

To whom it may concern :

I am writing to share with you my personal experience of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh as my Spiritual Master, how my connection with Him has enriched and blessed my life.

I graduated from John Carroll University with a degree in Chemistry and proceeded towards a doctoral degree at the University of North Carolina in biochemical research in the area of Pharmacology. I began my college studies with an intense enthusiasm and joy in learning, particularly in the sciences; but by the time I had reached graduate school there was an increasing emptiness created by the emphasis on competition, grades, success and money. I chose the field of basic research in order to escape that, but soon realized that medical research also entailed fierce competition for government funds and constant pressure to manufacture data, quantity being emphasized more than quality. By the time I saw this my career was well on its way and it seemed that I had no choice but to pursue this way of life, even though I knew that it would eventually destroy me inside.

I met Bhagwan in 1978 and felt an immediate yes coming from my depths. He opened up a whole new way of life for me, a whole new way of being. In His presence I discovered that when one lives in a climate of love, joy, prayer and laughter, it doesn't matter what you actually "do" as your work, because when these qualities permeate your life, they also permeate your work. I have had a variety of "jobs" in the commune and each has been a fresh adventure, each expanding the limits of my experience.

My connection to Bhagwan as my Spiritual Master has always been a heart to heart communion, which is still present in His silence and even in his physical absence. Once one falls in tune with an Enlightened Master, words are no longer necessary. This is my experience.

Bhagwan is an outstanding religious leader. His disciples are continuing to experience him directly. He has touched hundreds of thousands of souls all over the world. How can there be any question.

Sincerely,
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