Certificate of Awakening

It is hereby certified that as of now, (insert name) discovered nothing and realized that he/she is nobody. He/she now understands that there is nothing to understand because nobody understands nothing. Consequently, he/she learned that his/her search for the truth was a big joke, and that he/she was the butt of the joke. After his/her search ended, he/she discovered that who he/she thought He/she was, was not who He/she was, and that who he/she is, is simply what is. He/she is now free to enjoy being what he/she is, even though he/she doesn't know what that is. He/she is free because no matter what he/she does he/she will always be doing exactly what he/she has to be doing, which is what he/she was already doing before he/she discovered that that was what he/she was doing.

______ now knows that every person he/she meets—including every homeless bum, criminal, alcoholic, drug addict, and otherwise disreputable person, is himself/herself. He/she therefore must never speak ill of anyone because he/she will be spreading rumors about himself/herself. In the same way, he/she can never be proud of anything he/she does because he/she is not the one who does anything. Because he/she now knows that time and space are imaginary, he/she knows that he/she is always here and now, wherever that is. Henceforth he/she will never forget that who he/she is, is beyond name and form and that his/her past personhood was a product of imagination. Now, he/she will always treat other people as himself/herself, because he/she knows that they are himself/herself.

_____ now knows the secret of all secrets, that there is no secret. Everything is lying open and in plain sight. He/she can now relax and have a good laugh at having found something that was never lost.

He/she is hereby declared to be an official member of the Brotherhood/Sisterhood/Ithood of Sacred Emptiness. Having finally seen the Big Picture, he/she now knows that all the little pictures are imaginary—and that the Big Picture is also imaginary. He/she has discovered that he/she and God are one and that God has an enormous sense of humor.

He/she is therefore authorized to talk incessantly about what he/she has discovered, understanding that when he/she has finished saying everything he/she can think of to say, he/she will have said absolutely nothing to nobody, and nobody will understand what he's/she's talking about anyway.

Signed by:

Your Own Self

President and only member of the Club of Cosmic Consciousness (He/she is the only member of the club, because there is only One available to be a member. Anyone else could be president if there was anyone else, but despite searching high and low, nobody has ever found anyone else.)