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To whom it may concern :

I am writing as a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, to try to convey something of my experience of living in the presence of this most extraordinary and beautiful man.

Before arriving at this Ashram in Poona, India, several years ago, I had worked as a teacher, counsellor, lived in several different countries and travelled extensively. I had literally searched the world, and I thought, searched myself, but could never find the quality of life I knew must exist.

My visit to Poona was going to be brief, but from the first moment that I sat & listened to Bhagwan in his daily morning discourse, I knew at last that I'd found someone with such great wisdom, intelligence & inspiration that my search was over. His insight and his love began to guide^{me} on a new journey - to a life of more awareness, more richness, more depth, ultimately to truth. It would be impossible to try to explain the enormity of his teachings - these are described many times over in his books and taped discourses - but in a way it comes down to the art of living.

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When Bhagwan went into silence two years ago, it felt absolutely right. He had said everything, many times over, and the time had come for us to move with Him, into our hearts and into the peace & stillness within us.

Over the past year, I have noticed that the deeper we have all moved into the silence within us, the more creative and productive we have become, and the more energy has somehow become available to us. This has been especially noticeable during our festivals, when sitting silently with our Master we allowed ourselves to go deep inside and into communion with Him. The quieter our minds became the more profound our love.

Gradually we are becoming more joyful, more energetic and more & more in love with life. Our work is like a dance & yet everyone is becoming more responsible & alert than ever.

Rajneeshpuram is an extraordinary city, blessed by the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. His love and His light guide us on our way. I am infinitely grateful to be here.

With love

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(AKA Lepune Abrahamson)