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To Whom It May Concern,

I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Oregon State University in 1973 and then worked six years in that university applying psychological principles to improve education there.

I met Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh through his books and was so impressed by his understanding of man and the problems we face that I went to India for a closer look. There, I participated in meditation and growth programs and listened to him speak each day on all kinds of topics: psychology, religion, sex, physics, meditation, ecology, etc. and got a glimpse of what this exceptional man was trying to say. His talks, transcribed in over 350 books, show a vast understanding of the human condition going far beyond the methods of science and open up areas for exploring consciousness that science will use as a guide for a long time to come.

His religious commune in Oregon, where I now live, is an experiment in the exploration of consciousness that is of tremendous value, not only to this nation, but the world. We participate in the commune by working 12 hours a day, after more, every day. This is our worship and is one way we are connected to Him. Just His presence here gives us tremendous energy, reminds us of our own potential and inspires us to go beyond our limits which are basically psychological. This brings more energy, joy and understanding of ourselves and others. This is psychological health; and many healthy, happy people living together in harmony with each other and nature can trigger a tremendous increase in human consciousness world wide. Just seeing that it is possible is enough. His vision and understanding and His presence in the commune are the catalysts around which this transformation is happening and represent the most valuable contribution to psychology and human welfare in our history.

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