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To whom it may concern

My name is Christian Piel and since March 1979 I am a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

Since my schooldays I am interested in the social problems of our high-technologized world. From 1972 to 1978 I was studying social science in Bodrum and Göttingen where I got my diploma. During this time I found out more and more that all theories and concepts about a better society didn't become praxis because man itself in his inner core wasn't really grown up and didn't know how to change.

It seemed to me that all the professors and teachers I had were very limited in their understanding of the human nature and their possibilities. They always had ready made answers and were talking about how things should happen. But instead of their knowledge they didn't look happier than anybody else.

I saw the consequence that man as an individual needs a total change, a "new man" was needed and not only ment

At that time I got to know the books and the meditative techniques of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Since then my life changed dramatically and so did my work with people.

Since 1981 Bhagwan is in silence, but though he is not talking anymore I've got even more out of being with him than before.

Rajneeshpuram has changed the last two years from a desert to a very beautiful place and it looks like as if Bhagwan's vision of a new man which lives in harmony with himself and the nature comes true in all the various aspects life can give.

A totally new climate of love and respect is all around this place and it is only because of him being alive with us. Any country could be proud of a man like Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh living within his boundaries. Through his silent communion he is still inspiring thousands of people in their work. This is not only shown by the perfect organization of the two celebrations in Rajneeshpuram but also through the growing creativity in all his centres all over the world.

For me Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a man of exceptional abilities in art and sciences and he is influencing my work by becoming more and more life-affirmative, responsible and loving towards people.

Yours sincerely

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