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Dedication.

To the Zen masters of old who preserved the message

To my beloved *Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj*, a modern day messenger

Watch Your Step

A Word of Caution

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** "Question everything, don't believe anything."

As you are about to go through this book please note that nothing you are about to read is true. It is merely words which represent things which do not exist.

Please do not fall into the trap of words.

Recall two Archetypes, (Current in the ocean that form Waves, then foam, (the "I", and bubbles).

The First Archetype is of the "*Genie in the Lamp*". In this current the right words, (magic words) must be said, (chanted) for the genie to appear and grant your wishes, (kind of like mantras).

The second Archetypical current is *Using a Treasure Map to Search for the Buried Treasure*. Kind of like a spiritual paths searching for enlightenment, (the holy grail) of the "spiritual quest.

Why is this important to remember as we tread through this series of books? Because all pointers and metaphors are using words which represent and describe things which do not exist. In short, Don't fall into the words and language games.

Finally, be aware of regressed tendency forming precognitive traps that offer pleasure and rewards for understanding and learning the words and their meanings. This deeply imbedded current assures only more craving and a fixation on learning more and more words to have more and more experiences with the belief that both experiences and words/understanding will lead to the ultimate experience, termed some form of "Enlightenment".

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** "...all experiences will lead you to is more experiences...expect nothing from experiences..."

As we will see Koans are designed to break the language patterns, BUT, throw the thorn away, otherwise you will fall into the trap of words and the joy of learning and experiencing their meanings.

> With Love Your Mirage Brother Stephen

Without an "I" state Without a no-"I" state

Without the state called Identity Without a state called no Identity

All just states

Without a state called reality Without a state called Not Reality

> No state of illusion No Not state of illusion No Illusion

> > No states No Not states

No appearances No not appearances

Don't believe in dream realms

Wave One



It is as it is

## Buddha's Second Noble Truth (Updated):

The cause of suffering is the desire to change things, to try to make them different, or hope they change

The cause of suffering is suffering

# Buddha's Third Noble Truth (Updated):

Stop trying to change things or hope or try to make them different then the way they are

Stopping trying to change things is stopping trying to change things

Without intension Without concern

Enquiry Koan: "Without judgment evaluation or significance what is there to be desired." Enquiry Koan: "Prior to the word nihilism what is nihilism?"

Wave Two

Unpacking or Describing?

**Zen Koan:** The Emperor asked Bodhidharma, "What is the ultimate meaning in Buddhism?" Bodhidharma replied, "Vast emptiness, no holiness."

The Emperior asked "Who are you?" Bodhidharma replied: "I don't know?

Totally unpacking

### OR

Bodhidharma replied: Not knowing

Totally describing the absolute

Without

Wave Three)

A Description of Not

Without an internal Without an external

Without form Without sensation Without perception Without conception Without consciousness

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** "...nothing perceivable or conceivable."

A description of Not

Without teachings or a teacher Without an internal Without an external Without the concept of location

*Enquiry Koan: Without the concept of location, where are you?* 

Wave Four

Everywhere and Nowhere

Simultaneously

Everywhere a portal Everywhere an entrance All is it One shot

> No portal No entrance

The conscious Wave The unconscious current Without the concept of conscious or unconscious Still water Water in a mirage

> All states Your present state Right now An imaginary state

An imaginary being

Everywhere a portal Everywhere an entrance No portal No entrance

> All is it **MU** One shot

Nowhere

Wave Five

Naming Perceptions

**Zen Koan:** *"Why did Bodhidharma sit staring at a wall for nine years?* 

Because he did

"What was he expecting to get?"

Nothing

and what was he doing?

Staring at a wall

A dog is barking The sun is shining A teacher is teaching A student is listening As long as a perception is there

We call it the sun shining, but there is no sun shining it is the name of a perception We hear a dog barking, but there is no dog barking it is the name of a perception

We see a teacher teaching but there is no teacher teaching it is the name of a perception

We see a student listening but there is no student listening it is the name of a perception

It's the same for everything

Be careful of fear Be careful of love

Nobody knows why anything happens Nobody knows why anything happens Nobody knows why anything happens

Anything that happens is the name of a perception

Wave Six

Naming Perceptions Again

Right is wrong Wrong is right Without a perceptual illusion called a story We would not know who we were or that we were

Without a perceiver We would not know who we were or that we were

Anything that happens is the name of a perception

All that is or appears to be is the name of a perception

The concept of a perceiver and a perception is a thorn to remove a thorn

Wave Seven

Prior to Words

Enquiry Koans:

Prior to words is there sutras? Prior to words are there teachings?

Prior to sound and no sound is there Teachings?

Prior to perception is there a Buddha?

Diamond Sutra, (variation) We refer to it as a Buddha, but there is no Buddha

Wave Eight

Difficult Io ass Through

Called A Nanto Koan meaning difficult to pass through (Also appearing in the Gateless Gate Wave Two) A realized being is not affected by cause and effect Fuck me

A realized being is not blind to cause and effect

Zenist's believe in integration Two levels That and this

Advaitins are without levels Without integration

Prior to words neither are

*Enquiry Koan: Is there Advaita prior to the word Advaita?* 

(*hint*: Advaita is a concept)

A philosophy or a reality?

