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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  

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My full and legal name is HENDRIK JAN PAMA and I am nearly 42 years of age. I am professionally a practising Attorney, Notary Public and Conveyancer and have been practising as such in the Republic of South Africa; Swaziland; Lesotho and Botswana for more than 15 years.

During or about April, 1981 I ventured to Poona in India on holiday, having been persuaded to go there by a friend who was concerned about the state of my mental health which had come about through a painful and recent divorce. This friend had previously visited the Ashram of a certain Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in Poona and had experienced such an amazing emotional benefit for herself that her enthusiasm was sufficiently contagious to persuade me that I had very little to lose. I was due for and badly needed a holiday anyway!

Having been trained as a Lawyer I was and to some extent still am a sceptic, it was customary for me not to accept anything purely at face value, but to examine the available evidence first hand, analyse same thoroughly through mental processes and to come to an objective, crystal clear result.

Fortunately I am also somewhat curiously minded and adventurous and have never been too dogmatic, but, upon my arrival at the Ashram in Poona, I was confronted with a set of circumstances that literally blew my legal mind!

Due to a Chickenpox epidemic which was prevalent at the Ashram during my visit in April, 1981, I never actually even saw Bhagwan, but something managed to penetrate my conditioning and skepticism with such momentum that it irrevocably altered the course of my life.

In retrospect it appears that something happened for me after some two weeks there when I first picked up one of Bhagwan's many books and read same from start to finish with what must have been an open and receptive state of mind. With a flash of amazing clarity I realised that he was saying essentially what I had believed all my life, but had somehow never been able to verbalise or trust. There was no sudden belief in him being a God or the returning Messiah, but rather an understanding that what he was saying was exactly the way things were, are and always will be.

Now, some two years and a few months later, I not only recognise Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh as a religious leader, a man whose message could save the world and deliver man from his selfimposed misery, but also as someone I love deeply and for whom I feel deep gratitude for having managed to awaken something in me that has been dormant for too long. This something has altered the quality of my life in all respects.

Yours faithfully,

DHYAN YOGESH - previously known as H.J. PAMA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dhyani Yogesh'. The signature is highly stylized and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial 'D' and 'Y'.