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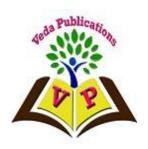
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# Tito and His Ties with India

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#### **Abstract**



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There have never been born in whole human history, among all the kings, sultans, shahs, sheikhs, and presidents, such a grand world leader, statesman and politician as Marshal Tito the life-long president of the (former) Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia, even if we account among them the wealthiest king Solomon of the United Kingdom of Juda and Israel (10<sup>th</sup> century BCE), and Mansa Musa the 10<sup>th</sup> Sultan or Emperor of the West African Islamic Mali Empire (the 14<sup>th</sup> century CE). What makes Marshal Tito superior to all other world leaders present and past, is his unparalleled knowledge and unrivaled capability of practical application of the laws of Dialectics to real life circumstances.

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### Introduction

High-Level Commemorative Meeting to mark the 60th anniversary of the *First Conference of Non-Aligned Countries* is being held today on October 11, 2021 in Belgrade, Serbia. It is time to remember that the idea of constituting an independent organization outside of the strict Western-Eastern blocks polarization originally came to the fore through an initiative of the Indian Prime Minister **Jawaharlal Nehru** and the Yugoslav President Josip Broz **Tito**. It is also quite an appropriate time to recollect the memories of the unsurpassable achievements of Marshal Tito the unique and incomparable political figure and unrivaled world leader in the whole recorded history of humankind.

# Foundation of the Non-aligned Movement and Its World-wide Significance

Accordingly, it is the right time to underline that a forum of developing countries termed the Non-Aligned Movement was established in 1961, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, under the leadership of Marshal Tito, promoting the principles of Afro-Asian economic and cultural cooperation agreed earlier at the Bandung Conference, Indonesia, in 1955, against imperialism, colonialism, neocolonialism, aggression, occupation, domination, hegemony, and block politics.

As Mr. Abdulla<sup>[17]</sup> the President of the 76<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly has remarked in his message to the High-Level Commemorative Meeting to mark the 60th anniversary of the First Conference of Non-Aligned Countries held on October 11, 2021 in Belgrade, "At this 60<sup>th</sup> commemorative event of Non-Aligned Movement, it would be remiss of me not to quote the words of one of NAM founders, President Josip Broz Tito, who once said, "there is no other political force in the post-war period that has striven and fought so consistently and perseveringly as the non-aligned movement for better and more just international relations"."

# **Importance of Dialectics**

Having been a contemporary to the event, the author of this article (attending the live broadcast on Yugoslav Television) remembers well, how Marshal Tito in his inaugural speech to the 9<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia<sup>[16]</sup> on March 11, 1969 in Belgrade expressed his concern about the lack of proper knowledge on the side of working-class people, quite poetically in the form of an ancient quintain (like an ancient Vedic sage):

"What our working man

Knows about Dialectics,

That he may explain to himself

All the phenomena

In human society?"

It seems, however that the people of the former Yugoslavia have completely neglected this and other important messages of Marshal Tito. Just as they have habitually overlooked

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another crucially vital warning of his, in which Tito getting Biblical, in order to make the message more perceptible by the common people, echoed the wisdom of king Solomon, and presented it in a highly enlightened form of haiku poetry (founded on Vedic<sup>[12]</sup> tradition):

"Keep the brotherhood And unity as the apple Of your eye!"

The disunion of the former Yugoslavia is the example par excellence of the retrogradeness and pagan negligence of the laws of Dialectics by the Balkan chieftains and their tribes.

### **Vedic Dialectics in Practice**

Notwithstanding his communist background, and its Marxist-Leninist materialist dialectics, it appears that Tito somehow intuitively and practically using his inherited ancient sound and healthy mind of a Slavic village man living in full harmony with Mother Nature, had overcome all the inadequacies, shortcomings and disadvantages of Marxism and reached the heights of wisdom comparable to the achievements of Vedic Dialectics<sup>[11]</sup> by the incomparable grand Vedic seers, due to the fact that the ancient Slavs<sup>[10]</sup> shared the wisdom of the same sacred tradition with the Vedic Aryans. Thus, indeed, no man on earth since the Vedic Era has ever mastered Vedic Dialectics to such a high degree and applied it so successfully in practice as Marshal Tito did.

Tito's unique unsurpassable skill in balancing between the dialectically sharply opposed Western and Eastern political blocks has become now proverbial, and apparently never to be achieved again by any other political figure in history.

To describe realistically Marshal Tito's prowess it would require immense volumes of books, since his achievements were plainly unprecedented in the history of humankind. As the life-long president of Yugoslavia and the only "Marshal" of the Yugoslav People's Army, and the founder and leader of the Non-Aligned Movement, he used his yacht "Galeb" (viz. "Seagull")<sup>[13]</sup> to cruise all around the world, visiting along the way almost every country to meet their kings, queens, shahs, sheikhs, emperors, and presidents, bringing with him the message of peaceful coexistence and cooperation on the same terms between the minor and major states and nations. As NO other sultan in history, Tito had at disposal a personal Boing 727 for traveling abroad, and the famous Blue Train<sup>[19]</sup> (painted in color blue) for journeying across Yugoslavia. Among celebrities who travelled on the train as Tito's guests were Haile Selassie the late Emperor of Ethiopia, the former French president François Mitterrand, Jawaharlal Nehru the 1<sup>st</sup> Prime Minister of India, Sukarno the 1<sup>st</sup> president of Indonesia, Queen Elizabeth II of United Kingdom.

