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***Stuff For Today***

• The nightshade family

• Ways to eat potatoes

• A scholarly look at the various character traits found in the ordinary solanum tuberosum

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# Potatoes: Very Interesting Creatures

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Potatoes are fascinating creatures. A solid, scholarly study of their unique character traits and behaviors can help us to understand ourselves and our own actions better.

I have studied potatoes for years in their natural habitat and have come to refer to them affectionately as ***Taters.*** My own personal collection includes some very fine examples of their peculiarities. We will look at each in some detail this morning.

*Dic****tater****—he always wants his own way. And since that does not always happen, he tends to be angry a lot.*

*Imi****tater****—is always looking around and copying what others are doing. That is fine, provided that she has a good role model.*

*Ro****tater****—is constantly circling from one thing to another. The result is: confusion*

*Gravi****tater****—is drawn to everything that comes along. He has no foundation.*

*Commen****tater****—always has something to say, usually without much prior thought.*

*Agi****tater****—is always stirring up trouble among others. Often just for amusement.*

*Cogi****tater****—is always thinking—and then second guessing himself, to the point of failing to commit to anything.*

*Spec****tater****—is always watching, but never doing, never helping.*

*Irri****tater****—is just like sandpaper. He knows how to get under your skin.*

*Hesi****tater****—is wary of everything. He knows better, but will not take a stand.*

*Facili****tater****—is always looking around, and helping others in need. He is a servant with a heart to put others ahead of himself. It is a good way to live. You can tell by the smile on his face.*

*Medi****tater****—knows the Bible. He reads it and studies it, and then, later, when it is quiet, he closes his eyes and thinks about what he read, and how good God is. Spending time alone with God is of far more value than most people think. Our fast paced world does not fit with this concept, but the benefits far outweigh the costs.*

**Howddaya Eat Potatoes ?**

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We eat them

1. Fried

2. Boiled

3. Baked

4. Au gratin

5. Twice baked

6. French fried

7. Hash browns

8. Soup

9. Mashed

10. Cheesy

11. Curly fried

12. Tots

13. Broiled

14. Gnocchi

15. Roasted

16. Chips

17. Pancakes

18. Scalloped

19. Pierogi

20. Salad

21. Grilled

22. Steamed

23. Latkes

24. Pave

25. Pureed

26. Candied

27. Croquettes

28. Rösti

29. Waffles

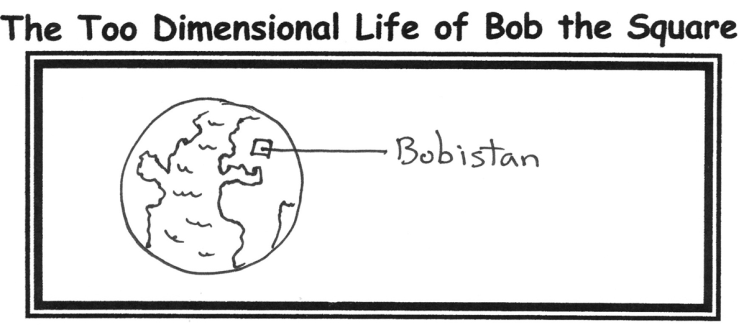
30. Pommes Dauphine

31. Vichyssoise

32. Flakes (just add water)

33. Dumplings

34. And of course RAW!



**Famous Taters**

1. Peter Cottontater

2. Spiderspud

3. Optimash Prime

4. Taters of the Lost Ark

5. Darth Tater

**Nightshades**

The botanical among us

place nearly 2,800 plants into a category commonly called *nightshades.*

Included on this list are pimentos, morning glories, tomatoes, paprika petunias, tobacco, and potatoes.

They all contain a chemical compound known as alkaloids. Other plants in this family contain large, even lethal, amounts of this chemical and are considered quite poisonous.