

Happy 2006

Jan 17, '06 5:59 PM

by hanokodbrook for everyone

Greetings all Real Millennium Group Members and supports. The officers of the RMG just wanted to send a belated New Year's greeting to one and all. May everyone have a wonderful 2006!!

Korbin Janzere

Guild Wars RMG Guild Founder

www.realmillenniumgroup.com/guild.html

There can't be Truth and Knowledge with P.C.

Nov 11, '03 12:53 PM

by hanokodbrook for everyone

This is why the Terrorists of the world need only sit back and wait for Political Correctness to destroy America -- BJWyler (Odbrook1)

Subject: Story in a Tampa newspaper

Will we still be the Country of choice and still be America if we continue to make the changes forced on us by the people from other countries that came to live in America because it is the Country of Choice????????? Think about it.....

All I have to say is, when will they do something about MY RIGHTS? I celebrate Christmas, but because it isn't celebrated by everyone, we can no longer say Merry Christmas. Now it has to be Season's Greetings. It's not Christmas vacation, it's Winter Break. Isn't it amazing how this winter break ALWAYS occurs over the Christmas holiday?? We've gone so far the other way, bent over backwards to not offend anyone, that I am now being offended. But it seems that no one has a problem with that.

This says it all!

After hearing that the state of Florida changed its opinion and let a Muslim woman have her picture on her driver's license with her face covered this is an editorial written by an American citizen, published in a Tampa newspaper. He did quite a job; didn't he? Read on, please!

IMMIGRANTS, NOT AMERICANS, MUST ADAPT.
I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Americans. However, the dust from the attacks had barely settled when the "politically correct" crowd

began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others.

I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to America. Our population is almost entirely made up of descendants of immigrants. However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some born here, need to understand. This idea of America being a multicultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Americans, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language and our own lifestyle. This culture has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials, and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom.

We speak **ENGLISH**, not Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language!

"In God We Trust" is our national motto. This is not some Christian, right wing, political slogan. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is

certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture.

If Stars and Stripes offend you, or you don't like Uncle Sam, then you should seriously consider a move to another part of this planet. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. This is OUR COUNTRY, our land, and our lifestyle. Our First Amendment gives every! citizen the right to express his opinion and we will allow you every opportunity to do so. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto, or our way of life, I highly encourage you take advantage of one other great American freedom, THE RIGHT TO LEAVE.

If you agree -- pass this along; if you don't agree -- delete it!

AMEN

I figure if we all keep passing this to our friends (and enemies) it will also, sooner or later get back to the complainers, lets all try, please

Support Our Troops By Supporting The War

Apr 3, '03 1:24 PM
by hanokodbrook for everyone

In order to give our troops complete and total support like many Americans claim they do, we must do so by also supporting this war against evil. Our fighting American Men and Woman are performing the jobs they chose to do, and even though may have joined the Military Service in time of Peace, knew that they may be called upon to sacrifice their lives to protect America, its people, and its interests. To not fully support the war to rid the world and a completely and total despicable regime is to say that our troops are not fighting for a just cause, and therefore can hardly be called support.

We live in a world where evil is rampant, and those who qualify cannot be reasoned or bargained with. War is unfortunately a necessary part of our existence. No society can be called civil that allows evil in whatever form to continue to exist. Sometimes it is necessary to wipe out evil by whatever means necessary. Those who do not support the causes of having every person on this planet free should find a new place to live - you help perpetuate the evil that causes harm to us all.

Jim B.

Founder & President

Happy Holidays

Dec 23, '02 4:38 PM
by hanokodbrook for everyone

Happy Holidays to all the supports of Truth, Knowledge, and Peace!!

msn-ade wrote on Jan 5, '03

Happy New Year to the members of this site from Italy (Bari- Puglia).

Ciao Nicola

msn-h43 wrote on Jul 29, '06
thankyou!

A Stolen Election? I Don't Think

Jan 27, '01 2:22 PM

So.

by hanokodbrook for everyone

Well, I am certain that much of the country, and the world, watched the swearing in of our new President with much interest. As I was watching the event, and the course of the Presidential Limo prior to the beginning of the parade, I found it very curious that people would still believe that George W. Bush should not be our President, and even more that he stole the election.

Whatever our views on the new President, and how the election was held and finally decided, it was all done according to the laws of this country, and even though I did not vote for him, will stand behind him as my leader. I am an American and have never felt prouder than I did on January 20th, watching Mr. Bush place his hand on the Bible to take the Oath of Office.

For people to continue to bring up the controversy of the election and even to go so far as to say President Bush stole it is disgusting and detrimental to our country. This is the very core of our political heritage -- there will always be a winner and a loser. We vote according to our beliefs, and we don't always have our candidate come out on top, but that's life. We accept the defeat and move on. I am looking forward to seeing how the new President will do, and hope him the very best -- our country and very lives depend on it, so we sure as hell had better start to back him up.

