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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a professional philosopher, specializing in Philosophy of Education. I hold a B.A. (Melbourne) and M. Sc. (Monash) degrees and have worked and taught in several universities. I lectured in Education at the University of Western Australia for eight years.

I first read Rajneesh's work in 1977 and was immediately gripped with an intellectual excitement surpassing even that which I experienced on first reading Nietzsche over twenty years ago. It was almost as if a Philosopher who knew only Plato's "Republic" and "Laws" were to stumble across all his early dialogues. Suddenly the presence of Socrates would be revealed as the well-spring of Western Philosophy. What higher praise could I bestow than to say that on reading Rajneesh I now know what Socrates said, and how Plato misinterpreted him? For Socrates is an original source, a reference point for philosophy; and so with Socrates as a standard we can see that Rajneesh is an original source also. More than this Western Philosophy cannot say (being, as Whitehead remarked, little more than "footnotes to Plato", and Plato a misunderstanding of Socrates).

It is difficult to believe that an exceptional phenomenon has occurred contemporary with us, but it is my judgement that Rajneesh is a thinker occurring only once in an age.



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