

# ***“Apple of Gold!”***

part 1

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Apple of Gold

Welcome to ‘Call to RESET’ ep. 10. Today is April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

I am continuing to be Dahni and my hat is not on in the house because, it’s the right thing to do. At the close of episode 9, I did my best to convey in speech and by the expression on my face, my excitement when I said—

***“I can hardly wait until next time to discover in episode 10, what is an—  
Apple of Gold!”***

-dahni-

And here we are, part 1 of two parts of, *“Apple of Gold”!*

In episode 8 we were introduced to the idea of needing to build or edify ourselves. WE are building something that has never been done before! It starts with a single brick, then another and so on. Each brick is just as important as any other. WE are all equal. One by one, WE are building on a strong foundation. Each brick is mortared together. Row by row we build.

The first row must be able to support the weight of not only the bricks upon it, but also all the bricks. WE need to be strong. WE need about 50,000,000 (that are 50 million bricks). WE must exercise our rights and our responsibility. WE must be able to respond actually and morally because WE are able! Episode 9 explained what a ‘Call to RESET’ is. It is for us WE the People, WE the bricks, to RESET our Republic.

WE are not literally bricks. WE are likened to or compared with bricks and together as a pile of bricks to build something, figuratively speaking. “Figuratively speaking,” means figures of speech.

A figure of speech is a legitimate grammatical usage of words that are truer to truth than a literal statement of fact. Figures of speech emphasize and magnify words. They give life to otherwise, just plain words.

The ancient Greeks catalogued some 225 different figures of speech. The Bible uses 212 of these with as many as 40 varieties under one figure. Those working on their doctorate degrees in English may know, they might know, 40 figures of speech. The rest of us may only be familiar with two (metaphor or simile), or a few. Figures of speech are mathematically accurate and scientifically precise. There is no guessing or opinions involved. Figures of speech follow rules.

Like law, laws are NOT made for the law-abiding, but for the law-breakers or the law-less. Follow the law and there is Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Break the law and there is supposed to be consequences. There will be, one way or another or whether a court measures out justice or not.

If you have ever studied the Bible, have you ever asked what is most important or what is most important to God? People have tried to answer this by producing ‘red-letter’ editions of the Bible. These are editions, which are actually printed with red ink, which are words supposedly said, by Jesus Christ. Well, those are opinions.

There are many writers of the Bible, but according to the Bible, only one author and the author is God. The following is what the Bible and its author, God, says about His Word—

***“...for thou [God] hast [have] magnified  
thy [your] word above all thy [your] name.”***

Psalm 138.2b King James Version (KJV)

How did God magnify His Word above all His “name”, His works, past, present and future? He emphasized and magnified and marked His Word, with those 212 figures of speech! If you do not believe in God or believe God, understanding figures of speech solves the problem of what is literal or figurative, and what is truth or apparent contradictions. That God is spirit is literal. That spirit does not have a form or comeliness is, also literal.

When such things as “*the arm of the Lord*” etc. are seen in the Bible, they are figurative and not literal. That God said, “*thou shalt [shall] not kill,*” is literal and that God does not kill or lie is, also literal.

But when in contrast to what He literally says or does and the Bible attributes human characteristics to God, those are figures of speech that God marked in His word, for what He wanted emphasized and magnified as important!

OK, so you maybe you don't believe in God or believe God? But there are still 225 figures of speech and there are still, 212 of them used in the Bible. Can we believe that just reading the Bible to understand figures of speech just might be of great benefit to us personally? WE should, because they are! Would you rather just see a list or would you rather read or hear about how these figures of speech were used? Would you or I rather know how "*Apples of Gold*" are used to understand its meaning?

You could consider part one as an introduction to Apple of Gold as if we were now engaged in mining for gold. Yep, we are miners, mining for gold. A gold apple or an apple of gold or apples of gold don't really exist or, do they? We must dig out the ore then melt it and mold it to the shape of a gold apple or an apple of gold. Or do we?

We might want to take out our dusty covered Bibles and read along or get access to or go buy a Bible? The Bible will come up again in future episodes.

I am not trying to preach to anyone. This is not a sermon. But I do not apologize to anyone for citing or referencing the Bible. Not only did our founders and many people throughout the history of our Republic reference the Bible, so did two other people of different viewpoints, WE all likely have heard of.

As WE will see in a future episode, whether two men believed in God or believed God or not, they each were a student of the Bible. They studied it. And we will see this in particular, in the year, 1860, before our present government de facto, became our current government, which has suspended or made inactive, government de jure.

