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Dear Sir,

I have been a Sannyasin of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for two years. I am a full-time single parent deriving much satisfaction from bringing up my five-year old daughter. Before I assumed responsibility for my daughter's upbringing I was a High School teacher of English and French for ten years. I have gained two degrees; one from the University of Sheffield in England and another from the University of Western Australia.

My education and experience of life in several countries have been extensive, and I believe I am sufficiently qualified to recognize greatness when I see it. Though highly educated and well-travelled, I had never before encountered, in philosophical terms, the brilliance and depth of thinking as exemplified in the works of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. When I became aware of his work, he had already entered

the period of silence which, I believe, is now occasioning some difficulty in his vita application.

I have never personally met Bhagwan, but his spirit and message of love for all people shine through to me in the books of his discourses that I read, through tapes of his words made over several years, and perhaps most eloquently of all, through his silence.

I do not regard Bhagwan's silence as a period mark appearing at the end of a sentence. Rather, his silence is to me something of an exhortation to start putting into practice the ideals of love, inner serenity, truthfulness and self-knowledge which in common with those of other great philosophers and sages of the past, are the focal points of his thinking.

To me, Bhagwan is a master, more impressive and meaningful than any great thinker I have previously encountered. I have read only a part of his work - but the fifty or so volumes I have read have given me more joy and inner strength than I ever thought possible.

And now, his silence is to me of inestimable value; I do not see it as a refusal to continue his work as a religious teacher, but rather as an incalculably powerful method of pointing to the word within, to the peace and tranquility which

the world, in these crisis-ridden times, needs so much.

Our Earth is a noisy, clamorous planet and the vision of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh provides us with an opportunity not to be missed to still and assuage some of that unwholesome din and spiritual malaise.

It is my belief that the United States of America would benefit greatly from the presence of this man who, even in his silence, points the way to a life of love, laughter and peace.

Yours sincerely,

Paul C. Mahoney.
