

To whom it may concern.

I Kaj Håkanson am associate professor at the department of Sociology, Uppsala University, where I have been teaching and lecturing since 1965. I have earlier published books in criminology, the sociology and philosophy of psychiatry and political theory. My three recent publications Dubbla verkligheter ("Double realities"), Stockholm 1980, Vetande och ovetande ("Knowing and unknowing") Göteborg 1981 and Det osedda ("What is not seen") Stockholm 1983 deal in problems on the borderline between sociology, psychology, philosophy and religion. The review of the first volume of this trilogy in one of the most widely spread Swedish newspapers says that "Certain parts...are maybe something of the greatest any Swedish social scientist has achieved so far."

My contacts with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's transcribed talks date back to around 1976 when I had started working on Dubbla verkligheter. In his talks I found succinct and penetrating analyses of many of the questions I discussed in my book, e.g. questions about the relation between psychological health and religious transcendence, about the assumptions of conventional western social and behavioral science compared to the transcendent world-view you find in many eastern religions. Through reading these talks and applying them in my own research I came to recognize Rajneesh as one of the outstanding teachers and spiritual leaders appearing in public in our time.

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