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To whom it may concern

My work at University consists in teaching German literature and German language and how to teach them at school. My teaching is a preparation for student-teachers to learn teaching. It reaches on one side to educational science and to literature critique on the other. I published two books, one about Friedrich Schlegel, a famous romantic thinker and the other about education in the German "Gesamtschule". A new publication concerning the religious dimension of the poetry Hermann Hesse is in work.

Bhagwan is a man of great insights about poetry and literature. His teaching revealed to me a new understanding of literature as a world in between the scientific approach to reality and the religious approach. It is a discovery of the inner dimension in the outer world. In his words:

"Science and religion are polar opposites; science is extrovert, religion is introvert. And between the two is the world of aesthetics. It is the bridge; it is both and neither. (...) It is scientific in the sense that art creates objects, and it is religious in the sense that whatsoever art creates is first envisioned in one's own being. It is the bridge between science and religion."

(The Book of the Books. Published by Rajneesh  
Foundation International. Antelope/Oregon 1982 )  
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Bhagwan's teaching works deep down into my interpretative approach of German literature. His teaching comes from a certain space of being, the meditation. Hearing his teaching he connects you with this space - and soon you will see poetry and literature in a new light of tremendous beauty and harmony. My students too are very thankful. They say, that they never have had such insights as when they work with me on literature.

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