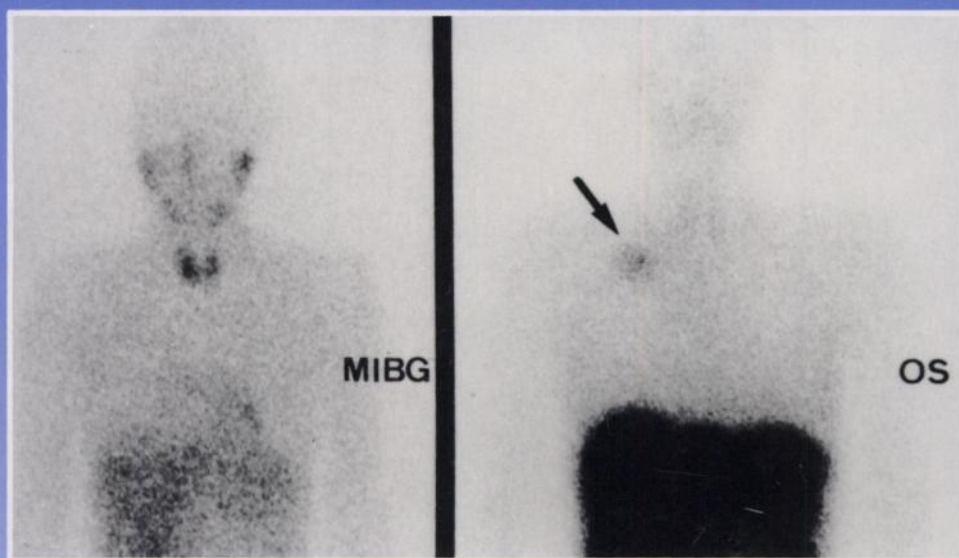

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Happy New Year

At this time of year, the usual greeting "Good morning" or "Hi, how are you doing?" is replaced by "Happy New Year." This greeting reflects the joy of the holiday season and the celebrations accompanying it. It may simply be a casual remark, perhaps with no more meaning intended than the usual greeting. But the feelings—conscious or otherwise—contained in the phrase, "Happy New Year," provide an insight into the way we view the world and our lives.

Happy New Year! Certainly, we are celebrating a specific, special calendar event: a new year, a new cycle. We have reached another milestone, a specific point along the eternity of time, another point along the way in the years of our lives. That is without doubt cause to celebrate.

At the same time, we view the new year as not simply a time point but as the start of a new cycle, and with it new opportunities. Perhaps to do better than we did before, or to do things we never undertook previously or had the time to do. Hence, New Year's resolutions: self-improvement, exercise, weight loss, learning a second language, developing better work habits or new interests, paying more attention to health, or making an effort to spend more or better quality time with family and friends.

A new year is more than a new calendar; it is another opportunity, a new start.

Here we go again. This time, let us do as well as we can, or at least, a little better this time around.

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