

To whom it may concern,

This letter is written by a well-known artist painter sculptor and poet from Belgium, who came in contact with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh some years ago. Raised in a Flemish Catholic family that has several of his members in high political positions, I studied Dutch Literature at the Free University of Brussels, which is basically atheistic.

Reading the numerous books of this master I was impressed by the immense knowledge on all the important religions in East and West. The clarity and vividness as well as the impressive sincerity of his speech makes him the most outstanding brain in religious matters that is living on the earth. I don't feel able to judge upon the fact that he calls himself a master like Jesus or Buddha were masters. What I can see is that he brought and brings so much joy, happiness and positiveness to a generation, which I have experienced as a totally desperate one.

Therefore it is hard to believe that a strong religious country as the United States is trying to expell this beautiful man. In the hope that the feelings for freedom and democracy that are the basis for the Western culture will prevail, I greet you sincerely.

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