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To Whom It May Concern,

I have a Masters degree in social work and an Honours degree in Anthropology and I have been engaged for a number of years in the practice of psychiatric and medical social work and also as a university research anthropologist specialising in comparative religion. In particular I have spent 2 years of research for a Ph. D. in anthropology, studying the value systems and behavior patterns of disciples (sannyasins) of the Indian religious teacher and spiritual leader, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. In connection with my work in the above areas, I have become acquainted with a wide variety of psychological conditions and religious groups of varying persuasions.

I first became aware of the teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh after reading books, published by the Rajneesh Foundation in Poona, India, whereafter I visited his community on several occasions to obtain material for my research.

In my opinion, having studied the teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for seven years, and having observed the behaviour of his disciples, I consider him to be a man of exceptional ability, whose contributions to the fields in which I specialise, namely, psychology and anthropology, have been outstanding. In my experience, there is no other religious teacher or spiritual leader in the world at this time, who has the knowledge or ability to synthesise both eastern and western schools of psychology, philosophy and religion. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has done what appears to be the impossible. He has devised a religious system that embraces all existing religious and philosophical approaches to life and combined them into one, harmonious whole. There are members of every country, religion, class and occupation amongst the disciples of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. He has been able to bring together under one umbrella, representatives from every corner of the globe.

I have studied in great depth the emergence of new religious groups in many western countries, which form part of a general search for deeper levels of personal and social understanding, and it is my finding that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and his teachings can only promote greater peace and harmony in this world.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Cameron".

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