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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Mr. Jan den Camp, I am 38 years young, a teacher and Sanmyasin. In march 1978 I for the first time read a book of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. It appealed so much to me that I read it three times almost non-stop. It was laughing, crying, fun, encouraging, hitting everything. I gathered more books and started practising the methods for inner growth he provided in a nearby town. The change that happened to me was so clear that I wrote a letter to Toona in August of the same year, asking for sanmyas. In September I got the answer and since then I am living as swami Toshananda. Years before I had already been searching for possibilities of psychological growth. But they were almost not available, or so expensive that hardly no-one could effort it. They were also so much adjusting people to a grey average. Now I discovered that there was growing, world-wide, a series of meditation centers, where at a reasonable price everyone, without obligations not only could look at and work on his(hers) psychologic level but even could experience a deeper level of being one with existence in the religious sense. In experience that all the mystics down the ages (like for instance Buddha, Jesus, Mahavira, Mohammed and so many others) had been pointing to. And I joined the dance; just that it was. Of course there

were also painful experiences, looking for the first time deeply into my habits, conditionings, 'personality', imposed on me by parents, school, society and the me that I cultivated through that. But the main process was a cleansing through which my authentic being got a chance to be. I am growing in love, celebration, awareness, creativity; in living. When there were blocks in my growing process I wrote a letter to Bhagwan asking for guidance. His answers were always helpful, never moralistic, demanding a certain behaviour, always pointing to how I could solve my own problems by becoming more aware, always helping me to find my own way out of my mess, thus encouraging my freedom.

The people living around me, seeing me change, seeing me becoming more open, loving, react in different ways. Some are afraid of every change, want to stick with the past, or are influenced by negative press or past experiences with "religion". Others can not deny that something beautiful is happening to me and start the same process without becoming sannyasin. Some start meditating and jump after a while into the same river of religiousness.

The majority of people directly involved with me admit that seeing what happens with me since I am a sannyasin, of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, this man must be one with a very deep insight in humans and enjoy reading his gossip.

Yours truly,
Sw. Dornanda