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To whom it may concern.

For many years, before meeting Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, I have been involved in the kind of general search about human existence which is sometimes referred to as "quest for meaning" or "truth", or "spiritual quest". On the side of my professional work as a scientist in University research institutions, I was studying philosophical and religious texts and practicing eastern and western psychophysical disciplines.

However stimulating and intellectually adventurous that search may have been, it did not break deep barriers of ego structure and conditioning. It did not open up channels of love and a potential for total involvement with human beings and with life which were crying for recognition inside me.

Being a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for the past five years, living in the creative turmoil of one of His communes has kindled a fire of transformation in me which the study of mere words and ideas could never generate. Being in contact with One who has crossed over the boundaries of ordinary human identification can only be immensely helpful, enlarging, stimulating. I consider myself fortunate to have been granted such a gift, and with all my heart I wish and pray that it may be available to all women and men who are searching, to all those who are struggling with the limitations of our understanding of existence, to all beings who may be, to any extent, open to receive the gift.

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