

# A Step Back in Time with a Discoverer

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Sure, you drink coffee every day, so you know a little something about the drink; you know how you like your beverage, the difference between a latte and a cappuccino, and where Starbucks buys its beans.

Do you know its origins? Did you know that a goatherd named Kaldi discovered the magical shrub that gives you your daily cup o' joe? Kaldi was an average Ethiopian goatherd until the fateful day that he discovered coffee. The rest, as they say, is history. For the first time, Kaldi opens up about his discovery and the events that followed.

**Campus Coffee (CC):** Thank you so much for meeting with me. I'm a huge coffee fan, so meeting you is an honor.

**Kaldi (K):** Thank you very much. I'm happy to be here with you.

**CC:** Could you explain in your own words the events of the day you discovered the berries?

**K:** Well, it was so long ago, but I'll try to recall everything. I was herding my goats, just like always. I stopped at the river to get a drink of water and let the goats graze. Soon I noticed that they'd wandered off. I went looking for

them and found them nearby, but they were acting crazy.



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seemed much more energized than usual. I saw a couple of them eating these red berries from a bush that I'd never seen before. I thought to myself, "These berries must have some sort of energizing quality," so I ate some. Nothing happened at first, but soon I had a lot of energy, and I remember that I couldn't sleep that night.

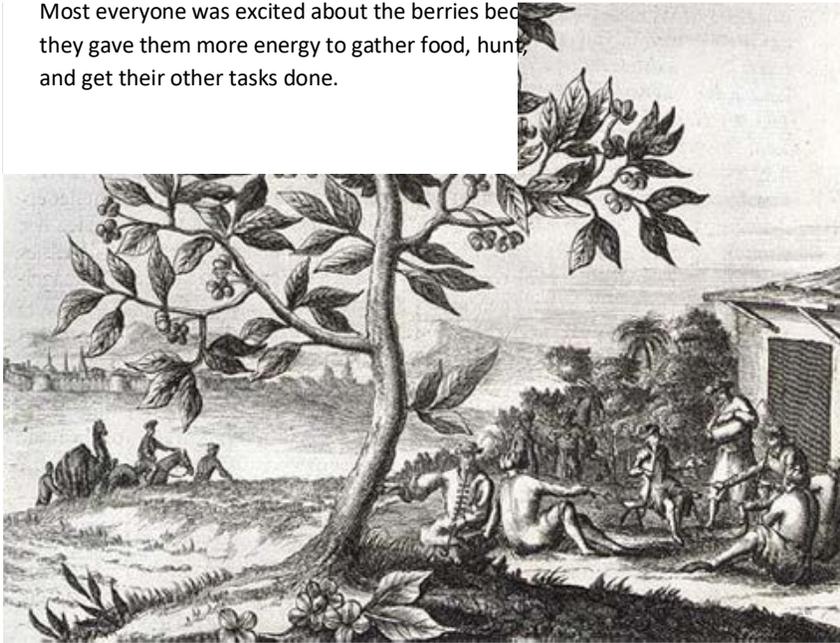
**CC:** Did the berries taste good?

**K:** They're rather bitter, just like the coffee you drink now.

**CC:** What did you do next?

**K:** I gathered a few branches and took them to the village, so everyone could taste them and receive some energy.

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**CC:** What did the villagers say when you told them?

**K:** Most everyone was excited about the berries because the berries gave them more energy to gather food, hunt, and get their other tasks done.

**CC:** Were you there when the Arabs came and were introduced to coffee?

**K:** No, that was past my time, but I'm impressed that my little discovery is now world famous!

**CC:** I'd hardly call it little. Like you said, it's world famous! Ever since Arabs began trading with Africans, coffee has migrated throughout the rest of the world and entered numerous cultures. Coffee is an essential component of my day; without it, I'm lost!

**K:** Sorry, I'm not used to this world.

**CC:** I understand. For as many people who drink coffee every day, not many know how you discovered it. Does that upset you?

**K:** Of course not. I'm just a goatherd, no one special. I neglected my goats for a moment, they wandered off, and next thing you know, they're eating energy berries! Really, my goats discovered coffee.

**CC:** Thank you so much for meeting with me today, Kaldi!