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“THOSE WHO FIND UGLY MEANINGS

In beautiful things

are corrupt without being charming

THIS IS A FAULT

Those who find beautiful meanings in beautiful things

Are the cultivated

FOR THESE THERE IS HOPE

They are the elect to whom beautiful things mean only Beauty

THERE IS NO SUCH THING

AS A MORAL OR AN IMMORAL BOOK

Books are well written, or badly written

THAT IS ALL”

Oscar Wilde

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Elicura Chihuailaf

EGGPLANT (*Solanum melongena*) is a species of nightshade commonly known in British English as **aubergine** and also known as **melongene**, **garden egg**, or **guinea squash**¹. It is known in South Asia, Southeast Asia and South Africa as **brinjal**. It bears a fruit of the same name (commonly either “eggplant” in American and Australian English or “aubergine” in British English) that is widely used in cooking, most notably as an important ingredient in dishes such as *Moussaka* and *Ratatouille*. As a member of the genus *Solanum*, it is related to both the tomato and the potato. It was originally domesticated in India and Bangladesh from the wild nightshade, the thorn or bitter apple, *S. incanum*. **DESCRIPTION** The eggplant is a delicate, tropical perennial often cultivated as a tender or half-hardy annual in temperate climates. It grows 40 to 150 cm (16 to 57 in) tall, with large, coarsely lobed leaves that are 10 to 20 cm (4–8 in) long and 5 to 10 cm (2–4 in) broad. Semiwild types² can grow much larger, to 225 cm (7 ft) with large leaves over 30 cm (12 in) long and 15 cm (6 in) broad. The

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stem is often spiny. The flower is white to purple, with a five-lobed corolla and yellow stamens. The **egg-shaped** glossy black fruit has white flesh with a meaty texture. The cut surface of the flesh rapidly turns brown when the fruit is cut open. On wild plants, the fruit is less than 3 cm (1.2 in) in diameter, but very much larger in cultivated forms, reaching 30 cm (12 in) or more in length. The fruit is botanically classified as a *berry* and contains numerous small, soft seeds which are edible, but have a bitter taste because they contain nicotinoid alkaloids (it is a close relative of *tobacco*). **CULTIVATED VARIETIES** Different varieties of the plant produce fruit of different size, shape, and color, though typically purple. The most widely cultivated varieties (cultivars) in Europe and North America today are elongated ovoid, 12–25 cm long (4½ to 9 in) and 6–9 cm broad (2 to 4 in) in a dark purple skin. A much wider range of shapes, sizes and colors is grown in **India**³ and elsewhere in **Asia**⁴. Larger varieties weighing up to a kilogram (2.2 pounds) grow