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Der tanzende Spiegel – Bhagwan und die Deutschen 1970–2020
(The Dancing Mirror – Bhagwan and the Germans, 1970–2020)

In his book on the Neo-Sannyasins, Martin Papenheim presents the first comprehensive history of the Bhagwan movement in Germany, which can be regarded as arguably the most significant new religious movement of the Bonn Republic. The ashram of the Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh (later known as Osho) in Poona and the town of Rajneeshpuram in Oregon (USA) developed into centres for meditation and therapy that attracted attention throughout the Western world. In Germany, the movement reached its spectacular peak around 1980 with some 30,000 Neo-Sannyasins – roughly a third of the worldwide following – 400 of whom lived in their own communes. No other religious movement provoked such extensive media coverage and such intense public debate as Bhagwan's followers. Although the organisation has since largely disintegrated, it has left a lasting mark on German culture. This account is based on comprehensive source material that has hitherto received little attention, as well as accounts from contemporary witnesses, thereby opening up numerous new perspectives on the subject.

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