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To whom it may concern -

I am a German theologian, 47 years old, married, 3 children.

I am deeply concerned with the present uncertainty, whether Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh will be given a permanent resident's permission or not.

I became a clergyman of the Protestant Church at a mature age after several different life-experiences. When I was 25, I quit my first profession as an architect, as it did not turn out to be a really self-fulfilling work for me at that time. For some years I worked as a fisherman, became a qualified bookbinder, then started learning Hebrew and Greek and finished my studies as a theologian at the time of my marriage when I was 33. A severe car-accident at that time gravely embarrassed me for some years but finally turned out to be a good push for turning in and facing my own inner state.

After some years of work I happened to hear about Bhagwan in India, through the book of a German journalist-Rajneeshie about his own experiences showed me very clearly what might be possible for me - and off I went to India for a short stay.

Up to then only Jesus and some very ancient people had fascinated me and touched me in my depth. Now seeing this man Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and listening to him I was instantly very certain that now there was absolutely no need of any further search. All was now rather close to me, that all had seemed very far away. - I went through a good deal of personal work and started meditating.

From that time on very slowly a kind of centering happened in my ordinary day to day life. Now I can often truly be helpful to other persons without bothering or interfering at all in any way.

It seems to me now that my potential of real openness towards existence was challenged by Bhagwan and now slowly starts unfolding and flowering. He is for me a master, a religious leader, who is friendly, helpful, very non-seductive and non-interfering in any of my affairs, outer or inner. Towards other persons I find myself more understanding now, there is more joy in the air now. This is deliberately increasing after each annual meeting in Rajneeshpuram/Oregon.

So I beg you as an American, help this possibility to realize many more times, it may in its way be useful for peace among men.

Yours sincerely Klaus Bieger

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