

Review of: "Sacred Plants and Their Miraculous or Healing Properties"

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The topic of your article is interesting. However, I suggest you make some changes more suited to a scientific paper.

1. Paragraph 2.2 contains some inaccuracies about the Bible. In fact, you speak of the "forbidden apple," but the biblical text does not speak of an apple, but of "fruit." The idea of the apple is a late Latin tradition that arises from the play on words in Latin between "apple" and "evil" (*malum* in both cases). Furthermore, it is appropriate to consult some texts of contemporary biblical exegesis to have a correct vision of the text of Genesis 3, which does not strictly deal with "sin," but is rather a wisdom story, a reflection on human reality with a mythical-symbolic language. So it is not correct to try to identify the trees of Eden with specific plants.
2. I strongly recommend checking the scientific names of the plants mentioned on the www.worldfloraonline.org website, taking care to also indicate the name of the author or authors who described the species (e.g., *Piper methysticum* G.Forst.).
3. As for plant pictures, it would be more appropriate from a scientific point of view not to take them from Wikipedia or Wikimedia. I suggest using databases with high-resolution images and, above all, a precise match between the scientific species and the image (e.g., [CalPhotos: Plants \(berkeley.edu\)](http://calphotos.berkeley.edu)).