

## WITNESS STATEMENT

I, Lydia Itzler, also known as Ma Prem Leela  
of Lot 30 Benloro Lane, Myocum,  
NSW 2481, Australia, do state as follows:

I was born in South Africa, and in 1972 moved to London, UK with my husband and children. In early 1973 I came into contact with Osho's work and began the Dynamic Meditation and some months thereafter decided to take sannyas.

I also worked in the first Osho Centre in London (Nirvana) that opened at the beginning of 1973. In 1975 I took my first journey to the Ashram in Pune, India to meet with Osho (who was then known as Bhagwan.)

In early 1979, my family and I all went to live in the Ashram as we felt that this was the greatest opportunity of a lifetime to be present in the Buddhafield of this Enlightened man. At that time I worked in the Press Office meeting journalists from all over the world who visited the ashram.

When Osho left Pune in 1981, my family and I returned to South Africa for one year in which time I ran a centre - "Satsango Meditation Centre" - very successfully. This centre name was sent to me from the Ashram in Pune. At no time was I required to enter into any agreement either written or verbal.

In 1982 we returned to the UK and joined a large Sannyas community - "Medina" - in Suffolk.

Over the years I facilitated many of Osho's Meditations and at no time was there any question in these centres of his work being trademarked.

On returning to Pune in 1987, I again worked in the Ashram (then known as the Osho Commune.) I was co-ordinator of the Osho Multiversity Group Department, which oversaw the running of the Therapy and Meditation programmes presented in the Commune.

In May 1988 Osho requested that I facilitate a new Meditative Therapy entitled The Mystic Rose Meditation. On a written note that was dictated by Osho I was asked to run it. Mystic Rose is a three week - three hours per day - process, comprising of one week of Laughter, one week of Tears and the final week of Meditation - The Watcher on the Hills. A few evening later in his evening discourse (Yaa Hoo The Mystic Rose # 30) Osho said and I quote: "I have chosen Leela, one of my therapists, to create a new meditative therapy.".... He then goes on to describe the benefits of this new process that he has created.

A little further on in the same discourse Osho again mentions, and I quote: "This is absolutely my meditation. Leela will be in charge of it and you will be surprised that no meditation can give you so much as this small strategy."

I have been facilitating this beautiful, life changing process for the past 23 years all around the world, mainly in Europe, with thousands of participants. I was also requested by Osho to create a training for others who wished to facilitate Osho's Mystic Rose Meditation.

I have over the years run trainings with hundreds of participants, many of whom now facilitate Osho's Meditative Therapies in their own countries around the world.

I was also requested by Osho to facilitate and train people in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Meditative Therapies, Osho's No-Mind Meditation and The Osho Born Again Meditation, all of which make up the three components of The Osho Institute for Meditative Therapies of which I am the Director, Senior Facilitator and Trainer. I am still currently offering this work under Osho's name.

In all these years, running a centre, working in other centres and in taking care of the Osho Meditative Therapies, there was never- and I repeat never - any mention of Trademark of Osho name or his work. Together with hundreds of Therapists I shared his vision through my work in the world and it has never been an issue to trademark the love and gratitude I feel in sharing my experience and understanding of the awareness and meditation that I experienced in his presence. I was never asked by OIF to sign a licence or any written agreement or franchise contract.

Other than a few questions that I sent in to Osho on matters I was not sure of, I never received a direct instruction from him on how to run the Meditative Therapies. I signed no contracts. I remember Osho saying that when he left his body his work would continue through all his beloveds. That he would melt into us.

It seems incomprehensible to me that there are people within the Sannyas organization who would try to control and restrict this love and devotion for purposes I can only assume are power and finance oriented, which are as utterly futile as trying to trademark truth.

The statements herein are from my personal knowledge and recollection and I believe them to be true.

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