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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a researcher in ancient history, predominantly western history. I became aware of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh through a friend in the summer of 1980 and read His books on Lao Tzu and Tantra.

I was interested in the period of human self consciousness around 500 B.C., which Karl Jasper has called "Achsenzeit ". I have become familiar with the creaters of world religions that are still in existance today. While I was reading comentaries on these religions I found nothing but dead theory and wrecked concepts. However I have been deeply touched by His lecture's and books. When reading I had a kind of mysterious feeling and no rejection of His interpretation. Two months later quite by accident I met some disciple's of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and felt a religious atmosphere around them which I had never experienced before. I was really surprised, so in the spring of 1981 I visited His ashram in Poona, India. Since that time, for me, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has become a great and meaningful being.

Concerning my field of research, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has given me insight and understanding into the philosophies of Socrates, the sages of the Archaique period such as Pythagoras and Herakleitos and some of the mysterious aspects of Plato. This between the line understanding does not mean a logical expression which makes it possible to understand His words intellectually. It means to reach oneself, experience oneself through the meditation's of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, who has attained truth and silence and is still living in our presence.

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To me it seems to be completely impossible to deeply understand those sages from the period around 500 B.C. with out the assistance of a master such as Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, who has attained to enlightenment

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