For the former, (Zenists), maintain two levels, and do not be blind to cause and effect No surprises

> For the later, (Advaitans) An illusion within the bubble-dream A nightmare of consequences A surprised fall

Caution is control and holding on to a state

In-between the two lies confusion A broken chain of the spine of the heart

See what staying with this brings

Without bringing No receiving No inviting No ignoring

The illusionary break in the spine of the heart.

Wave. Nine

Underneath Labels

Without the label of life and death Without the perception of life and death

"Underneath" all is the same and NOT

Diamond Sutra, (variation). We refer to it as life and death, but there is no life or death.

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** "There is no birth there is no death... it's all a concept, it's all an illusion."

Wave Zen

Without Seeing

Straight ahead In front of your eyes Without seeing Without connection to words or deeds Under your feet Without feet

To obvious to be seen when a seer is looking

Without seeing

Wave Eleven

The Light of Awareness

Seeing something as something The light of awareness shines The delusion of isness persists

The path remains unforgotten The light of awareness still shines The delusion of isness persists

What is wrong? The light of awareness is shining The delusion of isness persists

Enquiry Koan: What is it that has no light of awareness?

Wave *Iwelve* 

Unperceived

Without perception the world dissolves

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** "Eight days prior to conception or 1000 years back, who were you."

All collapses without perception No current No Wave No bubble No ocean

Wave Thirteen

One Eye, Without

The Dharma eye One eye Without oneness Formless form The knower and the known are one and the same Neither are

> There is no separation between There is no action

"Not knowing", Bodhidharma's description

Without eyes, ears nose and mouth Without sound or no sound

**Nisargadatta Maharaj**: "Whatever you say it is, it isn't."

Enquiry Koan: What is prior to sound and no sound OR What if anything is prior to no sound and no not sound?

Wave Fourteen

Meeting and Bursting

Nagarjuna: "There is no coming There is no going"

Meet a poet with a poem, a warrior with a sword

Without a teacher or a teaching Who teaches, who learns

The dream bubble bursts

Wave Fifteen

The Illusion Integration.

The delusional seductive trap of insight leaves the belief that insight liberates creating an on-going insight loop

**Integration**, a miss-taken Zen and psychospiritual understanding illusioning an imaginary "I" person along with an imaginary "I" person which integrates

> Refer to all persons places and things as perceptions Perceptual illusions Imaginary states

Nisargadatta Maharaj: "You are not a person."

*Enquiry Koan: "How can an "I" which is not, integrate and become something?"* 

Can the sun integrate heat? The night integrate darkness? The standard of integration and the ideal spiritual is a delusion within the dream bubble realm.

Forget standards of behavior You are That already You cannot become it

Being and becoming reside within the delusion of beingness contained within the dream bubble realm

Being and becoming reside within the delusion of beingness contained within the dream bubble realm

Wave Sixteen

Consciousness

Right is wrong Wrong is right Without a fixed position Consciousness

Without approval for achievement Without acknowledgement or recognition Consciousness

> Approval is disapproval Recognition is abuse

Without discrimination What more could be said Certainly nothing could be understood

Consciousness

Wave Seventeen

Not Knowing

Difference is an illusion Oneness a seductive delusive catastrophe A holographic re-coagulation Non-duality a Wave station Don't get off

The Holographic universe appears through its opposite

Separation is a perceptual illusion Oneness a perceptual confusion Non-duality a Wave station Don't get off

The separation is universal delusion The compulsive oneness spiritually regressed Non-duality a Wave station Don't get off When these are no more then nothing is realized Without the standard or concept of a realizer or realizable or realization

Realization and delusion are illusions in the dream-bubble-realm

When the point of view vanishes When the bubble bursts You are no more However you might not know it

**Buddha:** "You might not necessarily be aware of your own enlightenment."

Wave Eighteen

The Name of a Perception

**Zen Koan:** (variation, slightly modified) A dog with Buddha nature

How did it get into the skin bag?

It did not, the illusionary skin is the boundaries of a bubble

The bubble is a metaphor The skin a perceptual superimposition A label A patch A portal to be peeled away Don't go in

To presuppose skin boundaries and try to rid yourself of it is impossible

To presuppose skin boundaries and try to rid yourself of it is impossible

Realize the underlying principle A thought imagining itself lying in a skin bag

> A dog is not a dog, it is called a dog The name of a perception happens to be called a dog

Without, there are no perceptions nor actions

**Nisargadatta Maharaj;** "There is no karma, (movement or activity), in the state of Parabrahma."

> A dog is not a dog, it is called a dog The name of a perception

> A dog is not a dog, it is called a dog The name of a perception

> A dog is not a dog, it is called a dog The name of a perception

The knower is not a knower, it is called a knower The name of a perceptual occurrence

The state you are in right now is not you, it is called a you The name of a perception

### A self or "I" is a state

The waking state now is not the waking state The waking state is called reality and the waking state The name of a perception

Buddha Diamond Sutra, (modified), We refer to it as the waking state, but there is no waking state.

