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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am a dutch doctor, 52 years of age, working now for 25 years as a general practitioner in the suburb of Leiden, a university city in Holland.

I heard about Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in the year of 1979 and decided to visit him in his ashram in Poona, India.

In a few weeks I was so amazed by this extraordinary man that I became a disciple then and there. I got a better understanding of my own life and of that of others, this helped me to be a better doctor.

I realised that Bhagwan, living in our age, is one of the most prominent among the greatest of the spiritual Masters down the centuries, from Patanjali, through Buddha and even Jezus Christ, to Krishnamurti.

I doubt if there was or is ever a man with such an extraordinary knowledge of the world in the past and in the present, and with such a healthy vision of the future, as enfolded during his seven years of the most promising discourses he held during his stay in Poona.

Last year I was able to visit his new experimental site in Oregon, U.S.A., where his theories about ecology, society, mental and physical health are being realized in the land of freedom and future, the United States of America. In my opinion should the Americans be proud of having such a great man with such a radiance in their midst.

What he had to say in words he has said, every word can still be heard on tape, every word can still be read in the hundreds of his books, in all languages to be bought all over the world. Now he still continues to convey his message, The Truth, in silence: That which Can't be Said.

To me Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is one of the few real blessings of our era.

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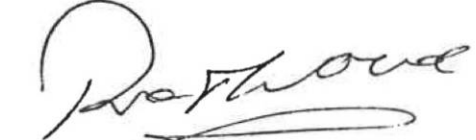

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