

To whom it may concern:

I graduated from Western Illinois University in 1962 with a B.A. degree in music and English. From 1963-64 I began graduate work in English at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, and also completed education courses at Western Illinois University sufficient for teacher certification. All of my education at WIU was financed by a state teacher's scholarship and a music department tuition grant.

During 1964-65 I taught high school English, speech and drama in the Baltimore County Public Schools, Baltimore, Maryland. From 1967-70 I taught freshman composition at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, while completing a Master of Fine Arts degree in the Writer's Workshop. As an Instructor in English at Iowa, I received the Standard Oil Teacher of the Year Award (\$1,000) in 1970.

In 1972-73 I taught Freshman Composition, English Literature, and Creative Writing at the University of Wisconsin, Oakland Center Campus. In June 1973 I received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for a three-month seminar in American literature at Amherst College, Amherst, MA, with Benjamin DeMott, Professor of English.

In 1974 I began work as an editorial assistant for the New England Journal of Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA. I also worked as a free-lance editor for Little, Brown and Co., Medical Publishing Division. From 1975-77 I was Chief Medical Writer and Editor for Research Media, Inc., a Boston/New York medical publishing company. During that time I supervised a series of medical education projects and wrote or edited medical textbooks and pharmaceutical company sales training materials with Harvard Medical School consultants. In 1977 I took a medical marketing position with Damon Corporation, Needham, MA, and assumed responsibility for medical advertising and medical education materials for all divisions of the company.

From 1978-79 I was biomedical account executive for Blouin and Associates, a Boston advertising agency. From 1981-82 I was biomedical account executive for Avreo Medical Advertising, Inc., Boston, MA. As a free-lance writer and senior agency copywriter during the past five years, I completed several award-winning medical writing projects, including consumer education materials, nation-wide advertising campaigns, and medical education materials.

7 In 1983 I chose to live in Rajneeshpuram in the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. My decision was based on a life-long desire to live and work communally with people who have a commitment to living together in peace and harmony. My work before coming to Rajneeshpuram had been highly stressful, competitive, and quite meaningless to me. Now I live with people who share my values of individual spiritual growth through communion with an enlightened master. During my stay here I have become a new human being with a capacity for sharing and enjoying that was impossible for me before. This rapid inner change has happened because of my participation in the work of the commune and the feeling of being constantly in touch with the love and joyful silent teaching that flows into me from Bhagwan. It is this silent daily communion with Him that has changed my perception of others, the world, and myself. I live now in a state of acceptance and joy that was not possible for me before. Each day deepens my understanding of myself and others, through his presence.

We are able to live together here in simplicity and tranquility and in utter harmony, because He is here with us. He is transforming us, rapidly, into a new type of human being—one who can love himself and others, and remain totally at peace with existence, just as it is.

Sincerely yours,  
Patricia J. Tichman, B.A., M.F.A.