*Enquiry Koan: If there is no waking state it is just the name of a perception, then where are you?* 

Wave Nineteen

Imaginary States Called Beings

Without doership or authorship Without a source or creator Without an origin a beginning or a source point

Where does it start? your ass your elbow The seer or the seen?

None are prior to perception None are independent beings or beings for that matter

> Imaginary states called beings Imaginary states called beings Imaginary states called beings

> > Maybe reflections?

But only as a reflection in the illusionary water in a metaphoric mirage

The illusionary Buddha in the realm of a dream mirage

Zen Koan: "No Mind, No Buddha"

No Mind

The Mind concept is only an illusionary reflection in the illusionary water of a mirage

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Wave Zwenty

Without Manifestation.

*"Not knowing":* the ultimate deconstruction The Ultimate description of *"That"* 

Everything manifesting as That is a miss taken concept drawn from an idea

Without manifestation

Buddha The Diamond Sutra: "We refer to it as a world, but there is no world."

There is no such thing as manifestation cuts through and destroys the manifestation concept and all that goes with it

Don't be drawn in

Otherwise "you" will believe in the attachment concept and be seductively deluded into all that that state brings Beware of believing or believing in believing Because believing has nothing to do with anything Beware especially of what makes sense

Wave Zwenty-One

None Are

A later abstraction A judgment placed upon a description referred to as a situation

> What is is Its all the same "from" the absolute None are

No such thing as a situation or the universe

Wave Twenty-Two

A Particle of Dust

A particle of dust is required for the universe to be

Two is one One is two Words representing the non-existent

A particle of dust is required for the universe to be

Fear holds the universe together

"I don't know", burns it to the ground

Without right or wrong everything collapses No positions

As the Absolute there is no such thing as (fill in the blank)\_\_\_\_\_

A particle of dust is required for the universe to be

Wave *Iwenty*-Three

Still the Absolute

"Before" was the Buddha?

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** "Eight days prior to conception or a 1000 years back, who were you?"

Your original face One hand clapping

The absolute takes the shape of its container Still the Absolute

> Pain arises Still the Absolute

> Love disappears Still the Absolute

What world are we talking about Still the Absolute even before the Buddha container was

Wave Zwenty-Four

A Darticle of Dust Is an Absolute

Without difference or sameness

No "I" "I" without The Absolute appears and the "I" dies

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** (slight paraphase) *What you call death in common parlance is the death of the I am.* 

A particle of dust is the absolute

No reason to fear Without fear The universe vanishes

A particle of dust is the absolute

Wave Zwenty-Five

"What Is?," "What Isn't?" --- Noithan

What is the Absolute formless mind?

The mind is not The formless mind is not

You cannot catch the mind with a conceptual boundary You cannot catch the formless mind with a conceptual boundary

You cannot catch the Absolute with a conceptual boundary

> Enquiry Koans: "What is?" "What isn't?"

> > Neither

Wave Zwenty-Six

On What Does Light Depend?

Water is colorless White without light is Void of color As light is a visual perception Not Buddha has no color All perceptions good or bad high or low right or wrong are dependent upon the colorless color Metaphorically color appears to be white on the white canvas Metaphorically the color wonders, *"Who am I?"?, "What am I?" "How did I get here?".* The canvas is the canvas Without light-white

The color is dependent upon the illusion of light which produces white

Enquiry Koan: What is light dependent upon?

Wave Zwenty-Seven

Not Zero

(Also in the Gateless Gate Wave 26)

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** "All is plus and minus.... equally zero..."

Maharaj: "There is no gain there is no loss."

A description of the Absolute or a fact? Not Zero

Wave Źwenty-Eight

A Holographic Re-Coagulation.

Without fixed positions Without hanging onto being or non-being The space between implores examination

A holographic re-coagulation

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** (paraphrased) stay in the gap before beingness turns into nonbeingnesss, and non-beingness turns into beingness

In the space between, enlightenment is not nor is unenlightenment

Enquiry Koan: Who is the knower of this state between being and non-being?

Wave Twenty-Nine

Stuck Pointers

The teachings: Ultimately a distraction

Teachings describing what isn't

If the medicine is not correct the patient can get sicker

Miss diagnosis and over using pointers (techniques, mantras, yantras, tantras) make for stuck pointers

When pointers are overused past their expiration date dogma prevails into fundamentalism The rigidity of should's Fixed ideas and positions

An iron Ox cannot move Fixed positions imagining they should be fixed A promise of enlightenment The reward for one-pointed blindness A promise of enlightenment

Blind Faith with hope A bitter combination

## The promise of enlightenment becomes a guarantee of eternal bliss

The Iron Ox remains stuck without any movement

Appreciate the pointers Throw away the should's of always place and position

> Without rules Without right or wrong Without discrimination

When the "I" dissolves the body is an empty corpse Only illusionary consciousness remains although unnoticed

Pointers used after their expiration date become stuck pointers yielding dogma, rigidity and fundamentalist positions

> The reward for one-pointed blindness A promise of enlightenment

Blind Faith with hope A bitter combination The promise of enlightenment becomes a guarantee of eternal bliss

Throw the thorn away before it goes bad

Wave Thirty

Without a Knower

\Without creation Without destruction Without a knower

*Enquiry Koan: Without a knower what is the same or different even mean?* 

Enquiry Koan: When the knower and the known are one and the same, who knows what?