I do not apologize for using scripture from the start of, through and to whatever end, 'Call to RESET' concludes and resolves. In order, there are three things that I have studied in great length, throughout my life. By the vary nature of them all, they each begin with questions and I had many. One could also say that I was thirsty and hungry to learn. I was nearly dehydrated and had a large appetite. The three things I have had the greatest number of questions about and have had a huge thirst, appetite and hunger to know are these:

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Here is a quote you may or may not be familiar with, but it illustrates my personal belief that innately or from our mother's womb, we all are designed to seek to find and to knock and to ask and to be filled!

***“Question with boldness even the existence of a God; because, if there be one, he must more approve of the homage of reason, than that of blind-folded fear.*”**

Thomas Jefferson

One does not become reasonable or a person of reason without questions and then studying to find the answers and then applying them to see if trust can be validated.

Not that I can no more learn and grow, but for me, most of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I can give anyone an answer for what I believe why I believe and the sources from which I believe. That is not to boast. These are just the facts.

I have not and do not make participation in these podcasts or the RESET of our Republic conditional, based on anyone being a Christian or not. And I have NOT and do NOT tell anyone that our right and responsibility to RESET our Republic is based on doing the ‘Christian Thing.’ All I have ever said or written and continue to write and say is what others have said. Doing the right thing is doing the moral thing and our government is not for any others that are not and will not, DO the right thing!

WE here are engaged in building ourselves and each other up, to edify and strengthen ourselves so that we can each and all together, RESET our Republic! If you or I are not moral people or desire to be, then we are in the wrong place! If we don’t know HOW to RESET our Republic or have no interest in learning HOW, then we are certainly in the wrong place!

But for me, I was and I thirst and am hungry to RESET our Republic. The answers I have found have filled me according to my appetite and my thirst quenched. So it should be for you too!

***“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst  
after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”***

Matthew 5:6

From the Greek, there are many words translated in English as some form of the word “filled”. In Matthew 5:6, the word “filled” is a Greek word which only appears here and thus, only once in the entire Bible. It is the Greek word, according to Strongs Concordance of the Bible, *chortasthēsontai* [cor-tass-thee-sohn-tye] χορτασθήσονται.

My pronunciation may be incorrect, but my knowledge of its meaning is NOT. Its meaning is, “filled according to one’s own appetite.” I was so thirsty and hungry because, I was so empty.

Maybe my knowledge and skills—

***having studied the Bible for so many years and having  
had my questions answered to “my satisfaction”***

***having had on-the-job-training  
as an investigative journalist***

***having the questions about did I change or did our Republic change  
and if it did, WHEN and then I searched for and found the answers...***

...then maybe these each and all together made me fit for the task to, RESET our Republic? Questions, which lead to answers, only come by study!

Having the knowledge is not enough. WE can know how to RESET the mortar of our bricks and have all the right tools and materials, but WE still need to do it. WE still need to RESET our Republic.

Perhaps my speaking and writing abilities are NOT up to the task, but I am confident of the sources I have found and they are all publicly available to anyone to research for themselves. And those sources all show and prove, WE do have the right and the responsibility, to RESET our Republic!

So, WE have mined our gold ore. It has been heated, melted and its impurities removed. It is pure gold and ready to be molded into a gold apple an—

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We each are an Apple of Gold and together, WE are *Apples of Gold!*

Now what? Open a Bible (a King James Version), and take a look at Proverbs. Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs, but God is the author. Proverbs means “*wise sayings*” and each is a short, pithy verse which illustrate spiritual truths or principals, if you would rather use this word.

Note: The King James Version of the Bible is used in ‘Call to RESET for two reasons:

- 1 So we each are on the same page so to speak
- 2 King James was involved in our history back when there was a colony in Virginia. The first settlement of the 13 colonies was Jamestown in 1607. It was named after King James, the very same King James that authorized the King James Bible, in 1611.

Let’s look up Proverbs chapter 25 and verse 11.

### ***“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.”***

Proverbs 25:11 (KJV)

What sticks out in this verse? There is a comparison. Words, “*A word fitly spoken*” is being compared to, “*apples of gold in pictures of silver.*”

Notice the word “*like*”. By this word “*like*” we know from previous episodes, it is the figure of speech, *simile* (similar to). Whatever this “*word fitly spoken*” is, it uses the word “*like*”, which makes it a figure of speech called a *simile*. It does not say it *is*, which would make it a *metaphor*, but it is *like* and that makes it a *simile*. The words are emphasized and magnified. Whatever “*apples of Gold*” are, it is like a “*word fitly spoken*” and vice versa.

