

***“Apple of Gold!”***  
part 2

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Apple of Gold (part 2)

Welcome to ‘Call to RESET’ ep. 11 Today is May 2<sup>nd</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. And why is that? I am facing **YOU** and speaking with **YOU** and I do this reverently or out of respect, for **YOU** are, Apples of Gold! It is for the same reason that I capitalize the word WE, to emphasize and magnify your importance, each one of **YOU** and myself as each of us are, 1 of WE the People, an **Apple of Gold!**

From episode 10, I just want remind you and inform anyone what I shared from part 1 before beginning here with part 2. And I said—

***“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.”***

Excerpts from: ‘Call to RESET’ ep. 10, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 “Apple of Gold (part 1)  
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From ep. 10 “Apples of Gold (part 1)”, WE were introduced to the concept of apples of gold or gold apples. The thumbnail image was depicted as a gold apple.



Gold Apple 1

This is a picture of a gold apple, which appears to be as if it were made out of real gold. Think of it as being the size of an edible apple and as if it were solid gold, pure gold. It draws us in to its brilliance. It is beautiful. It is valuable. It is precious. So are **YOU** and I and so are WE!

In today’s ep. 11 “Apple of Gold (part 2)” it is the same image with only one change. Something is different.



Gold Apple 2

This “Apple of Gold” has a green leaf attached to its gold stem. It is now as if, this gold apple is alive and real. It is meant to be because, **YOU** and I and WE the People are, “alive and real”, living and alive, and really alive. Yes, this is figurative language. We are dealing with figures of speech.

They are the same figures we saw last time in ep. 10 Apples of Gold (part 1). And remember what a figure of speech is—

***A figure of speech is a legitimate grammatical usage of words that is truer to truth than the literal statement of fact***

Figures of speech emphasize and magnify the literal statements of fact and provide imagery to bind (mortar), the words into our memory. But there is one more thing about this “*Apple of Gold*”. It is indeed a **real** apple or some piece of **real** fruit. WE will see the figure of speech used to show this apple is, “living and real”!

WE have seen this before, but let’s take out a Bible (King James Version), and look up Proverbs chapter 25 and verse 11 again.

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

Proverbs 25:11 (KJV)

What sticks out to you 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, it is the figure of speech, *simile*. Whatever this “*fitly word 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* (similar to).

The words “*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.

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. WE are about to see this and it will, all become clear.

Solomon, the writer (not the author), of Proverbs “*wise sayings*” collected these from his own upbringing, and even from other countries. They were and still are in usage by some people today. What are these “*apples of gold*”, from Proverbs 25:11?

When the Authorized King James Version of the Bible was introduced in 1611, they just assumed these “gold” things were “apples” because, many people in the world quickly became familiar with “apples”. Yes, whatever these things were, they were gold in color or golden. How is this known, because the word “gold” is the word “gold” and is used to describe its color, brilliance and preciousness, as the metal (real gold), but not that they were made out of gold.

Let’s look at some information about apples and some of its history.

Though the forbidden fruit of Eden in the Book of Genesis is not identified, popular Christian tradition has held that it was an apple that Eve tempted Adam to share along with her. The origin of this popular identification with apples may have not been known in the Middle East in biblical times?

In the Vulgate—the Latin translation of the Bible is found the possible answer to this confusion? The Latin words *mālum* (an apple) and *mālum* (an evil), each of which is normally written malum are the same in their spelling. It is the same word spelled the same, but pronounced differently and mean something entirely different from the other. The tree of the forbidden fruit is called “*the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*” in Genesis 2:17, and the Latin words for “good and evil” is *bonum et malum*.

Everything has a wild ancestor. For the apple tree, it is believed to have originated in the mountains of Kazakhstan, a land-locked country, which borders Russia to its north and China to its south. Its name is— *Malus sieversii*. *Malus sieversii* (MAL-us see-VER-see-eye), is the botanical title for these wild fruits. *Malus* is the Latin word for apple, and *Sieversii* honors Ivan Sievers, a Russian botanist who discovered the wild apples in 1793, in Kazakhstan. Do you see the connection *mālum* (an apple) and *mālum* (an evil), and *malus* (apple). Varieties from *Malus sieversii* are called *Malus domestica*, which produce some 10,000 apples, known in the world today.

In 2019 I believe this was the year, an Italian firm had a genome project and found 57,000 genes in *Malus sieversii* apples. This was more genes discovered than any other plant, they had ever researched.

