

To whom it may concern,

I am a 36 year old American and have been a Rajneeshee for 2½ years. Before that I went to Wheaton College in Wheaton Illinois, preparing to be a Christian missionary and graduated in 1969. I taught elementary school for 2 years, waitressed in many restaurants, taught yoga at Yavapai College in Prescott, Arizona, and raised 2 children. A little over a year ago I came to Rajneeshpuram to live and work in the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

While I've been living at Rajneeshpuram I've been working in farming and also waitressing at our restaurants and managing at our disco bar. In all the different jobs, the work has not been a drudgery, but a joy. There's no longer any of the old reasons for working such as making money, or keeping busy, or for proving how good I am. There's no need for competition as in past jobs; no need to prove who is best since now we are all working together to make a beautiful place to live for all of us. As a group we get a job done, with some having more ability in one area or another, and with that ability being appreciated by all. Through the joyfull work I'm doing, I've grown to appreciate myself more and more; and out of this centered space, enjoying serving others as a waitress is now a natural outcome of who I am

and not a mask I put on so I can make more money.

Because of the way we live; in a loving community of friends, everything I do in farming is just naturally done with love and caring because I'm helping make possible the food that all of use eat. No longer am I doing a certain job only for monetary reasons; I'm worshipping, which includes the monetary as well as the spiritual.

Ever since I was young I felt there was another way to live other than the way my parents and everyone else lived, a way where sharing and caring were of highest value. Here at Rajneeshpuram in the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, I have been living in that kind of community. With Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh as our constant reminder of this loving spirit, my life has grown and expanded.

Sincerely,

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