The phrase, “*apples of gold in pictures of silver*” is another figure of speech. It is from the Greek word, *idiōma* and is translated in English as idiom. These words, this idiom is not predictable nor does it follow the order of the rules of grammar, but are understood in the language, dialect, or style of speaking, peculiar to a people. To understand the figure of the *simile* in comparing “*a word fitly spoken,*” we must discover what these “*apples of gold in pictures of silver*” are. Makes sense to me.

There was a man, E.W. Bullinger - Ethelbert William Bullinger (December 15, 1837 – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1913). He was a very smart man, an accomplished musician and it is said he carried out three games of chess with three other people, at the same time. He was a biblical scholar and wrote many books. One in particular is, 'Figures of Speech Used in the Bible.' It is still currently available and I highly recommend it to anyone! Why?

Remember the ancient Greeks catalogued 225 figures of speech and 212 of them are used in the Bible, with sometimes 40 varieties under one figure. Bullinger cites examples of all 212, but he never had the time to work this subject completely. To illustrate the importance of figures of speech, let's go back in time to the Greek and later, Roman orators.

People would marvel at these speeches which all seemed to be long, articulate and brilliant as if composed right there on the spot. But they had a secret.

The words still used today in letters and all forms of communication often begin with "in the first place" or "the first point I want to make", and etc. It seems as if a list of things, a bulleted list will be spoken or read or written. There was one ancient Greek word for "the first place" and it is "*loki*." It is the entrance to the speaker's or the writer's actual or literal home.

Their speeches were mostly all prepared in advance. Starting at "the first place" (the entrance to their homes), they would hang parts of their speech as inanimate objects on or in familiar things or places in their actual home. In their minds, they would just walk through their homes and find these albeit curious or strange attachments of their speeches. While it may seem like they were mentally gifted and looking right at their audience, they were actually walking through their own comfortable and familiar homes in their minds. Then they just grabbed all the unfamiliar things (parts of their speech), they had placed there in their memories, until they could be recalled at any moment.

Oh, if I only knew this when studying for an exam or it could have removed my nervousness when facing an audience expecting me to speak. One time, I did memorize my speech, but could not recall a single word when I looked at my audience. I should have just been walking around in my head-house and spoken of what I had put there, my speech. These memory aides or tricks if you will, are figures of speech! It's like mortar or bricks or "*apples of gold*" to build things that will endure and not be easily forgotten, but instantly recalled. It's life to words.

So this brings us to the idiom itself. Although Christianity may be considered western practice, writers who lived in the East and clearly understood this idiom, wrote in the East. For many years the words Occident and Orient were known and perfectly acceptable. The "Occident" was anyplace in the world, west of the Mediterranean Sea. The "Orient" was anyplace east of the Mediterranean Sea. Pretty simple to me. Replacing the word orient or oriental with the word Asia or Asian, does nothing but confuse the fact that at the time of writing Proverbs, Israel, and the Jewish nation was considered to be part of the "Orient." Technically it still is!

A man by the name of Bishop K.C. Pillai, D.D., (c.1900-1970), most likely coined the word, which he said were Orientilisms. "*Orientilisms*" are customs and mannerisms of the people, which lived in the east, and many are still in use today in areas of such as Armenia, areas of India and others. The Bible is filled with passages that most Westerners do not understand, but Easterners do, often from birth.

If, and I should write when, when we become knowledgeable of the oriental idioms, customs, mannerisms and traditions of the Biblical setting, these Scriptures become clear.

Solomon, the writer (not the author), of Proverbs (“*wise sayings*”), collected these from his own upbringing, and even from other people from other countries. They were and still are in usage by people, in places in the world today.

At the time of the Bishop’s early life, his native India had remained an isolated country for thousands of years. The customs and manners of the people were still aligned with the Eastern, Biblical culture.

For over twenty years, Bishop Pillai taught these “Orientalisms”, bringing great enlightenment to the western world. As an author of several books and one in particular, ‘Light through an Eastern Window’, it is significant for this episode because this is— “*Light through an Eastern Window*”.

His mission of imparting this light carried him to numerous universities and seminaries, as well as every major denomination throughout the United States, England and Canada. His teachings remain among the foremost authorities on Biblical customs and culture.

This will become very important later, but I do want to mention that Bishop K.C. Pillai was raised as a Hindu. When a Hindu child of the ruling class is born, a little salt is rubbed on the baby who is then wrapped in swaddling cloth. This custom invoked one of the oldest and strongest covenants in the eastern world, the “*salt covenant*.” In this particular instance, the child was salted for a lifetime of dedication to the Hindu religion. The same custom was used at the anointing of a king, when the baby’s cloth was lightly salted, then the babe was swaddled its torso wound loosely with the cloth and this was significant that the child would be raised to be *morally* straight and *spiritually* upright. The salt is indicative that they would say what they mean and mean what they say. Their words had integrity! This used to be seen in journalism, back when the word journalism meant something.