It is not surprising, that *Malus sieversii* species still exists today and apples have been thriving for tens of thousands of years. Nutritious, delicious and highly versatile, apples are a mainstay of life the world over.

In Hebrew, there are two words found in Israel— *Beth-tappuach* (tap-poo'-akh): "place of apples," a place in Judah and *Tappuach* (tap-poo'-akh): apple tree, apple.

The phrase, "*Apple of the Eye*" is an English idiom, a figure of speech, understood by those familiar with its use. It denotes the pupil of the eye, which is often believed to be shaped like an apple and thus the word "apple" is used. It is the dark center of the eye and is reflective of whatever image is seen when the light is right. The eye is precious and therefore, most carefully guarded. It is used several times in King James Version. The "*apple of the eye*" is also another ancient figure of speech. It is not a *simile* (similar to), but a *metaphor* ("is") or it is the center of the eye, the pupil. The figure is that it is the "*apple of the eye.*"

The "apple" in *the apple of the eye* is a translation of the Hebrew word for "apple," *ishon*, which is related to the word *ish*, meaning "man." Another Hebrew word *isha* meaning, "woman" or "maid", which is the feminine equivalent, Etymologically, the *ishon* or *ishaon* of the eye is "the little man of the eye" or the "little maid (woman), of the eye." It is the reflection of the person in the pupil, the center ("apple"), of another's eye.

The eye itself is very sensitive and very much protected. We blink often to keep it moist and protected. If something flies in it or towards it, our eyelids reflectively close. We turn our head and our hand would instinctively position to immobilize the threat. Yes, our eyesight is valuable, it is precious, costly like gold and our body naturally protects our eyes to avoid injury.

Think about this. If we were made "in the image of God", what could this possibly be? What would God, the creator of the heavens (anyplace or places (plural), above earth, earths (yes plural), and the whole universe see in our pupils? What would he see, in the "apple of our eyes? The answer should be quite clear, He would see himself and He would protect and care for it, (You, I and WE), as something precious, brilliantly shining and costly like gold. This is how I should see **YOU, YOU** me, and **WE** the People should see each other.

***"In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste.  
He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye."***

Deuteronomy 32:10

This was the poetic description of Moses that his image of himself would be reflected in the apple of God's eye, and God would protect him as God would protect His own eyes.

***"The wise father says to his son, "Keep my commands  
and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye"***

Proverbs 7:2 (KJV)

In the son or daughter's "apples of their eyes," would be the reflection of their father. The father's teachings are to be protected as we would our own eyes.

***"Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings"***

Psalm 17:8 (KJV)

This is yet another verse about protecting what is valuable, costly, shining and brilliant like gold, "apples of gold"! The psalmist is asking God that when the psalmist looks into God's pupils (the apples of God's eyes), and sees himself (his own "little man") [or herself], (her own "little woman" or "little maid"), God would keep these images in His eye and protect them as precious.

### ***A Little History of and Information about Apples***

The apple was considered, in ancient Greece, sacred to Aphrodite. To throw an apple at someone was to symbolically declare one's love; and similarly, to catch it was symbolically, to show one's acceptance of that love.

***"The proverb, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away", addressing the supposed health benefits of the fruit, has been traced to 19th-century Wales, where the original phrase was "Eat an apple on going to bed, and you'll keep the doctor from earning his bread."***

Excerpt from: A Dictionary of American Proverbs by Wolfgang Mieder, (1992)

Apples have been grown for thousands of years in Asia and Europe and were brought to North America by European colonists. Apples have religious and mythological significance in many cultures, including Norse, Greek, and European Christian tradition.

A line from a poem by William Butler Yeats "The Song of the Wandering Aengus" is—

***"The Golden Apples of the Sun"***

Greek and Roman mythology referred to apples as symbols of love and beauty.

Isaac Newton is said to have thought up the law of gravity, while sitting under an apple tree, observing the falling of apples.

Members of the rose family have flower parts in fives (multiples of five). The flowers are white or pink and the fruit is a pome type, derived from the fusion of the ovary and the receptacle which make

up the fleshy part of the fruit. Cut the apple in half cross-wise to find a star with five chambers, with two seeds each.

*Pomme* is the French word for apple. *Pomme de Terre* (“apple”) + de (“from”) + terre (“earth”), “Apple from the Earth” is a state park in my home state (born and raised), in Missouri.

