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To whom it may concern.

I studied latin and greek at the university and I have been teaching these subjects for more than ten years now at a Swiss high school. During this time I made the experience that in education words often are secondary. When I want to teach openness to my students, there is no use in talking about it. I have to be open myself. It's the authenticity that counts.

I came in contact with Bhagwan first through books. They were different than almost every other book I've read: the important thing didn't happen in the head by means of words, but in the heart: I was touched. Bhagwan's openness, straightness and humour were unique.

When Bhagwan stopped talking, the words dropped away, but the radiance of openness and humour went on vibrating.

I was at the festival in Rajneeshpuram this year. Although Bhagwan was silent, I took home something very important for me: the energy and courage to become myself. This was Bhagwan's silence for me. For me, there is no question about it: He is a religious leader. And who is more entitled to say so than his disciples? Who can say more about a love affair than the lover?

In Athens there was a strange philosopher called Socrates. His most famous words were: I know only that I don't know anything. He talked with the people of Athens to teach them -nothing. Platon, the most famous antique philosopher was a disciple of this man. The attic politicians reacted more open and cruel, but in a way similar to what happens today: they said he was misleading the young and condemned him to death. I hope that you are more tolerant than the Athenians and that you don't give in to the well-known prejudices.

Yours sincerely,

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