

Rajneeshuram, Oregon.

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To Whom it May Concern

I am writing in support of permanent residency for Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in the U.S.A.

I first came in contact with Bhagwan in 1973 when I was an art student in London (majoring in ceramics at St. Martin's & Lambenwell Schools of Art). Through reading his books & doing his meditations, I discovered a deeper meaning about the work I was doing.

After attaining my B.A. I went to India to visit this man. I was impressed by the scope of creativity he had inspired in all the art forms there, the high levels of workmanship & unique very exceptional art that was being created within just a few years. To have direct contact I worked in the pottery studio there for 3 months & through this experience my work took on new dimensions of depth, space, form & wholeness. On leaving I discovered my creativity was greatly increased &

that I saw my fellow teachers & artist/craftsmen in a new light; the competitiveness was no longer there - I now see their work (student or professional) as a way of growth for each individual to attain to greater & greater artistic achievements. Having taught at Sir John Cass School of Art in London & at San Diego State University, I feel that Bhagwan's love & inspiration can help students attain to their own particular potential. Undoubtedly, my own teaching is more potent & my own work has taken on new dimensions & I achieve new heights.

Having won a research scholarship in the U.S. to visit craftsmen, & art schools & through my work in Britain since 1969 as either ceramicist or exhibition organiser in Britain & Europe, I feel I can see what an outstanding teacher he is & I know that those who come in contact with him are greatly helped. His silence in no way hinders his teaching.

There is no doubt in my mind that Bhagwan is a man of unusually exceptional ability & through his insight, every field attains to higher levels of creativity & beauty. His presence here in

America is an inspiration to all who come in contact with him. Through him the local economy is taking on a new life & a desert is being made into a very special prosperous community (all that America has stood for is happening here). To have such a man in the United States - a man of such vision, understanding & intelligence is a gift.

The United States is fortunate indeed to have Shaquwan Shree Rajneesh in this country & I strongly recommend that he is granted permanent status.

Yours sincerely

Na Dero Arjita.