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To whom it may concern,

my name is Ma Anand Gopura.  
I'm 21 years old and have been a disciple of  
Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for four years.

I came to Poona, straight out of  
high school to see Bhagwan. I had read several  
of His books and knew that there was something  
in what He said that "fit": it was a feeling  
of finding something that had been lost.

When I got to Poona, and listened to Him  
talk in lecture, I <sup>hardly</sup> heard His words.  
Instead there was a feeling of <sup>warmth</sup> ~~warmth~~, an  
overflowing inside me, that I never knew before.  
And to this day that feeling is still  
overflowing, everytime I see Him.

He's the most incredible, giving person  
I've ever experienced. In His silence, in  
His presence.

I'm now living in Rajneeshpuram, worshipping  
in the construction temple. Everyday is  
a dance, a play, filled with laughter and love.

His presence is felt all through the commune. No matter where you go, whether it's in the kitchen or on the site, we're all one. All here to be with Him, not to hear Him speak, just to be here in His silent presence.

I worked, before I came to Poona, as a cook and also a secretary. <sup>I worked</sup> ~~working~~ to pay the rent and to be able to live. Not with much care or energy for the work. It was just something that was needed, if I wanted to live out there.

One thing that amazes me, is the way we worship here. There's no gain in it. We're all being taught to worship with each other. He's silently teaching us to turn work into worship. Not to be serious in it, but playful, to take it lightly. Somehow as it's happening through our worship, it seeps through <sup>me</sup> you and everything <sup>I</sup> you do becomes playful.

Everyday we see Him as He drives by, And everyday His presence reminds us of our potential. Buddhahood. On our celebrations, we sit with Him in silence. Just to sit with Bhagwan, His fragrance, His Light shining, showing us that we are already Buddha's. We are already that in which we've been searching for, it's inside of us right here.

I'm happy to be with a living master, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Never have I felt such contentment inside myself. Whether he speaks or not he's the most incredible religious teacher, I've ever come across. I'm seeing, learning and growing more and more everyday in His presence.

His silence is like the rain, that waters the garden  
His presence is the sun, that helps the garden grow. And what a beautifully growing garden all His sannyasins are.

yours sincerely,  
Ma Anand Gopura