Without a knower what are we talking about?

Wave Thirty-One

. No One

The illusionary world first appears to appear Then consciousness

> Upon realization it is reversed First consciousness then the world

> > Finally neither No individual No one No consciousness Only the absolute

> > > Without

Wave Thirty-Two

The Doid Curtain

What appears as subjective is mind What appears as objective is mind

Without either form or emptiness the mirror is smashed

There is no such thing as mind

Don't fall for the form Don't fall for the emptiness Don't fall for the emptiness Don't fall for the emptiness

There is no such thing as mind

Tear the mind's curtain of Void

There is no such thing as mind

Tear the mind's curtain of Void

Wave Thirty-Three

The Illusion of Freedom and

Bondage

Without distraction Escape from the net of mind

Remember the story of entrapment and escape Freedom and bondage are part of the illusion A bubble A realm

Without the mind concept Without the dream fairy dust called consciousness, awareness or whatever Without the dream story Without the illusion of a perceivers lens

Without the dream fairy dust of light called awareness Without the dream fairy dust of light called awareness Without the dream fairy dust of light called awareness

# **Nisargadatta Maharaj**: "Its all a concept, its all an illusion."

Unawareness Not awareness Unawareness Not awareness

Wave Thirty-Four

It All Must Be

. A. It Is

Everything supports everything else Everything is everything else Everything is interdependent with everything else

Love, hate, fear courage holds the universe together They all must be as they are for the universe to be as it is A particle of dust

Interdependent

A grain of sand is as significant as "I"

Nisargadatta Maharaj; "You are like grass growing."

Wave Thirty-Five

Skull Consciousness,

Perceptual Reversal

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** "...no you, no me, no you, no me..."

With skull consciousness perceptual appearances Sometimes as the same Other times with differences Other times as they are Constant change

Still skull consciousness perceptual Illusions Reversal

> Spiritual practice Preparation or entertainment?

Why discuss their meaning or significance?

Skull Consciousness, Perceptual Reversal

Wave Thirty-Six

(See Blue Cliff Records Wave Three)

Wave Thirty-Seven

A Zemporary State Named Self

As long as there is an "I" activity will never *appear* to end

Without anything to depend upon or define there is only one seamless flow Uninterrupted

The "I" too, along with your experience of self RIGHT NOW is part of that seamless flow although it appears not to be

There is no self or soul separate from the seamless flow

Do not expect a self or original self to emerge from somewhere

The more you look The more you think you will find the elusive You won't Why? Because there is no such thing as a self

Nothing to depend upon

All activity ends when the self dies The current stops

Nothing a you can do about it The current stops

Metaphorically the current stops The mirage vanishes and so do you

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:**" *There is no karma,* (movement or activity), in the state of Parabrahma

With nothing to depend upon And no such thing as a self

Enquiry Koan: On what does activity depend?

The self you are experiencing right now is a temporary state Don't imagine it or you will get gain or loss Don't imagine it or you will have THE EXPERIENCE

> A Temporary State Named Self No Seamless Flow

Wave Thirty-Èight

The Light Goes Out

Defining yourself through the mask of perception the senses validate your claim

With consciousness as its substance With awareness as its light The non-existent person which is merely a state believes it is and is permanent "As if" it was, is, and will always be there

> The mind concept solidifies The person illusions existence

Without I-dentities Without definitions The state called person begins to dissolve

> Without the mask of perception No mind No state of person

The fairy dust of consciousness scatters The light of awareness goes out

Nirvana means extinction

Wave Thirty-Nine

Names Given ZoNon-Existent

Perceptions

All actions are equal to all actions Significance a delusional Wave An organizational structure

Here is there There is here Location is a perceptual concept

Hate is love Love is hate Names given to a non-existent perception

Spiritual is profane Profane is spiritual Names given to a non-existent perception

## Lying is truth Truth is lying Names given to a non-existent perception

Without distinctions Specialness vanishes

Without significance No distinctions No specialness

Without significance Without distinctions Without specialness Define your actions

## Significance a delusional Wave an organizational abstracted-structure

We refer to it as significance and an abstracted organizational structure Just the name given to a non-existent perception

Names given to a non-existent perception Names given to a non-existent perception Names given to a non-existent perception

Wave Forty

The Absolute

. Is. Nat . Awareness

Without perception or a perceiver the absolute "resides"

Without vision or hearing, the absolute

Without is or not is, the absolute

The question unheard is answered the answer unspoken is heard

Miss understood it seems like nonsense

However the light of awareness which holds consciousness like a mother to its breast cannot lie

The absolute is not awareness The absolute is not awareness The absolute is not awareness

Wave Forty-One

There Is No Now For You

The non-existent abstracted mind is very tricky

It makes the past seem like the present, and the future seem like now.

