UNDER THE SUN

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ECCLESIASTES 1:1-2 (nas)

1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ² "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity."





A primary point of the "preacher": all purely earthy living things



Ecclesiastes 1:3 (NAS)

What advantage does man have in all his work Which he does under the sun?







Be busy: also with that which lasts forever Life under the sun: finds meaning mainly in ____ which

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Ecclesiastes 1:4 (NAS)

A generation goes and a generation comes, But the earth remains forever. Be busy: also with that which lasts forever Life under the sun: finds meaning mainly in things which last

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Ecclesiastes 1:5-7 (NAS)

Also, the sun rises and the sun sets; And hastening to its place it rises there again. ⁶ Blowing toward the south, Then turning toward the north, The wind continues swirling along; And on its circular courses the wind returns. 7 All the rivers flow into the sea, Yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, there they flow again.

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Ecclesiastes 1:8-9 (NAS)

⁸ All things are wearisome; Man is not able to tell *it*. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor is the ear filled with hearing. ⁹ That which has been is that which will be, And that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun.







Ecclesiastes 1:10-11 (NAS)

Is there anything of which one can say, "Look!
This is something new"? It was here already,
long ago; it was here before our time.

11 No one remembers the former generations,
and even those yet to come will not be
remembered by those who follow them.



No new for you Life under the sun: has a <u>sameness</u> ife under the sun: tends to be

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Perspective enhancer #2: a grasp of forgetting builds humility





Ecclesiastes 1:12-13 (NAS)

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind!



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Ecclesiastes 1:14 (NAS)

¹⁴ I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

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Ecclesiastes 1:15-18 (NAS)

- What is crooked cannot be straightened; what is lacking cannot be counted.
- ¹⁶ I said to myself, "Look, I have increased in wisdom more than anyone who has ruled over Jerusalem before me; I have experienced much of wisdom and knowledge."

Ecclesiastes 1:15-18 (NAS)

17 Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind. 18 For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.

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- Understanding is god-given but hard: because when we gain it we see serious sadness

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