

An Imperfect Clock

In the town hall in Copenhagen stands the world's most complicated clock. It took 40 years to build at a cost of more than a million dollars. That clock has 10 faces, 15,000 parts and is accurate to two-fifths of a second every 300 years.

The clock computes the time of day, the days of the week, the months and years, and the movements of the planets for 2,500 years. And get this: some parts of that clock will not move until 25 centuries have passed.

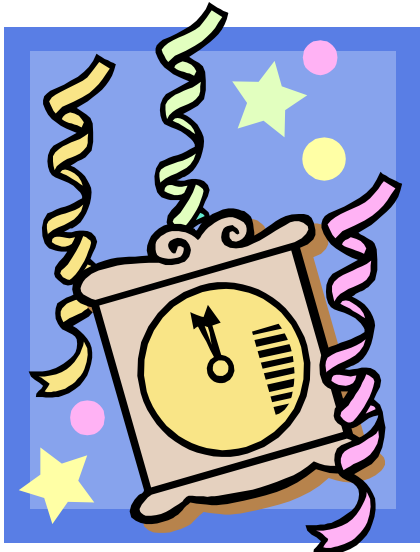
For all of that, however, what is intriguing about that clock is that it is not accurate. It loses two-fifths of a second every 300 years. Like all clocks, that timepiece in Copenhagen must be regulated by a more precise clock -- the universe itself. That mighty astronomical clock with its billions of moving parts, from atoms to stars, rolls on century after century with movements so reliable that all time on earth can be measured against it.

And time, on this first day of 2004, is on the minds of all of us. In whatever measurement it may be -- second, minute, hour, day, week, month or year -- it is precious.

The total accuracy of the universe, how it runs to perfection, is a testament to the power of God and His sovereignty. At the start of this new year, He want us to yield our lives to Him, and He will bring order, peace and joy.

And that is a wonderful resolution for every one of us.

--Beecher Hunter



Happy New Year!