As there is no now, you have already missed it There is no such thing as now

#### "There is no now for you"

Without a you There is no illusionary state of now Only "That" which isn't

You cannot grasp it or experience it

Once realized the apparatus breaks

#### "There is no now for you"

Wave Forty-Iwo

Without Form

The original face, a linguistic sucking in

Your original body A poor metaphor A tendency to imagine boundaries An anthropomorphic superimposition

> Formless No body Without form

Wave Forty-Three

An Imaginary "I" State

Arising and subsiding Arising and vanishing Either or both demands an imaginary "I" state A state called self

### The imaginary self A state Part of the arising-subsiding-vanishing

Without a self, who would know of such things

Wave Forty-Four

. Meet . Me There

When the absolute reveals All disappear

Should something appear or arise The absolute extinguishes it without noticing

Like Krsna says, (paraphrased), focus on ME, (Consciousness) and withdraw all senses is yoga, like a turtle withdrawing its limbs

Meet me there

**Nisargadatta Maharaj;** "Forget me, forget Maharaj, forget the teachings, stay in the consciousness as a portal to the Absolute."

Keep yoga (yoking), until the concept of yoga (union) is no more.

Wave Forty-Five

Don't Forget the Not Part

Without thoughts Without no thoughts

Without reality Without no reality

Without knowing, knowing about or a knower Without not knowing, not knowing about, or a not knower

> Without an "I" Without "no-I"

Without a self Without a not self

*The not part* is key and often neglected bringing about holographic recoagulation and devastation

Wave Forty-Six

A Portal To Nomboro

Realizing you are what you are The ultimate surrender

Attention focuses on and becomes the felt sense that you are Consciousness abounds

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** "Hold onto the I Am, let go of everything else."

You have got to be kidding me More obvious then obvious No need to listen to, talk to, or fight with the self Even the illusionary self A portal to nowhere

Closer then your next breathe

Wave Forty-Seven

"One" Without Perception



**Monk:** *"What is the true meaning of ch'an, (Zen)* 

**Master Joshu:** "A cypress tree grows in the yard."

Monk: Master do not use objects to guide people."

**Joshu:** "I am not using objects to guide people."

#### WOW

One with perception "One" without perception

Wave Forty-Èight

Entering the Non-Existent

How to enter non-duality?

No how No non-duality

A figure of speech which has gone to far Requiring a non-existing perception to be believed and hoped for

Non-duality, a temporary station

Smoke and mirrors

Wave Forty-Nine

Does a Dead Body Know That It Is?

This is it?

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** (paraphrased), does a *dead body know that it is?* 

> Without knowing or not knowing or even knowingness No Fairy dust consciousness to mislead No light of awareness to deceive No right or wrong to miss lead

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** (paraphrased), Does a dead body know that it is?

Wave Fi

. No Here and Now

The end to what is was and will be

The illusion was it would be added to your resume and pedigree

"This is it" is a perception

"Here" and "Now" A name given to a perception What it means A perception plus another abstraction

Here and Now No Here and Now just the name given to a illusory perception

Wave Fifty-One

No Transitional

Journey

"Arriving" is blind to this and only aware of That?

Or

Does this prevail and That remain background?

Neither are true as not a one knows

All words imply a non-existent transitional journey

Enquiry Koan: Without words the senses, and without knowingness can you know yourself?

**Zen Saying:** "Wisdom contains no knowledge." (Hint:): The Shiva Sutras: "Knowledge is bondage."

All words imply a non-existent transitional journey All words imply a non-existent transitional journey All words imply a non-existent transitional journey

Wave Fi hy-Two

No Seniority

Form one side of the mirror Emptiness the other

*Enquiry Koan:" Does form reflect the emptiness, or emptiness the form?* 

(Hints): Without hierarchy Without superiority Without seniority Without an origin

Without the belief in a before during after or later Without the belief that earlier is higher or superior

Wave Fif hy-Three

What Isn't

No teacher No students No transmissions No enlightenment No delusion

Zen Saying: "Bodhidharma never went to China."

(Hint:) Without perception No Bodhidharma No China No Went

Wave Fifty-Four

. All . Are . In the

Dream, None Are Without the Dream.

*Enquiry Koan: "What has an infinite number of eyes but cannot see?"* 

Form with gaps is emptiness Emptiness with gaps reveals form

All pervasive, a bad use of words implying an *all* which is *pervaded* 

As form is emptiness Emptiness is form Neither are

> A realm A dream A realm A dream

ty-Five Wave Fif

Reverse Though the I Am

The absolute appears quite suddenly and quite unexpectedly

Reverse through the I Am and disappear Nirvana means extinction

Zen Koan: (slight variation) What is the last word?

Any answer will suffice

Reverse through the I Am Reverse through the I Am Reverse through the I Am

Ramana Maharishi: "Go back the way you came."

Wave Fi y-Six

A Miss Zaken

Appearance

The appearance of the world Miss taken for all Believed analyzed and theorized

How to get out? A path to liberation A fools gold Spirituality a fools errand Spirituality a seductive illusion

It's a dream

How forgetful, "I" always nest in the wrong place hoping wishing trying and expecting change or transformation idealized as enlightenment

> First, there is no wrong place Next, there is no place

*Enquiry Koan: How can a world appear without the concept of place?* 

Wave Fifty-Seven

What is?

Without thoughts Without the space

Without something Without not something

Without nothing Without not nothing

Enquiry Koan: "What is?"

