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To Whom It May Concern:

I have just come back from Rajneeshpuram, Oregon, U.S.A. where I took part in the Second Annual World Celebration and where I met Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for the first time. It was a unique experience: I am sure that I encountered a true sage who is about to change the consciousness of millions of people.

So far I had been acquainted to Bhagwan through some of his books. He had impressed me by his wide range of knowledge, particularly in the fields of the arts and sciences. He also combines elegant simplicity of style with very original and deep insights. But when I met him personally in Rajneeshpuram I felt that Bhagwan does much more than informing people: he transforms those who are open to him.

I am a technical engineer and got my degree from the Technical University of Hannover/Germany and the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A. After I worked for the town planning department of Glasgow/Scotland I am now in charge of the development and maintenance of the main road system of the State of Hamburg. Long term planning is necessary and involves all kinds of research: population growth, economical development, cultural behavior patterns, etc. In other words, the human being is at the center of what I am doing as a technical engineer. And it is very important for me to deepen my understanding of the human being, his physical and psychological needs. The improvement of the environment, which we all want to achieve, depends on the development of human consciousness. This is where Bhagwan comes in: by his teachings and his modern meditation techniques, he increases awareness and makes people more considerate. Within the administration of the State of Hamburg the awareness is growing that the spiritual needs of the people are an important aspect of town planning which hitherto had been almost exclusively influenced by material considerations.

While a university student I enjoyed a scholarship by the German Catholic Church (Deutsche Bischofskonferenz). That's why I was involved in various church activities. I also took special courses in theology and philosophy. Something was missing: I was engaged in religious activities but I did not have religious experiences. When I met Bhagwan I found what I was looking for - for me he is a living source of truth.



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