From mouth fresheners to erotic perfumes: The evolving socio-cultural significance of nutmeg, mace and cloves in South Asia

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**Abstract**

This enquiry presents facets of the historical geography and cultural history of nutmeg, mace and cloves, as a chapter in the broader and hitherto neglected discourse of the role of aromatics in the pursuit of a sophisticated and sensuous lifestyle in South Asia. I will be exploring here how and when a select group of fragrant plant products arrived on the Indian subcontinent from the far reaches of the Indo-Malay archipelago, eventually to be sought after in the royal courts and celebrated by Sanskrit poets.
Socio-cultural evolution is an umbrella term for theories of cultural evolution and social evolution, describing how cultures and societies have changed over time. Social Change - It refers to any significant alteration over time in behavior patterns and cultural values and norms. Cultural Change - The belief that culture is symbolically coded and can that be taught from one person to another means that cultures although bounded, can change. Change has a crucial significance. which does not have conflict of some kind or another. But he holds to the position that the economic situation is the foundation of the social order and this is the gist of Marxian theory. There is no society.