

The Buddha And The Bidi Cigarette

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This is My **Story**:

- The Buddha And The Bidi Cigarette

This is **About**:

- Nisargadatta Maharaj
- A Buddha

*He Was **Known To Friends** As:*

Maharaj

Also:

- He Liked To **Smoke**
- Indian Bidi Cigarette

Since:

*Maharaj Liked To **Smoke**
Indian Bidi Cigarette
And He Was A Buddha
Then The Story is **Called**
The Buddha And The Bidi Cigarette*

*It is **Not**:*

*A **Hard Story To See***

About Buddha Maharaj

As I **Say**:

- Maharaj
- **Lived** in India in Modern Times

He **Lived** from:

- (17 April 1897 – 8 September 1981)

Maharaj Lived:

- *Until Age 84*
- *At His House*

He Was:

A Spirited and Friendly Buddha

Also:

*He Liked To **Smoke**
Indian Bidi Cigarette*

About The Maharaj Story

Maharaj:

- Was A Buddha (Enlightened)
- So He Became A **Teacher**

*He Chose To **Share** Stuff with People*

Maharaj:

- Lived And **Taught** from His House

His House:

- *Was Located in Bombay*
- *A Famous City in Northwest India*

Bombay (Mumbai:)

*Is In The **State** Of Maharastra*

Many People:

- **Liked** Maharaj

He:

*Was A Buddha
Lived in His House in Bombay
And Would **Teach** People*

The Main **Thing** that Maharaj **Taught**:

- Was Meditation

*People **Came**:*

*From All Over The World
To **See** Maharaj*

*The **Visitors**:*

*Liked To **Hear** About Meditation
From Maharaj*

As A Buddha:

*Maharaj Was A **Master***

The Story And The Visitor

So:

- Since Maharaj would **Teach** People
- Then Both
- Devotees and Common People
- Would Come And **Visit** Him

Sometimes:

*A **Visitor**
Would **Ask** Maharaj
A Question*

*The Main **Thing** That Maharaj **Taught**:*

Was Meditation

The **Visitors**:

- Would **Ask** A Question
- Maybe About A Meditation Definition
- Or A Meditation Practice Technique

*Many **Times**:*

*The **Visitor**
Did **Ask** Maharaj A Question*

Also:

*He Liked To **Smoke**
Indian Bidi Cigarette*

So:

- This **Story Is About**
- One Time
- When A **Visitor**
- **Asked** Maharaj A Question

Maharaj The Buddha

Maharaj In The Story

Maharaj:

- Was A **Kind** Buddha

*And He **Allowed** People To **Visit** Him*

When:

- The **Visitor** Would
- **Ask** Him A Question
- Maharaj Would Be **Kind**

Maharaj:

*Might **Help** Them
With Their Question*

Sometimes:

*They would
Find The Answer Together*

And:

*Many **Times**
During The Day
Maharaj would **Smoke**
Indian Bidi Cigarette*

Bidi Cigarette:

- Is A **Kind** of Cigarette
- That They **Smoke** in India

Maharaj's Cigarette Business

As I Say:

- Maharaj Lived in Bombay

And:

*He Also **Taught** from His House*

Since:

- Maharaj would **Smoke**
- Indian Bidi Cigarette
- Then
- I Can **Mention**
- Maharaj's Cigarette Business

Yes:

- Maharaj Had
- A Cigarette Business

In The:

***Front** of His House
Maharaj Had A **Shop***

*The **Shop** Was:*

*Maharaj's Cigarette **Shop***

*The **Shop:***

*Was His **Business**
To Manufacture Cigarettes*

About The Shop

So:

- Maharaj Had A **Shop**
- A Cigarette **Shop**
- In The:**Front** of His House

In His **Shop**:

- One **Type** of Cigarette
- That Maharaj **Made**
- Was Bidi Cigarette

Bidi Cigarette:

*Is The **Common** Cigarette
That People **Smoke** in India*

Maharaj:

*Had Been in The Cigarette **Business**
Much of His Life*

Even:

***Before** He Became A Buddha (Enlightened)
Maharaj Was in The Cigarette **Business***

So:

- In This **Story**
- Maharaj **Smoked**
- The Bidi Cigarette
- And, From His Own **Shop**

Definition Bidi Cigarette

The **Reader:**

- May Not **Know**
- Bidi Cigarette in India

Bidi Cigarette:

*Is The **Common** Cigarette
That People **Smoke** in India*

Let Us :

- Take A **Minute** To **Review**
- **Definition** Bidi Cigarette

This is:

