

WITNESS STATEMENT

I, Sharyn Harris, also known as Navanita of Dorf Str. 29 Stellshagen 23984 Germany do state as follow.

I have been leading groups, trainings, meditations and giving sessions in the Osho World since the early 80's where I have been teaching in Osho Centres all over the world and in Pune led Dance Groups, classes, stretch/yoga, Osho Remembering the Forgotten Language of the Body/Mind and Osho Fitness for the Witness trainings.

I am a qualified teacher – Diploma of Teaching (Primary) and have a Diploma of Fitness, as well as a being trained – IBMT (Integrative Body and Movement Therapy) Somatic Movement Educator.

During the many years of teaching and leading meditations in Pune, it was my love, gratitude and an expression of my own meditation that was underlying my “workplay”. All of this was done on a voluntary basis, to support Osho - My Master's – vision of awakening consciousness. I have never signed any guidelines or letter of understanding of being a 'licensee' or that “Osho” is trademarked.

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Over the years and in leading Dance, Fitness, Stretching Yoga and Meditations in Pune in the Commune and Centers in the World (Osho Centers) from early 80's till today, I was never asked to sign any paper that claimed I recognised and acknowledged the fact that Osho is a trademark.

In fact, this would be going against my love for Osho's work. I teach because it is my meditation, my connection to Osho and I share in carrying on his vision to bring consciousness and much needed compassion to our world.

In all the many years I thought in Pune, it was never intended to abuse "Oshos" name to market myself, or to let the commune market me. This does not feel respectful at all, and gratitude and love for Osho is what I share in my work.

Using the name as a trademark may shift the Sharing of his vision from a "love affair" to a "consumer affair" and is not what I wish to support.

In Pune I created a Dance Meditation in Buddha Hall called "Dancing with the Master". It was to share Osho's vision of Dance being a Powerfull Meditation.

Around 2005 I was asked to drop the title because I was told "there was no master"! "Strange", I thought, "Then what is the Commune in Pune marketing?" So, the title was changed to "Dance Celebration". I was never asked how I saw this. Osho taught me to go for my "truth", so my truth was I could not lead this meditation anymore as it expressed my love for my "master", and I left teaching in Pune this way.

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A couple of years later, I visited Pune
Where I was especially asked could I lead a
Dance Event on Osho's Death Celebration Day (19th Jan.)
or what I assumed was a celebration day).

Of course, I'd love to! Then I was told not
to mention what day it was! (Any word that it
was a day of remembrance was, I was told, not
appropriate!) Then why had I been specifically
asked? Anyone could have. Just because
the many years I had been leading this meditation had
attracted many people! Why? Because my love for
Osho being the Greatest Dance Teacher there
ever was, could be felt in the Meditation. Now I
was being told not to mention the word "Osho" on
Celebrating his Death Day was not appropriate – in (yes
we were actually in) Buddha Hall where he inspired so many truth seekers.

Similarly, the previous Dance Celebration I had led
some years before where I was told "not lead it as
a meditation because I was not working full time".
"OK., I thought – then what I have to introduce it
with this, Please Stay Unconscious, This is not a Meditation"
it made me wonder, this was the Commune
Supporting Osho's Vision? Not to mention his name, and
not lead it as a meditation. And now, to say I know
I have been teaching Osho's vision knowing that OSHO
is a trademark. Excuse me?? Never heard of it!

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In a world which has become verry capitalistic and Materialistic driven by desire to have 'more and more', I see Osho's vision to break this illusion and support mankind to remember what is really his true nature – to trust and remain "truth" oriented with compassion and care connecting the New Man.

At a time where old values, morals, societied concepts & Religion are being tested; this is a time to regain unification of mankind in order to save a planet that is destroying itself with greed.

A time where we as sannyasins who have had the luck and grace to have lived in the presence of such a powerful & insightful master, need do come together to carry our understanding and compassion to support the shift that is needed on the planet.

It is not a time to use up conscious resources to weaken the link between us that we were blessed to receive through the love of our Master. Freedom of Choice was always priority, in my understanding, of Osho's teaching and sharing.

I offer my love for Osho and being connected to the "truth tribe" to invite an honest and peaceful renogiation of what it means to share his vision, rather than the 'trademark' of it.

I would love that we all continue to share Osho's Vision in our unique interconnected ways, supporting each other and our love for truth and freedom.

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The statements herein are from my personal knowledge and recollection and I believe all the statements made and facts mentioned to be true.

Sharyn Harris
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