*Pomo* is one word in Italian translated as, “apple”. Pomodoro is an Italian sauce made with tomatoes (not a vegetable, but a fruit). Tomatoes are often referred to as “love apples”.

Tomatoes are a whole other species of plant, have their own history and why they were called “love apples” is a whole other story, but I thought this interesting and included it here.

Even potatoes are sometimes referred to as, “*ground apples*” or “*apples from the ground*”.

For many, many years, the word “*apple*” has been associated with and called an “apple” and used, for almost every type of fruit and nuts, but not berries.

Fresh apples float because 25 percent of their volume is air.

Apples harvested from an average tree can fill 20 boxes that weigh 42 pounds each.

The largest apple ever picked from a tree weighed 3 lbs. 2 oz, according to The Guinness Book of World Records.

It takes about 36 apples to create one gallon of apple cider.

Apples are sometimes called “nature’s toothbrush,” Apples help clean the teeth and massage the gums.

Apples are delicious and nutritious— full of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants and many other properties for health and wellbeing.

### ***What were these Biblical or Eastern Apples of this Idiom?***

Most Biblical authorities and experts agree that these “apples” if not “apples”, were likely some type of fruit, citrus fruit. But the same experts often disagree with what type of fruit the verse in Proverbs 25:11 it is referring to. I have read everything from apples, to oranges, citron, etrog (citron), apricots, kumquats and quince.

For K.C. Pillai, he thought and taught that these are a kind of oranges grown in Egypt, Syria and India of which there is no English name. It is gold in color, and does not last long after it is ripe and can't be exported outside of the country. They were very tasty. A sherbet is made from this. Its fragrance is immediately recognized, when ripe on a tree. They are very beautiful to look at. It quenches the thirst quicker than any other juice. It has a very sweet taste and is very refreshing for people who are tired. It's gold in color. Drinking the juice is very relaxing. I found from the writings of K.C. Pillai, a certain Sanskrit word he used to name this fruit. I could not verify its existence in any Sanskrit dictionary, so I

will not use the word here. This does not mean he was incorrect. It only means I could not trace, track and corroborate the word.

Without dispute or contradiction, I concede that the “apples of gold” from Proverbs 25:11 may have been any type of fruit that was or is found in the area where any expert or person living in the world may have been familiar with, at the time of writing Proverbs. Or these “apples of gold” may be any type of fruit from any culture since, which still use whatever fruit is familiar to them and who understand this idiom. Their experience and familiarity with this idiom may have been different than that of others as the type of fruit.

Whatever the fruit was in the area at the time this scripture was written, may have been “apples”, some other fruit and even some type of apple that may or may not be any longer the original species or any longer available today. But there is one thing clear. This fruit was gold or golden in appearance actually. The word for “gold” actually used, is more specific about its brilliance, than that of real gold. “Apples of Gold” is another figure of speech in this verse. It is a metaphor. Gold is used to emphasize and magnify the word “apples” or whatever fruit it may have been. It’s skin or outer covering in the sun was likely shiny and reflective, like we would expect real gold to look like. There is no dispute or contradiction about the word “gold”, used in Proverbs 25:11.

Without dispute or contradiction, there is no reason to believe that whether apples could thrive in the area of Jerusalem or Israel as a whole could not have been carefully irrigated, cultivated, grown and produce apples in a mostly arid area, where apples may not be normally best suited. Without dispute or contradiction, there is no reason to not believe that at the time of writing Proverbs 25:11, it may have been a more fragrant apple than what may be available today. What I am saying is said the best, with the following quote.

***“On the whole there does not appear to be any sufficient reason for rejecting the translation of the King James Version and the Revised Version (British and American); the Biblical references suit it; the identity of the Hebrew and Arabic words favor it and there is no insuperable objection on scientific grounds.”***

Orr, James, M.A., D.D. General Editor. "Definition for 'apple; apple-tree'".  
"International Standard Bible Encyclopedia"

While gold is used to emphasize and magnify “*apples*” (real apples or some fruit), “*pictures*” emphasize and magnify the word “*silver*”. While the “*pictures of silver*” were trays or baskets to hold the fruit differ, there is no argument, dispute or contradiction that they were made out of real “*silver*”.

There is ample support from various translations, Hebrew, Latin and as we have read from the King James Version of the Bible that the “*apples of gold*” were real “*apples*”. They had a gold color or appeared golden and that they were held in “*pictures*” or trays or baskets, made of real “*silver*.”

