"Which is your life based on: fruit of the spirit or fruit of the loop?" Apples

I love apples, apple juice, applesauce, apple crisp, apple pie and my favorite apple dumplings with vanilla ice cream. The US, in 2018, harvested 5.2 million tons of apples while China harvested 43.1 million tons. A raw apple is 86% water and 14% carbohydrates, with negligible content of fat and protein. Did you know that there are more than 7,500 known cultivars of apples?

"In 1820, Quaker nurseryman, Jonathan Jessop (also Jessup) developed a variety of apple on his "Springwood Farm" near York, Pa, from grafts of a tree from John Kline's farm in Hellam, Pa. Though lop-sided, this new cultivar quickly became popular because of its taste and long keeping properties—which were especially important in the era before refrigeration. This cultivar was originally known as 'Jonathan's Fine Winter'. In the early 1850s, Andrew Jackson Downing called this apple the "Imperial of Keepers" due to its excellent storage ability. From this moniker, this apple became better known as the 'York Imperial'. Jessop carried the tree to the Friends' yearly meeting in Baltimore, and from there the tree first spread into Virginia." In 1920, the State Horticultural Society of Pennsylvania dedicated a marker to the 'York Imperial' apple for its contributions to the horticultural prosperity of the state. The Apple Hill Medical Center now sits on part of the Jessop farm." I personally saw the marker in the lower section of the medical center.

"The York Imperial is a great producer and if properly cared for, a mature tree could average up to twenty bushels a year. Today, it is designated an "antique apple" because it has been raised for more than 200 years. They are not commonly seen in the fresh fruit bins of major supermarkets. Many are raised specifically to be processed into apple juice or applesauce."³

When man was first created, there was a forbidden fruit which many believe was an apple. "This is because the Latin words mālum (an apple) and mălum (an evil), each of which is normally written malum." And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.".. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Gen 2:16,17 3:4, 6 "Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Rom 5:12 "That whosoever believeth in Him (Jesus) should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:15 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John1:9 Which fruit are you eating?



York Imperial Apple

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"What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. Rom 6:21



The fall of man was not the apple in the tree but the pair on the ground.

¹ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apple ²en.wikipedia.org/wiki/York Imperial#cite note-barkslip-1

³explorepahistory.com/hmarker.php?markerId=1-A-13C

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