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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In my quality as National President of the Venerable Permanent Counsel of the Orthodox Church of Italy I give testimony to the following:

I had the opportunity since 1980 to read books of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh published in Italian and to assist by means of videotapes to some of His Satsang (ceremony of silent meeting of Bhagwan and the ones present).

These experiences, particularly the parts of the lectures concerning the value of the original religions, the Masters, founders of religious schools, made me perceive the profound quality of this religion born in India and which now is growing all over the world.

Although belonging to another religious institution I hold myself capable to affirm in full awareness that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a great religious Master of our age who is giving a very leigh contribution to raise the knowing and the consciousness of the human self.

I wrote 'religious Master' and not 'great thinker' because all his work is perspired by a subtle energy that gives to simple words the fullness of truth. This quality is the quality of the great religious Masters and it is this what distinguishes them from the wondering and the intellectual language that is common to the great thinkers.

This kind of subtle energy we can perceive also in the silent meetings that characterize the new relation between Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and his devotees and persons like me who lead other religions.

Yours faithfully

Mre Alheus

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