Even the pilgrimage to Mecca undertaken by the Mansa Musa<sup>[15]</sup> the 10<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Mali Empire in the 14<sup>th</sup> century CE which took the whole two years to complete, seems today as a minor endeavor in comparison with the accomplishments of Marshal Tito. And Tito himself

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like a real Sultan, he had three legal wives (though not simultaneously but rather consecutively like the Islamic prophet Muhammad), and many women besides, even some beautiful young female partisans during the World War II and in post-war period too. In the former Yugoslavia, Marshal Tito had been provided with personal residences in each of the 6 constitutive socialist republics of Yugoslavia. And even more over, for Tito was in possession of the Brioni Islands in the north Adriatic Sea, as his personal residence during the summer season. Naturally, after the World War II, the Yugoslav communist government seized the property of the royal family, including the White Palace in Belgrade, which was afterwards periodically used by Marshal Tito himself. And indeed, no other sultan, king, or emperor, let alone president, has ever acquired such amount of dignity, fame, and wealth as Marshal Tito enjoyed during his lifetime in his own country and throughout the world equally.

While Tito praised the equalizing hand of socialism, he himself enjoyed a taste for the finer things, from extravagant parties to Cuban cigars and a yacht. The opulent lifestyle he shared with his wife Jovanka, the last of three official marriages, impressed Hollywood star Richard Burton, who visited the pair in 1971. "They live in remarkable luxury unmatched by anything else I've seen and (I) can well believe **Princess Margaret** who says **the whole business makes Buck House** (Buckingham Palace) **look pretty middle-class**," Burton<sup>[6]</sup> wrote in his diaries.

# **Cuban Cigars and Queen's Whiskey**

As a proponent of materialist dialectic (since no one can live on air alone), Marshal Tito was a real hedonist and connoisseur of the finest things man can enjoy in his life on earth. Tito and his communist comrade Fidel Castro were famous for their love of thick Cuban cigars which some Western analysts completely ignorant of dialectics use to interpret falsely as the symbol of material frivolity and fat cat capitalism. Even some media analysts playing the role of psycho-analysts explain the cigar preoccupation of the two great leaders of the Non-Aligned Movement in the Freudian manner as phallic and representative of the raw masculine power.<sup>[14]</sup>

It is now proverbial Tito's smoking a Cuban cigar in front of Richard Nixon at the White House in 1971 where smoking was not allowed, nor were Cuban cigars allowed in the U.S. After being informed "Mr. President, nobody smokes here" by White House staff, Tito responded with "Blessed are you!" and continued to smoke.<sup>[21]</sup>

And with cigars and a lot of smoking, there comes naturally and rather dialectically the want for drinking as the opposite dialectical principle in order to reconcile the drying by smoke of the Cuban cigars. And there is no better dialectical remedy than the old scotch whiskey. The famous scotch Whiskey is undoubtedly one of these "things", because of its attested "healing" power. As an Irish<sup>[21]</sup> proverb says: "What whiskey will not cure, there is NO cure for".

The word "Whiskey" spelled with the "ey," is typically used in Ireland and the United States, while almost all other countries use "whisky." In common practice, the two spellings are used interchangeably.

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There is an anecdote from Tito's official visit to United Kingdom hosted by Queen Elisabeth II in 1971 that most realistically illustrates his profound taste for the things of highest excellence. The anecdote has been setting in circulation since then due to Tito's personal cook<sup>[18]</sup> who as an insider used to escort him in all his traveling abroad. The story goes how Tito at the dinner with Queen Elisabeth II had been offered a cup of whiskey "Johnny Walker" label, but Tito indignantly refused the offer suggesting if they had "Macallan" brand instead.

Because of Tito's incredible charisma, during a visit to Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, she reportedly stated – 'If you are a locksmith, then I am not a queen'. [23]

**NB.** The Macallan Fine & Rare Whiskey from the Year 1926 is the most expensive whiskey<sup>[22]</sup> brand in the world. As for "Johnny Walker", every better shop in Tito's Yugoslavia had in their assortment all popular scotch whisky brands like "Johnny Walker", "Ballantine's", "Teacher's", "100 Pipers", along with the "Four Roses" Bourbon Whiskey from US.