The trays or baskets could have been artistic works in silver metal, molded, engraved, sculpted and woven and had actual “*pictures*” or symbols or scenes, familiar in the area, or at the time of writing



Proverbs 25:11. These “pictures” could have been part of these ornate baskets or trays. But they were made out of real “*silver*”.

Before putting this whole idiom together, there is one more thing about apples I want to share.

Apples have seeds as we all I’m sure know. Personally, I have eaten apples my whole life, skin, flesh, core, seeds and all. Some may not like the skin, the core or the seeds. Apple seeds are bitter. Seeds contain everything needed to grow apples. The outer portion of the apple, as it has fallen on the ground begins to decompose and this helps feed and nourish the soil and the seeds for new apples to grow from. Many people, animals and birds eat apples. Sometimes seeds are ingested whole and end up being carried by people, animals and birds and end up spread and land on the soil, for new apples to grow and the species to carry on.

Apple seeds are designed to protect themselves. Their outer coating of amygdalin protects it from digestive enzymes, and the seeds can usually pass through the digestive system undamaged. But if the amygdalin breaks down, this becomes known as hydrogen cyanide.

Cyanide can be toxic and even fatal in the right quantity and at the right weight of the host that ingests them. I am not about to describe any such formula or number of apples with apples seeds needed or how to release the cyanide, for it to be fatal. I am not going to say how to determine how much cyanide by one’s weight is required for this to be fatal. So don’t come back to this post and cite me as the cause of someone’s cynnide poisoning or death because, they saw, heard or read this episode! I never said!! Not that I know what it is anyway.

I gave no one any exact formula needed to consume enough cyanide to harm them or kill. Besides, too much and your body may react violently and throw off the poison and you still just might be well enough or alive to tell about it.

Swallowing whole apple seeds is unlikely to cause any symptoms. And if those seeds were from apples served in silver baskets or trays, some silver might be transferred to the apples and silver which purifies, just might counteract the effects of cyanide? Silver has been used for thousands of years, for many medical purposes. Silver nitrate used to be placed in the eyes of babies just born.

It has been ingested and many believe in its medical benefits, in protecting, lengthening, preserving and restoring life. Apples may also, help improve memory and focus.

But I do find all these possibilities, extremely interesting and the relationship of apple seeds and real gold. Hydrogen cyanide from apple seeds has been and can be used in mining “*gold*”. And a skilled-trained jeweler may use cyanide to make jewelry.

So, let’s put this idiom and the whole verse together. Look again at Proverbs—

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

Proverbs 25:11 (KJV)

We discovered in episode 10 that “*a word*” (singular), could be used for many words (plural), in comparison to “*apples*” which is also plural. A word fitly spoken is the right word or words spoken, in the right way, at the right time and to the right person or people. This is the right time, the right words, spoken in the right way, for the right person— You or I and the right people, WE the People!

This word (singular for the plural), is being compared to “apples of gold”. These apples are real apples (or some fruit), and they appear to be like real gold in appearance, brilliance; are precious and are meant to be protected.

The apples are emphasized and magnified and purified by real trays or baskets or “pictures of silver.” These silver trays or baskets may have had “pictures or scenes familiar to the easterner, designed in and upon them, to further augment the importance of the, “apples of gold.”

Literally, this verse could have been written – apples of gold in pictures of silver (baskets or trays of silver with pictures or scenes), is like a word (or words) that are spoken in the right way, at the right time and place, for the right person or people. Inverted like this, it would literally mean the same thing. But God, the author, wanted the right (“fitly”), word spoken, used first and then compared it to the apples of gold, in pictures of silver.

All of this points to eastern customs and mannerisms or “Orientalisms” that Bishop K.C. Pillai called them. This points to the covenant of salt, saying what is meant and meaning what is said. This is that it has had or has (theses customs and these words), integrity. And this points to eastern hospitality. And this points to how the easterner would even treat a stranger, not knowing if You were the Promised Messiah, an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher or some other person of importance or even an angel! And “apples of gold in pictures of silver”, points to the idiom that this is about food!

