

To Whom It May Concern -

I am an American, born in the Midwest, raised there and in California. I graduated from High School at the top of my class, and then continued my education at the University of California in Berkeley. After several years of academic schooling I became attracted to the culinary arts. I worked as a cook, studied professional cooking and baking at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco, and then chose a career as a baker and pastry chef.

For the past several years my life and work have been influenced by the teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Wherever before I had viewed cooking as a means to make money, now new qualities have surfaced, that I had never experienced before. I began to enjoy immensely working with others, watching the complex weaving of different talents and skills needed to produce a wide range of products.

Also, I began to see that my quality baked goods make people happy, that they are my way of bringing joy and satisfaction into the world.

Finally, I saw that my work was a meditation for me. It is really now my worship. The more I relaxed and allowed my skills and intuition to guide me, through Bhagwan's presence, the greater satisfaction I derived from the work itself. It was not just, as before, a pride in the products, but now, rather it has become a well-being or refreshed feeling from enjoying the process from beginning to end, as well as the finished product. Bhagwan's inspiration has enabled me to see the

whole process as sacred, now. Before it was simply a
mundane activity. Now through him it is transformed.

Sincerely

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