

New Year Celebration

New Year celebration connotes heathenism and paganism. Its origin is difficult to determine since most ancient pagan religions have their own version of the New Year revelry based on their own calendar. Ancient religions based their New Year celebration on the movement of the sun, moon, stars and earth. In short, the basis was astrological not astronomical.

Astrology is the supposed science of the effect of celestial bodies on human affairs, and related to astrolatry, which is worship of the heavenly bodies known as the ancient astrolatrea. An astrologer is a person who claims to know and interpret the supposed influence of the stars and planets on persons or events. Can a person foretell the events in people*s lives based on the happenings in heavens? This is what we call astrology.

The New Year Celebration is based on Taoism, feng shui and combination of primitive pagan practices. Practices like preparing fruits on the table to invite abundance of food for the coming year. The noise making and fireworks is to drive away evil spirits [like the spirit of famine, poverty, bad lucks, etc.], which are the primary teaching of cults. Believers are not supposed to share in the table of demons or cup of demons or sacrifice to demons (1 Cor. 10:19-22).

Sharers in demons refer to the activities, practices of believers that are outside the Biblical doctrines. The believer is said to be sharers in demons whenever he consult his zodiac prediction for guidance or consults the astrological page of a newspaper for his daily horoscope.

The cup of demons and table of demons refer to practices, traditions and rituals of the world adapted by the believers. Paying homage to the dead on November first, hanging Christmas lanterns or putting up a Christmas tree is partaking in the cup of demons.

Celebrating new moon, New Year, new millennium is actually celebrating the feast of some astrological deities [gods]. It is not Scriptural and it is demonic in nature. It is not legalism but simply the application of Bible doctrine to daily living.

Firecrackers are to scare away evil spirits of poverty, sickness, misery, and poor health. It originated from ancient pagan practices of driving out the evil spirits from animals. The midnight meal is an adaptation of midnight offerings of foods and drinks to pagan gods. The New Year celebration is a mixture of ancient superstitions and traditions disguised as Christian celebration.

What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything? No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons, you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and table of demons (1 Cor. 10:19-21).

New Year celebration is burdensome and costly for some but for some, it is their source of pride and self-glorification. Some believers spiritualize such celebration by canonizing it as Christian practice. The New Year celebration is always related to feng shui. Feng shui is more than 3000 years old which is Chinese Philosophy and an art of placement and balance of ying and yang.

It means wind and water which claims to create spiritually and healthy balance for an appealing home. Feng shui is a balance of yin and yang that is finding harmony between energy flows. Practitioners believe that certain places are luckier, certain shapes are more conducive to a balanced life, some symmetry are preferred over angles.

Feng shui's popularity is alarmingly high. Developers, builders, home owners are all consulting feng shui masters. Even Christians are affected and it deceives the elite, intelligent, the rich and poor alike. Let us consider several things about feng shui;

It originated from the cultic practices of astrology, fortune telling, charms of the ancient Eastern religions, and a mixture of science and superstition. God alone has the Master Plan for the life of every person based on their personal decisions as foreknown by God in the eternity past and included in the divine decree.

To trust feng shui for your future health and wealth is to accept satanic lies and human viewpoint.

There are numerous feng shui objects and charms looks harmless and decorative but without knowing that some pagan religions are actually using them as religious objects of worship. To display Feng shui icons is to invite the curses into your home. Feng Shui like any other icons has power supplied by Satan, whose demons attends and ministers to their devotees.

Feng shui is a false hope and a false object of confidence for your wealth and health. Nothing in this world can guarantee your good health and future except God. The New Year and feng shui provides false hope and dependency.

But not even the perfect Garden of Eden was able to guarantee good and healthy future. Your good future begins at the very moment you believe and accept the free gift of salvation and it continues in your spiritual growth and maturity.

No objects (like feng shui fishes and plants) can create a happy and lasting marital relationship. Good health and wealth comes from the justice of God through His grace pipeline. Feng shui designed porcelain jars and items (like frogs, horses) are all related to ancient Chinese folk religion that dominates the ancient Chinese culture.

