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Beloved - to whom it may concern:

I have just felt to write to express a few feelings of how special and precious it feels to be living here at Rajneeshpuram in the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

This love affair we call our worship which, at the moment, is building a beautiful city in the heart of Central Oregon, is continually inspired by Bhagwan's presence, which is like a fragrance as pervasive as the surrounding sagebrush and juniper trees that dot the hills and valleys of our home. His vision and His love are so close by, we are all reminded of Him in thousands of small ways as we go about creating this special oasis in the semi-desert of Oregon.

Ordinarily, it would be natural to compete with each other in what would be the hard work of building so many different buildings that are needed for day to day functions. Ordinarily in competition, people try to outdo the other, or undermine the other's efforts so that they can appear to be on the top. There are thousands of resentments, jealousies, backstabbing, etc. all for the goal of getting "on top". In this commune that incredible tendency towards competition, and its natural corollary - misery, is replaced by a higher tendency towards love, towards sharing your joy and laughter; in short, giving rather than taking. And this giving is inspired again and again by Bhagwan, whether it be in the remembrance of Him in the daily worship, or more tangibly as He drives by every day.

How to describe the feelings that He evokes? Whenever I feel myself going into a period of competition, of pulling away from my friends and lovers, becoming miserable, and I remember Bhagwan, or see Him drive by, I remember the higher possibilities, I remember, I see, that there is another possibility, another way of life that is a continuing blessing, a continual benediction.

In this atmosphere of benediction, I am continually amazed by how well everything works, how well everything fits together. I see things happening and my mind is saying "Oh, that will never work" or "that's all wrong", but my heart says trust, just trust, and lo and behold, the design my mind said would backfire works beautifully. Everything is there and functioning at the right moment. So again, Bhagwan's presence in His drives, and near physical proximity are another continual reminder of the way of the heart, looking at the building and planning of a city from a much more trusting space where the mind becomes a beautiful tool, but is not allowed its negative, divisionary ways that create destruction and suspicion.

To live with Him is to live continually in a garden, continually in a quiet place, where a certain fragrance pervades the air; pervades the work that I do, the relationships that I have with people and the environment in which I live. It is a love affair, and its such a gift to be with the One I love.

Thank you for listening.

Love.

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