

# OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND „FALCONING“ OR THE PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPT OF STRIVING TOWARD PERFECTION

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## SUMMARY

The theme *Outdoor activities* as an integral segment of all entities of the complex system of Physical Culture is inextricably linked with *Sokolism*, which in itself is a phenomenon based on Tirsh's idea. *Outdoor activities* are based on the concept of the human need to move for the sake of survival and life in nature, and later found their place in the system, through integration into Physical Culture. With this, they are chronologically much ahead of Physical Culture as a part of general culture and *Sokolism* as a movement. Therefore, on the basis of learning from nature, they take over most of the characteristics of the Falcon (*Falco*), as a species that has incredible performance applicable in several program contents. In addition to this fact, the concept of *Sokolism* is in direct contact and interaction with nature through exercise and application in the open air, i.e. in this way it also enters into the composition of *Outdoor activities*.

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## YESTERDAY

„Birds of prey are certainly among the most important and attractive representatives of the living world, which, with their appearance, strength, speed

and other characteristics, evoke sublime feelings and inspiration"<sup>1</sup>. The presented quotation corresponds to a narrowly set topic, above all it builds on *Tesla's* philosophy „If you don't know how, observe the nature, it will give you answers and inspiration“.

It is a well-known historical fact that *Tirsch's* concept of Falconry implied the personification of the Falcon as a unique model or „super being“ (picture 1), which indicates a strong symbolism of power, heroism, justice, freedom, incredible speed and agility, and a series of other epithets that they can tie each other into a single unit. This whole is not only seen through the properties of psycho-physical readiness, but also through the mandatory presence of the third indispensable segment, which is also the spiritual component. This model was accepted and as such it came to life through the movement of more modern *Spartans*, ready for those lofty social goals – the *Earth Falcons*. In order for their action to be complete and with the purpose of existence, it should primarily be connected with nature, which was the practice then.



**Picture 1.** A tamed raptor as inspiration<sup>2</sup>

Nature or objectively the world that is constantly changing and developing<sup>3</sup>, as a physical component or everything that surrounds us, belongs to all of us, and is not actually anyone's personal property. Nature is a creation to which we are assigned in order to (re)live. The importance of nature should perhaps not be emphasized precisely because of this logical hierarchy. But *Tesla's* statement can also be used for „Nature“ as a term, where according to him „man represents the

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<sup>1</sup> Slobodan, Puzović, Atlas ptica grabljivica Srbije. Mape rasprostranjenosti i procene populacija 1977 – 1996. (Beograd: Zavod za zaštitu prirode Srbije, 2000), 12.

<sup>2</sup> Author of the Photo Radan Bulatović.

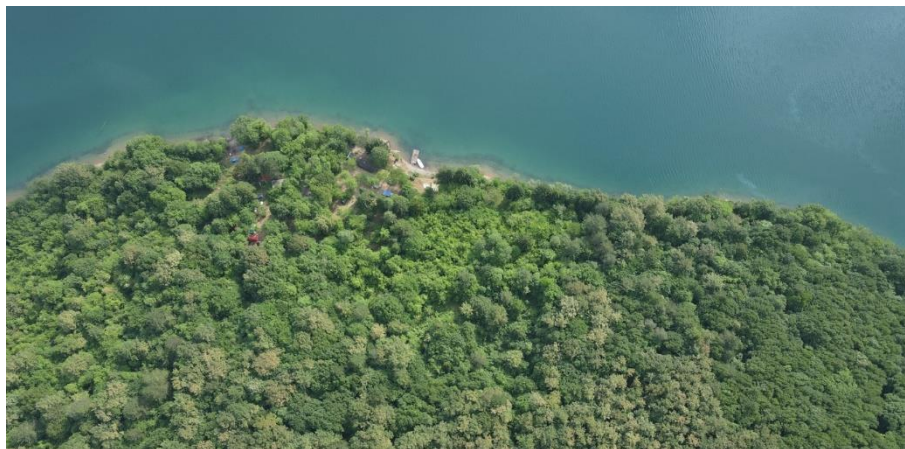
<sup>3</sup> Јовановић Радош, Велики породични лексикон. Сова. (Београд: Младинска књига, 2011), 816.

physical manifestation of a spiritual being“, and understanding his existence as such, then it is logical that Nature represents the physical manifestation of the Spiritual World.