Wave Fif Hy-Eight

Not Awareness No Dream, Light

The past dissolves in the present moment All dissolve into zero Without Zero

The present naturally hates the perceived past

As soon as an illusory cause is postulated and believed it illusions an illusionary result

Quantum Psychology: "All solutions based on a false conclusion are false."

All falling away A cinema without the illusory light of awareness

> Not awareness no dream light Not awareness no dream light Not awareness no dream light

Blow out the light Blow out the light Blow out the light

Wave Fi Nine

No Way Out, No Way In

The dream is so believable You lose your life

No way out

Seeking leads to more seeking No way out

> More pointers More delusion More confusion No way out

Enquiry Koan: No way in either

No way in either

Wave Sixty

No Way

Its right here All the same Without abstraction-transduction

No Way Way No Way Way

Without perception No Way

Wave Sixty-One

No Cause of Causes

Here is as good as "anywhere" Now is as good as any "time"

No place to start or finish No place for activity or rest "Inside" the realm it all seems so real

"Outside" the realm, there is no such thing as beginning nor end No point of entry nor point of origination

No cause of causes

"Outside" the realm without inside or outside

No cause of causes

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** "In the Absolute, I do not even know that I am."

**Buddha:** "You may not necessarily be aware of your own enlightenment."

No cause of causes

Wave Sixty-Zwo

Outside the Realm

There is no enlightenment nor delusion

"Outside" the realm its funny to hear the word Buddha or say or hear things like, "We are all Buddha", or "How can a Buddha become a Buddha?", as it seems so unnecessary like adding a cup of wetness to the ocean

Enquiry Koan; "Why is this true?"

(*Hint*: *There is no you*, "I" all or Buddha)

Wave Sixty-Three

No Leaving, No Returning

Coming back to life after the great death is like speaking perceiving and acting in a dream of not knowingness

Immediate recognition of Mu

You never come back to life, nor did you ever enter or leave life

Leaving and returning is like untransduced sound

Noise without meaning

Wave Sixty-Four

Without Noticing

So many bodies

One body appears

The Absolute Without noticing Without a noticer

Wave Sixty-Five

Not Buddha -Buddha?

Backwards Upside down

Nothing realizes Without

Something remains A point of view Still Buddha

All is all Buddha is all With or without a point of view Still Buddha

> Without a point of view Not Buddha Without without

Why try to be or do have experiences or produce

Still Buddha-Not Buddha?

Enquiry Koan: Not Buddha is Buddha, Not Buddha is Not Buddha?

Wave Sixty-Six

Krsna Is Radha?

Opening ones eyes Skull consciousness reveals

Opening the eye No eye No skull

### Without consciousness Krsna

With consciousness *Radha* 

> Krsna is Radha Radha is Krsna

#### Nisargadatta Maharaj: (paraphrased)

"When I see myself as everything, (consciousness, (Radha)), that is love, when I see myself as nothing, (Krsna) that is wisdom My life flows, (pulsates(spanda)) between the two."

> Krsna is Radha Radha is Krsna

The two are one Neither are

Wave Sixty-Seven

Upon Realization.

Upon realization The Buddha (paraphrased) says, *All beings are awakened*.

Upon realization there are no beings

Upon realization there is no duality nor nonduality

Upon realization there are no such things as selves or things

Upon realization the bubble realm fades

Upon realization no bubble realm remains

Wave Sixty-Èight

Mystery Schools?

The sword of deconstruction continues Schools with delusions of grandeur flourish

Teachers and Gurus block the way The school certifies

Enquiry Koans:

Without location where is Buddha?

Without space where can Buddha be found?

Without time, how can Buddha exist?

Without form how can the Buddha be known?

(*hint: There is no such thing as light*) So much for manifesting, channeling or bringing in the light)

Wave Sixty-Nine

The Absolute, No Doints of Dien

The absolute not awareness knows nothing of existence

All sentient beings know existence

Unfortunately, they are possessed with a point to view A point to view from A point in space-time with a location

The absolute not awareness has no point of view and no points to view from

The absolute cannot and is not something which can be brought into manifestation nor does it die and become manifestation

Imagining things are is the illusion by which all else appears to follow

# The absolute knows nothing nor cares about the imaginary state and concept called existence and non-existence

Wave Seventy

Layer By Layer

Life being unborn is a lot to swallow for the immature

Inform them to quickly and they will burn like fire

Slowly layer by layer The Teaching Master knows who he dealing with and doesn't abuse the privilege

Wave Seventy-One

The Mist Dissolves

Without change Without growth or decay

A hazy mist with imagined images called all we know have known, and will know

Here is no hope There is no organization Discard the delusion of hope Discard the delusion of organization

The mist dissolves

Wave Seventy-Two

Without Portals

Through the portals of sense the mind appears to appear

With the mind the Buddha

While imagining you are "As If"

The Buddha is

Not Buddha is without Buddha Without portals

Wave Seventy-Three

A Cool Mist

A cool mist

Without the use of the body Bodiless No point of view What remains?

What holds up the body?

