

Rajneeshpuram, etc.

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To whom it may concern,

This letter is being written regarding the case of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. I have been a disciple of Bhagwan's for over 2½ years and have resided at Rajneeshpuram for about one-half year.

Although this status could seemingly place my objectivity in question, I feel that my background has given me a depth of perspective not easily acquired. Allow me to go into some detail so that I might show more fully how I've come to appreciate this man.

I was born in Denmark in 1944 and immigrated to this country with my family six years later. My father became involved in mining and underground construction shortly after arriving here and I subsequently worked underground for a total of 15 months. I studied Geography and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1968 from California State College at Fullerton. That same year I joined the Navy and worked as an Aviation Mechanic, traveling to the Philippines

Okinawa, Japan, and Thailand. This exposure to a variety of cultures and world-views helped me to appreciate and understand Bhagwan's vision. I returned to college, this time studying humanistic psychology at Sonoma State College in California, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1978. I feel this to have been an important process for me; mainly as a preparation for my involvement with Bhagwan. His understanding of human psychology far surpasses that of anyone I've been exposed to personally, through reading or via the media of film and television. He is totally contemporary and yet has his roots in that eternal stream that lies at the heart of all Religion.

Since being at Rajreshparam, I feel significant changes have occurred in my attitudes toward myself and others. The world as we know it is basically competitive and I competed for many years. The results were alienation from others and deep-seated anxiety. Being here, working with others toward a common goal, in

a loving atmosphere has revolutionized my life. Never before have I loved life so much and my work is an expression of my love for him. Without his presence, this place would not be special for me. I read ten of Bhagwan's books prior to traveling to India and sat at his feet at discourses for half a year. To me, he has spoken enough. If I wish, I can read more books, but for now I'm choosing to put into practice what he spoke of all those years. Just his presence reminds me what is possible - to keep growing and reach my full potential as a human being. You don't have to be a disciple to benefit from Bhagwan's existence. He touches deeply the human condition; regardless of national, religion, race or any other qualifier. This country should welcome him with open arms.

Thank you,
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