Thanks to this knowledge, we should be more considerate towards Nature and its phenomena in general and the life that is given to us. Perhaps this will give us guidelines as to how much we should respect the spiritual world and work on the spiritual improvement of both individuals and the wider population.

It should be emphasized that here we mean Nature without the presence of the benefits of civilization, that pure nature, not „hooked“ by the urban touch...

The solutions to many of today's problems are hidden precisely in the (experienced) nature. Observation of nature through the perspective of a falcon's flight during a cruise is also available in real time through the flight of unmanned aerial vehicles – the popular DRONs (picture 2). This perspective can be called the perspective „beyond limitations“ or the „perspective of freedom“. With the appearance of drones and recorded shots in flight, the observer is generally pleasantly surprised by the reproduced material. This is precisely the admiration of the unique view owned by Falcons. This space is one of the higher ones in *Outdoor activities*, otherwise covered by the classification of moving content according to the place of performance – space of air (*Aria*)<sup>4</sup>. In this space of endless expanse, all aviation activities take place<sup>5</sup>.



**Picture 2.** View from the perspective of Falcon's Flight<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Милетић, Владимир, *Активности у ваздуху*. Ауторско предавање. (Београд: Факултет спорта и физичког васпитања, Универзитет у Београду, 2020), 3.

<sup>5</sup> Tomlinson, Joe, *Extreme Sports: In Search of the Ultimate Thrill*. (London: Carlton Books, 1996), 8.

<sup>6</sup> Author of the Photo Milenko Gordić.

A closer definition of the theme of *Outdoor activities* is that they are more directed towards the world of existence and human survival and needs and as such have become an integral part of the complex system of Physical Culture. These activities are carried out without limiting factors, previously determined rules of the game, according to legal regulations, by limiting the personnel according to different criteria and „bounded“ terrains<sup>7</sup>. The „nature“ of these activities is Nature itself, life, work and movement in order to overcome the geospace with a specific purpose and organization of being outdoors. All of the above is proof that *Outdoor Activities* are oriented towards the true freedom of the population that engages in them, feels them and lives them with their whole soul. This state of affairs could best be described through Evola's observation of heights.

„On these peaks, just as heat is transformed into light, life becomes free from itself, not in the sense of the death of individuality or some kind of mystical shipwreck but in the sense of a transcendent affirmation of life in which anguish, endless longing, aspirations, worries, the search for religious with faith, human support and human goals, they yield to the dominant state of calmness. In life itself, and not outside of it, there is something greater than life“<sup>8</sup>. The presented size "larger than life" can be observed at the level of energy, set on the basis of the outdoor concept, through all movement activities performed in the immediate natural environment<sup>9</sup>.

When highlighting epithets, one should not ignore all the skills and knowledge closely related exclusively to the subject of *Outdoor activities*. A Falcon with visual acuity 2.6 times better than a human's is an expert in aerodynamics, a connoisseur of the physics of thermal flows, a flyer with perfect maneuverability, a hunter, with incredible motor skills, and is considered the fastest living creature on the planet in the discipline of diving (diving) up to an extreme 390 km/h. In short, an extreme athlete who does not compete<sup>10</sup>, but lives his realized life as a genetically predisposed winner, somewhere far away in the freedom of natural expanses, and maintains „high performance“ on the field exclusively through the implementation of continuous *situational training*, as Tomić and Šoške would emphasize today.