*Not Really **Important** To **Know**
In The **Story***

The Bidi Cigarette

The Bidi Cigarette:

- Is From India

It is:

*A **Small** Cigarette*

Yet

*It is **Handy in Size***

Since:

- Bidi Cigarette
- Is **Small**
- Then
- It Doesn't **Weigh** Much

Also:

*It is Not **Bulky***

Inside:

- The Bidi Cigarette
- Is **Common** Standard Tobacco

Then:

- While The **Inside** is
- **Common** Standard Tobacco
- The **Outside** is
- **Wrapped** in A
- **Leaf** from A **Plant**

Therefore:

*This **Helps***

Bidi Cigarette

*Be **Unique***

*The **Outside:***

Of Bidi Cigarette

*Is **Wrapped** in A*

Leaf** from A **Plant

Not A:

Cigarette Paper
*Like **Other** Cigarettes*
*But A **Leaf** from A **Plant***

*This **Helps**:*

Bidi Cigarette
*Be **Unique***

Bidi Cigarette Is Old

The Bidi Cigarette:

- Does Not Use
- Standard Cigarette **Rolling Paper**

So, then:

The Bidi Cigarette
*Does Not **Look Like***
***Standard** Traditional Cigarette*
*Like We **Know** in The **West***

Bidi Cigarette is:

Wrapped**:in A **Leaf
*Called A **Tendu** Leaf.*

In India:

*This Has Been **Common***
*For A **Long Time***

Probably For:

*Thousands of **Years***
Bidi Cigarette is
*An Indian **Design***
*And **Known** for*
*Maybe Thousands of **Years***

Thus:

*Bidi Cigarette is A **Good Cigarette***

The Story Starts

So:

- We **See** That
- Maharaj
- **Lived** in India in Modern Times

Maharaj:

*Is The **Main Character***

*In This **Story***

He Was A Buddha (Enlightened)

Since:

He Was A Buddha

Then He

*Chose To **Share** Stuff with People*

He Became:

- A **Teacher**
- He Would **Share** Stuff with People

*The Main **Thing** that Maharaj **Taught:***

Was Meditation

*People **Came:***

From All Over The World

*To **See** Maharaj*

The **Visitors:**

- **Liked To Hear** About Meditation
- From Maharaj

And:

*Many **Times***

During The Day

*Maharaj would **Smoke***

Indian Bidi Cigarette

He Liked:

*Indian Bidi Cigarette
And would **Smoke** Them
Many **Times**
During The Day*

So:

- We Will **See**
- The **Link** Between
- Maharaj The Buddha
- **And** The Bidi Cigarette

About His Teaching

Maharaj:

- Had **Become** A Buddha or Sage
- By **Practicing** Meditation

As A Buddha:

*He Was **Known** As
A **Wise** Man*

And:

*He Still **Lived**
In His Old Familiar House*

His House:

- Was Not **Big**, But
- He Could **Afford** To
- Allow **Visitors** To Pass By

And:

*Many **Visitors** Did
Come And **See** Him There*

*The **Visitors:***

***Liked** To Spend **Time** with Maharaj
They Would **Love** To
Come And **Sit** with Maharaj*

Many:

- **Liked** His Holy Presence

Such Presence:

- Buddha Presence
- Was **Filled** With **Holy**
- Vibration, Warmth And Light

Such Presence:

*Was **Hard To Find** in The **World***

Maharaj:

Was A Buddha

*So People **Visited** with Him*

Asking Maharaj A Questioning

Sometimes:

- A **Visitor** Might
- **Ask** Maharaj A Question

*They Might **Ask** Him:*

*Only **One** Question*

Or Even

*Carry On A **Discussion** with Him*

For example:

*Sometimes A **Visitor** Might*

Pursue** An **Interest** That He **Had

*As I Have **Said**:*

*When A **Visitor** Would **Ask***

*Maharaj A **Question***

*Maharaj Would Be **Kind***

Helpful

Maharaj:

*Would **Try** To*

Help** Them with The **Question

Sometimes:

*They Would
Find The Answer Together*

Maharaj Being There

So, We See That:

- Maharaj Did **Allow**
- **Visitors To Come**

He Lived:

*At His House in **Bombay**, India*

And:

*He Would **Allow** Them
To **Ask** A Question*

For Many **Years:**

- The **Visitors** Did **Come** To His House
- To **Visit** And **Converse** with Maharaj

*They Also **Liked:***

*To **Ask** Him A Question*

The Question One Time

Well:

