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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

THE BEST WAY I CAN THINK OF TO WRITE A SUPPORT LETTER FOR BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH AND HIS RELIGION IS TO WRITE OF MY OWN EXPERIENCES.

WHEN I CAME TO THE SHREE RAJNEESH ASHRAM IN POONA, INDIA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LATE 1977, I WAS A UNIVERSITY GRADUATE, DISCONTENT WITH MYSELF AND THE REST OF THE WORLD, ON AND OFF QUITE DEPRESSIVE AND GENERALLY LOST. SINCE THEN I HAVE GONE THROUGH A CHANGE THAT I CAN ONLY ATTRIBUTE TO HAVING BEEN A DISCIPLE OF BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH FOR 5½ YEARS NOW.

I HAVE BEEN PRACTISING HIS MEDITATION TECHNIQUES, PARTICIPATED IN THERAPY WORKSHOPS LED BY HIS DISCIPLES, LISTENED TO MANY OF HIS DISCOURSES AND PARTICIPATED IN THE WORK IN HIS COMMUNE. IT IS NOT THAT I HAVE CHANGED AS A PERSON. I JUST SEE, UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT MYSELF AND OTHER PEOPLE MUCH MORE CLEARLY NOW, UNNECESSARY ANGUISH AND WORRIES HAVE DROPPED AND I ENJOY WHATEVER I AM DOING. I HAVE COME TO A POINT WHERE, THROUGH THE HELP OF HIS MEDITATION TECHNIQUES AND THERAPY WORKSHOPS, MY LIFE HAS BECOME A MEDITATION AND A THERAPY.

MOREOVER, I DON'T NEED HIS WORDS ANY MORE, BUT AM UTTERLY CONTENT JUST SITTING AT HIS FEET IN SILENCE.

I AM ONLY ONE OF THOUSANDS OF DISCIPLES WHO HAVE HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCES. I SEE BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH AS A UNIQUELY GIFTED RELIGIOUS MASTER WHO IS CAPABLE TO GIVE BACK TO MAN WHAT HE SEEMS TO HAVE LOST IN OUR TIMES: INNER PEACE, CONTENTMENT AND A MEANING IN LIFE. I FEEL THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL GREATLY BENEFIT BY GRANTING PERMISSION OF PERMANENT RESIDENCY TO BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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