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Aid to victims of sectarianism

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Dear Sir,

In response to your request, I can testify to what I saw with my own eyes and heard during my various observations, conferences, private parties and during the Seminar of Sensual Awakening in Salquenen, August 5th-12th, 1997.

For your understanding, I introduce myself:

Since 1989, I help families and victims of sectarian drifts with the greatest possible discernment; I am free and try to be as neutral as possible.

To get a more accurate analysis, I (often) happened to have, repeatedly, gone incognito into groups, and in this way I can get good results as well as dialogues.

Here are the points observed about the Raelian Movement.

- Positive:** No fanatic events.
No group pressure observed.
Responsibilization of the individual.
No drugs, alcohol or rape under penalty of exclusion from the group.
No children or minors during the Sensual Awakening seminars.
- Finance:** 3% of net earnings, after tax (very modest compared to other groups).
- Negative:** Cloning and its consequences;
I leave it to scientists and societies to judge on that.
- Leaflets:** Provocative
- My analysis:** Many followers have a very developed artistic side, hence a level of fantasy a little outside of our habits. Rather nice.

Rael's speeches are positive. He clearly says, 'become responsible, give yourself fully to your work and your family, do not live off the State', he

also adds 'If you do not agree with me, I respect you and ask that you not listen to me; however, drugs, alcohol, rape, or bad life will have you excluded from the group.'

As for the **Sensual Awakening**, this is nothing else than the **Sensory Awakening** (all the senses) as also found in other New Age groups. We were all dressed and sitting for these seminars at Salquenen. A great sexual freedom is advocated among consenting adults (with protection).

One can somewhat understand the aggressive stance of the group towards **certain** media, given the misinformation purported. It seems fair to me that a right of reply should be granted, to the extent that the article contains errors.

I must point out that I denounce only the destructive acts of groups and not their ideologies or philosophies.

Dear Sir, I hope to have responded to your request, and I extend to you my sincere Greetings.

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