

Rajneeshpuram,
July 24th, 1983.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to elucidate the astonishing qualities and ability of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, acknowledging the fact that his teachings encompass the whole spectrum, from Art to Science.

What I have to express comes from my personal experience having met and known Bhagwan for the past 5½ years. Born in Australia in 1953, I graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Applied Chemistry, from the Western Australian Institute of Technology in 1973. Attached is my professional background in the field of chemistry.

Having read half a page of one of his books and meeting a sannyasin was enough for me to want to meet this man. Accordingly I visited his Ashram in Poona, India in February, 1978 and became a disciple. Suddenly I had found a teacher whose knowledge was so vast that in comparison, any knowledge I had gained in the field of chemistry, seemed like a drop in the ocean. What Bhagwan has to offer is a vision of the whole. Scientists have become very narrow in their vision, pursuing investigations, searching for knowledge, in a manner where they lose contact with the heart of life, which is love; so that much of the efforts, research and direction of science has lead to the situation where we have accumulated enough technological tools of destruction to destroy this beautiful planet many times over. More specific to my field - how many chemists have worked for governments of so many countries to produce the technology and the ingredients for biochemical and germ warfare. What Bhagwan has to offer is so vast, that people cannot even begin to understand - and that is exactly what is happening, as evidenced by the many difficulties he and the members of his Commune are having, trying to create an oasis in the desert, where SCIENCE AND RELIGION ARE IN HARMONY.

And His message is that this harmony can only happen if we look within and fall in tune with ourselves. This is the Meditation which He teaches; it is the bridge which joins all opposites. He is a Unity. His vision encompasses everything - He is totally in favor of technology, so long as it's a creativity, to be used as a joy for betterment. He is encouraging a synthesis of Science and Art. His being goes beyond all the fragmentary parts as taught in all the Universities of the world!

The last 20 years of this century, we are walking over the tightrope of a very testing time. Bhagwan's presence, His vision, must be given a chance.

Even though He has now entered into a silent phase of His work, His existence here in Rajneeshpuram provides incredible inspiration as evidenced by the amount of work done here in such a short space of time. It is an effort to build His vision as quickly as possible. What happens for me when sitting in His presence at Satyanag or Darshan during the celebrations here is that I hear His message - and it is very silent - it cannot be expressed in words.

His presence in this country is a blessing, and I sincerely hope that the people who are responsible for Him staying or leaving, at least begin to realize this; or at least not persecute Him because He doesn't fit with the already known social and religious structure.

With Love,
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Date of Birth: 16/5/1953 at Armadale, Western Australia.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor of Applied Science (Chemistry), completed at the Western Australian Institute of Technology in 1973.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1. Vegetable Oils (Vic) Pty. Ltd., Melbourne, Victoria.
From July 1974 to October 1975.

The first three months were spent in the Quality Control Laboratory and subsequently Research and Development. The work involved product development factory "trouble shooting", mainly involving use of Gas Liquid Chromatography with vegetable oils and associated food products.

2. Cliffs Robe River Iron Associates, Cape Lambert, Western Australia.
From February 1976 to March 1977.

Position held - Power Station Chemist. This involved all water and steam analyses, by wet and simple instrumental methods, and their subsequent treatment and monitoring, in the operation of the 3x35KW Steam Generation Power Plant. Also the operation and quality control of the Permutit Water Demineralisation Plant for feed to the boilers. Other areas were corrosion control, cooling systems control and testing of fuel oils.

3. Beauty Without Cruelty-Ahimsa Cosmetics, Bombay/Poona, India.
From August 1978 to September 1981.

This project involved the setting up of a factory unit for the production of soaps of different types, shampoo and cosmetic products such as skin creams, lotions and tonics, mouth refresher, face packs, massage oils and other cosmetics. This involved not only the laboratory for product quality control and formulation development, but also the supervision of up to fourteen people who worked in the factory and the buying, costing and financial running of the unit.

4. Rivendell Farm, Fergusson Valley, W.A. 6230, Australia
From Oct '81 to Oct '82.

Position - Chemist. Involved with the quality control and manufacture of a range of 38 cosmetic, hair care & ointment products and a range of 27 Essential oils for the Australian Market. The position also involved constant re-evaluation and improvement of the formulations, especially to do with the field of Herbal Extractions, Emulsification and experiments with the use of more dermatologically favorable preservatives.