

**Old and New: An Evolving Faith
2019 Daily Meditations Intro Video
Unedited Transcript**

Fr. Richard Rohr: The staff here just reminded me that 2019 will be the twelfth time, twelfth year we've offered daily meditations. It doesn't seem like it. It seems like the fifth year to me. And I say where do these thoughts come from? I honestly don't know. But maybe that explains why we came up with this theme. I was inspired by the citation at the end of Matthew 13 where he says, "Every disciple of the kingdom is like a householder who draws out from his storage room. Things both old and new." So, that's going to be our theme. How can we again present what we call the perennial tradition? By recognizing that it's always old and always new. If it isn't new, which means that it speaks to the soul now, then it doesn't work. We don't want the church or the Christian tradition to become an antique shop just loving old things. But we're going to build on old things, because my assumption is this: if it's true, it's always been true, and it will just show itself in different ages, in different vocabularies, in different cultures. So, we hope we can take our Christian tradition, which I know a lot of people are very tired of and even angry at, and recognize that when we honor the old that was good and perennial but say it in a way that makes sense to the age that is now psychological, sociological, political, angry, how can it still make spiritual sense. So, pray that we can do this in 2019. And if you have enough humility and patience to join us, we certainly would like to have you.