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To Whom it may Concern,

I recently finished my studies in German literature and Social Science at the University of Cologne. In the moment I am working as a teacher of German language at the Polytechnical School in Cologne.

During my studies my special interest was in Religious Sociology. I wrote my exam paper about "New Religious Cults". That was my first contact with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Writing the paper, I saw films about the Ashram in Poona, read some of his books and I got more and more interested in his work as a religious leader and in the commune of His Sannyasins. Still watching from the outside the commune seemed to me the most interesting phenomena that I had ever heard of. Where the psychological therapy is concerned, as well as the social structure of the commune, it seems the only alive religion in comparison with the others I had seen.

Visiting Rajneeshpuram now as a sannyasin, I feel that what I was interested in from the outside is really happening here and is really happening for me too. Sitting with Bhagwan in silence during the days of Satsang was such a gift.

For me it is the difference of analysing or thinking of a more suitable structure of society or really taking part in it myself because of the presence of Bhagwan and his sannyasins.

In my opinion being able to visit this religious commune in the United States is a gift for everybody, to see how a religion can be lived in an alive and beautiful way.

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