

Subject Bhagwan Shri Rajneesh

My name Michael HD Vodden MBE MA(Oxon) Dip ESL (Leeds)

Outline of my career

Military Service 1940-1946 Infantry Captain

Oxford University 1946-49 2nd Class Honours (Italian)

The British Council 1949-1970

London 1949-54 Deputy Director Fellowships Department

Bombay 1954-58 Assistant Regional Representative

St Peter's School Panchgani 1958-60 Assistant Teacher

Punjab Public School Nabha 1961-65 Assistant Teacher

Awarded MBE for services to education in India

Leeds University 1965-66 Diploma in English as a Second Language

Calcutta 1966-70 Education Officer Eastern India

Retired on medical grounds (heartblock) 1970

Proprietor Children's Bookshop Beverley 1972-80

Connections with Bhagwan Shri Rajneesh

I was introduced by a Swiss friend to the published versions of the discourses in 1979.

A Danish friend of 25 years standing spent six months at the Rajneesh Centre in Poona and introduced me to the tapes of the discourses.

I visited the London Rajneesh centre several times and attended a seven-day Satori Group at the British Rajneesh Centre in 1983.

Significance of Bhagwan Shri Rajneesh

He has been responsible for gathering round him an international team of highly qualified and experienced psycho-therapists, for inspiring them and for having others trained to conduct personal development courses at his centres round the world. These courses provide in the most practical and realistic way for the needs of people in the modern world.

It would be hard to overestimate his influence in the promotion of international understanding.

He is one of the greatest living educationists and psycho-therapists. It would be inappropriate to say more than this in this particular context.

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