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To whom it may concern

Four years ago I made a decision that totally transformed my life. I was an actress for eight years, performing in Boston, New York City, at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Connecticut, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington DC, after graduating from Brandeis University in Massachusetts with a degree in theater arts and psychology.

I was all set to move to New York City permanently.

I had a "slipped disc" in my lower back at this point, and was bedridden for three months. It was during this time that I read some books by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. As I read, I became amazed at the similarity between Bhagwan's words and my whole "formula" for acting. My desire to express human suffering, love, pains, fears, joys, the whole of the human psyche through whatever character I was portraying was EXACTLY what Bhagwan was speaking of! Here was a Master Psychologist! This man knows humanity, the human mind, what motivates people, over and above any other doctor, scientist, psychologist, guru I'd ever read.

But more than anything else, when reading his words, I felt in me that which I'd always been searching for through acting, through playing character after character with the desire for fame and fortune burning through me: feeling the absence of God in my life, the emptiness that comes after finishing a performance and feeling that lost "so what's next?" feeling. I wondered, "What AM I searching for? What do I want from life?" Here was an Enlightened Master totally devoted to the freedom of the individual in a way I'd never heard about before in acting or psychology classes, with an infinite compassion for the human race.

I decided to drop my acting career and let go of waves of neuroses and depression, trying so hard to "make it" as an actress, and beginning to "find out" about love, meditation, religion, seeing how acting is really just a search for God.

Since being with Bhagwan, I have become more loving, more positive, more compassionate, more prayerful, grateful, more joyful. How to describe to you what a difference this man has made in my life? Just sitting with Him he has transformed my pain into joy. I in turn share this joy with everyone I come in contact with.

Ultimately, only love can change the world. Through Bhagwan, this spiritual leader with world-wide impact, this can become a reality. He brings a synthesis of East and West, love and meditation, Zorba the Greek and Buddha. He has said "Bliss is your true nature. Rejoice." Imagine every person around the world throwing down their guns, their hostility, anger, greed, and rejoicing. What a transformation is possible in this world!

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