

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to share my feelings about an extraordinary man. A religious leader who is also a master in every facet of living; Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

I am an average Jewish-American woman. Raised in New York City, in an upper-middle class family. I was programmed to attain to high degrees of education and wealth. I was taught that life was hard and you had to be tough to "get ahead". If one could manage to be a bit happy along the way, that was just lucky.

As I drifted along this prearranged route I began to feel that something was wrong; that there had to be more to life. I began to feel that I must be different from everyone else.

It was hard to get out of the track my life was following. I left the University and got a job (still in my field of mathematics) as a statistics analyst for the American Institute of Physics. That lasted one year until my restlessness overcame me.

In retrospect I see that at that time my spiritual quest began. I started travelling; always searching for

a different life - one in which my mind could relax and my heart could soar.

I started dancing, studied yoga and meditation. I sat with many so called spiritual masters, but nothing seemed to strike me with the lightning I was looking for. Ten years slid ~~by~~ by and I was still searching.

One day an old friend who had just returned from India came to see me. He started telling me about his experience with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, a master in India. It sounded fascinating. Not like an old, Eastern religious form that my western mind had to force itself into, but something new. A place where one could drop the old programs and simply dance and love and live with others in joy. My friend played taped lectures for me. I couldn't always understand his words, but his voice made me feel so peaceful. He showed me a picture of Bhagwan and at that moment I fell in love, really in love, for the first time in my life. And it was like falling; slipping off the edge of a cliff and drifting like a leaf.

Four years later I am still falling. I have since become a Sannyasin, a disciple of Bhagwan and I spend as much time as possible in his physical presence. He is in America now and much more available to us. And in silence now - for me the magic is much stronger when the words do get in the way.

I live and work in one of the Rameesh Meditation Centers and devote all of my time to Bhagwan's work. Even when I am not with him I feel his love inside of me. His unconditional love that flows toward me and all of those around me, no matter what I do, how I look or what mistakes I make. And it seems that his love for me creates more love within me, more love to share with others.

Just 2 weeks ago I visited Bhagwan at the Second Annual World Celebration. I sat with Him in His infinite, silent love, and being with him made all of the trivial concerns and problems in my life disappear. I became empty only to be filled with his love. Along with me were 15,000 other disciples and friends all shining in the light of this one man's love.

If only the whole world could feel this love I

think all of mankind could be changed. Everyone could be able to drop the misery in their lives and discover the divine within them.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh must be allowed to stay in America where he can best do his work. The world must come to know of this extraordinary man. This man who once had a vision of a world full of joyful, loving people, This man who is creating a reality of joy and love around him, a place where god can be discovered dwelling within the heart of us all.

Bhagwan seems to see the world and everyone in it through eyes unclouded by bias and preconceptions. Through eyes filled with compassion for our problems and our suffering. He has the wisdom and knowledge to guide us in the creation of a new world - a world where everyone can live in peace.

Respectfully yours,

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