Without his natural environment, the Falcon would be a bird in a cage with unrealized performance and a short life lost and framed in a limited space, viewed

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<sup>7</sup> Miletić, Vladimir, *Aktivnosti u prirodi*. (Beograd, Sportski savez Srbije, 2009), 28.

<sup>8</sup> Evola, Julius, *Razmišljanja o vrhovima. Planinarenje kao metafora duhovne potrage*. (Beograd: Centar za izučavanje tradicije – Ukronija, 2004), 10.

<sup>9</sup> Miletić, Vladimir, *IZLAZ, Iza otvorenih vrata*. (Beograd, SIA, 2011), 49.

<sup>10</sup> Miletić, Vladimir, Rajković, Željko, Vidaković, Hadži Miloš, „Aktivnosti u prirodi – prostor oslobođen „okova“ takmičarskih rezultata“, *Fizičko vaspitanje i sport kroz vekove*, 3(1), (2016): 53.

from the aspect of psychology, he would only be a „shell“ that abandoned temple without a soul.

## TODAY

For a long time, we do not see members of „forgotten“ organizations on the streets, whose appearance previously represented prestige. Uniformed Boy Scouts, Falcons...

Let's suppose that today's *Falcon movement* had the boundless possibility of expansion, massification, maintenance and contact with the interest group in its original form, the course of history might have moved in a different direction.

In particular, current events can be highlighted, where under one movement, philosophy, symbol, flag and pen, one should not even think of mutual conflicts in which the Slavic peoples are increasingly taking part. But although this happened in the nineties of the last century and long before that in the territories of the southern Slavs, now it is happening in the eastern territories, it is obvious that the attacks on our peoples have some deeper roots, and these events indicate that the „directors“ of these unpleasant events, obviously fearing the unity of all Slavs, which they prove by applying the proven methodology of „divide and conquer“.

Today, Falconry exists only as a part of tradition, but unfortunately, it is freed from visual identity and recognizable symbols (picture 3).



**Picture 3.** Claws, one of *Falcon* weapons<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Author of the Photo Radan Bulatović.

## TOMORROW

Essentially, futurists and all those who have the gift of seeing further into the future, instead of differences that are natural and reflected in the wealth of diversity, will find the smallest common content, which is Slavism and its „shield“, manifested through the *Falcon movement*, on the basis of which he will overcome the mentioned differences and rise HIGH above them. This would be set conceptually as a metaphor for a maturing, understanding and elimination of the problems that have arisen.

The previous statement was shown to us through the skill called falcon flight, which enables observation from an unusual, spiritual perspective. This gift is present despite the knowledge that the Falcon bird (*Falco*) is a predator by its life orientation.

In addition to flight as a prominent feature, which, as described earlier, is a trademark of freedom – motivation, one should not neglect the primary task, that is, nesting. For this need, a „nest“ (picture 4) is necessary, a place from where the development of „future falcons“ will begin, in whose wings, beaks and claws will be cultivated special performances, gifted abilities for the realization of a multi-decade or multi-century plan.

To begin with, it is enough to create an adequate program as a clear guideline for achieving the intended goal hidden behind the rehabilitated movement. This program is under the authority of our profession.



**Picture 4.** The place where it all begins<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Taken from the Internet.

By awakening the consciousness of the population whose protective symbol is the Falcon, hope is born that something will change in the near future, because this proposal would represent a strategy for the development of an awakened movement that today has an enviable tradition.

According to this claim, we should only continue with this idea, which is closely related to our profession, and as such, it will have a future that does not have to happen „immediately“, but at the moment when it is really necessary. Because if today's world order was created by those who had behind them the symbolism of bones, skulls, pyramids and many other occult symbols freed from the divine, then on the other hand there can be something that would serve as a kind of counter weight, based on the idea of a visionary like *Miroslav Tirsch*. It is time to use a healthy foundation and reject all those entities that would negatively affect the common good and that would conflict with spiritual support.

