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NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

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We traditionally say it's a new year as the number of the year increases by one. Does it really mean everything is new? Ecclesiastes 1:9 says, "The thing that has been—it is what will be again, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun." Once again I am challenged at how easy it is to follow a tradition and then discover that it really isn't factual. We are really experiencing a 'done again' when we go from January to December every year. It is still the continuation of days since God instituted time and declared days as part of the constant in our world. As long as the universe obeys God, there will be another day and if we live in it and operate in that day.



The important thing for us to grasp is how we spend our time in the days we are given to live. Satan is skilled in attacking humans as he can use the same vices to attract us to sin century after century. Why? There's nothing new under the sun. Human nature is born corrupt and attracted to various types of corruption/sin. In our day we think it's new because we never lived before to see it. Some of us have lived long enough to see certain things cycle around at least twice. It proves the bible to be correct.

God provides new mercies to us daily. Note however, His mercy is an extension of His eternality so when it's introduced into time each day, I believe it's new. Interestingly we receive new daily mercies for the same repeatable sins. What a mighty good God we serve!!!

Our world isn't new, although many things have a life cycle to maintain its existence. We rejoice over a newborn baby, but the event of life being born in and of itself is not new. For sure, though when we are born again in Christ Jesus, we are given new life, new hope and should remember, old things have passed away and behold He has made all things new. Once again, that is an event that is an extension of His eternality. There will be a new earth and a new heaven. We will receive a new body one day when we meet the Lord in the rapture. In conclusion, although there's not much new under the sun, there's much that is new when under the Son! To enjoy new, you must be in born anew in Christ. Walking in the newness of life adds freshness to our lives!!!

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