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Sir,

I have heard that it is still questionable whether the work that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and his sannyasins have begun in Antelope, Oregon, can be continued or not.

Please let me tell you a few of my arguments in favor of the project that is going on in Oregon.

I am not a Sannyasin but I have good knowledge and some experience of Bhagwan's teachings since about five years. As a psychologist, I am myself working in the field of human growth and therefore I am professionally interested in all kinds and ways of human development. To me there is no doubt that our world is in quite a desolate state and many people are eagerly looking for effective ways of getting this world, our world, out of its dilemma. We cannot blame anyone for this situation; the situation is as it is and our only chance is to accept it as a challenge. One thing is clear: the only way out of the dilemma is through raising every individual's consciousness, not on the intellectual level (this won't help at all), but in its quality, its comprehensiveness.

To me there are few who can really cope with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's comprehension for the needs of our world and human individuals. He has opened the most effective ways for human, social and cultural development. The impressive work which Bhagwan and his community have performed in Oregon so far should make my point clear. This great experiment in Oregon stands for the meaning of Bhagwan's teachings in reality. And this reality itself is a very inspiring one, one which shows, practically shows, that problems are soluble - and, if anything, this reality can also give hope for the survival of our planet.

At present our governments are negotiating the necessity of stationing nuclear missiles in Europe, especially in Germany. Missiles, wherever they may be stationed - in Germany or elsewhere -, are more likely to create new problems instead of solving any. Your missiles don't give me hope, they make me feel desperate. Let me receive more hopeful news from Oregon.

Kind regards.

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