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To whom it may concern:

Having practiced as a Chiropractor and homeopath for nine years now I came in contact with the teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in 1974. Especially his lectures and books about therapy, health and psychology attracted me, as I found aspects in them, I had never even thought before. Continuously Bhagwan points out, that the most important thing about therapy is the love and compassion you feel for your patient. Slowly my own approach towards my clients changed as I felt more love and compassion for them. Being rather interested in my own living standards and wellbeing than in my patients, the results of my work were rather poor, simply because I was not really interested in the health of the people consulting me expecting help. The more I started to feel with the people I worked with, the more my work was influenced by Bhagwan's teachings, - not agreeing with everything he said - my work turned into real help, sometimes by simply listening and really taking care of the people that came to me.

So it was quite a shock for me, when Bhagwan seized speaking in public 1981. But then I started "reading between the lines" in his books, and somehow his silence opened a door for me.

the door to religiousness and finally in 1967 I decided to become His sannyasin, His follower, which I had refused to do for 7 years, because I had so many "buts" in my mind. There is no "but" to silence, and without Bhagavan being in silence I would have never found an approach to belief and religion.

I can assure you, that I envy each American to live in a country who's modern history started with the desire of religious freedom and nowadays is facing a new challenge: An enlightened Master living in your country!

Sincerely Yours!

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