

AFFIDAVIT

I, Gertrudis Maria Houben, also known as Ma Prem Hamido, being duly sworn say as follows:

1. I am a 71 year old retired teacher, living at Giraffestraat 9, Nijmegen, Holland. I was a headmistress of primary schools and later teacher of secondary schools. I got a M.A. degree in theology.

2. At the same time I was a catholic nun in a convent in Holland, which I entered when I was 18. In the beginning I had a good time there but as life continued it became more and more disappointing, more and more difficult for me to recognize in that life the experience of the Love of God. I saw my fellow nuns physically growing but alas not becoming better Christians. The church and the superiors and the so-called spiritual guides had nothing to offer.

During my study of theology, especially of the New Testament, it became clearer and clearer to my consciousness, that God is Love.

One night I knew for sure that I had to leave the nunnery and so I did at the age of 55.

2. Out of the monastery I went on meditating, sought help in transcendental meditation, but I was not

satisfied with it.

3. Utterly satisfied I was when a book of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh fell in my hands in 1979. It was so fortunate to immediately recognize him as the great real spiritual Master, even more as a revelation of godliness, whom I dared to entrust myself fully.

4. I broke with TM, went to Poona, and became His sannyasin.

5. He has given me what no one in the christian world could give me, not even the best priest.

His endless Love crystalized in Him, He is Love, His egolessness and utter compassion with all people have impressed me deeply, and He is the living reality of His teachings.

He can give the spiritual guidance to all seekers, which the catholic church and her priests are not able to do. Knowing Him one sees alas the poverty and incapability of churches and monasteries to give real inner guidance to many godwilling church-goers, monks and nuns.

I have not renounced Christ whom I have loved very much, on the contrary I have found in Bhagwan the continuation of Christ, His love and His work and I know as a disciple of Christ that there is nothing better now than to be a disciple of that living Master Bhagwan Shree

Rajneesh.

The above is within my personal knowledge and if called upon I would competently testify thereto.

G. M. Houben
Gertrudis Maria Houben aka
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day
of July, 1983.

Ronda Steger
Notary Public for Oregon

My commission expires 5-3-86