

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I was born in Brazil in 1931, of Jewish immigrant parents from Poland. My father was a construction worker.

I graduated from two universities: engineering, with major in economy, and Physics and Mathematics.

During my scholastic years I was active in politics with student unions, at state and federal unions (National Student Union).

I started and led two university movements in Brazil: the university reform and the Program for Alphabetizing Adults in the National Student Union, wrote several articles for newspapers and magazines about these subjects.

Between 1963-1964 I work for the Minister of Education, as member of the National Committee for the National Plan to ban illiteracy. I was the coordinator of the area of the State of Rio de Janeiro, having under my supervision approximately 3,000 instructors.

In 1967 I started to write plays, two of them were selected among the 10 best plays in national contests.

Between 1971 and 1975 I travelled throughout South Central and North Americas, participating in stage festivals, giving lectures about the Brazilian stage plays and about oriental philosophy (macrobiotics, Zen, Do-In).

In 1975-1978 I worked in Brazil as Reichian therapist (I did a course at the Institute

Wilhelm Reich in Mexico), and I was the pioneer in bioenergetics in Brazil.

Between 1978-1979 I was in Poona, India where I knew Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

Then a great transformation happened in my life. Until that time I denied the word God, religion, rejected the religious master such as Buddha and Christ. I was convinced materialist and atheist.

Rajneesh helped me reconcile with religion, with Christ, Buddha and all of those who are considered traditionally as Enlightened Masters.

The reason for this transformation is very simple: I could see through Him what is a Buddha, a Christ and a Mohamed: No Bible, Koran or Talmud could show it, but his alive presence was sufficient.

I became His disciple.

His religious, spiritual and mystic leadership, mixed with a profound scientific sense has transformed me continuously.

Today I lead growth groups, and I am constantly travelling throughout Brazil giving speeches, interviews in newspapers, radio and TV, besides leading therapy groups (average 30 participants per group), where I use all that I could learn from the teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. My work is constantly transformed, new techniques are applied, or old techniques are renewed, mainly in that which concerns understanding of the Human Being, his possibilities in finding the Divine which is within each one.

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