

To whom it may concern-

It has been 2 years since Bhagwan first came into my life. I have never heard him speak, and I have never been physically introduced to him. Yet even from that first day when I participated in a 90 hour session of Dynamic Meditation, my relationship with Bhagwan has been the deepest, most meaningful relationship of my life. Just his presence, the fact that he is alive, brings me closer to god, and makes my life religious festival, everyday. Before Bhagwan, at the core of my life was a meaninglessness, an emptiness, a confusion. Whatever I was looking for, I was never finding. It had given me a feeling of oneness before, had felt god in my life. My experience of Bhagwan was that he was this feeling, the wholeness that I had glimpsed, he was. The relationship that I have with my beloved master is as mysterious as it is beginning. In a single moment, he entered into my life at a level deeper than anything I had ever felt. That relationship has grown deeper everyday. It cannot be described in words: it began without words. It is sublime.

When I first read Bhagwan's words, it was a new experience. As a university student in California at the time, I had begun to notice that the systems of thought upon which our society was based were incomplete and unintelligent. As a student of environmental studies, I was learning to have a wholistic view, to see things from every point of view. At the same time, it was clear that conventional models of thought were linear: that is, they took one point and expanded indefinitely from there, without concern for other possible points of view. In my own thinking at the time, I often came to

point of exhaustion where I had taken a model of thought to its extreme, and whether it was wholistic or not, it did not work. They were of any value. In the end, they fell on their face. However, Bhagwan's mind was entirely different: where I would be finished with an idea, exhausted, Bhagwan would take an illogical jump, and end up making utter sense. I had seen Buckminster Fuller and a few others do this once or twice. But Bhagwan did it in a paragraph. And while this man was the most outstanding logician I ever experienced, his whole emphasis was in the direction of wordless: it all pointed toward the silent communion I had begun to experience. I felt God lurking behind every sentence of his extraordinary intellect.

Now I have the good fortune to be living and working in the same commune that has been inspired by his presence. There is a word in a biblical word, that describes this place best. That is Shalom (Avodah means joyous labor. It is a foreign concept to the American mind and until I came here, foreign to me. But it is what Rajneesh is all about. In Bhagwan's silent presence, a joy arises in us that is the master disciple relationship. That joy, that effortless feeling of thankfulness and life, is to me what religion is about, what god is about. Without Bhagwan, I would never know it.

Thank You

Sincerely,

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