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## LEST WE FORGET

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It is that time of year again when the frost comes early, the leaves fly on the wind and children knock at the door with shouts of "Trick or Treat". It is also the time of the fall harvest; the corn is ripe, the pumpkins are big and the apples are red as traffic lights.

Apples have always played an important part in man's life. This is an undisputed fact. But have we given the apple the recognition it deserves? Have we really striven to make the apple as well-loved as it deserves to be!

From the beginning of time the apple has had its influence on the history of man. Adam and Eve were in a lush garden of fruit filled trees, yet it was the apple which they ate; all those other things to munch on and they chose the apple. After all, how would it have been for the descendants of Adam and Eve if they had eaten a pomegranate! Their descendants (us) would've been stuck with an eternal blight. How would you tell your child the truth about your ancestor? How would you tell him, "Son, your ancestor placed us in everlasting damnation by eating a pomegranate." It would simply drive him nuts with shame.

What would William Tell have done if there had been no apple to shoot off his son's head? If it had been a watermelon, the fallout would have killed his son anyway, and if it had been a cherry he would have taken the cherry off along with his son's

head. But an apple! An apple is nice and medium in size. Not too close and not too big so that you're called a dirty cheat. And you can always eat it. When you're finished there's no worry about where to spit out the seeds or pits.

And how about Sir Isaac New-

ton? If he hadn't been hit by that apple and discovered gravity, people in Australia would be floating off into space. Imagine an American spaceman looking out of his porthole and watching a kangaroo bouncing off a nearby satellite. Or a boomerang that doesn't come back. The cata-

strophic consequences of this are unimagineable. Besides, things would be awful messy up there; and on your lawn too, when it rained Marino sheep and other forms of quadrupeds.

Apples are a great boon to the medical profession too, especially psychiatry. A psychologist can

use apples as a means of identification for his patients. For example, there is the crab apple. Small in size, often shrivelled and ugly, this apple leaves an unpleasant sensation with the beholder and often leaves the mouth with a pukish taste residue. The same occurs with many people who meet obnoxious characters. It is these characters who are aided by the psychiatrist by his showing them that they are no better than an apple. And if that does not work he can always force them to eat the crab apple and die from indigestion.

Fairy tales are often centered around the apple. Snow White would not have met the Handsome Prince if she had not eaten the poisoned apple and she would have been stuck with those weird little men for the rest of her life. If the old wicked queen had used an apricot or a prune, Snow White would have told the queen where to go. Luckily she ate the apple and lived happily ever after. And you can be sure she planted a good many apple trees in her royal backyard.

So, now that you are aware of the great importance of the apple in your life and how it has shaped your past and future, be kind and gentle with the next apple you eat. Polish it to a high lustre and take small nibbles. It'll ease the pain. And if you are drinking apple juice, drink slowly.

So friends, lest we forget, every day at sunrise, when you raise your eyes to the loving sky and sunshine, think of your faithful servants and say with a heartfelt pride,

"Apples are my friends."



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