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To whom it may concern

I am writing in regard to how the enlightened spiritual master, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, has influenced my professional career as well as touched my personal life. I received my Bachelor of Fine Arts from Washington University and worked professionally as a graphic designer in St. Louis, Missouri, for the next two years. Because I had a great desire to combine my creative talents with my interests in psychology and working with people who were also interested in personal growth and transformation, I chose to further my education.

I attended the University of Louisville, Ky, and received my Masters degree in expressive therapies. I then worked for two more years at Napa State Hospital, Ca, and Western Reserve Psychiatric Habilitation Center, Ohio.

During this time three things were happening simultaneously - first, I was working intimately with disturbed people who were in a great deal of emotional and psychological pain; second, I was becoming more interested in personal transformation as a way of being more competent in my field as well as happier in my personal life; and third, I began reading the words of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and meeting sannnyasins - his disciples who had spent time with him in India.

His insights into the human mind were magnificent - through my work I could see over and over again the need for what Bhagwan was speaking about - meditation. I began practising the meditations as well as experimenting with them with the patients in the hospitals. It was and continues to be incredible. His vision is far beyond western psychologists that I studied. And at the same time, he is not just another guru speaking about God. He is a synthesis of the highest in Western psychology and Eastern wisdom. He has developed specific methods that can transform madness into meditation, noise into silence, and misery into simple joys and acceptance of being alive.

My life has become a delight. I see how others also feel my joy and love and are touched by it. Bhagwan has a tremendous gift to share with us - a positivity that can change the world.

I now choose to live at Rajneeshpuram and help his vision become a reality. I only hope that others can look with an unprejudiced mind and a loving heart at the abilities and potential which Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh holds within him.

Sincerely yours

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