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To whom it may concern:

I completed a Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop in 1970. From 1965 - 1973 I was an Instructor in English at the University of Iowa and the University of Wisconsin. In 1970 I received the Standard Oil Teacher of the Year award at the University of Iowa. In 1973 I received a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant for participation in an American literature seminar conducted by Benjamin De Mott, Professor of English at Amherst College. From 1973 to 1980 I worked in Boston and New York as a free-lance medical writer and editor, marketing consultant and account executive. During that time I completed a variety of award-winning medical education texts and medical advertising projects, including the textbook series on the use of medications in the treatment of depressive illness and schizophrenia.

In 1980 I first became acquainted with the religious teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Through participation in Rajneesh Neo-Therapy and Meditation groups, my own life was radically transformed, as well as the lives of many of my friends. His teachings, as recorded both in books and on videotape, plus my direct experience with his meditation techniques, have profoundly affected my own view of so-called "mental illness" and treatment potentialities. The Rajneesh International Meditation University is one of the most significant experiments in our time - offering a radical new approach in the healing arts.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has now received international recognition as a religious thinker of exceptional genius. His concept of human potential has transformed our view of ourselves. His discourses are a unique contribution to the English language, conveying a breadth of vision and a faith in human possibility unprecedented in the 20th century.

His silent communion with hundreds of thousands of religious seekers worldwide is an even more profound continuation of his earlier teachings.



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