

Roish my jagh shin er-ash dys Delhi hug shin shilley er y 'Taj' ayns Agra. Foddee dy vel yn 'Taj' nane jeh ny troggalyn as enney share er ayns ooilley'n seihll. Gyn ourys she troggal yindyssagh yn Taj: boayl gyn cosoylaght agh cha nel jus yn troggal ta cur yindys er sleih agh skeeal yn troggal hene.

Before we went back to Delhi we visited the Taj in Agra. Perhaps, the Taj is the best known building in the world. Without doubt it is a wonderful sight: a place without comparison. However, it isn't just the building that people find amazing but the story of the building itself.

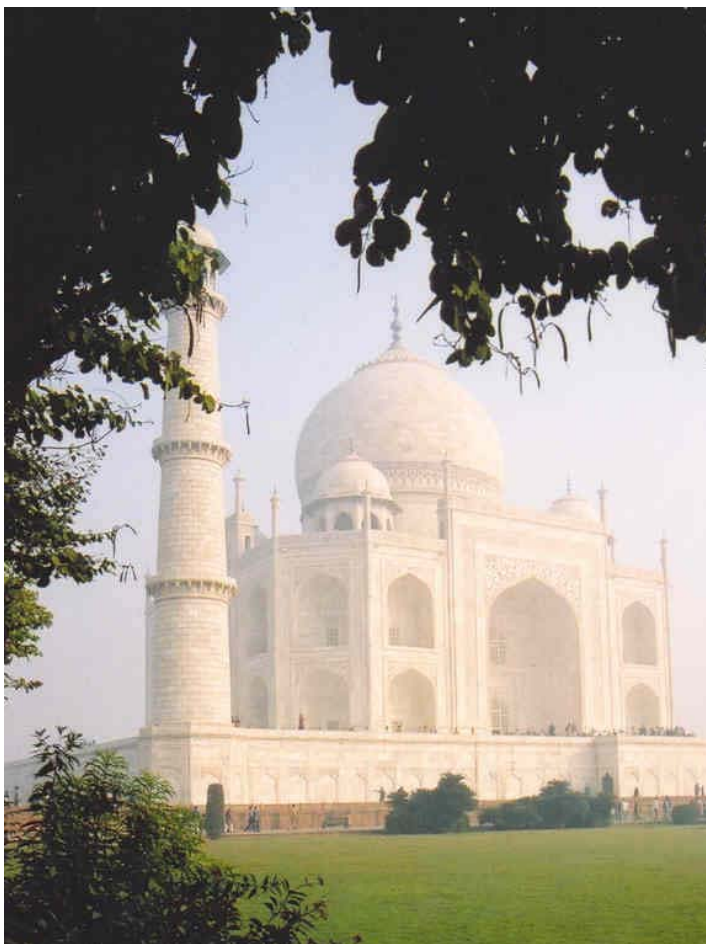


Hooar ben Shah Jehan baase as v'ee ny ben-horragh. Va'n Ree seaghnit er coontey jeh shoh as ren eh goaill toshiaght er troggal toman mooar ass towse ee dy oanluckey. Va'n boayl jeant (fy-yerrey) erreish daue v'er gobbraghey er y çhalee rish daa vlein as feed as v'eh jeant lesh cooney as coyrle veih oallee haink veih ymmoddee çheeraghyn elley.

The wife of Shah Jehan died when she carrying their child. The King was devastated and as a consequence he began building an enormous mausoleum to bury her. The building was (finally!) completed after they had worked on the project for 22 years and only with the help and advice of experts from a wide range of other countries.

Choud's v'eh foast bio ren caggey eddyr e vec brishey magh as va Shah Jehan goit ec e vac Aurangzed as currit ayns pryssoon ec y Pheeley Yiarg ayns Delhi. Rere beeal-arrish cheau yn Ree (va cree brisht echey nish) ny laghyn s'jerree echey jeeaghyn magh ass uinnagyn y phryssoon er y Taj ta soit tessyn yn Awin Yamuna ayns Agra. Va Shah Jehan gearree troggal toman mooar elley er e hon hene ayns Delhi agh traa hooar eh baase ren Aurangzeb oanluckey eh marish e ven ayns y Taj. V'eh oanluckit faagys da'n ven echey as er coontey jeh shoh ta'n lhiaght Shah Jehan yn ynrigan red nagh vel co-chrooagh ayns y Taj hene.

Whilst he was still alive a war broke out between his sons and eventually Shah Jehan was captured by one of them Aurangzed and imprisoned in the Red Fort in Delhi. According to tradition the King (now with a broken



heart) spent his last days looking out of the windows of the prison at the Taj, which is situated over the river Yamuna in Agra. Shah Jehan was intending to build another large mausoleum for himself in Delhi but when he died Aurnangzeb buried him with his wife in the Taj. He was buried close to his wife with the result that his tomb is the only thing at the Taj that isn't symmetrical.

Hannee shin un oie ayns Agra. Hooar shin thie-aaght beg mygeayrt y

chorneil veih'n Taj as ga dy row eh ayns boayl yindyssagh cha ghow shin monney taitnys ayns shen. Va'n çhamyr ain lane dy chorveelyn as va mee maynrey nagh row ny soilshaghyn gobbraghey feer vie 'sy çhamyr-oonlee ain. Ta mee shickyry dy row ram cretooryn neuhaitnyssagh ry-gheddyn ayns cooilyn y çhamyr-oonlee ain as cha row mee boirit nagh dod mee fakín adsyn.

We stayed one night in Agra. We had managed to find a small hostel around the corner from the Taj and although it was in a great location we didn't like it too much there. Our room was full of mosquitoes and I was happy that the lights were not working too well in our bathroom where I am certain that there were many unpleasant creatures lurking about: I wasn't too worried that I couldn't see them.

Ansheerbee, traa haink y madran, as fegooish shilley er y tobbyr oonlee, hie shin jeeragh dys yn Taj. Cha row monney sleih kionfenish ec shey er y chlag sy voghrey as ga nagh row y boayl follym dod shin feddyn shee ennagh as va shin shooyl mygeayrt.

Anyway, first thing the next morning and without a visit to the bathroom we went straight to the Taj. There weren't too many people present at six in the morning and even though the place wasn't empty we could find a little peace as we walked around.

Va'n Taj mooarane share na smooinee mee agh S'quaagh eh dy row yn turrays mygeayrt y voayl cur mish ayns cooinaghtyn er focklyn Nikita Krushchev (Eaghtyrane dy row U.P.S.S.) tra hug eshyn shilley er yn Taj bleeantyn er dy henney. Dooyrt eshyn dy by chair da Shah Jehan jannoo thie-lheihys lesh yn argid na troggal boayl cour e ven. Chred Krushchev dy row Shah Jehan jummal argid y reiltys er shalee phersoonagh nagh beeu veg da'n theay. Er-lhiam dy beagh Aurangzeb er ve ayns cordailys rish Krushchev: hug eshyn Shah Jehan ayns y phrysson son jummal argid !

The Taj was much better than I thought it would be but it is strange that the journey around the place reminded me of the words of Nikita Krushchev (former president of the USSR) when he visited the Taj years ago. He said that Shah Jehan should have spent the money on a hospital rather than build a place for his wife. Kruschev believed that Shah Jehan was wasting the Government's money on a personal project that wasn't of any value to the people. I think that Aurangzed would have agreed with Krushchev: he put his father in jail for wasting government money!