

EGGS IN ANCIENT GREECE

Did you know that...

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Let's learn these words:

- Ancient – senovinis
- Nest – lizdas
- Researcher – tyrinėtojas
- Hard-boiled - kietai išviręs
- Egg white – kiaušinio baltymas
- Yolks – tryniai
- Ingredient – ingredientas
- Symbolically – simboliškai
- Worship – garbinti
- Ritual – ritualas
- Honor – garbė/šlovė
- Dye - dažyti
- Fertility – vaisingumas
- Goddess – deivė
- Tomb – kapas
- Remain – likti
- Rebirth – atgimimas
- Purity – skaistumas/tyrumas
- Universe – visata
- Serpent – gyvatė
- Wrapped up – suvyniotas
- Spirit – dvasia
- Orphic Egg - Orfinis kiaušinis
- Sacrifice - aukojimas

How old are eggs in history?

- People have been eating eggs since they first started to be people, **about six million years ago.**



Who ate eggs first?

- The first people to eat eggs took them from nests in the wild and ate the eggs raw.
- **There is no way to know who ate the first egg.**
- What researchers do know is people living in Egypt and China were the first to keep hens.
- It's also believed that when Columbus returned to the New World in 1493, he had chickens on board.



What is egg in ancient Greek?

Greek: **αβγό ν** (avgó, “egg”)

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How did Ancient Greeks cook their eggs?

- Eggs were cooked **soft- or hard-boiled** as snacks or dessert.
- Whites, yolks and whole eggs were also used as ingredients in the preparation of dishes.



Why did the ancient Greeks eat eggs?

- Eggs were **used symbolically in the worship rituals held in honor of Dionyssus, as well as in the rituals surrounding the worship of the ancient fertility goddess Kyveli.**
- Many ancient tombs have been found containing the remains of eggs, symbolic of rebirth.



Kyveli was a goddess of fertility

- **Kyveli** is a female Greek name that exists since the antiquity, referring to very important Goddesses in Greek Mythology.
- The etymology of the name *Kyveli* is not known.
- The name is also spelled Cybele.



What do eggs symbolize?

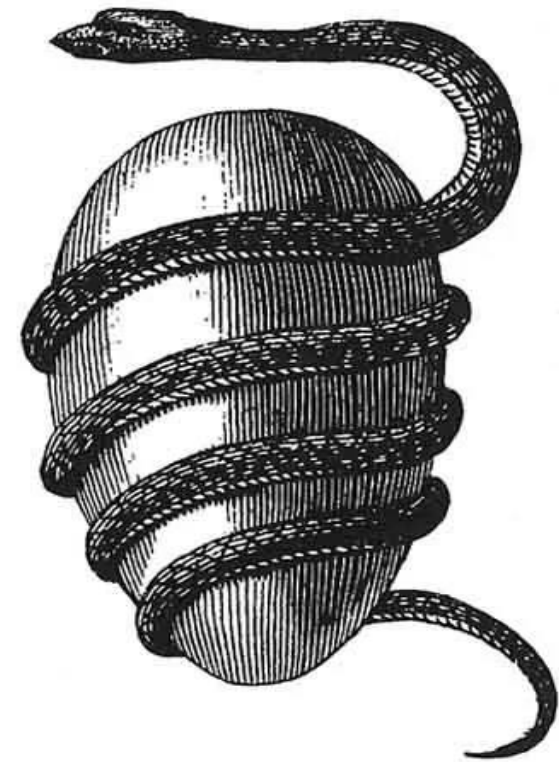
- The egg brings **hope and purity**.
- It is a symbol of fertility and the circle of life.
- Ancient traditions used to link the egg to the creation of the universe, suggesting that the Earth itself may have been born out of an egg.
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTIQwL_Dw7A



Orphic Egg

Symbol of life and creativity

- The Orphic Egg is an ancient Greek symbol.
- It is an egg with a serpent wrapped around it.
- This egg represents the cosmic egg.
- The egg and snake represent the cosmos circled by the creative spirit.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKJdwBgkN8>



Ancient Art

- Ancient Greeks placed decorated ostrich eggs or their representations in gold, silver or clay in graves.



Dating to the early 5th century BC.

Why Greeks Dye Eggs Red for Easter?

- **The red colour symbolizes the blood and sacrifice of Christ on the cross and the egg symbolizes rebirth.**
- The first red egg that is dyed is considered to be the egg of the Virgin Mary and is saved in the home for protection against the evil eye until the next year when a new "first egg" is dyed.



Make 3D paper Easter Eggs Very easily



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*Happy
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