

The Apple

Revealed by the Lord through the Inner Word to Gottfried Mayerhofer
A selected chapter from 'Secrets of Life'

01 Your nephew has asked you for a comment concerning the comparison which I made in the "Spiritual Sun" with an apple.

02 But that dear child did not understand the true meaning of this speech. I gave the apple as an example, that in every thing and form an even deeper spiritual something is hidden; it need not be just an apple, but every object in its natural state has a spiritual meaning, that is, a spiritual corresponding resemblance to something from the Spirit Heaven and its ethereal products.

03 But since this child would like to know something about the apple, I want to draw his attention to the many peculiarities of this fruit, which expresses its form and its content mentally, and even deeper, heavenly.

04 Before we proceed to the apple itself, let us first touch its development from the flower, and then proceed to that fruit itself.

05 Now, then, listen, My dear child:

06 You will remember that in another word I said to a dear daughter: "the flower be the bridal stage." Thus it is also with the flower of a tree. It is also the penultimate stage of its actual destiny as a tree, for the last is the fruit itself.

07 And if you look closely at a flower, you will notice that besides the white petals there are also stamens, and in the middle of them the actual procreative apparatus.

08 As soon as the blossom approaches full maturity and as a flower enters its final stage where the stamens as fertilizers begin to fill with the finest juice of the tree, and this juice is then spiritualized by the sunlight, the moment approaches where these stamens then bend inward the mother-cup, where they discharge this moisture, and then force the mother-cup to close.

09 The leaves of the flowers as well as the empty stamens fall off, the lower part of the blossom closes, and a juice ascending from the interior then begins to gradually reach this enclosed capsule, thus forming the fruit or the apple.

10 Where the inoculation took place through the stamens, the principal part of the fruit is formed, the pips and in order to develop them completely, continually pull the juices out of the interior of the tree, and surround the pips to protect them from the influence of the weather, but also to give them nourishment by the moisture accumulated in their cells until they develop their inner as well as their outer part.

11 The thousands and thousands of cells surrounding the kernel are thus those which are always more and more filled and driven in size, thus forming the crown of the apple, which just opposite the calyx still shows at the end the inflection where fertilization took place.

12 These juices are collected, and are deprived of sunlight by the sunlight, and the heat of the sun, of their larger acidic matter; the water of the water evaporates, and the rest is changed into a more sweet than sour taste.

13 That way the apple remains, after having entered into the process of oxidation on its surface, which is why its shell is coloured on some sides, which face the sun, and thus already indicates a change in the inner substance which, at the last developmental point has already begun to pass into other forms by decomposing its elements.

14 The spiritual analogue (similarity) of the apple is that it has the form of your earth, whereupon it grows itself, and to which it owes its origin.

15 The apples are different in taste according to the soil where it grows, the nitric substances surrounding the roots. Moreover where the apples have been driven to a greater than the ordinary size, they are not pleasant to eat raw because of their great acidity which they get from the soil via the stem; They do process the acid in their cellular tissue by means of the solar heat, but it can not be removed entirely, and it only escapes partly when preparing for the food by means of the fire.-

16 The further spiritual significance of the apple is an important one for all mankind, since it was just an apple which I, as a test of obedience, forbade the first human being to eat:

17 "Do not bite into this sour apple, for you and all the offspring of your kind will have to pay for it!"

18 I chose the apple, representing the earth as a symbol, which had kept enough of the sour for its future inhabitants, and it was precisely the Eve who carried out what I wanted to spare her, she bit into the sweet-sour fruit and inherited to all her descendents the sour and bitter sufferings hidden under sweet garments, to which the female sex is exposed to the end of life.

19 It is also generally the case with women that the more they are inflated and sultry, the more acid and bitterness their mind holds, and they too are not to be enjoyed until the strong cleansing fires by violence attack the acid, and thereby make them more bearable for human society.

20 As with the apple, the smaller the reddish is the outside, like a girl whose health is written on her forehead, the sweeter is the apple, and the better the soul of the girl.

21 The greener, harder, and more voluminous the apple, the more it is like the female gender, who is almost green with anger and envy, and will not tolerate any one beside her.

22 The apple was the first cause of seduction for the first woman of the earth, and, as it were, the image of her whole race, it also expresses the life of this earth, where, to come to the knowledge of self, man in the sweat of his face must sourly gain his bread, struggling with all his vices and passions, to train himself to be my child, and, ending his mission by bitter and acid experiences, only then to enter the otherworldly life as a different, better, more spiritual one.

23 What for the tree is its blossom is in man his first awakening to earthly life, where he knows no suffering, until the stamens of human life teach him the first wounds, and through this etching to fight and strife with his own Nature and the surrounding world.

24 And as the mother chalice of the flower closes, and the internal juices feed the fruit, the young wounded heart also closes, and from within the life-elements of its own nature, and from the outside receives those of its mother earth as food, He too, a becomes receptacle of good and bad, sweet and sour passions and peculiarities. Until, finally, in the struggle with himself, having extinguished the bitterness, he approaches his higher destiny. And as in the case of the apple, the cell-tissue surrounding the nucleus carries in itself the means for the further development of another tree, so also the good qualities surrounding the soul as a nucleus with its garments should enable the human being to follow a series of higher and bigger education levels.

25 What the apple contains as acid in itself is equivalent to the unclean impulses in man, which, on the one hand, tease him to their granting, but on the other hand spurs the better I to the counter-defence. Thus they result in a disintegrating principle out of the battle of the sweet-sour which becomes as result of his life existence for the benefit of man if for his benefit as a tasteful juice, if he succumbs as bitter vinegar or intoxicating wine.

26 Therefore you too, my dear child, in which all the sweetness and acidity is in the process of fermenting within you as in the germinating apple, that the acid does not get the upper hand for what love is as warmth, is the sugar as opposed to hate, anger, and other passions which arise from the bile and which are to be understood as equal to the acid.

27 Strive forward! Be attentive to yourself and to the impulses in your heart, lest you, as a proverb says, "would have to bite into a sour apple," but that you are gather only the good in deeds around you and so can safely take the path of the second, spiritual row in the hereafter!

28 This is the threefold image of the apple: as a fruit, as a symbol of the earth, and as a correspondence for human life.

29 Take the proper lesson from it, so that this word may not have been given you in vain. This is what your father tells you, which will always strengthen you in blessing! Amen.

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