For people to say he stole the election is just to epitomize the stupidity running rampant in our society, also witnessed by the controversy of the millennium, which is how the RMG got its start. It seems very obvious to me, that if someone was going to steal an election, they would do it so as to leave no doubt that they were the winner. If President Bush really wanted to steal the election, he would have won both the electoral college and the popular vote by a margin that would avoid any recounts or other questions. To think otherwise is to show complete idiocy, and proves that not everyone deserves the right to vote.

BJWyler

"The true measure of a man is the ability to look beyond personal desires and uncover the Truth." -- Hanok Odbrook

Christmas Memories

Dec 17, '00 6:11 PM

by hanokodbrook for everyone

In honor of the last Christmas Holiday of this century and millennium, and for the kind of reflection that this type of event causes, I thought it would be nice for us to list some of our favorite Christmas memories. They can be personal experiences, or something that happened during the holiday time that touched you, like a news story, or whatever.

I would have to say that one of the things I miss most was being a kid and running outside to play in the snow with all those new action figures my brother and I got for Christmas. The figures changed from year to year -- Buck Rogers, G.I. Joe, Star Wars, Lego, etc. We had (still have actually!) a Coleman Pop-up camper that was the perfect height and size when closed up to re-enact the battle of Hoth from "The Empire Strikes Back" year after year.

There was also many a time we would sit in front of the fire and build a fort and wall out of our Lincoln Logs and Legos and pretend the fireplace was an erupting volcano which our hero's would have to find some way to

survive from behind the wall.

Even writing this now brings back even more memories of all the different places we put the tree up over the years -- even those days when I was real young and remember all of us heading out to pick out and cut down our own Christmas tree. And how can I not mention the artificial tree that has been in the family for many, many years (It's got to be at least 15 years old, and now currently used by my fiance and I). Unfortunately, I think this might be the last year for that old tree. Oh well, the good ole days of our youth.

BJ Wyler

President Quiz & The Election

Aug 19, '00 1:44 PM

by traveler for everyone

So who's going to be the first President to start their term in the new century? Does anyone even care? Going over the information for our Trivia Quiz was very interesting. How would those early Presidents handle today's current problems, and what would they think of the political animal as it is now?

BJW

RMG Prez

Don't Phone and Drive

Aug 3, '00 1:11 PM

by hanokodbrook for everyone

As much as the millennium caused controversy in 1999, it seems that a lot of people have had quite enough of the new convenience of the cell phone. I am sure most of us have heard the term "road rage," but now it seems we are going to need to coin the term "cell phone rage" as well, as more and more people are becoming cell phone users, and more and more people are finding that they are becoming more annoying, and less of a convenience. Some towns in the US have even begun to ban use of the cell phone while driving, for the distraction it causes, which has resulted in some deaths. Of course, there are those who don't think the cell phone is distracting or annoying at all.

Using a cell phone while driving with playing Russian Roulette. We have one bullet and five empty chambers. Even if one of those empty chambers comes up 20 times in a row, you probably won't hear anyone saying that Russian Roulette is safe to play. It's only a matter of time before someone finds the chamber with the bullet in it. If we can prevent that one death from happening, I think it's worth it. I think that the reckless driving laws should cover any and all cell phone use in a moving vehicle, but unless (or until) we make heavier penalties for reckless driving, I guess that a separate ban is necessary.

From what I can see, the cell phone, just like the SUV, is nothing more than a status symbol. It's just a way for people to feel more important than everyone around them. The world went 'round for many, many years without cell phones. Many people equate cell phone use with distractions such as talking to someone in a car, or fiddling with the radio, and similar things, but it would seem to me that cell phones are much more distracting. I know that whenever I am on the telephone with someone, it takes away from what I am doing around the house, whether watching TV, listening to the stereo, or doing chores -- the conversation begins to take the priority of my concentration, even if whatever it is that I am watching, listening to, or doing is very important to me, I find myself distracted from that by the phone conversation.

While doing things like listening to the car radio, I always find that, at some point, my attention returns to driving. No matter how much I want to listen to one of my favorite songs, I find that my attention is focused on driving, and I often don't even realize that the song is over until halfway through the next one. Things like tuning the radio are very quick and minor distractions, just like a passing thought that we forgot to stop at the supermarket on the way home, five minutes after we passed it. For the most part we don't even need to take our eyes off the road to push a button on the radio, or to turn on the air conditioning. However, talking on the phone (and often straining to hear the person over the connection) requires more of your attention for a much longer period. Even talking to someone in a car doesn't require that much attention, and your passenger can actually see when it's time to be silent (not to mention the fact that if you have a passenger in your vehicle, they can do the radio tuning and those other "distractions" that the person on the other end of your cell phone can't).

It gets back to the cell phone as the status symbol. People don't want their "importance" taken away from them, just like they don't want to give up those SUV's for a more fuel efficient car (I don't have an SUV, and never will). Cell phones can be helpful, like needing to call someone from the highway when your car breaks down, or for other safety reasons, but restrictions must be in place, otherwise we are just waiting for the next person to find that chamber with the bullet in it.