As a result of the salt covenant, it is difficult for Hindus to convert to Christianity. When they do, their family actually conducts a funeral service to symbolize that the individual is dead to their family, the community and Hinduism. Their family will carry a portrait of the “deceased” to the cemetery and bury it. Many times Bishop spoke of his “burial day” when he was disinherited by becoming a Christian; the only Hindu willing to break that covenant of salt in his community during that time.

The salt covenant was and is a big deal to Easterners. So great in fact, if you ever happen to eat a meal that is salted and with a thief, they would not and will not ever steal from you.

Yes, I suppose this could be where the phrase, “*Honor among thieves*,” may have been influenced by? I know, what has this to do with “*Apples of Gold*”? Hang on, we’re getting there.

Now we might begin to understand how great “*A word fitly spoken is [was] like apples of gold in pictures of silver*,” to K.C. Pillai. So great to him was God’s Word that he endured the shame, broke the ‘covenant of salt of his religion’ and was considered to be dead to his family and friends.

In the Roman Catholic Church, this would be called, being “*excommunicated*.”

Today, it may not be much of a big deal because, if I got kicked out of one church, another one just down the street, would probably be glad to have me, especially if I put money in the offering plate or basket when it's passed. But this was not so for people of the East. If one was "*excommunicated*" and it was you, you could not buy or sell. If it was Dahni and he walked down one side of the street, people would walk away, shun me, look down and away and not speak to me.

WOW, whatever the "*Apples of gold*" are; whatever "*A word fitly spoken*" is, must have been worth it to K.C. Pillai, to convert to Christianity! It was! They are!

WOW, what a great example of building ourselves up morally and honestly in this, 'Call to RESET, to RESET Our Republic!

The words written in the Kings James Version, "*A word fitly spoken*" sure seems figurative. How do words or does a word "*fit*"? How do we "*fit*" a word or words? The word "*word*" could be used for many words (plural), as in comparing it or them to "*Apples*" (plural)? But words that are "*fit*" are like a perfect fit of some article of clothing we put on. It is the right word or the right words for the right point in time. They are "*spoken*" so in ears of the hearer, it is the right word or the right words, at the right time, for them to hear! It is I hope, like this 'Call to RESET'. I hope it is the right words for you, for the right moment in time that you hear them.

These words "*fitly spoken,*" are seasoned with salt. They have integrity. Why do I say this? WE will see that this verse involves food and food is salted to season in the east for taste, to purify and symbolically. It also makes one thirsty for more. And there is one more thing I would like us to understand about salt. Along with the symbolism of saying what you mean and meaning what you say, and used in food, and purifying, it is also part of hospitality, especially among Easterners. If you are ever invited to a tea or a meal, consider it an honor because, you are being honored!

***"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby  
some have entertained angels unawares."***

Hebrews 13:2 (KJV)

In the Bible and other cultures, hospitality is a big deal. A great deal of effort and much quantity and quality goes into preparation and presentation of food, for the entertainment, enjoyment, blessing (to be —"*highly favored*" or to "*think favorably of*"), and comfort of those being served. And yes, if this were you and I and WE the People, we would be served, gladly!

Some reasons for this custom could be for the promised Messiah. Christians believe he already came and the Jewish people are still waiting for his first coming.

Some prophet or other person of importance might be under their roof with their having the privilege of serving.

And many people did and do believe in angels, spirit beings taking on the form of human beings. The word "*unawares*" means, "*without knowing*".



Not knowing who you are, the Easterner treats you as if you were the promised messiah, a prophet, some person of importance (You are), or even an angel. In their minds you could be, so they treated you and served you, as if you were.

Years ago, I met two men from Iran, studying at a University. They were friends since their youth and shared an apartment together, along with their wives. My new Iranian friends were curious about western culture, Christianity and were just very kind, polite and friendly people. When we would see each other we would often have conversations. One day, they invited me to their home for, let's just call it an afternoon tea. I accepted not knowing what to expect.

When I arrived and rang the doorbell, the door was almost instantly opened and I was warmly greeted with smiling beaming faces, almost like they had been looking out the window, looking for me and then timed it perfectly to open the door, when I rang the bell.

I was asked to remove my shoes, which I did. Next, I was directed to a chair and motioned to sit. I did. I was asked if one of them could remove my socks and wash my feet. I was a little embarrassed and declined the offer. I regret that decision and also not memorizing at least their first names. Next, I came into their living room, which had a central area of large, medium and small pillows, nicely arranged on the floor. There was sweet incense and candles burning and calm instrumental eastern music, playing in the background.

