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To whom it may concern:

I have been involved in biological research for 25 years. During my undergraduate and postgraduate research I was awarded many academic distinctions including three scholarships awarded in Australia for study overseas.

I have been employed in the Universities of Melbourne, London, Leicester, and Edinburgh. I also spent a period of several years doing postdoctoral research at the CNRS in Paris.

My present position is Senior Grade I Tenured Academic Staff member in the Medical Research Council of Great Britain, and Honorary Lecturer, University of London.

Initially my research was in the area of molecular genetics - the study of mechanisms of replication, repair and transfer of the genetic material (DNA) in microorganisms and their viruses. In 1972 I became interested in developing systems and began work on the mechanism of communication (signal relay) between free living amoebae during the aggregation phase of their life cycle. From here I moved on to the study of development in mammals - the development of the mouse embryo from a single fertilised egg to birth.

At this stage I came into contact with the teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, and slowly I began to view my work from a different dimension. The biological "phenomena" I used to observe with a desire to control, manipulate and define, became life processes inspiring awe and wonderment. I started to develop a more open mind, more enthusiastic curiosity and questioning, and more delight in the mystery and beauty of the unfolding of life that I am privileged to witness as part of my work. As I discovered more of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and his teachings on the scientific process, I found I was becoming less interested in a desired outcome to my research and with this a greater detachment. Consequently my research has become more inspired and creative, and certainly more fun! Currently I am interested in the origin of the germ line — whether the germ line is continuous, giving rise to generation after generation of individuals, or whether the individual recreates the germ line anew each generation. My work, which suggests the latter may be true, becomes more fruitful and more recognised with time.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh emphasizes that knowledge itself is dead. He reverses the quest for knowledge, the experience of that inquiry, and the unfathomable nature of existence. He speaks of enlightened scientific endeavour from Socrates to Einstein, and the beauty, creativity and wisdom that derives from Socrates — I know only that I do not know. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh teaches that the whole individual is philosopher, poet and mystic — the head, the heart and the essential being. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a truly enlightened master whose wisdom has profoundly influenced my life and work.