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To Whom It May Concern

My background is in education and psychology. I got my degrees in special education (73) and youth psychology (77) at the University of Bern, Switzerland.

For six years I worked with children of all ages, all different kind of abilities and disabilities and was teaching at the teacher's college in Bern.

My emphasis was always on the humanistic aspect of education and psychology and even during my teaching years I studied all different kinds of methods in psychology, education and religion in order to bring the best of it to my students.

I finally got so frustrated and stuck with all the "musts and shoulds" that were flooding the market, that I decided to go on a sabbatical and left Switzerland for the promised land, California.

I applied for a gestalt training at the mother

of humanistic psychology and growth programs:
Esalen Institute, Big Sur, Cal.

There I met my husband and together we studied with Dick Price, Stan Grof and other visiting teachers before we started doing our own sessions and groups.

For two years I stayed at Esalen Institute and learned a lot about group process, encounter, therapy sessions, bodywork, education and every thing else, Esalen has to offer.

And still I was searching, looking for the missing ingredient that would make the mixture whole.

It was at that time that I met Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh through his books and disciples.

He had the answers ready. I was looking for to be a better teacher and psychologist, a more fulfilled human being.

He taught me what education actually means:

Education is drawing water from a well -

Education is making a potential actual -

Education is discovering your inner richness -

Education is to bring out what is hidden in you,
what God has put in you as a treasure

Education is about becoming whole -

about moving from darkness to light.

Not only was Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh providing the missing links for education but also for psychology and religion.

All the questions I had accumulated during years all of a sudden disappeared, were solved in a way I always hoped to happen and never thought it would.

I was never in Poona, India, never heard Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh talking personally and nevertheless is he affecting my life and work tremendously. His presence and his silence is subtle, so subtle that I must be open to understand.

I have read enough about old mystical schools and had enough experience in catholic orders and zen monasteries to know that silence is the ultimate communion, the most precious connection that can happen between a master and his disciple, between teacher and student.

Through his silence and his presence Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is inspiring my work with children and adults, as a teacher and therapist in a way nobody and nothing else ever did.

A whole new dimension has been added and my own potential has been set free in order to

assist others with their growth.

This of course not only happened by reading Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's books.

Living relatively close to his commune I had the opportunity of visiting quite often and driving up for all the festivals.

And every time I have been there, I went back to my work full of new energy, inspired to do better work, be more present with the persons I work with, drawing from sources inside myself I never even knew they existed.

And that is exactly what is happening when I am in Bhagwan's presence, when I am sitting in Satsang with him, dancing and singing in Darshan or when I am standing on the road and he drives by:

These are times of meditation, of total awareness, where growth happens very fast.

A space opens up inside myself where there are no more worries and fears but great clarity and love.

Out of this space it is that I do my best work, where I am most sensitive to my clients and most receptive to the subtle hints and messages they give me to work with.

And whenever I am up in Rajneeshpuram I feel what it means to live in a Buddhafield, in the commune of an enlightened master.

I see that the people who live and work there have the very qualities so many people that come to me are looking for.

They are aware, unique and intelligent individuals, who are very creative and loving and yet run their commune in an absolutely professional way as everybody can see who followed the development of the last two years.

The commune at Rancho Rajneesh is a great experiment where everybody contributes fully, where all the energies are poured in one big pool out of which much more flows for everybody, too.

That is one of the big attractions for me.

I see that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh inspires everybody to extraordinary work and I would like to be able and be around this energy more often.

I wish Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh would have chosen my own country or Europe to start his incredible new commune where his teachings are transformed into every day life.

As a spiritual teacher he is unique and his

influence on the fields of education, psychology, religion, arts and sciences surpass the teachings of every other human being.

The United States of America should be proud that such a man is choosing the Land of Freedom to realize his vision and therefore contributing to a better and more human society. I ask you to permit him permanent residency so he can continue his teachings and support of the new commune in Rajneeshpuram, Oregon.

With love
and kind regards



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