## **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Ma Prem Isabel, Acharya, being duly sworn, do depose and say as follows:

I first began to read Bhagwan's books in India after a long spiritual quest. I was immediately struck by the depth of His wisdom and His insight into religion. Bhagwan's love emanated through His clear intelligent words; I felt His blessings and grace even while reading His books. I immediately decided that if such a man were alive, I had to meet Him.

I went to Poona and became Bhagwan's disciple in March 1979. Since then I have dedicated my life to spreading His religious teachings. While at the Shree Rajneesh Ashram, I attended His discourses and darshans and worked in the Ashram. I have practiced His meditation techniques and continue to meditate daily. I was appointed an Acharya in 1981.

Since Bhagwan has entered His ultimate stage of silence, I experience Him on a new level. His spoken words are gone; in their place flows His silent love, opening people to their divine uniqueness and personal beauty. Sitting with Bhagwan during the religious celebrations of the past year, I have been deeply touched by the profoundness of His silence and how He can communicate it. It was a truly extraordinary experience to sit in a hall with 15,000 people in pin-drop silence. As a public relations representative for the Shree Rajneesh Ashram in Poona, I have met several famous people, all of whom expressed respect for Bhagwan.

In my opinion, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is the most unique and outstanding religious figure alive today. His ability to

teach others without words is a revolution in communication. In silence He inspires others to find new spiritual realms of love where words do not exist. Bhagwan provides crystal clear scientific methods for developing consciousness; at the same time His invisible presence inspires a new religiousness.

The obvious spiritual evolution of those in Bhagwan's presence offers hope for the creation of a peaceful, loving climate in society generally. Bhagwan has already changed the consciousness of numerous individuals I know personally. Each person inspired and blessed by Bhagwan adds to the potential for creating a more beautiful, spiritually rich America. The United States is fortunate to have Him present.

The foregoing is within my personal knowledge and if called as a witness I could testify competently thereto.

Dated: September 26, 1983

Ma Prem Isabel, M.M., D.Phil.M.
(RIMU), Acharya

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  $\mathcal{U}^{\mathcal{H}}$  day of

September 1983.

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires: 7-18-87