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The Clone Rangers Raising Cain Over Eve and the Raëlians

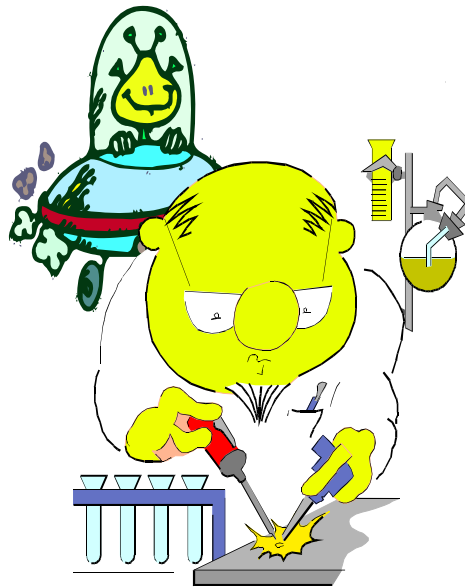
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"Transhumanist advocates believe humans will soon have the capability biologically, psychologically, intellectually, and socially to take a quantum leap into a world where both aging and disease can be eliminated," writes Sharon Fish Mooney.¹

The mainstream media, while denigrating orthodox Christianity, seem to champion the fantastic, the weird, and the crazy. At the end of 2002 came reports of the imminent birth of a cloned human baby. Yet, after all the claims, all the news conferences, and all the hoopla, the Raëlians (pronounced *Rye-lians*) did not produce a shred of evidence that they had cloned a baby. It appears as though, in the mad rush for a story, members of the mainstream media not only got egg on their collective faces, but had the whole chicken farm dumped on them. The hype began to deflate after the initial days and turned into a classic example of what Paul was talking about when he described, in his epistle to Timothy, people who turn from the truth only to embrace fables.

IN THE BEGINNING

Though the Raëlians were founded



in 1973, this UFO cult did not gain national attention until Geraldo Rivera reported on them in 1992. In his *Now It Can Be Told* broadcast titled,

"Raël and the Spaced Invaders," Rivera said, "Guess who's back? That's right: Messenger boy of the extraterrestrial, pseudo-prophet and certifiable space cadet Raël."² Personal interviews with founder Raël were shown with him in a white George Jetson-type jumpsuit that appears to be the official uniform of his followers, when they're wearing anything at all. Rivera spoke of Raël's past as a race car driver, journalist, and singer.

The mild-mannered Frenchman spoke in broken English about being taken to another planet in the fall of 1973 (the date most often reported) where space aliens told him he was the Messiah. He was renamed Raël, which he says means "light of God." It is chilling to note that in literal Hebrew the word would mean "evil god" (*ra-evil; el-god*).³

On their official web site, the Raëlians describe the group this way:

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