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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir,

I have a joint honours degree in sociology and psychology from Durham University, England, in 1971, and a Diploma in Counselling from Aston University in 1976. I have spent 3 years working with Voluntary Service Overseas & International Voluntary Service, lecturing in psycholog in Africa and subsequently co-ordinating their programme of voluntary social work which covers most countries of the world.

Ever since I first heard of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in 1977 I have seen how his work encompasses and surpasses the ideas and ideals of the organisationa I worked with. The life style which is evolving at Rajneeshpuram is spontaneously much closer to what we were aiming for in all our efforts towards social equality and world peace. His religious teachings and vision have brought together such a representative variety of people that it is obvious that His work is of value to anyone, of any nationality, class or creed.

My experience of the counselling profession was that its practitioners tended to have a sense of futility and struggle in their work and felt unmotivated and disillusioned, compensated for only by a gratifying salary. There was an awareness that something deeper and more effective was needed to make an impact on the lives of their clients as well as their own.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, in His beautifully eloquent religious discourses, has put into words what so many of us were looking for, and now Rajneeshpuram made it a reality. It is a living testimonial to the art of living and testifies immediately to Bhagwan's unique contribution to our world.

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