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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for the past eight years, in Poona and here in Rajneeshpuram. For me the "silent phase" of Bhagwan's work came very naturally as the inevitable expression of a new stage in the relationship between Master and disciple. For years He had been hammering His message home to us and it felt like a gesture of deep respect when He stopped repeating it: He trusted His disciples to have understood enough not to have to depend on hearing His words anymore. The day I learned that Bhagwan had gone "into silence" I felt a deep joy and gratitude at how much He trusted us. It was not that I didn't feel sad that we wouldn't hear Him anymore but that was secondary. I was glad to have been able to move that far with Him.

You have only to look at what has happened since 1981 to see the powerful effect of Bhagwan's silence on our lives: at the transformation of the ranch into an Oasis, at the beginnings of the building of a city - Rajneeshpuram. Bhagwan's disciples have carried His message in their hearts throughout this intense period. Bhagwan has been working with us, on us and through us as much as ever before, enhancing the quality of our lives, raising our level of consciousness.

freeing us from the clutter of the past. Nothing is  
clearer to any of his disciples than the need for  
his presence and the strength of his silence.

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