

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to relate my experience of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh as a spiritual teacher and leader, and to somehow attempt to express what magnificent changes and insights have occurred in my life since my first decision to learn from him and become his disciple four and a half years ago.

When I first heard of Bhagwan I was attending Rutgers School of Nursing in New Jersey and painting to earn my living. I had just completed two years at Parson's School of Design in New York City. I was in my third year of nursing school and was getting in quite a bit of practical experience as a nurse's aide in different nursing homes.

I began reading some books by Bhagwan in my spare time. My connection with him was immediate. This man was saying something which no teacher had touched nor did it seem that it might be taught at any university. Yes, I was becoming a fine nurse - in a very dry sense. My mathematics were fine, my chemistry was excellent and my desire to care for others was luminous, but what was lacking was some deep sense of caring, love and understanding which I was getting a taste of from these books. I was not getting a hint of any deeper understanding from my college courses. The more I went to my classes and read Bhagwan's books, the more I was drawn to the books, to Bhagwan, and to his teachings. There was something

So big missing in my nursing school. I could not become a nurse until I learned something of what this man was speaking about. I knew that there was something pertinent missing.

It has taken me four years of travelling to India to hear this man speak, and coming back to the U.S., travelling to Rajneeshpuram for long visits and back to New Jersey, and finally now settling in Rajneeshpuram for the past five months to get a real glimpse of the abilities this man has.

The major realizations and movement in my life have happened in my visits to Rajneeshpuram over the last year. I volunteer worked for a while and now I reside here. It is the work around his presense which is the real teacher. There is a love here which never ceases. There is a knowledge and an awareness which far surpasses any other kind of education which I have ever experienced.

In his silence, I am learning a love and compassion and a caring which I never knew before. Working with his people in his presence, my natural motherhood is emerging. There is a deep motherly caring for all people as my family, as my children. Around Bhagwan's love, has come a natural gift of caring for people, without all the learned and studied garbage which nursing school

was burying me with.

Bhagwan teaches me thru silence, meditativeness, awareness and prayerfulness. In silence I have learned how to commune with others and communicate. To listen through silence and feel a natural healing emerge. There seems to be a natural intuition in every woman in order to care for her children. My children are becoming everyone.

It is difficult to express how it is possible for Bhagwan to teach me through his silence what no one could ever teach me in words. I am learning how to care for people here in Rajneeshpuram, how to love and what compassion really means.

Through the blessing of Bhagwan maybe someday I will be able to care for people and teach them to care as he has taught me. This is an education above and beyond all universities. If only all nurses could go through this course, imagine how healthy our people would be.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a doctor of doctors - a teacher of teachers - and a lover of mankind's health.

Sincerely,
Ma Anand Geko