

Driven by Lies
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Ecclesiastes 1:9, *“There is nothing new under the sun.”*

Matthew 5:33-37, *“Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, ‘You shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.’³⁴ But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,³⁵ or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.³⁶ Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.³⁷ But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil.”*

Matthew 12:36-37, *“I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*

“They say that he who cannot be believed without swearing is already condemned.”

- Josephus speaking of the Essenes