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To Whom it May Concern,

For the past ten years I have been a primary school teacher in England, Tanzania and the United Arab Emirates. I have also spent some considerable time in travelling to many parts of the world searching for something within myself and without that would give life the meaning that I had for 30 years felt it lacked. During this time I took an honours degree in Psychology at Liverpool University. While doing a therapy course I realised that I was not as dead as I had imagined but I did not know what to do to make myself alive. The search for aliveness through psychotherapy led me to Po in India where I'd heard that the groups there were ten times better than anything you could ever find in England or anywhere else.

It was there that I came in contact for the first time with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. I was stunned to have the experience that here was a man who had the capacity to say in words things that I had been coming to see during the past fifteen years. I stayed and did groups and listened to what he was saying, the quality of his scholarship amazed me beyond anything. He was a man who had read widely from every single aspect of life, from all sources possible, and had looked at all this with a clarity of vision which could see beyond all the trivialities, assess the essence of each subject. He was then able to synthesize all this knowledge, and using his own wisdom, could transmit to others the essentials of life with incredible simplicity and beauty.

After some time, I began to perceive that there was something more, a much more underlying quality which lay behind the utter wisdom of his words, and

this is still being unfolded to me and is increasing in depth the closer I get to him. It seems that I am gradually opening up to the quality of his love and the more I am with him at festivals and in his commune than I can feel a tremendous increase in my ability to feel my own capacity to love others and him and I feel a great input of his love into me. During the year I live where there are no other sangassins and I can feel the difference of being in his phy. presence very strongly. In Abu Dhabi I use what have learnt from Bhagwan in my daily life and has become so much a part of my life that it has changed me and is now me. He has enabled me to see the great beauty in children, something which has changed my whole gestalt as a teacher and gives me great satisfaction in my work. Accepting myself has enabled me to be courageous enough to run a big folk club and to be a D.J. on the local radio things I would have previously felt myself unworthy of. I have also seen the transforming effect of Bhagwan's words in friends of mine.

I feel that America is blessed to have this opportunity to host within its country a man of such scholarship and presence. He is a man of such beauty and grace and learning. He has the clarity of vision to separate the realities of life from all its distractions and he has the energy to help others to see the same and he has the love to want to do it. While he is here in America his very presence provides the impetus to do what all the churches have been endeavouring to do for centuries and if he is allowed to continue he will succeed in creating a new and beautiful consciousness in man.

Yours sincerely,
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