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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have been a lawyer in Munich since 1976. After at first working in a Law firm I was for five years Head of the Law Department of an iternational aircraft manufacturing company. I heard about Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for the first time through a personal groth group I did in February 1977. At that time I was very suspicious about this Indian Guru and his followers dressed in red with a wooden necklace round their necks and a locket showing Bhagwan's picture. I started reading Bhagwan's books, however, and was utterly amazed of the content of these books. Here was somebody who was able to put into simple and plain words the most complicated relations in the psychophilosophical world. He explained human relations with such a dexterity that it came like a revelation to me and it opened my eyes for many things in human relations I had theretofor simply neglected. Through His books I became more aware of the Love and deep inner connection of Humanity. After participating in further growth programmes conducted by disciples of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh I eventually decided to visit Bhagwan's Ashram in Poona, India. The first thing that struck me there was the appearance of the people in the Ashram: beautiful people, who looked clear and very much centered within themselves. After a short time I got to know many of the Ashramites some of whom I had already known in Europe and was astonished just how much these people beamed of Openness and

Bankverbindung: Postscheckkonto München (BLZ 700 100 80) Konto-Nr. 2947 13-800 Anderkonto: Deutsche Bank München (BLZ 700 700 10) Konto-Nr. 716 373 600 Inner Serenity. It was clear to me, that the change in these people stemmed from Bhagwan's work as a Religious Teacher.

During this visit in December 1978 I was initiated by Bhagwan as His disciple.

After my return to my office my colleages found me much easier and better to work with. Taking work less serious — as Bhagwan ephazises in His Teachings — I was strangely enough able to do more work in less time and in a better quality then before. Big international meetings I had to chair were more effective and had better results because I was in a postion to make people laugh from time to time thus enabling them to releax and see the issues to be discussed in a more detached way. This shows in a very practical way the influence of Bhagwan's Teachings on my work. Only through Bhagwan's Teaching have I learnt, that I am not identified with the work I'm doing or the role I'm playing but belonging to a greater context. And this is but one example of the influence Bhagwan's teachings have had and keep on having on myself and many people around me may they be disciples or not.

To me Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a man of exceptional abilities both as a religious teacher and a spiritual Leader and I will even go so far as to say that he is the most exceptional man of our times, an Enlightened Master, which the World has seen few of and almost never realized when They were alive. There is certainly no proof for Enlightenment in the ordinary sense, but for those who can see it is not just a Belief but a Reality.

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