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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH--Exceptional ability in arts and international renown

Speaking as one with a few modest accomplishments in scholarship and teaching --

Winner of best student award, English Department, Cerritos College (1969); Holder of master's degree in language arts and literature, California State University, Fullerton (1972); Member of two honorary scholarship societies: Alpha Gamma Sigma, Cerritos (1969) and Phi Kappa Phi, CSUF (1971); Holder of two lifetime California Community College Teaching Credentials: Language Arts and Literature (1972) and Business Education (1983)*; Professor of English and Literature, Cerritos College (1972--1978); Magazine editor/publisher, Laguna Beach Beacon (1979); Professor of Business Education, Orange Coast College (1983) --

I wish to express my opinion that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has exceptional ability in the arts of oratory, communication, publishing and teaching, among so many other exceptional abilities, and is of international renown.

Amazingly articulate and prolific, he is the author of over 1500 audiotapes made of his morning and evening talks from 1974 until mid-1981. More than 300 books have been transcribed from these tapes, a sizeable selection of which are best-sellers, and 175 have been translated into 17 languages. And although Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh entered silence in May, 1981, the Rajneesh Foundation International is still one of the world's largest publishers devoted to a single author; fifty additional volumes are presently being translated into languages for worldwide distribution.

Clear, knowledgeable and eclectic, he is a delicious fountain springing from the river of Eastern and Western religious thought. He speaks of Aristotle, Pythagoras, Heraclitus, Jesus, Buddha, Lao Tsu, Kabir, Krishna, the Sufi masters, the Baul Mystics. He elaborates and elucidates sutras, koans, Sufi tales, Bible stories, Talmud law and, yes, contemporary jokes. Through education and entertainment, he reveals the thread of truth that runs through Buddhism, Hinduism, Zen, Christianity, Taoism, Judaism and other world religions.

Standing in front of a classroom has never been easy for me. I've found it difficult to deal with the students' varying values and beliefs, difficult to cope with cynicism and religious radicalism. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's teachings have helped me immensely in this regard. They serve me as a solid foundation from which I can face a classroom with confidence. I consider Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh the ultimate Teacher of Teachers, a truly exceptional human being.


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Documentation attached
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