

Rajneeshpuram

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To whom it may concern.

This letter is regarding the petition of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to remain in the United States for as long as he should wish.

I first encountered the writings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in April 1979, at the time I was a student of sociology at the University of Lancaster, England. Having been a somewhat disinterested student for several years, my professors were astounded by my new enthusiasm over the last four months of the course which led to my receiving a first class Honours degree, and the offer of a Ph.D. No miracle change of heart! It was just that reading Bhagwan gave me a new

and refreshing perspective on the morass of present day social theory. It was just a gust of fresh air blowing down the corridors of academia. The subject of sociology really became fascinating for me for what it really is, as a quest for understanding what makes a social system tick.

That was my introduction to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Since then I have become his disciple and now live here in Rajneeshpuram. I am very very happy here. His presence is the cream on the chocolate pudding which makes up every day.

When at University with

the knowledge that I had of him then,
 I could have written a book -
 I at least wrote a thesis - on my
 appreciation of him. Today, things
 have gotten pretty simple - I love
 him - cream on the chocolate pudding!

Bhagwan's presence here
 is a constant reminder of "the beyond",
 of 'Buddhahood', of 'God', of 'Oneness',
 whatever it is that we call it; the
 beauty of the birds and the trees in
 the wind? This reminding brings
 us all together with petty squabbles
 and prejudices forgotten.

The commune here becomes - daily -
 more and more co-operative, loving
 and energetic. And the love between
 us here is altogether inspired

by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh..

yours respectfully,

Swami Satbuddha.

(John Gale B. A.).