(*hint*: Its not being held up by anything)

A cool mist

Wave Seventy-Four

Always There, Without Thoro

Like the Wave resides in the current The current in the ocean All names and forms are there before their appearance

The Granite stone contains the statue before the sculpturer awakes Upon dreaming the statue takes form and a life appears

Waking up, the granite rock remains untouched

Wave Seventy-Five

The Vanishing Mirage

One is with perception One is not without perception

Location is with perception Location is not without perception

> Neither are Both descriptions

Perception a thorn

The movement of the ocean Wetness the essence of water The wetness of water Water in a mirage

Without perception the mirage vanishes With perception the mirage seduces but never quenches thirst

## Mu

Mirage a thorn of description

Wave Seventy-Six

The Primordial

.Advaita Mu

To organize the mind is preparation?

To dissolve the mind a leap?

Zen Koan: "No mind, no Buddha"

Without Advaita Without Advaita Without Advaita

The Primordial Advaita Mu The Primordial Advaita Mu The Primordial Advaita Mu

Wave Seventy-Seven

. Never Filled

Before the birth of mother and father Metaphorically-Symbolically one solid circle

> Your original face One hand

> > A pre-mist Never filled

Without without Without without Without without

> Without zero Never Filled

No such thing as filled

No infinity No zero

Wave Seventy-Eight

Without a Soul

In the realm bubble all is equal All is the same Although it appears different Un-fucking pack

Who is to say equal or unequal? Without a soul Without a soul

## Without a soul

## Its about time someone said it

**Un-fucking pack** 

Wave Seventy-Nine

No Return Trip

Realization metaphorically on top of the 100 foot pole Step and slide Without fear or concern of missing the train for the return trip

> All remains in the bubble realm Without All

The earth remains under the pull of the sun

No return trip

*Enquiry Koan: From where does the sun and the earth appear?* 

Wave Eighty

Done

Done, done, and done

Wave Eighty-One

A Self Cannot Exist Without Zime

The illusion of a "present" disappears becoming the past

The "past" has no connection to the "present" The "past" has no connection to the "present" The "past" has no connection to the "present"

Even the "past" is experienced in the "present"

Yet there is no connection Beware of the illusion of an associational networks Beware of projective superimpositions

Without an illusionary "past" or "present" The future dies And so does all psychological states along with their abstracted explanations of cause A self cannot exist without time The "past" has no connection to the "present" The "past" has no connection to the "present" The "past" has no connection to the "present"

What stories can you make up now?

A self cannot exist without time

Wave Eighty-Iwo

Not Awareness Without the Light of Awareness

The Way appears through the transduced concept of sound Beware

## Form appears through the concept of light Beware

The Mind perceives its own reflection

Not realizing

**Zen Saying:** *"The monkey grabs at the reflection in the moon."* 

Without the mind no light nor sound All would be same Without same

## Without perception Not Awareness: Without the delusional light of awareness Absolute(ly)

Wave Eighty-Three

Without Abstraction-

Transduction

Those who know who they are Those who do not Still all Buddha-Consciousness

**Zen Saying (slightly abbreviated):** "The nonattaining Buddha."

Without abstraction transduction there is no relationship Nothing is related to or has anything to do with anything else

With abstraction transduction numerous states and experiences appear.

All states and experiences contain a combination of thoughts, memory, emotions, associations, perceptions, sensations and a body

All experiences must have and are in relation to something else.

Without abstraction-transductions no experiences No relations No reference point

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** "Expect nothing from experiences, all experiences lead you to is more experiences."

Metaphorically the sick believe their experiences and the conclusions they draw from them

Metaphorically the non-sick do not depend upon experiences and the conclusions that are drawn

Both Buddha Both Consciousness

Beware of the seductive delusion of experiences and their conclusions

**Nisargadatta Maharaj:** "... expect nothing from experiences..."

"... expect nothing from experiences..."

"... expect nothing from experiences..."

Creation and destruction are not

All experiences come with an experiencer Delusional Illusional Seductive Hopeful wishes Looking for the ultimate permanent experienceable state The Ultimate confusion A junkie grabs for junk

"... expect nothing from experiences..."

"... expect nothing from experiences..."

A junkie grabs for junk A junkie grabs for junk A junkie grabs for junk

Without abstraction-transductions no experiences No relations No relationships No reference point

Wave Eighty-Four

No Points Ta View From

One finger Not one finger

One hand Not one hand

Original face No original face

Without location Without space Where can a point of view see from

> No point to view from No point of view

Wave Eighty-Five

Seeing Seamless

Seamless Without breaks or gaps Non-local Instantaneous Without control

Beware of all perceptions The perceptual point of view sees things which are not there

Seamless is a subtle example of seeing things which are not there

Wave Eighty-Six

Vanishing Without Shocks

From formless to form Quite shocking

From something to nothing A relief

Without the formless form Without the empty nothing

Nisargadatta Maharaj Metaphor, (slightly paraphrased), ... The incense stick is like the body, the fire the consciousness. When the incense stick, (body) burns down, where does the smoke go?

Vanishing without shock

Wave Eighty-Seven

Without a Point of View

Expression and no expression Two sides of one coin Perceiver dependent Deceiver dependent

Without a point of view Without a point to view from Enquiry Koan: What or whom knows anything of this?

Both expression and non-expression cling to the tree of beingness One feels good the other contained

> Not knowing anything of this Without a point to view from Without a point of view

Enquiry Koan: What or whom knows anything of this?

