

A Chick Named Albert

The other evening I was sitting in my comfortable La-Z-Boy for about an hour's relaxation before going to bed. Not particularly wanting to read anything, I opened YouTube on my phone to see what videos were at the top of my page.

I don't know how it happens, but often YouTube suggests videos that are entirely unrelated to other videos I've watched, and this was one of those times. One particular video caught my eye as it featured three huge, dark blue eggs, and a man holding one of them. In the end, I watched the entire video, totally fascinated.

Never during the video did I learn the man's name, or where he was – seemingly European – or even what kind of eggs these were. I had to surmise or in the case of the eggs, figure it out for myself in an internet search. So it was a little mysterious.

Putting that aside, the story itself was riveting. The man had been given (or had



found?) these three huge blue eggs to incubate and to bring the chicks inside to life, if possible. First, he put the eggs in a bowl of water to see if they sank, which was a necessary sign of good condition. They did.

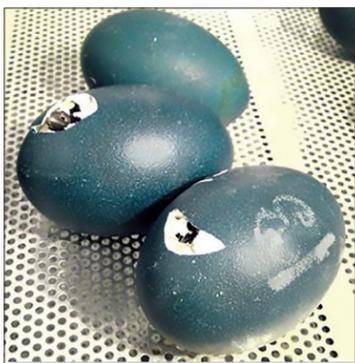
Then he showed how he incubated the eggs to a precise temperature and recorded the expected loss of weight of the eggs as the chick grows inside. All was well, but one of the eggs lost weight too fast, and he feared its death or lack of proper development.

After a week of watching, he separated the third egg from the other two and placed it in a different incubator, one that had more humidity to slow the weight

loss. That seemed to do the trick.

As the chicks developed inside their eggs, he whistled as their mother might, to see if there was response. The two healthier eggs responded to the whistle, so that their eggs moved a little. The third problem egg responded also, but with less movement of the egg.

When the time came, the man put eggs 1 and 2 in an incubator with the right



conditions for them to hatch, and one morning came to check on them, finding that both eggs had small holes where the chicks had started to break through the shell. During that day, they both broke through completely, emerging as black and white striped birds with HUGE feet.

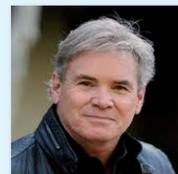
The egg 3 had not broken through yet, nor shown any signs of life, so the man decided to drill a small hole in its shell to give it more oxygen, in case that was needed. As he was about to drill the hole in the shell, the chick broke through the shell and emerged as the others had,



seemingly healthy and strong as they were. Why egg 3 didn't follow the norm like the other two remained a mystery. The video ended with the man smilingly holding the 3 babies in his arms, these "babies" being at least 6" tall. All three were zebra striped, as you can see in the picture nearby. That was my internet search term; instantly the result came back as emu, which grows to be a large bird, kind of like an ostrich.

Why does this matter? Maybe it isn't up your alley. But for me, as I grow closer to God, I have also grown more aware and appreciative of His Creation. How awesome it is to look in the eyes of a dog or a horse or cow and know that there is some kind of soul inside. I remember the first time I noticed that we had barn owls in our trees, which wasn't all that long ago. I was so excited!

And so this story of the emu eggs and their hatching is another example of God's marvelous work. I love that! And it's everywhere we look. Everywhere we can see the overwhelming evidence of His Spirit and His works!



REAL LIFE

with Jack Hibbs

James Erwin loved to fly! And looking down upon the world from his aircraft's lofty vantage point, that desire seemed fulfilled. Quiet and still, the earth looks unusually peaceful when you're at forty thousand feet. But it wasn't until Erwin was promoted to astronaut that he realized the big picture.

“ ONLY GOD COULD HAVE MADE THOSE STARS . . .

Two days out from Earth, his Apollo spacecraft was repositioned. At that moment, Erwin looked out the window and beheld his home—his world. In his own words, James Erwin announced, “Only God could have made those stars... the earth so perfect, a blue ball of life in the midst of a lifeless expanse.”

I had the privilege of hearing this man speak of the glorious creative works of God many years ago. He said that it was during his Apollo mission, he was won to Christ by the sheer witness of the creative powers of God Himself. The heavens and the expanding universe before us speak of an engineering design and power that is little appreciated.

One night, when our girls were young, we spent the night in the backyard under the stars. As we looked up, an impromptu prayer was offered, “Thanks, Lord, for an awesome night and for those cool stars.” Truly, “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.”

Are you a Christian, a follower of the one true God, the Creator of the universe? Then, on the next clear night, go out and look up and worship Him!

~Awaiting His Return, Jack Hibbs

All of this marvelous creation testifies to the glory of God's creation, and we ain't seen nuthin' yet! If we choose God as our Boss and Jesus as our Savior, we'll see the glorious Creation as it was before we humans broke it! When the world is falling apart and everything seems so bleak, it's refreshing to focus instead on our wonderful God, Creator of the Universe, and our personal loving Father, if we will have Him!

Psalm 19: 1-4:

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

By the way, the title “A Chick Called Albert”, comes from the name of this man's website and YouTube channel. Albert was his first incubated and hatched egg, and Albert became a pet.

Linda Gammel

LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

Monday, March 25th

5:00 pm at the Moose Lodge

on Foothill Road, just west of Tradepost Road.

- Reports from our County, State, and Federal field reps.
- Election results, road news, etc.
- Can You Dig It Ranch: Equine Assisted Learning and Psychotherapy will do a presentation for their organization.
- Updates on BASKETBALL and BASEBALL leagues.
- CSA 29/Park budget discussion.

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March 23, 2024

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



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There are only two kinds of people: People who will do what they are told, no matter what

and people who will do what is right, no matter what they are told

Every day these become more true.

1. Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
2. “In Style” are the clothes that still fit.
3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop irritating you.
4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is, “I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it.”
6. “On time” is when you get there.
7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid – but it sure does muffle the sound.
8. It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes then come out wrinkle-free...and three sizes smaller.
9. Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
10. Growing old should have taken longer.
11. Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
12. You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.

And one more :

13. “One for the road” means peeing before you leave the house.