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Rayneeshpuram

To whom it may concern,

I write this letter in support of Bhagwan Shree Rayneesh's application to remain in this country under the category of an individual possessing exceptional abilities in the Arts & Sciences.

About myself I feel to say a few things. I studied pre-law at the University of Pittsburgh. After finishing school I did as many college graduates do, I wandered.

I ended up living in San Francisco working as a tape driver and part-time hotel clerk. It was at this period that I was doing my most intensive search, of something (not really knowing what) for some clues in the inner workings of the human psychology and hence my own psychology. But there was this intangible something that interposed itself in what was understood as the human psychology. It was then that I began reading the books that were transcribed discourses of Bhagwan. And up till this time in which I had done a great deal of reading (my search was before this point totally intellectual) I hadn't touched anything that I understood to be revolutionary relative to this age in relation to our psychology and my own. It was when I read Him for the first time and knew that these discourses were absolutely spontaneous, without notes I knew then that only a man with exceptional abilities could speak as He did with such insight, with such vision, with such immense intelligence into the human mind. He was a man who saw the inter-connectedness,

the inter-relation of all aspects of contemporary society in its most essential parts, that being of the inner mechanisms, the mind, the heart, and the soul.

For me it was the incalculable vision in which this man encompassed the aspirations of men to come back into <sup>the</sup> grace of their true nature that drew me like a magnet. I saw the unmistakable light of His teachings. In July, 1981 I took sannyas in San Francisco.

Prior to this time I was satisfied to make my search one of the mind. Once I came into contact with Bhagwan I understood that to remain as I was, living life as an intellectual affair, was to miss the deeper levels of existence. And these levels can only be contacted by going into love and into meditation. The whole foundation of His teachings stand on the unquestionable grounds that to know the higher realities of existence one must <sup>know</sup> the deeper realms of meditation and true love.

It is by this path that Bhagwan's approach to man and his problems are unique, because He speaks simply. The direction He points to is clear.

But the ultimate course of His teachings he spoke of for many years. The final stage of His teachings and He is His teachings, His presence is His teachings, He said would be silence.

And Rameshpuram works through the essence of Bhagwan's presence and the life of His teachings. It is within

this structure or rather the essence of the structure which hasn't any real boundaries that gives the authenticity to life here. Never have I lived in a greater harmony and joy for life as I do here. The quality of my life here is not really describable because in most every way it is unprecedented.

We are trying to live the message He has offered. That men can live in total harmony with one another, that men can live creatively and abundantly both spiritually and materially, that men can live in great joy apart from greed and possessiveness and hate and fear.

Rayneeshpuram is the experiment to show the world that this vision for men is possible. It is not of some idealistic utopian world for tomorrow but rather of the potential for today. We need only the courage to act upon it and discover the availability of such a life Bhagwan is pointing towards.

If He is not exceptional in the undeniable impact He has made on this earth already then no man should ever deserve this title.

Who else can attract 15,000 people from around the world to sit in their silent presence? This in itself is extraordinary.

And He continues to guide us in His presence. He stands at the heart of our lives.

I ask that you look with total conscience into this question of Bhagwan Shree Rayneesh is a man of exceptional abilities.

This country can only benefit by this one. America has always represented symbols of freedom and Bhagwan stands in the highest order of freedom.

Are we to say no to the very principles on which this country are founded?

Sincerely,  
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