Planned and systematic education of future generations, as opposed to the methodology of indoctrination, represents the core of salvation and reaching a victorious future.

Let it be a secret to begin with!

That's how God helped us!

## INSTEAD OF CONCLUSION

Nature's „engineering“ is manifested through the most perfect solutions adapted to environmental conditions and survival needs. It is enough to learn from nature and take over perfect creations as many great men like Tesla or for example Schauburger did and integrate such solutions deeply into science and profession. According to *Schauburger*, „We just have to do what nature is already doing, all around us and forever“<sup>13</sup>. It is necessary to look at such solutions synthetically and try not to „bare“ the perfection from which they came: like an apple that is needlessly peeled to be eaten. Sometimes it is enough to say that a picture speaks more than a thousand words, and sometimes a poem has an incredible vivid power that could put a point or stamp on this text. Everything that is perfect from God is a creation.

*„I draw all my strength from the vastness of the sky beyond,  
This wisdom and courage in the heart is hidden from the eyes of others.  
Like a sword I defy my claws, speed is a restrained force to me,*

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<sup>13</sup> Cobbald, Jane, *Viktor Schauburger. Život u učenju od Prirode*. (Zagreb: AGM d.o.o., 2009), 127

*This flyer is God's creation, his power is spread wings.”<sup>14</sup>*

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## АКТИВНОСТИ НА ОТВОРЕНОМ И „СОКОЛСТВО“ ИЛИ ФИЛОЗОФСКИ КОНЦЕПТ ТЕЖЊЕ КА САВРШЕНСТВУ

### САЖЕТАК

Тематика *Активности у природи* као саставног сегмента свих ентитета сложеног система Физичке културе, нераскидиво је повезана са *Соколством*, које је само по себи феномен утемељен на Тиршовој идеји. *Активности на отвореном* базиране су на концепту човекове потребе за кретањем ради опстанка и живота у природи, а касније су нашле своје место у систему, интеграцијом у Физичку културу. Овим су и хронолошки много испред Физичке културе као дела опште културе и *Соколства* као покрета. Самим

<sup>14</sup> Милетић, Владимир, *Пројекат Соко. Билтен*. (Београд: Самостално издање аутора, 2013), 2.

тим на основу учења из природе преузимају већи део особина Сокола (*Falco*), као врсте која поседује невероватне перформансе примене у више програмских садржаја. Поред ове чињенице концепт *Соколизма* је у непосредном додиру и интеракцији са природом кроз вежбање и апликацију на отвореном, односно и овим путем улази у састав *Активности у природи*.

**Кључне речи:** преживљавање, учење из природе, природа, модел, соко

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## АКТИВНЫЙ ОТДЫХ И "СОКОЛИНАЯ ОХОТА" ИЛИ ФИЛОСОФСКАЯ КОНЦЕПЦИЯ СТРЕМЛЕНИЯ К СОВЕРШЕНСТВУ

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### АННОТАЦИЯ

Тема занятий спортом на открытом воздухе (Outdoor activities), как неотъемлемый сегмент всех субъектов комплексной системы физической культуры, неразрывно связана с соколизмом, который сам по себе является явлением, основанным на идее Тирша. Занятия на свежем воздухе основаны на концепции потребности человека в движении в целях выживания и продолжения жизни в условиях природы, а затем нашли свое место в системе посредством интеграции в Физическую культуру. При этом хронологически они значительно опережают развитие физической культуры, как части общей культуры, и соколизм, как движение. Поэтому, на основе обучения на примере объектов природы, они перенимают большинство характеристик сокола (*Falco*), как вида, обладающего невероятной работоспособностью, применимой в нескольких содержаниях программы. Помимо этого, концепция соколизма заключается в непосредственном контакте и взаимодействии с природой через упражнения на открытом воздухе.

**Ключевые слова:** выживание, обучение на примере объектов природы, природа, модель, сокол

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