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Dear Sir!

To whom it may concern!

When I first happened to read one of
Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's discourses on Tao,
I was a university teacher of Linguistics
(M.A. lit.), married to a lawyer, had a
nice flat, a car, enough money, in short:
I lived in an easy and comfortable
situation.

I read this discourse and something in
me said: "yes, yes, of course, yes, this is."
Finally I had found what I had been
looking for since I started using my mind
as a teenager devouring books of all countries
and ages, at the end of my teens
trying out christianity, planning to study
theology, in my first university year
going into politics, during the beginning of
my teaching career doing social work in

prison, and already married joining the human growth movement and doing all kinds of psychological groups and training as a therapist.

All these were interesting experiences but left me unfulfilled.

And then I read this discourse in the Rajneesh Newsletter. Suddenly my whole being was thrilled: I had found it! there was somebody who knew.

Today after nearly seven years with Bhagwan I can say: He knows the unknown and the unknowable. He taught me, what no book, no university, no philosophy, no psychology, no religion could teach me. He taught me to accept myself and others, to go with the flow of life instead of fighting it, to see the beauty and mystery of existence, he made me a consciously religious person.

At that time, in 1976, I could not put anything into words, I simply

knew I had to see this man. I quit my job, sold my belongings, left everything behind and travelled to India

I came to the Ashram in 1976 and stayed till 1981 when Bhag left for America. I had the most amazing time of my life. What happened in Poona I can only describe as a total cleansing. Layer after layer of my social and psychological past were made conscious and disappeared listening to Bhagwan's daily discourses. I found a living gospel, not empty words, but someone who lived his message. I could open my heart and for the first time in my life trusted someone. In those five years with Bhagwan my life was transformed.

When I returned to Europe in 1981 I felt softer, younger, and

and stronger, more alive and mature more able to cope with life in any situation, not only in the dusty files of a university.

I did lots of jobs I had never learned and discovered my ability to make money. All this I regard as a result of Bhagwan's teachings to be in the world but not identified with it.

I am learning more and more the balance of the inner and the outer. I have been visiting Rajwesh Pranam twice, for the 1st and 2nd Annual World Celebration and I was amazed by the progress made. Such enormous efforts: all those new buildings, the lake, the roads - to mention only the obvious.

But the most wonderful thing is to live - even only shortly - in a commu

munity based on love without crimes or violence, where people respect and love each other and have a positive outlook on life.

It is amazing to stand in a queue where no one is pushing, busdrivers' good jokes, and everybody is happy to be where he is, where work is not hard but worship and people enjoy what they are doing. All this goes far beyond any social-, group- or human growth experience.

It is an outstanding and never before tried experiment in community life, only made possible by the presence of a living master, whose abilities of teaching go far beyond all normally recognised standards.

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