

To Whom it May Concern.

I have been a disciple of the spiritual Master Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh now for over seven years & during this time the influence of this great man has affected every aspect of my life.

Having attained a ~~th~~ bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, I then became a journalist working first for newspapers but moving soon to progressive women's magazines, weekend journals or any publications that provided the venue for original speculation & comment on the wide range of mainly sociological issues that affected my own life.

My personal search was for an objective understanding of the world around me & over the next few years I found a ready market for my bi-lined enquiries making my name well-known in the small confines of New Zealand.

When the country became too restricted for my own search, I moved to South Africa where a job was offered to me as assistant editor, then editor, of a new progressive women's magazine published by the largest publishing house in South Africa.

Over the next four years I used the considerable freedom given to me to explore pretty well all the issues that interest me & interview a wide selection of international personalities.

Having achieved, at a relatively early age, pretty well all career & material aims I had set for myself, my search for

general understanding became paramount in my life. Through my university training & journalist research I was familiar with most of the current streams of opinion on everything from empirical psychology to the various forms of new religion. I had digested & considered vast amounts of information & diverse theories but nothing seemed to offer an answer that went far enough into the mysteries of the universe without insulting my intelligence.

It was in this frame of mind that I resigned my job & using my considerable journalistic contacts to sell freelance material I began travelling first through Europe then the East searching a practical way for some answers. The search led me first into a number of eastern based meditations & finally in 1975 to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in Poona, India.

Over the next couple of months I came to realize that this man was the influence & authority I had been searching for. Not only did his daily discourses have a depth & understanding that went far beyond anything that I had encountered before but the practical side of his work allowed me to experience the truth of his words for myself. The therapy groups offered at the Poona ashram were not unique, but combined with Bhagwan's own meditation techniques & the amazing effect of his rarified presence, a practical process for individual growth was evolved that was incomparable to anything else happening in the world.

I made a number of visits to Poona, despite the damaging effect that India had on my health & each time was struck by the range & scope of this great Master's work & its effect on my ^{own} life. Having been resident in Los Angeles for some time with my husband, I was delighted when I heard that Bhagwan

What a blessing for this country & its people to have
such a great man as part of its heritage. Over the years
I have seen so many lives enriched by his presence & his
work that I feel grateful that the country that has
given me so much is now the beneficiary of his presence & the
magic that happens around it.

On my numerous visits to Resnikpuram I am increasingly
in awe of the mastery of this man's vision & how it is
being realized around him in a practical way. I am grateful
too with the range & richness of those who are recognizing
his vision & responding to it.

The fact that America is not rushing to welcome the
presence of this man with open arms shows little for the evolved
openness & personal understanding of its policy makers.

Yours faithfully,

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