There was a very large oval shaped table without legs in front of the lounging area. They asked me to make myself comfortable, excused themselves and left me alone to immerse myself in this delightful, new, and comfortable setting. They and their wives soon returned with plates and bowls of figs and dates, cups and pots of coffees and teas (yes both plural), and so many dainties—savory and sweet that I cannot now still describe. But one was a white substance like taffy in small bites, naturally sweet and from the root of some plant found in Iran.

There was more than enough than I could eat or even try and taste. That was part of the point, to offer more than needed, ample choice and to possibly meet any want or need they did not know I might have had. This was one of the most pleasant, inspiring and memorable experiences of my life. I was Christian being served by Moslems, as if I was one of theirs or someone of importance.

Sometime after this, a friend and I sent out hand written and hand painted invitations with a pastel watercolor and ink butterfly. "Come and be Renewed", the invitations read. It was sent to 8 people, including my Mother, for a Mother's Day surprise. The invitations gave the particulars and asked everyone to come with their favorite pillow. I wanted and my friend wanted to offer to our guests something similar as what we had learned or experienced about culture. Actually it was a blend of several cultures, Eastern, Polynesian, Mediterranean and we even served Greek wine.

As our guests arrived, they were greeted with the aroma of incense and the food we were preparing. Low light and soft music set the mood. We made it available to any and all to have their feet and hands and face washed and dried and then moistened with oils to their hands, feet and foreheads.

Those that agreed to this blessing, I could literally see stress melt from their faces, hands and feet and watched them smile and relax. To "*bless*" means to think favorably of or to think highly of. They were!

We had a bunch of metal milk crates I borrowed from a local dairy. These were set next to each other, about 3 across and about 12 foot in length. This table was covered with pieces of plywood to make each top stiff and then the whole thing was covered with a tablecloth. Four people set across from 4 others and all on their pillows.

In the center of our milk-crate, makeshift table is where we served the food. My friend and I did not sit at the table. We prepared, made and served everything, including desert, drink and coffee or tea at the end, to all our special guests

Both of these experiences, the one with my Iranian friends and the one I just shared, were wonderful for all and probably the greater benefits befell the servants. I know this was true for me. But these experiences should be noted and sealed in our memories as they are in mine, the importance of the “salt covenant”, eastern hospitality, the love of serving one another and that the word “*fitly spoken*” was like a Call to RESET’ you, and I and WE the People!

This is because, WE are about to be served with Apples of Gold, by Apples of Gold, to each one of us that are an—

### ***“Apple of Gold!”***

I have spent behind the scenes hours on this subject to this point. I have written or edited this at least ten times. I have concluded that there is so much information, someone could write an entire book or teach a class on just Proverbs 25:11 alone. Another book or class could be just about the 4 or five or maybe more figures of speech used in this verse. Another book or class could be about the history of Apples. And still another book or class, could be dedicated to the History of Apples in, the United States. I will do none of these things. I’ve more than enough to do with these podcasts and finish a book in process since 2013. Yes, I guess I’m slow, but I’m thorough.

But we really need to understand the idiom of “The Apples of Gold”, to put this all together. What are the “*Apples of Gold?*”

Here are some hints:

- 1 Salt is used symbolically and it is also used with food in the East. A word or words “*fitly spoken*” are to be heard and are like having been salted, and purified, and salt make us thirsty for more. We come. Come for what?
- 2 The “Apples of Gold” are real. They are fruit. We are drawn in to eat. The pictures of silver are real. They are trays or baskets of silver, used to hold the “*Apples of Gold*”. Silver purifies. These silver trays magnify and emphasize, “*Apples of Gold!*”
- 3 Together WE are, *Apples of Gold!* It is because WE each are an— *Apple of Gold!*
- 4 A letter from someone to someone else in 1860 used this exact same verse of scripture! Call it a Gold letter in a Silver envelope!
- 5 This letter and the response to it, is what inspired the cover art and the sequel to my first book, ‘RESET, “An UN-alien’s Guide to Resetting Our Republic”. And the title of this book I am writing now is—

### ***‘Apple of Gold in a Picture of Silver!’***

And all together, these Apples are “*like*” words “*fitly spoken*”! They are at the right time, the right moment and for the right people, You and I, and WE the People!

I can hardly wait until next time to continue to discover in episode 11, the idiom of Proverbs 25:11 and what You are an—

### “*Apple of Gold* (part 2)!”

Until WE meet again, have a wonderful day!

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