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To whom it may concern,

In 1976 I became interested in Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and His work. I met a few Sannyassins in Paris (France), came to know about Bhagwan's teachings and decided to become a disciple in December of the same year.

I was born and brought up in a strictly Catholic part of France, went to school from 3 to 20 in a Catholic school run by nuns, and when I finally got over 20 and came out of it, I did not want to hear about religion, ever again.

Then in 1972 I got married to a psychologist who was very much interested in personal growth. I dropped my job as an office worker to do some more studies and became a teacher.

In the same time I became more and more involved with personal development and growth - I started attending some groups in Paris and finally in 1975-76 met a few Sanyassins. These people had something unique in and around them, something I want to know more about.

I started doing some meditations and read Bhagwan's book "I am the Gate".

In December 1976 I decided to take Sanyas. In August 1977 I went to India and stayed at the Ashram in Poona.

Being trained in Rebirthing by Leonard ORR in Paris, I became a Rebirther in the Ashram -

The very way to practice this beautiful technique felt to me so different before and after Sanyas, in the same way that people here were behaving in a totally different, new, life affirmative way -

For me to meet Bhagwan has been the most incredibly beautiful thing which could ever be. His teachings, being in

His presence, far surpasses anything I could imagine - Working with people under His guidance has given a new approach, He gave "Psychology" a new dimension - Bhagwan is really a person of exceptional ability -

Living now in America, I had the pleasure to visit Rajneeshpuram a few times - Although Bhagwan is now in silence, to be in His commune is an extraordinary powerful experience - To me, this Buddha called Rajneeshpuram is the heart of a worldwide phenomena - More and more people are gathering each year from all around the world to be in His presence, just to be there with Him - I have been participating in the 2 festivals, last year in July and this year - I have been astonished and impressed by what Bhagwan has inspired, how the whole commune has grown and built itself (not only outside: new houses and

buildings, paved roads, new dam and lake, etc) but also the inner feeling in people is now and more beautiful -

For me it is a wonder to see how Bhagwan can trigger so much love and joy as well as creativity in people, in myself -

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