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As a follower of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, and a ranch resident, I would like to tell you about the continuing effect this man has upon my life. After all these years it never ceases to amaze me how in his presence new insights continue to surface, new and unimagined layers of my heart continue to open, and I find myself more and more available to life.

His presence is a constant reminder to me of peace, of clarity, of love, of freedom.

As a worker, or worshipper (as we call ourselves) here, I find that the underlying

attitudes through which I look at the most basic life experiences are undergoing constant scrutiny and evolution.

For instance, before I came here, there was a certain attitude that I had towards work of almost any type, I used to feel abused, exploited; complaint used to be the constant currency of conversation with fellow workers. At the time this seemed like a way of making work a little easier.

Here Bhagwan teaches that anything, everything that we do can be a celebration, an expression of gratitude to existence for giving us life. I now see that my former attitude towards work was a way of undermining not only my superiors (which is perhaps what I wished) but my own life, my own creative possibilities on a day to day basis. I now find that my work can be an expression of my own joy and exuberance.

This is just one small example of how Bhagwan and the commune have affected my life.

Sometimes it feels difficult to explain my relationship with him to outsiders in that it is basically an affair of the heart.

When I see him I feel my mind quieten and my heart soar. For us Rajneeshes, being close to Bhagwan is an experience which in itself opens doors. To me, it is a priceless and irreplaceable experience.

Sincerely,

Swami Prem Paritosh