Yep, this is a food story. And to explain it, I know of no better way to tell it than to ask you—

- 1 Please close your eyes and listen to me while I tell **YOUR Story!** If reading this, try to picture it in your mind,
- 2 Imagine this story is about you, because it is! Put yourself into this story because, You are!
- 3 Please, no peeking. For this to be effective, we each must use our imagination! One of the smartest persons of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century Albert Einstein (March 14, 1879 – April 18, 1955), said—

***“Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.”***

Albert Einstein

Said more succinctly, more simply, but also attributed to Einstein—

***“Imagination is greater than knowledge.”***

Albert Einstein

So sit back, get comfortable, listen, watch or read and please allow me to try and paint with words—

### ***Your Story!***

You are walking alone in the desert. You have been walking for quite some time. You are hot, tired, thirsty and hungry. Your feet are clad with sandals and your feet are dusty and dirty. The sun and sand has beaten against your face and all parts of your body exposed and it stings. You feel nearly hopeless, but you have no other choice, but to carry on. Survival is driving you against thirst and hunger and lack of strength and lack of well being.

Then all of a sudden, your eyes hear, *“a word fitly spoken”*. It is the sound (sight), of an oasis just up ahead. It beckons you to keep walking, keep going, and it sounds like, “Come!” It fills your heart with hope.

There is a cool soft breeze blowing against your hot and tired flesh. Your whole body hears, *“a word fitly spoken”*. It is the sound (touch), of refreshing and thirst-quenching water gurgling and it sounds like, Come!

Your nostrils hear, *“a word fitly spoken”*. It is the sound (aroma), of freshly ripened *“apples”*, wafting in the breeze and is coming from the oasis. It fills your nostrils and your lungs and sounds like, Come!

All of these so far are, *“a word fitly spoken!”* It is the right time, the right moment and spoken in the right way and you are the right person at the right place.

You walk to the oasis and past the first trees. Inside it is cool and calm. There is a deep well of pure cool water and a fountain. Songbirds sing to you, *“a word fitly spoken”*. Soft candles dance in the cool breeze. You are greeted with radiant faces smiling at you as if you were a welcomed treasure expected and they had been waiting for you for a long time. Your ears hear *“a word fitly spoken”*, *“please Come in and be seated!”*

Your sandals are gently removed. Your feet and hands and face are gently washed and massaged with healing ointments. Cool water is brought to you in pure silver cups, more than you need. Your thirst is quenched.

Your eyes behold and your nostrils behold, fresh ripened golden apples, shining like real gold from the orchard of tree as far and as wide as you can see.

Much savory and sweet treats are brought to you, much that has been “seasoned” with salt. This salt covenant has been extended to include you. With integrity and care are you being gladly honored. All that they have is yours in abundance, in quality and quantity. There is much more than you need or could desire. You are made to feel that you are friend and kin. You are.

This hospitality has integrity and says what it means and means what it says like the pure silver trays the food is brought to you on. It is morally straight and spiritually upright. More than you could possible eat of these beautiful gold apples are picked personally for you and are brought to you on silver trays. The silver trays emphasize and magnify the gold apples.

You take one of these golden shiny apples into your hand.

You see your own reflection (your “*little man*” or your “*little woman*” or “*maid*”), in these “*apples of gold!*” You are its “*gate*”. You are precious and you are protected.

You taste and smell and eat. The juice dribbles down your chin. Your thirst is quenched yet again and your appetite is filled. You are refreshed. You are glad. You are strengthened. You are healed. You are comforted. You are filled with hope! You are renewed. You are RESET afresh!

You are honored because, to your hosts, you could be the Messiah, an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher or some other very important person (VIP), or an angel. And this is how important “*a word fitly spoken*” is, in comparison to “*apples of gold in pictures (trays), of silver*” !

Now please open your eyes and please look at me.

YOU— are “like”, an Apple of Gold, in a tray (with “pictures”), of silver!

***And this is the right word, (“a word fitly spoken”),  
for the right time, in the right way and at right place and the right person is like  
(similar to “apples of Gold in pictures (baskets or trays of silver) because You are—***

***“Apples of Gold!”***

The following picture may be “like” (simile – similar to ), to what you saw and experienced in ‘*Your story*’.



Apples of Gold in pictures [a tray] of silver!"

OK, so this may be all fine and good, but what has any of this has to do with the ‘Call to RESET’ our Republic. To continue, we need to discover what this exact verse of scripture and “*Apples of Gold*” has to do with the United States of America. And that’s where we are going next in episode 12—

### ***“Apples of Gold in America!”***

Until WE meet again, have a wonderful day!

Dahni

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