

To whom it may concern

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Let me first introduce myself to you. I am an electronic ingeneer with diploma of the Swiss Federal Institut of Technology in Zurich. After I got my diploma I continued to study Psychology and Education with specialisation in didactics of audio-visual-medias at the University of Zurich. Today I am director of the study department of the oldest correspondence school in Switzerland, which was founded 1903. I wrote and edited several Correspondence Courses: Basic Elektronik, Mikrocomputerprogramming in BASIC, Mathematics, Psychology of Personal Development and Psychology of Handwriting.

On a trip to India in 1978 I went to the Ashram of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to visit a friend, who was working there. It was a very short visit but the discourses of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh impressed me deeply. When I came back to Switzerland I read a lot of his fabolous and inspiring books.

Since my studies of psychology I was very much interested in the methods of personal development. In Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh I found a man who was able to bring together eastern and western methods of personal development in a creative way, which I have not encounterd before. It was evident for me that his teachings were the fragrance of a deep experiece of truth.

In February 1981 I became a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, because I felt deep sympathy for him and I was sure that he could help me to enrich my life and to gain another dimension of living, more joyously and grounded in the here and now.

When I heard that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh went to the United States of America I was very lucky. Because for me Amerika is like Switzerland one of the countries whose history is born out of the will of the people to be independent and free. And Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has often spoken in favour for this country.

But when I read in the Newspaper that the INS refused the permanent visa for Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, I was very much disappointed. I could not understand that America does not want this most inspired man of freedom and love to stay. That is the reason why I am writing to you today.

I would like to assure out of my position and my experience as disciple that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is in favour of science, technology, inner and outer wealth, freedom and love. He has and will contribute tremendous to human conscious and I am sure that America can be proud to have this profoundly informed and experienced master of live among his citizens.

There is not the slightest reason to be afraid of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. He is a man of great compassion and everything he teaches is lifecaffirmitiv. As an educator and autor in the field of science I could improve the ectiveness of my daily work immensely thanks to the teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, because I do all with more awareness, gratitude, understanding and love.

I am very lucky to be a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, and I would be very happy if he could stay in the United States of America, a country I admired all my life. That's why I would like to ask you: Please do all that is possible for you that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh can stay in America.

In the hope that you do your best to help Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to stay in your country I remain faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Onken'. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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