Wave Eighty-Eight

Not Knowing

Not seeing From where is there to see?

Not knowing What is knowing?

#### Without positions or fixed points of view

Who sees what?

Enquiry Koan: From where is there to see from?

Not knowing

Wave Eighty-Nine

Stop the Dreaming

Without an inside Without an outside

The ground remains?

Although unseen imagine not its illusioned existence

Stop the dreaming

Wave Ninety

What Is Being Perceived?

### Without the concept of space and location Without time intervals and sequences

Enquiry Koan: What can be said or taught, and by whom?

Enquiry Koan: What is actually being perceived?

Wave Ninety-One

Mu the Root

# Everything is dependent upon and has one root $$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{u}$$

Seeing the world as a dream-illusion A thorn of detachment

> There is a dream illusion There is no dream illusion

> > MU the root

Wave Ninety-Two

What Is It? MU

*Enquiry Koan: "What is it that resides prior to emptiness and form?"* 

#### MU

*Enquiry Koan: "What is it that resides prior to mountains, sea and air?"* 

#### MU

Enquiry Koan: "What is it that has nothing to do with experiences and knowing? **MU** 

Wave Ninety-Three

Residing On Unawareness

That which comes and goes: an illusion That which perceives and is perceived: an illusion That which explains and understands is a perceptual illusion

Treasure hunts are entertaining but are perceptions as are spiritual paths

"You" and "I" perceptual appearances

We and all come and go together We and all come and go together We and all come and go together

Even awareness is fools gold Residing on unawareness

We all come and go together Residing on unawareness

> Not awareness Not awareness Not awareness

Wave Ninety-Four

Without Buddha

Metaphorically the ill: non-attaining Buddha Metaphorically the unill: the attaining Buddha

The ill imagines it serves the unill And by focusing on the unill the ill will realize The nonattaining Buddha The attaining Buddha Still Buddha **MU** 

Wave Ninety-Five

That Which.

Cannot Be Negated

The dissolution of the imaginary self This, no matter how obtuse, is the imaginary self's playground

Still the Buddha nature's light called awareness is

The absolute A line Not this not this

That which cannot be negated Only described as Not This

#### Or

#### No such thing as

Enquiry Koan: "What does That have to do with this?"

Wave Ninety-Six

This a By-Product of Vibration, One Vibration.

Without an "inside" or an "outside" No entering or leaving the Gateless Gate As no such thing exists

> Without a good or bad Without a higher or lower This a by product of vibration

> > One Vibration

*Enquiry Koan: What is there to raise your vibration to?* 

This a by product of vibration One Vibration

A thought or position or point of view confuses the inevitable and hides that which never was

You are not is an understatement as it eludes to a you which realizes you are not Hiding That which never was

> This a by product of vibration One Vibration No Vibration

Wave Ninety-Seven

The Light of Awareness Goes Out

Who can possess the jewel of realization? Can it be earned? Not likely Actions with expectations of reward yield more actions with more expectations of reward

A vicious cycle

**Nisaragadatta Maharaj;** "Anyone who imagines actions will bring about realization is deluded."

Not a one can have it, posses it or experience it

#### Nirvana Means Extinction

Can it be earned?

**Nisargadatta Maharaj** when asked about spiritual practice, (sadhana) said, "One should effort and effort at there sadhana, then and only then will they realize that effort will get them nowhere."

# Not a one can have it, posses it experience it, or earn it

You and it are consciousness so you have nothing to do with anything

You appear out of consciousness Consciousness did not appear from you

## Nirvana Means Extinction

(*Jokingly*) Before you leave don't forget to turn off the light of awareness

## Nirvana Means Extinction

# The Light Goes Out

## Nirvana Means Extinction

Wave Ninety-Eight

Without a Soul

To Know It?

Without entering the world Unperceived

Perceived it is Unperceived with a touch of "I" it is assumed to be and remain An assumption leading Zenist to believe in Two minus one **MU** And Advaitins to believe in one minus two **MU** 

> Without a soul to know it What is? What isn't?

Wave Ninety-Nine

No Quantum Without a Perceiver

Every atom appears to be Unperceived it cannot be Upon the appearance of a point to view it is

No Quantum without a perceiver

Buddha The Diamond Sutra: (Slightly abbreviated): We refer to it molecules but there are no molecules.

> No body without a perceiver No Quantum without a perceiver No neuro-science without a perceiver

Wave One Hundred

Without Considering?

"See" existence without considering it existence

Without a point to view from or a point of view

*Enquiry Koan: Without words what does existence or non-existence mean?* 

*Enquiry Koan: Is a problem a problem if it is not considered a problem?* 

With each perception so many assumptions are made Isness Beingness Now-ness Am-ness Was-ness Will be ness The list goes on indefinitely

**Zen Saying**, (*with slight variation*): "Teach me a word which is not and has never existed.

See existence without considering it existence

Without a point to view from or a point of view

*Enquiry Koan: Without words what does existence or non-existence mean?* 

*Enquiry Koan: Is a problem a problem if it is not considered a problem?* 

There no such thing as zero

There no such thing as zero

There no such thing as zero

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