

At the Beginning of Every Year
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At the beginning of every year, we wish for better times to come. On a global level, we can pray for peace, kindness, righteousness and justice to prevail, but that is the only option for change and hope we have as human beings to bring this world to a better place. We must plea with the all-powerful and mighty God to bring resolution to the evil and suffering of this world and the people living in it. On a personal level, however, although we do not have control over many things around us, we have control of who and what we put our trust in, and the attitudes we will assume about what happens to us. Although it is now January 1, 2017, that only indicates that another 24 hour period has rolled over and that we have been given another day of life. We will build the year 2017 second by second, minute by minute, hour by hour, and day by day. We will build it by our own determination to put our faith totally in God, and by determining to live moment by moment in a manner that will strengthen our peace with Him, with others, and with ourselves. How we do that will vary according to our individual experiences of life. It is up to us to grow and become. It is up to us to love, forgive, comfort and encourage ourselves and those around us. It is up to us to realize that it is our responsibility to do what is right in spite of what others do....
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