

# From Where We Stand . . . Well Dear, Here's Another Egg.

Well Dear, there's another egg!  
That's just the way she said it!

When asked by her husband, "Why all the enthusiasm?", she answered, "Well, when you've seen one egg, you've seen them all."

Now we know this isn't true. We can not agree with her or with Gertrude Stein's philosophy that "an egg is an egg is an egg". We know that a fresh egg is a fresh egg, and an old egg is something else again.

But when we heard the "there's another egg" story, we began to wonder how many women really know the difference in a fresh egg and one not-so-good.

In an independent survey conducted in Lancaster county it was found that not one woman in 10 knew how to tell a fresh egg from an old egg, and one woman in 10 had only a nebulous idea of what she considered a fresh egg.

One remark is worth repeating. Well, if it is rotten, you know it! And we don't see how you can argue with logic like that.

But there is a lot of difference in a stale egg and a rotten one. We believe almost anyone can determine if they have one of the latter, but poor quality hen fruit is purchased and fried, boiled, scrambled or poached with no thought to its freshness past the cover on the box which describes the contents as "Farm Fresh" or some equally meaningless term.

A few years ago, the term "farm fresh" meant something. Eggs of several years ago were handled carelessly and slowly from farm to retail market and by the time they got to the city consumer, the contents, while not spoiled, were certainly not in the same condition as they were when deposited in the shell by the hen.

But, by and large, eggs from commercial producers today are handled much more efficiently, with a corresponding protection of internal quality.

All too often, eggs promoted as farm fresh lose more quality on the shelf of a roadside stand where the sun can beat down on them all afternoon, than a similar egg loses in a week in proper storage.

But because eggs are touted as fresh, the lady of the house will buy and serve to her family with very little thought that she might be getting a poor quality item.

Each year thousands of dollars are spent by the egg industry to try to influence housewives to demand strictly fresh eggs. This is an admirable program, but we believe it is wasted money from the producer's view point. Unless the housewife is first educated to know what to look for inside the shell — not just on the carton overwrap — the term "Fresh" will not mean anything more than that the eggs were bought at a place other than a super market.

To all too many home makers, any egg is fresh if she drives to the country to purchase it. The contents of the shell

mean so little to most of the women interviewed, that one gets the feeling that they might just as well crack and fry the carton and throw the eggs away.

Now, before the women of the county get up in arms, we might remember that we have not done the job of education that we ought to have done.

We have convinced the lady of the house that she ought to demand fresh eggs, but we have not told her how to know if she is getting what she demands.

We know of women who will fry a thin, watery egg, as long as it does not have a bad odor, but scream like a banshee if a tiny blood spot shows up in an otherwise high grade egg. One cook of our acquaintance even goes so far as to dip out the germ spot on the yolk if she can find it, but she will serve a flat, anemic fried egg to her family and think it is wonderful because she bought it from a roadside stand.

She doesn't worry that it has been on the shelf in the sun, or that it may have been collected a week earlier in a bucket that had been used for mixing disinfectant for the roost.

Now, before all the roadside stand operators have apoplexy, let us hasten to say, we know that many stand operators protect the quality of their produce, but all too often there are the other kind of operators.

We believe an educational program is called for. If we want to sell fresh eggs to an appreciative consumer, we have to educate her so that she knows when she has what she demands.

At least that's how it looks from where we stand.

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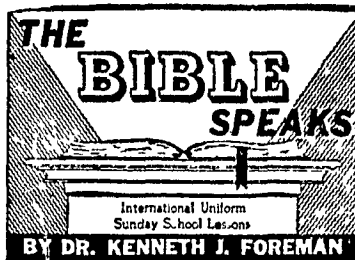
## There Is Poison In Your Home!

How are you fixed for poisons in your home?

That is far from an idle question. For, says the American Medical Association, there are 250,000 products in home use which contain some form of poison. These serve necessary and desirable functions. But, on the debit side, 600,000 children manage to poison themselves each year, about 500 fatally.

These poisons include cleaning and polishing agents, detergents, cosmetics, paint, and a next-to-endless list of other items. The best of all precautions is to keep them under lock and key. But that is not practical in many cases — so the AMA offers a number of precautions that should be kept eternally in mind.

If your child takes something that is possibly poisonous, call a doctor at once—don't wait for developments. Never transfer poisons from their original, marked containers. Never leave a child alone when you're working with cleaners, polishers and other poisons — and wash contaminated utensils immediately. Give medicines only in a lighted room and discard old medicines no longer in use. When you get rid of hazardous materials, put them where children can't reach and rummage into them.