Feng shui is a demonic cult dressed as science and philosophy. To many, it is innocent and harmless looking. Some feng shui rituals and traditions are widely welcome without suspicion that they are demonic (like the blood of animals or man offered during the digging of building foundation (1 Cor. 10:20). Feng shui is a booming business and a growing cult religion that has infiltrated the doors of many homes undetected by ignorant believers.

New Year celebration concerns itself about prosperity for the coming year, blindly wishing the best out of everything even from wrong and bad decisions. In the Old Testament Israel, there were daily (Lev. 23), weekly, monthly, and yearly festivals, and great stress was laid on the regular observance of them in every particular (Num. 28:1-8; Ex. 29:38-42; Lev. 6:8-23; Ex. 30:7-9; 27:20). Those festivals were religious and related to Mosaic laws, and had an important bearing on the maintenance among the Jewish people relating to feeling of a national unity.

The times fixed for their observance were arranged so as to interfere as little as possible with the industry of the people. The Passover was kept just before the harvest commenced, Pentecost at the conclusion of the corn harvest and before the vintage, the feast of Tabernacles after all the fruits of the ground had been gathered in. Such festivals are no longer applicable to the Church Age.

There is no need to duplicate or imitate such feasts because we are already in a different dispensation. The celebration of the New Year is not related to our Christian life and practice. It has nothing to do with our faith and Bible doctrine. Do not waste your time, money and energy for the unimportant.

As Christians, prepare food and eat as you may but do it as normally as do you on ordinary days. Do not prepare sumptuous food because it's New Year. The polka dots clothing and various preparation like lighting and firecrackers must be disregarded.

There is nothing spiritual about the changes of year and avoid the sin of spiritualizing the carnal things like praying at exactly 12:00 Midnight.. Any day of the year is a day of recognizing the blessings and sovereignty of God, not just on New Year eve. There is no such thing as lucky year or lucky day. Every day is a day of opportunities and privileges in the grace of God, and a day of gratitude toward God and His perfect plan, will and purpose for your life (1 Thess. 5:18).

Success comes from God not from your lucky star, moon or planet. You make your own history; you create your own story. Interplanetary movement does not affect your future, destiny or legacy. These are all pure myths and superstitions. Your free will volition creates your destiny or future. New Year revelry is fun but it is not for Christians.

How to have a happy New Year:

The word "blessed" or "blessing" found in both the New and Old Testaments actually means happiness. In Matthew 5 we have the repetition of the word "blessed," which we call the Beatitudes. For the Old Testament believer and the New Testament believer there is this concept of both inner and outer happiness.

Inner happiness means the Word of God in the soul, which manifests itself in outer happiness - the capacity to enjoy life, the capacity to express love, the ability to face adversity and suffering with a relaxed mental attitude.

Without the Word of God this happiness would be impossible, so there must be the intake and application of the Word of God in your life (Mat. 4:1, Luke 4:4). Such happiness protects the believer from areas:

- Disillusion in life
- Disappointment with people (Col. 3:1)
- Disillusion with the details of life (Heb. 13:5-6)
- Disillusion in circumstances of life (Phil. 4:11, 12)

God has always possessed perfect happiness. This is an inner and integral part of His character which includes His capacity to love, to be relaxed mentally, and to be able to think graciously towards mankind. In eternity past God desired to share His happiness with man in time. To do so, God must share something of His character with man and this is only possible through regeneration and perception of the Word of God.

This is only accomplished through the principle of grace. In grace God found a way to share His happiness with the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. This included the availability of the Word of God, the intake of the Word of God, and the maturing of the believer in Christ.

Such happiness is confined only to the plan of God, and man enters into the plan of God by faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, the possibility of inner happiness begins at the cross. There is no instant or automatic happiness in the Christian life here on this Earth. Certain conditions must be met, the filling of the Holy Spirit and consistent intake and application of the Word of God in your life.



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