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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Having worked for fourteen years as a primal therapist and in related fields of psychology in the United States, Great Britain and India, and having been myself a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for the last nine years, I have been in a position to evaluate the enormous psychotherapeutic impact of Bhagwan on my work as a professional, and on the work of my colleagues in the fields of arts and science.

Perhaps the single most important contribution to the understanding of human dynamics and the psyche lies in Bhagwan's total re-evaluation of the concepts of the nature of mind, being and personality, particularly the interplay between energy, emotion and understanding. It was this aspect of the teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh that attracted me the most.

In India, as a resident of the Shree Rajneesh Ashram in Poona, I collaborated in writings and community projects and served as a staff member for Rajneesh International Meditation University, counselling and leading workshops and individual sessions in psychotherapy (primal) and energy work (based on bio-physical and occult theory and practice). Early darshan diaries attest to some of the training and direct guidance offered to me and my colleagues. Much teaching had already transpired in even earlier unrecorded darshans (meetings with the master), and later throughout the years through messages in response to our letters and queries. Yet more was revealed as we worked within the buddhafiield influenced by the dynamism and charge of the master's nearby presence and by his resonance within ourselves as his sannyasins.

Meeting and working close to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has provided a major breakthrough for my work in the field of psychology and meditation, bridging the gap between logic and illogic, intellect and intuition, matter and consciousness. Besides adding the dimension of the transpersonal, Bhagwan's teachings have opened up fields of exploration for many of us, some of which continue to be developed here in Rajneeshpuram's new university in the areas of energy phenomena and behaviour. My own work, now under the Rajneesh Institute for Alchemy, has blossomed into discoveries about the nature of mind, body and being -- as variations of energy frequency, vibration, waves and lines of force accessible to personal direction and transformation.

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To describe Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh the man, still presents a great difficulty. To begin to understand his exceptional abilities one must look back into the ancient past, into the golden ages of the east and west when buddhas walked upon the earth -- Gautama Buddha, Lao Tzu, Zarathustra, Heraclitus, Pythagoras, Socrates, Jesus.

Today, perhaps our university with its wide range of institutes of specialization is the best tangible evidence of the enormous wealth of knowledge and information available to the world through the teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and the on-going discoveries that he continues to inspire through the works at Rajneeshpuram.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is truly a modern god-man, a man of outstanding and varied expertise, insight and world-wide influence. It is good that he is able to be in America where the world may come to benefit more and more from his abilities in a spirit of intelligence, democracy and good faith.

Yours truly,

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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I. Educational Background:

University of Puerto Rico
Faculty of Humanities
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

General Studies
1960-1962

Extra-curricular activities:

President of the Youth Committee, a charity organized for the help of retarded and sub-normal children of low income families.

Television and showroom modelling and fund raising.

Active in Community Affairs projects.

New York University
Washington Square College
Washington Square, N.Y.C.

B.A. in Romance
Languages
Full Scholarship:
Dean's list of
distinguished students;
Pi Delta Phi Honorary
Society; top 10% of
graduating class of 1965

Extra-curricular activities:

Vice-President, "Le Cercle Francais"

Asst. Director, Theater Department

Editor, "Romanica"

Panelist for "The Panel of Americans", to create goodwill, understanding and inspiration among ethnic and religious groups in the city.

New York University
Graduate School of Arts & Science
Graduate School of Education
Washington Square, N.Y.C.

M.A. in Education 1966
(Secondary & Adult Ed.)

New York State Permanent Teaching Certification, 1967

Certification of Competency for Adult Education, Board of the
City of New York, 1967

San Fernando Valley State College
San Fernando Valley, California

Post-Graduate studies and
accreditation in Counselling

Rajneesh International Meditation University
Poona, India

D. Litt., 1980

Research and in-field studies, 1975-1981
Staff member of the university.

II. Professional Experience:

International Student Center
New York University
Washington Square, N.Y.C.

1965-1966, Counsellor
and evaluator of foreign
student credentials (while
attending graduate school)

The New Lincoln School
30 W. 110 St., N.Y.C.

1966-68, French and Spanish
Secondary School teacher.

District 65
Development and Training Center
13 Astor Pl, N.Y.C.

1968-1969 Language Arts
teacher (E.S.L. and
Remedial Teaching)

Manpower Development & Training
N.Y.C.

1968-1969, Basic Educational
instruction on a substitute
basis

Cambria Community Adult School
Los Angeles, Ca.

Basic Ed Instructor and
Spanish for adults (part time)
1970

Arthur Janov Psychological
Institute (Primal Institute)
620 No. Almont Drive
L.A. Ca.

Psychological Research Asst.
1969-1971, Researching &
documenting therapy
procedures on patients under-
going treatment.

Private practice of psychotherapy
Harley Rd, London N.W.1 England

1971-1974

Contributor: Self & Society, a neo-Reichian review (1971-72)

Rajneesh Foundation & Rajneesh
International Meditation
University

1975-1981
Staff member, researcher,
writer, workshop leader,
counsellor.

writer: Lord of the Full Moon published by the Rajneesh
Foundation, 1978-79.

Commentator and Editor (part-time), for Darshan Diaries,
published by the Rajneesh Foundation in series.

Workshops other than for R.F.I.:

Indian Society for Applied Behavioral Scientists,
Conference of Khandala, 1976

Conference of Professionals, Lakhanpal Pvt. Ltd.
Goa, India, 1981

Geetam Rajneesh Sannyas Ashram
Lucerne Valley, Ca.

1981-1983
Workshop leader and
psychotherapy counsellor.

Rajneesh Neo-Sannyas International
Commune, Rajneeshpuram, OR. 97741

1983 - present

Rajneesh International Meditation University, staff member,
workshop leader, director of Rajneesh Institute for Alchemy.

III. Professional Organizations and Activities:

1965-1969

Puerto Rican Education's Association
Alliance Francaise de New York
Spanish Affairs Committee, Dist. 65
Puerto Rican Community Conference

1969-1971

Primal Institute
Mexican-American Community Affairs,
volunteer worker and ESL teacher

1971-1974

Gestalt Institute of Great Britain
Psychosynthesis Institute of Great
Britain
Spiritualist Assn. of Great Britain
Psychodrama and Reichian studies
Lucis Trust (Alice Bailey work)
Studies in Antroposophy, Theosophy
and Krishnamurti methods of meditation
& education
Yoga Assn. of Great Britain
conventions at Glastonbury Abbey, England
Lecturing in Italy, Spain & France,
in Paris at the C.D.P.H. (Centre du
Developpement du Pontentiel Humain)
and at the Centre d'Evolution.

1975-1983

Rajneesh Foundation, and Rajneesh
Neo-Sannyas International Commune.