Bible Material: Psalm 100, Revelation 1:4-6, 15:3b-4, 21 and 22  
Devotional Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

## When God Has Won

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THE bloodiest book in the Bible is the last one, Revelation. Weird and terrible, its pictures tell the story of the war between good and evil, between God and Satan. In this war God's servants suffer agonies, and are indeed tempted to despair. Yet in the end the victory is God's, and his faithful people share it. A note running from first to last is "overcome," "conquer," "victory." While all the books of the Bible point forward, more or less this is specially true of Revelation, which through all the red fog and the darkness focuses on God's final triumph.

### God keeps promises

As every one is aware, this strange book has aroused innumerable arguments over its precise meaning, especially in details. But the main point is agreed on by all serious students of it: GOD WILL WIN. This does not get rid of all the questions we may have about it. These last two chapters, for example, do they refer to something still in the future, or do they refer to something going on now? Are these pictures of heaven, or are they pictures of this earth in some future era? Let us venture a suggestion which might include both these possibilities. Let us try taking what is said in these famous and beautiful chapters, as an assurance, made in word-pictures, of what it will be like when God's great war with evil on this earth and in this universe is crowned with victory. If you like to think of this as in heaven (because we have heard this so often at funerals), or on the renewed earth in a new universe, either way this is the kind of world which it is God's intention to bring forth, the kind of world which will be a fit home for his

people. It is a world in which all the good promises of God will be fulfilled.

What manner of world will it be, the world of the heart's desire of the God who is Love? We can note only a very few of its special glories. For one thing, it is a world with evil shut out. Not only has that great serpent, the deceiver of men, been destroyed at long last, but all those human beings who have said to evil, "Be thou my good, are shut out,—all the unclean, the cowards, those who love and make lies. Evil, as we have all long since discovered, has many forms. Wickedness is only one form of it. There is also suffering, and this can be of the heart and mind, not only of the body. But there shall be no more pain, no more crying nor tears, so we know that when God has won his victory, all the dark burdens that weigh now on the souls of men, even those griefs in which no evil mingles,—these will all have vanished. The last enemy, Death, will lie conquered, and only Life fill all God's new world.

"And night shall be no more." Considering how often, in the Bible and out, darkness is a symbol of ignorance and error, we may believe, and the Christian church does believe, that in God's world, when it finally dawns, (and indeed in heaven now) the mists of half-knowledge and groping ignorance that now surround even the wisest mind, will be blown away in the dawn-wind of eternity. "—and God Himself will be with them!"

Best of all, and including all that is good,—God himself will be with his people, giver of life of light, of healing and of comfort.

Here some one may think of a question. Are not all these things true in this life, here and now? Do we not have eternal life? Is not God here on earth as he is everywhere? Are there not rare spirits in whom good has driven out evil? Does the Spirit of God not already bring light and healing and peace?

Yes, this is true. God grants to his people, here and now, such "foretastes of heaven" as assure of his presence and power, stir us to strive with him, and give sure promise of victory at last. Heaven has its colonies on earth. Wherever true, unselfish love has its flower and fruit, wherever faith and hope join with love to make this dark life brighter,—in every Christian heart and home, in every fellowship where the Spirit of Christ draws all together, there God's world already comes.

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## Now Is The Time . . .

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### To Prepare Grain Bins

The small grain harvest season is at hand and all growers are urged to clean out the old grain and thoroughly clean and spray the bin area to control stored grain insects. The use of malathion, methoxytelor, or liothane in all cracks and surfaces when the bin is empty should stop the carry-over of insects.

### To Prevent Hog Cholera

This dreaded disease of the swine industry must be prevented rather than depending upon an unknown cure. Feeders and breeders are urged to vaccinate all pigs, if garbage is feed, feed only cooked garbage, isolate new animals for 30 days, prevent visitors from getting into the hog barn or insist upon the use of a disinfectant on their shoes or boots; owners should be careful about visiting other herds with any kind of infection, and practice good sanitation at all times.



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### To Spray For Red Spider Mites

During the summer trees and shrubs like spruce, hemlock, arborvitae, and junipers get heavily infested with mites, these insects are very small and difficult to see with the naked eye; they are reddish-brown to pale green in color and cause gray or yellowish spots on the foliage, in cases of severe infestation and damage the foliage becomes a bronzed color. The use of Aramite at the rate of 2 tablespoons per gallon of

water, or Malathion with 2 teaspoons per gallon of water, sprayed at 10-day intervals for two or three treatments will kill the mites.

### To Survey Liability Insurance

Many automobiles and other vehicle owners lack sufficient protection from the other person in case of an accident. It is the feeling that many folks should discuss this matter with their insurance agent to be sure they are well protected, the cost of extra insurance might be definitely justified.



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