything that could justify the serious accusation according to which the movement would "in its writings 'theoretically' advocate pedophilia and incest" as printed in the incriminated article of the newspaper “La Liberté” from Fribourg. To my knowledge, sensual meditation is an awareness of all the body’s senses which legitimises nothing more than a sexual freedom among consenting adults.

As for the apology of suicide, I consider that, until proven otherwise, there is a manifest amalgamation with the tragedy of the “Order of the Solar Temple”. The incriminated quote doesn't go beyond the state of mind of first centuries Christian martyrs, or that of fighters of the Résistance in occupied France.

Under these conditions, I have a hard time understanding the refusal of a right to reply by the newspaper “La liberté”, whose journalist has demonstrated a bias which is already obvious in the title.

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