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To Whom it May Concern,

I became familiar with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh during August of 1982, by reading His book " The Mustard Seed " . To me the content of that book said something really beautiful. I have never had my heart moved so much by any other book, it was a powerful thing.

K. Oki

In December of the same year I visited Shantiyuga Rajneesh Meditation Center. At that time I had decided that I wanted to become His disciple, but I discovered that He had already gone into silence. I was puzzled, and felt unsure about what could happen under a silent Master, so for half a year I practised some of His meditation techniques and participated in some therapy groups. I became aware that my apprehensions were unnecessary because I could find all the answers I needed in His books. When I became lost and didn't know what to do I found that if I simply read a paragraph from one of His books I felt reassured once again. I decided that I could trust this Master so on the 4th of June 1983 I took sannyas and became His disciple.

I will never forget the blue sky that dawned within myself while I was reading through Bhagwan's books. I became a beautiful bright blue sky and felt myself from inside to outside begin to melt. These things are only my feelings but this is the reason I or cause of why I decided that I wanted this man as my Master,

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That blue and deepness of the sky and its intensity were the inspiration which Bhagwan gave to me. Yet it still took me half a year to become His disciple and form some conception about meditation. From continuing to meditate the result was an understanding and the establishment of my trust for Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh as a religious Master.

Now as His disciple I can still find the answer to my problems in His books. I have always been receiving his answers and guidance. This means that even though Bhagwan is in silence I can still find His spoken teachings in various forms. *(K. Okiyama)*
This makes me happy.

What remains for us to learn cannot be spoken with words, it can only be communicated through silence. Bhagwan's silence is very important for me in Japan as I am so far away from Him. When I feel the warm and gentle signs that surround me, like the blue sky and blowing wind, I press my palms together and follow my peaceful heart. Bhagwan's silence gave me this fundamental freedom. I follow Bhagwan with my heart, he is my Master. For me this is the meaning of a Master in silence.

Sincerely

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