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To whom it may concern.

Meeting Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh meant a total change in my life. I felt my life was lacking meaning: I was searching for meaning in all ways. I was first involved in political activity, then in the feminist movement. Even in these involvements I kept experiencing the same feeling of emptiness, of unfulfillment. One day, in a book by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, I ran into a statement which proved very consequential for all later developments of my life: "Don't look outside for meaning, look inside yourself."

It was the beginning of a different search, which brought me to meet Bhagwan in India, five years ago. My life acquired then a different quality, a different essence. Through the loving guidance of a Master I managed to get rid of old habits and of city life patterns and to move into a sannyasin country community. The feeling of boredom and emptiness has dissolved into a life which is constant adventure and discovering joy anew every moment.

Although it started through a book, my relationship to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is not a mental, intellectual one; it is rather an emotional connection. What I receive from Him is not bound to words: even and particularly through silence the love communication takes place. This is my daily experience. It has become even more intense during this year Festival in Rajneeshpuram.

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