- **One Time**
- One of The **Visitors**
- **Asked** Maharaj A Question

It Was:

*While **Sitting** with Maharaj
An **Interesting** Question*

*The **Visitor** Was A **Boy:***

*A **Male** Person
And He **Asked**
Maharaj A Question*

The Question:

*To Maharaj
Was **Like**
Man To Man*

This Is:

*The **Main Part Of The Story**
The **Boy Asked**
Maharaj A Question*

Hearing The Boy

The Boy:

- **Got** Maharaj's **Attention**
- Then
- **Asked** Him The Question

*The **Boy Said:***

*Dear Maharaj, You **Say** That
You Are A Buddha*

*So, **Then:***

*You Must **Have**
Totally **Transcended**
The **Ways** of The **World***

Like:

*Temptation
Lust
Greed*

Then:

*Like **That,**
You Would **Be:***

*Beyond Trouble
Beyond Heartache
Beyond Glum*

*The **Boy Continued***

A Buddha:

*By **Attaining** To Enlightenment
Transcends, Or Goes **Beyond***

*Goes **Beyond** Trials
Goes **Beyond** Difficulties
Goes **Beyond** Fetters Of Life*

*He Would **Have**:*

***Peace** On Earth*

*He Would **Spend**:*

*His **Time** And **Experience**
In The **Presence** Of
True **Holiness** Itself*

Maharaj:

- **Listened** On

*The **Boy** Continued*

Maharaj:

*You Would **Have**
No **Problem** with Confusion
Or Other **Boring** Mundane
Matters of The **World***

Maharaj **Said**:

- Ok, Yes, That Is **True**

The **Boy** Then **Said**:

- Dear Maharaj
- If You Have **Given Up**
- So **Much**
- And Are So **Pure**
- Then **Why** Do You
- Still **Smoke** Bidi Cigarette?

Afterall:

*If You Have
Given Up **Everything**,
Then **Why** Do You
Still **Smoke** Bidi Cigarette?*

Maharaj Said:

- Some Things Stayed

So:

Here We See The Story:

The Buddha and The Bidi Cigarette

Reviewing The Story

Well:

- **The Story Is Presented**
- The Buddha and The Bidi Cigarette

We Have Seen:

- Both
- Maharaj The Buddha
- **And** The Bidi Cigarette

If We:

- **Wonder About** The **Story**
- There Are Interesting **Things** in it

For example:

*You **See**, Even Though
Maharaj Was A Buddha
And Had Given Up **Everything**
Like
All **Attachment** To The **World**
And It's **Ways**
Still, His **Line** Was:*

*Some Things **Stayed***

So:

*Some Of His
Traits
Qualities
And Virtues **Remained***

Some Of His:

*Ways From **Before**
Had **Stayed** with Him*

Then, **Also:**

- It is **Interesting**
- That The **Boy**
- **Thought Up** The Question

Plus:

*Maharaj **Gave** Him
Such A Candid, Full **Reply:***

*Some Things **Stayed***

So:

- It **Seems** That
- The **Boy** Had **Learned** A Lot
- While Questioning Maharaj **There**

Seeing The Answer

When **Looking At:**

- Maharaj's **Answer:**
- Some Things **Stayed**
- We Can **See** Things

For example:

- Our **Stages In Life**

*We Know **Stages** like:*

*Youth
Adolescence
Mid life
And Senior*

As We:

*Grow **Older**
Learn And Mature
We **Pass Through**
These **Stages Of Life***

*Youth
Adolescence
Mid life
And Senior*

Yet:

- When We **Pass By One Stage**
- Like Youth
- It Doesn't **Mean** That
- It Is **Gone Forever**
- No

*Some **Parts Or Qualities Of It**
Might **Remain***

*Some **Parts Might Stay with Us***

*We Have **Seen This***

Another Example is:

- **Friends Or Acquaintances**

*Our **Friends:***

*During **Life**
May Not **Last Forever***

*We Have **Seen This***

Yet:

*We May **Remember Them**
Either **Parts**
Or The **Whole Thing***

*This is **Familiar To Us***

*In The **Story**:*

*The Buddha And The Bidi Cigarette
Maharaj May Have
Given Up Old Ways
To **Ascend** To Newer **Ones**
Yet, In His Own Words:
Some Things **Stayed***

And:

*It is **Interesting**
That The **Boy**
Thought Up The Question*

*Also **Interesting***

*Maharaj **Gave** Him
Such A Candid, Full **Reply**
His **Line:**
Some Things **Stayed***

So:

- It **Seems** That
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*The **Story**:*

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