Thus, the Queen's butlers and Queen herself must have been struck with surprise that made them almost to freeze with embarrassment when Tito refused "Johnny Walker" while asking for "Macallan" instead. They certainly wondered about how an Eastern communist leader from the undeveloped Balkan region had developed such a sublime distinction in recognizing the finest nuances of quality among the many excellent whiskey brands in the market of the time. According to another popular anecdote, the Queen of England and her guests at a Windsor Castle party were impressed when Tito sat at the piano and played Chopin. [20]

#### Marshal Tito in Africa

Tito was welcomed in every part of the world and among all the nations as a divine figure, the presence of which made their hopes for more fortunate future closer to reality. There is one example from the African state Ivory Coast to illustrate how much Marshal Tito had been loved by people around the world.

Undoubtedly you have heard about Didier Drogba<sup>[3]</sup>, full name Didier Yves Drogba Tébily a retired professional footballer from Ivory Coast who played as a striker. Though he is the all-time top scorer and former captain of the Ivory Coast national team, he is better known for his career at Chelsea Football Club, London, for whom he has scored more goals than any other foreign player and is currently the club's fourth highest goal scorer of all time. Drogba was named in the Chelsea team of the 2010–2020 decade by Chelsea's fans. He was named African Footballer of the Year twice, winning the accolade in 2006 and 2009. In July 2004, Drogba moved to Premier League club Chelsea for a club record £24 million fee, making him the most expensive Ivorian player in history. In his debut season he helped the club win their first league title in 50 years, and a year later he won another Premier League

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title. His displays saw him named in the FIFA World XI for 2007. Active in social issues in Africa, Drogba played a vital role in the peace process in his home country.

In 2007 he was appointed a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program, and in December 2018 he became Vice President of the international organization Peace and Sport.

In an interview Didier Drogba's mother<sup>[4]</sup> revealed how she nicknamed him "Marshal Tito" after president Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia, whom she admired greatly. It seems to be quite an appropriate title for Didier considering his active role as a Goodwill Ambassador and interceder in making peace.

# **Tito the Sun of the Common People**

Actually, Josip Broz himself acquired the nickname "Tito" as his conspirative name, viz. he was urged to assume several names, including "Rudi", "Walter", and "Tito", since 1920 when the Communist Party was outlawed in Yugoslavia. Thus Broz<sup>[2]</sup> himself explains:

"It was a rule in the Party in those times not to use one's real name, in order to reduce the chances of exposure. For instance, if someone working with me was arrested, and flogged into revealing my real name, the police would easily trace me. But the police never knew the real person hiding behind an assumed name, such as I had in the Party. Naturally, even the assumed names often had to be changed. ... Now I had to take a new name. I adopted first the name of Rudi, but another comrade had the same name and so I was obliged to change it, adopting the name Tito. I hardly ever used Tito at first; I assumed it exclusively in 1938, when I began to sign articles with it. Why did I take this name 'Tito' and has it special significance? I took it as I would have any other, because it occurred to me at the moment. Apart from that, this name is quite frequent in my native district."

However, neither Josip Broz himself nor his comrades were aware of the sheer divine symbolism comprised within the nickname *Tito*, a derivative of which is Greek *titan*, "member of a mythological race of giants (originally six sons and six daughters of Gaia and Uranus) representing 12 Solar months of the Year", thus actually both designate "the Sun". The term came actually into ancient Greek as a loanword from a Vedic Prākrit (vernacular) spoken in Asia Minor by some members of the Aryan race settled there in 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium BCE, from the original Vedic Sanskrit<sup>[9]</sup> Ādityo (nominative singular) "Sun" and Ādityān (genitive plural) "Suns, viz. Solar months of the Year". Since the ancient Greek dialects were mostly Paiśācī-tongues<sup>[8]</sup>, the main characteristic of which was obligatory devoicing of the Voiced plosive phonemes (e.g. change of the original voiced "d" > into voiceless "t"), the Greeks adopted both words incorrectly in the forms *tito* and *titan* instead. Additionally, the Greeks used to decompose the original Sanskrit forms via apheresis (viz. sweeping off) of the initial long vowel "ā", due to its being erroneously interpreted as a preposition akin to a similar Greek one, viz. it was not recognized properly by the Greeks as integral part of the word, whence came the defective forms without the authentic initial vowel.

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Nevertheless, irrespectively of its original spelling, the term has preserved its original meaning viz. *tito* "Sun" anyway, and that is really what counts here, thus presenting Josip Broz as the "Sun" of the common people, analogously as Jeezus called Christ came to be equated with *Sol Iustitie* "the Sun of justice" (apparently on the model of *Mithras Deus Sol Invictus* "God Mithra the Unconquered Sun") in the early Christian period. [1][5]

# **Conclusion**

Unlike Jeezus, who came, in his own words "NOT to send PEACE, but a sword" (Matthew 10:34)<sup>[7]</sup> to the world, and caused innumerable sufferings, atrocities, crimes, tortures by infamous inquisition, burning of innocent people at the stake, and even religious wars between Christians themselves with millions of people dead, Marshal Tito was the real "Sun" for the majority of common people, exploited, oppressed, and deprived of basic human rights all over the world. No other man will ever be able to achieve such unimaginable spiritual and material heights as Joseph Broz Tito the only Marshal and life-long president of the non-aligned Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia.

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