

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

I don't know where to begin or how to put into words what I feel about Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. A few times I have sat down to write a letter on His behalf, and yet feel so inadequate and unable to express the essence of this Gift-of-a-Man that I feel the world has been blessed with, right here, on American soil, in this day and age! All I can say is that I really love Him and I will try to express a little if it means in any way that I could be part of helping Him to stay here in America.

Bhagwan, and now the City of Rajneeshpuram, is the culmination of my whole life's search, and I would humbly ask that you consider His application to stay in America as one of the most important decisions of your life. From my very limited knowledge of the American Constitution, it would seem a positive decision on your part, [&] would give you the opportunity to show to the world that you are indeed people of great integrity and genuinely are supporting the 'freedom of the individual' that America is known for all over the world.

A little of my background: On one level, my life has been extremely full and successful. I have travelled extensively, worked as a private secretary in England, South Africa and Australia, taught Ballet, danced professionally, choreographed, have been involved in selling and had two businesses, one of which was very successful financially. I was married for 10 years and thoroughly enjoyed being a mother to two beautiful children. This was followed by living alternatively in the heart of the Australian Karri forest alongside many other people who had achieved much on a material level, and yet felt that there was something wrong and missing from our present day society.

Spiritually, I have been searching for a Master all my life. I grew up with a father who used to get up very early of a morning, do his Yoga, Breathing, and teach me much about energy, and the esoterics. I went to Catholic Boarding Schools. When I finally left school I joined, tasted, tested, and jumped into just about every religion I could find. My search was SO intense for this inner fulfillment that I KNEW was able to be tapped, that after my husband and I returned from the disillusionment

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- albeit very educational pioneering experience in the Karri forest -
I attended a therapy group, purely out of curiosity, and there I found
my Master! I lifetime of longing just exploded inside me when I heard
his voice on a tape and when lines from his book were quoted to me.
WHO was this man I wanted to know! I then proceeded to devour every book
I could get hold of and listen to every tape I could find and I finally
took sannyas in Australia without going to India as I knew that this man
was my life and I trusted that whatever happened in the future was
entirely in His hands.

From a practical point of view this may be a little hard to understand,
but I had tried everything in life and sannyas to me meant that I would
now move into a new dimension of meditation that I had only dreamt of.
In a religious context a simple way of putting it is that Bhagwan became
my "Father" and Rajneeshpuram became my "Heaven".

This is possible for all humanity.

Please let Bhagwan stay in America.

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