

RANNEESH IURAM
JULY 26th, 1983

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS I HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE SERVICE BUSINESS - I FLEW FOR PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS FOR 11 YEARS, AND I WAS THE OWNER OF 2 RESTAURANTS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

WHEN I FIRST BECAME A DISCIPLE OF BHAGWAN SHREE RANNEESH IN 1976, I HAD ACHIEVED MY GOALS OF SUCCESS AND FINANCIAL SECURITY I HAD SET FOR MYSELF, YET I FELT INCOMPLETE AND EMPTY - I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE TO LIFE THAN ACHIEVING, AND I FOUND, THROUGH HIS UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN NATURE, THAT HAPPINESS NEEDED TO BE REDISCOVERED INSIDE OF ME, AND THAT THEN DOING WOULD BECOME NOT WORK BUT WORSHIP.

AT PRESENT I HAVE THE POSITION OF MANAGER AT XORBA THE BUDDHA RANNEESH RESTAURANT AND NIGHTCLUB IN PORTLAND. THOUGH SIMILAR TO THE PAST, MY EXPERIENCE OF BEING IN THE SERVICE BUSINESS IS NOW TOTALLY DIFFERENT.

THE SENSE OF DUTY, THE BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY AND THE TENSION OF HAVING TO MAKE IT ARE GONE. THROUGH BHAGWAN'S LOVE AND HIS WORDS; THROUGH BEING IN HIS PRESENCE, I HAVE DROPPED THE HEAVINESS AND EMBRACED JOY AND LAUGHTER.

HE HAS HELPED ME TO SEE EVERY PART OF MY DAY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE BEING ALIVE.

AT 41, I FEEL FULL OF ENERGY AND YOUTHFULNESS, AND REDISCOVERING LIFE AS A PLAY HAS MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD FOR ME.

LIFE IS FUN! LIFE IS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY WITHOUT BURDENS - ~~IT~~ IS DOING THE JOB TOTALLY AND SINCERELY, NOT BEING ATTACHED TO ACHIEVEMENT. FUN IS GETTING UP EVERY MORNING FEELING GRATEFUL TO BE ALIVE, AND TO BE VIBRANT AND LOVED.

BHAGWAN IS SHOWING AN ALTERNATE WAY TO LIFE.
BOTH IN THE WORLD AND INSIDE MYSELF_ A WAY THAT
MAKES WORK A JOY AND MY INNER BEING FEEL ONE.

THROUGH HIS LOVE AND TRUST I AM NOW WILLING
AND ABLE TO OPEN UP IN BEING WITH OTHERS ; THROUGH
HIS ACCEPTANCE I AM LEARNING TO ACCEPT MYSELF
AND OTHERS .

HIS PRESENCE ENABLES THE GREATNESS IN ALL
OF US TO FLOWER .

I AM ASKING YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HUNDREDS
OF THOUSANDS OF US AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE
RECOGNIZING THAT BHAGWAN SHREE RAVNEESH IS THE
MOST OUTSTANDING RELIGIOUS MASTER AND TEACHER
OF THIS CENTURY .

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