

"THE WORD IS NOT THE THING.
THE WORD GOD IS NOT GOD.
BUT THE MIND GOES ON ACCUMULATING
WORDS & WORDS & WORDS.
AND THEN THE WORDS BECOME THE BARRIER.....
TO EXIST WORDLESSLY IS TO BE IN MEDITATION."

THESE WORDS WERE WRITTEN BY BHAGWAN SHREE
JINEESH IN 1971 - JUST ONE QUOTATION FROM
OVER 300 BOOKS ON LIFE SEEN FROM EVERY
CONCEIVABLE ANGLE, FULL OF HUMOUR, COMPASSION
& A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF HUMANITY.

I WAS 50 YEARS OLD BY THE TIME I MET BHAGWAN.
I'D READ MANY BOOKS, TRIEBLED EXTENSIVELY ON 5
CONTINENTS, LIVED & WORKED AS AN ARCHITECT,
WRITER & UNIVERSITY TEACHER IN MANY COUNTRIES,
SERVED 3 YEARS IN THE MILITARY AND HAD
RAISE 6 CHILDREN. MY PROFESSIONAL RESUME
INCLUDED A FIRST CLASS HONORS DEGREE & MEMBER-
SHIP OF PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES IN EUROPE &
AUSTRALIA, WORK WITH SOME OF THE WORDS,
GREAT MODERN ARCHITECTS - SIR DENYS LASDUN,
HARLEN SODER, MAXWELL FREY & JANE DREW,
AND PAUL SOBER; PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS
WITH ERIC SAKRINEN, JORN UTZON, RICHARD
NEUTRA, JOHN ANDREWS, SIR HUGH CASSON AND
BUCMINSTER FULLER; AND THE PUBLICATION OF
MANY PROJECTS IN "ARTS & ARCHITECTURE",
"PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE", "ARCHITECTURAL
DESIGN", "ARCHITECTURE BIJOU", "L'ESPECE
& UOMEN", "THE LONDON TIMES" etc.

I'D BEEN AROUND. I WAS A 'SUCCESS', OWNED
A COUPLE OF HOUSES, 2 CARS, BELONGED TO THE
BEST CLUBS etc. AND HAD JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING
I WANTED. OF COURSE LIKE MOST OF US IN THAT
POSITION I TRIED NOT TO LOOK TOO DEEP INTO MY
LIFE - THERE WAS AN AWFUL LOT OF FEAR &
MISERY THERE. SO I MET BHAGWAN.
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I WAS CONFIDENT

TRUTH - ABOUT ME, MY PERCEPTION OF THE
WORLD AROUND ME & MY RELATIONSHIP TO
EXISTENCE. OVER THE YEARS TO FOLLOW HE
WAS TOTALLY ACCEPTING OF WHO I WAS, PASSED
NO JUDGEMENTS, OFFERED ~~THE~~ THE MOST
PROFOUND ADVICE & ASKED NOTHING IN RETURN.

Nobody - NOT MY PARENTS, WIFE, TEACHERS,
PEERS FRIENDS OR THE ASHLE-WORTHY
ILLUSTRIAS PEOPLE HAD TREATED ME WITH SO MUCH
LOVE & RESPECT OR HAD SO ACCURATELY PIN-
POINTED SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF MY PSYCHE &
PERSONALITY. THE RESULT IN TERMS OF MY WORK
IS A DRAMATIC INCREASE BOTH IN VOLUME &
QUALITY. ITS HARD TO EXPLAIN TO ANYONE WHO
HAT NOT HAD A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE - THE
CHANGE IS INSIDE, EXPERIENTIAL, A CHANGE
IN ATTITUDE WHERE THE WORD "WORK" IS JUST
ANOTHER WORD. AWARENESS EXTENDS IN & WHAT
I DO BECOMES MEDITATION.

I HAVEN'T SPOKE TO BHAGWAN IN YEARS & HE
NOW IN SILENCE. HE DOESN'T HAVE TO SPEAK TO
COMMUNICATE HIS WISDOM. HE'S ALREADY SAID IT
ALL - 300 BOOKS, A PROFOUND, MAJESTIC
ACHIEVEMENT BY THE WISEST OF SAGES.

NOW HE IS BEYOND BEING A TEACHER. HE IS A
MASTER, A TRULY RARE MAN. THE ENERGY OF
HIS SILENT WISDOM IS GENERATING HERE A FLURRY
OF INTELLECT, CREATIVITY & COURAGEOUS PEDAG
BUILDS A RAPIDLY GROWING COMMUNITY WITH
NO CRIME, POLLUTION OR DISCRETE WHERE WE
CAN LIVE & GROW IN HARMONY. PAUL SOBER IS
TAKING A SIMILAR APPROACH ON A MORE LIMITED
SCALE - PRIMARILY ARCHITECTURE & ECOLOGICAL.

BHAGWAN'S EFFORT IS ALL-BUT-OVERLOOKING & IS
GENERATING INTEREST THE WORLD OVER WITH THE
INCREASING REVELATION OF THE VALIDITY &
NECESSITY FOR THIS UNIQUE EXPERIMENT. I
BELIEVE THAT BHAGWAN'S GENIUS & ACTIVITIES AS
A RELIGIOUS LEADER, WRITER, POET, SCIENTIFIC
OBSERVER & SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION ARE EXCEPTIONAL
& THAT HIS CONTINUED PRESENCE HERE IS ESSENTIAL
TO ITS SUCCESS. LOVE - SWAMI PLAM SARIS