

RAJNEESH PURAM
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To whom it may concern,

I grew up in a well educated and wealthy family in Switzerland. After getting a business diploma I studied languages and psychology at Zurich University for two years. Unsatisfied by that I decided to devote my life to the Arts and acting and underwent an acting training at Drama Centre London. I then acted in Dublin, Zurich and Stuttgart and also worked in an Art gallery in Zurich. In my acting and dealing with art I always searched for a deeper meaning in life and read many books on Religion, on Psychology, but the feeling "this can't be what life is all about" stayed with me until I came across a book by Jaganmohan Shree Rajneesh. I realized with great excitement that this book was by a man who deeply and profoundly understands the - humanity. I started to read more of his books and saw, whatever he talked about, whether it be Religion, Art, Psychology, he had a deeper understanding than any teacher I've ever had. I had to find this man.

The first time I saw Bhagwan and his commune was in the first annual celebration 1982.

A summer I will never forget. To meditate with 10,000 people from all over the world in Bhagwan's presence was an outstanding experience. I saw for the first time that life was not serious, that it is a celebration. Acting can be celebrative, art can be a way to express joy, but I had never experienced this joy in day to day life.

I became a disciple of Bhagwan and got invited to join the commune.

This last year has totally transformed my outlook on life. Hundreds of people working together in the presence of an extraordinary man who is teaching us the Art to live life as a celebration, an art greater than any other I have ever come across.

Only through his inspiration is it possible that Rajnieshpuram is being built.

Only through his inspiration is the yearly festival, that brings thousands of people together in peace, joy and meditation, possible.

I am intensely grateful that he is here, that his beautiful commune is being built.

in Oregon and I deeply hope that you will
grant him a permanent visa.

Yours sincerely

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