

# Outer Conditions

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Do not worry about outer conditions! Your task is to develop your awareness of being to the point of absolute self-realization.

Take as an example my own personal life as the well-known guru, Nisargadatta Maharaj, who people have come to visit from all over the world, having heard of miracles and wisdom here with me and from me: all my working life I was a cigarette-maker, helping people to spoil their health. Also, I have still the habit of smoking which injures my health as a *karma* of my profession which I am working off even though I remain in awareness of being beyond this karmic habit.

Also, in front of the door that leads up to my home, the local municipality has put up a public lavatory and the fumes reach up into my home, spoiling my health further – none of these conditions can in any way put a stop to my actual nature of pure being beyond all conditions, which conditions are nothing but fleeting events in consciousness with no real, full or permanent reality.