

187 Elworthy Ave.,
London, Ontario
Canada N6C 2M6

July 17, 1983

To Whom It May Concern,

I have degrees in Zoology (Hons B.Sc., University of Western Ontario) Wildlife Biology (M.Sc., University of Western Ontario), Ecology (Ph.D, Queen's University) and have professional certification as an associate Wildlife Biologist with The Wildlife Society. I have taught for organizations such as the above universities, St. Lawrence College, the Ontario Universities Program in Field Studies and the Huntsman Marine Laboratory. I have conducted research and expeditions from the Central Arctic Islands to Central America for consulting firms and government agencies including L&L Environmental Research Associates, the Polar Gas Pipeline Project, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Northern Region, Pesticides Advisory Committee, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Canadian Forestry Service, Parks Canada, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Canadian Wildlife Service and Environment Canada.

I have published in at least 7 ecological journals and natural history newsletters in Canada and the United States.

My recent organization memberships have included American Ornithologists Union, American Society of Naturalists, Association for Experiential Education, Bird Populations Institute, Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, Canadian Nature Federation, Canada United States Spruce Budworms Program, Canadian Wildlife Federation, Canadian Society of Environmental Biologists, Canadian Society of Zoologists, Inner and Outer Explorations, Inc. (Co-founder, Vice President and Senior Consultant), Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Group (Chairman), Federation of Ontario Naturalists (Board of Directors), McIlwraith Field Naturalists, The Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ontario Ecology - Ethology Colloquium, Ontario Ornithologists, Warbler Woods Preservation Committee, Society of Canadian Ornithologists, The Bioenergetics Institute, The Wildlife Society and The Wilson Ornithological Society.

I came to know of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh through books,

tapes and friends. I recently had the privilege of visiting Rajneeshpuram. I had booked to be there for 5 days and was so impressed by the quality of the work, the spirit and energy of the residents and of Bhagwan that I ended up staying there for three months. His international renown was evident in the presence of thousands of people visiting from all over the world during the recent festival. The tangible results of Bhagwan's efforts are overwhelming, in both the people who follow him, and in the land. His vision of an oasis in arid central Oregon is becoming a reality. Land which had been abused through years of overgrazing is becoming verdant and productive as a result of careful planning and implementation of a comprehensive water management program.

In my professional opinion, what is happening in Rajneeshpuram is possible only because of the presence of Bhagwan, an exceptional spiritual leader and teacher and I hope to have the opportunity of many more visits to his community in future years.

Sincerely,

Ronald C. P. Wypkema Ph.D.
RONALD C. P. WYPKEMA Ph.D