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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am not a member of the Bhagwan Community and fully able to appreciate the reservations some may have towards some of the more whimsical appearances of the Sannyas movement. They are, however, neither offensive to the "normal" society nor out to make proselytes no matter what the cost. Very much to the contrary: it is consideration and love for the substance of Man, for the liberation of the Self and the dignity of one's neighbor that I can see at the core of Bhagwan's message; it is not only written down in his teaching, but actually practiced and lived by his followers. I have seen friends of mine changed into more complete, more responsive and more joyful human beings that have seen the light - not the light of a strange guru, but that of their own deep vocation, and they have simply become more responsible people free to exercise their strength also in the service of others. I consider the Oregon settlement in the best pioneering tradition of America and fully compatible with - and mindful of - what is her lasting contribution to Western culture: independence of mind, social warmth, relying on one's own strength to bring about the Impossible, turning a desert into a garden, caring about the spiritually Needy and Disinherited. It would be more than sad irony, it would indeed be a tragic misunderstanding if the state, misled by a short-sighted opposition, were to turn against a community that embodies so much of its own values rather than giving it a chance to re-invigorate them and profiting from its challenge.

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