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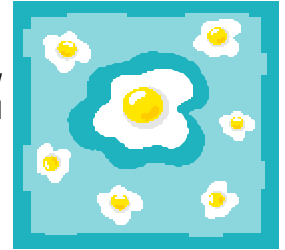
I do not like Green Eggs and Ham

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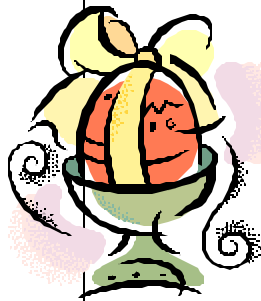
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An egg is an egg! "Let's have some!" Will that be 'easy over'? 'Sunny side up'? 'Hard boiled'? 'Poached' or 'Scrambled'? Perhaps an 'omelet'? You may even request condiments—salsa, cheese, salt and pepper, or ketchup— but I suspect you don't like them very much with the shells. No matter what your choice may be—you probably share one other common preference... Make them fresh and hot! You may want it in an egg cup, or a bowl, or even on the finest china. Perhaps you'd like that with toast, or a few rashers of bacon! We all have our preferences but in the midst of our variety — an egg is an egg!



You may feel you are inadequate in your efforts. You may sense that you have not done the best job. You may have taken short cuts. You may have spent less time preparing and praying than you should have. Maybe you realize that your thoughts and outlines have been a little 'scrambled'.

Now as you look back, are you wondering... will they get it? Have I ruined everything? Were things too scrambled?



There is no question that we should do the best job we can. We should make sure that adequate preparation is made. The message we proclaim deserves a crystal clear presentation and the work we do should have our finest efforts in preparation because, ultimately, we do it for the Lord. There is no doubt but that we should be geared up enough in advance that we have time to meditate on the lesson—so it will be well seasoned! And we all know that the way a meal is presented adds to the pleasure and enjoyment of it. Add a slice of ripe red tomato—a twist of fragrant orange— or a stem of fresh green parsley—and it makes it all the more appealing

and attractive. And the skill to present food—natural or spiritual only comes with practice and developed skills. Doubtless, we still have work to do that we might serve it up better.

But just remember—an egg is still an egg—no matter what. The nourishment is there. Let's just make sure that we always emphasize the Word of God and the prime essence of the gospel message in our teaching. The Lord Jesus said, "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg will he give him a scorpion?" Luke 11:11-12 and then our Lord goes on to remind them that they already know (in spite of their depravity) how to give good gifts to their children.



Let's do the best we can do. Let's give our students good things. Let us never forget that it must be 'bible truth' that we teach. In a manner of speaking, it is the 'egg' that has the nourishment. They have a need that must be met. And that is no 'yolk'!



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Years ago in a small prairie village, the visiting preacher dropped in on a family he knew were only nominal christians. After exchanging polite cordialities and the usual conversation—the mother, who was trying to impress the preacher, spoke to her son like this: "Johnny, go and get that book that we always read."

....so Johnny came back with the Sears catalogue.