

A New Baby, A New Year

A new year is being born. That's a traditional way of marking the arrival of 2006, for mortals are wont to use analogies.

A new year is likened to the arrival of a baby. It's a good comparison. Let's apply it a bit as we yearn for a successful year ahead.

A baby's arrival is a moment of great anticipation – the culmination of a long period of preparation and the commencement of a priceless quantity called life. So it is with a new year.

A baby's arrival carries the hopes and dreams of the family for achievements that will be of redeeming value to mankind. So it is with a new year.

A baby's arrival – if he or she is to be emotionally healthy and strong in character formation – must be set in an environment of love. So it is with a new year.

A baby's arrival demands a demonstration of faith and confidence in his or her future if the child's wellbeing is to be preserved. So it is with a new year.

A baby's arrival requires extra reserves of patience and understanding. So it is with a new year.

A baby's arrival is a call for the transcendence of selfish desires, a yielding of one's own will to the welfare of another first and foremost. So it is with a new year.

A baby's arrival fosters a re-examination of values and a realignment of personal properties. So it is with a new year.

A baby's arrival brings on a new zest for living, a new direction of ambition. So it is with a new year.

A baby's arrival urges those nearest him or her to develop the skill for turning tears into laughter, for bringing ease to pain, for converting unhappiness to joy. So does the new year.

And if we make these same commitments to the success of the new year that we make to a baby, 2006 will be the best period in history for us to this date.

We can make it so. The power is in our hands.

--Beecher Hunter