BJWyler

Founder & President

Decades of Confusion

Jul 30, '00 1:27 PM
by traveler for everyone

In the face of all the facts and historical precedent, many people still hang on to the belief that the new century and millennium arrived on January 1, 2000. Perhaps part of this confusion stems from the fact that the division of years we call decades DOES begin in the "00" years.

Gasp!! We're actually admitting something that contradicts what we have been saying?? Well, yes and no. The terms and uses of "century" and "millennium" have been around a lot longer than "decade" has. When humans first started to use these terms in respect to a period of time, such as the 17th Century or the 1st Millennium, with very little exception, it was known and accepted that each division began in the "01" year, as is mathematically correct. Even the most recent turnover, the dawn of the 20th Century was hailed in the year 1901. It is only this year that things have become backwards.

It could be that since we have had the opportunity to only celebrate decades, this more modern term with a more modern use has overridden the long accepted uses of the older terms. During the 20th Century, we have tended to use decades to describe a particular era or feeling that the 10 year period exuded: the Roaring 20's, the Depression Era of the 30's, the Radical 60's, and so on. What we have actually been doing is celebrating the "era decade," which does indeed start in the "00" year. However, that does not change the fact that the "technical" decade and each century and millennium do not and cannot begin until the "01" year.

So yes, by definition a decade, century, and millennium can be any period of 10, 100, and 1000 years, respectively, but the "Double Oh" decade, 21st Century, and 3rd Millennium do not, and cannot begin until January 1, 2001. If we are to begin celebrating these events based strictly on their definitions, then we devalue the significance and meaning of the true event (see [Why It's Important To Get It Right](#) for more details on that).

On a separate note, I want to get a poll going in this thread of what we should call this new decade. We just left the "nineties," so what did we just enter? At the beginning of the century, people called the decade the "aughts." Also, what type of description do you think will come about in this era of 10 years -- like the roaring 20's or radical 60's -- what will this decade be.

I'm calling it the Double Oh, or James Bond decade: 001, 002, 003, and so on. I think this decade will come to be known as the PC (Politically Correct) 00's, or the Complacent 00's, because I don't see much of an attitude change occurring over the next 10 years. Eventually we will learn that to be offended is a part of this existence, but we haven't reached the rock bottom of the PC/Complacent attitude yet, and that must occur before things start to turn around.

BJWyler
Founder and President

Y2K! How about Y2K+12?

Jul 30, '00 12:59 PM
by traveler for everyone

There was a lot of unnecessary worry about the so called "millennium bug" (since the millennium doesn't get here until 2001, maybe that's why nothing happened), and fears of the world coming to an end in 2000. Well, so far nothing has happened so it seems the Y2K fears have turned out to be a big bust -- but should we be breathing easier, or is there more to fear on the way?

Perhaps we should worry more about what is going to happen in the year 2012. Many historians believe that year to be the end of one of the Great Cycles the ancient Maya believed in. Each Great Cycle would last thousands of years, and at the end of each, the current world would be destroyed and then reborn. Many scientists who have studied the earth, and weather changes over the course of the earth's life have found that we are in a period of relative quietness. Some have computer models forecasting major earth changes and a shifting of the magnetic poles on earth in the year 2012. Some "psychics" claim to be able to see nothing of the future following that year.

The year 2000 is seen to have particular religious significance even though we now know that the system was based on a miscalculation of Christ's birth. Most historians look at 4 BC as the actual year, but there have been some estimates that say the system could be 12 years off -- making the possible true anniversary of Christ's birth the year 2012!!!

The following Messages were originally contained in the second Community named The Real Millennium Group. This Community was eventually re-purposed for use by our Guild Wars Guild Members, and so the Messages were ported here.

The Bird Flu Is Coming

Oct 22, '05 7:45 PM
by hanokodbrook for everyone

"Ring around the Rosie,
A Pocket full of Posies.
Achoo! Achoo!
We all fall down."

Epidemics like Aids and Cancer have replaced the Bubonic Plague, which birthed the above nursery rhyme, but yet with all this research and technology, we are no closer to saving lives against these diseases than the medieval culture was against the Plague. Now, it seems, we are on the brink of another pandemic of more recent history. In 1918, another nursery rhyme of lesser fame arose:

"There was a little bird;
it's name was Enza.
I opened up the window,
and in flew Enza."

There aren't many who may remember that over 40 million people across the world died from Influenza as the Great War was winding down, but the medical community was as much at a loss as to a solution for that virus, as our 21st Century doctors are for the Avian Flu, and we are just at the brink of seeing a repeat of the casualties that were seen less than 100 years ago.

In an age when Terrorism has us questioning the motives of our own neighbors, is it time for the U.S. to put tighter controls on our borders? Who knows what that next person to sneak into Texas from Mexico may have in mind, or what may be in the bloodstream of the next immigrant or tourist from Asia. Despite our best intentions, America is still looked poorly upon by a great many other cultures, and the very lives of our people are threatened, whether it be intentionally or unintentionally. For far to long have we welcomed those from around the world with open arms and no questions asked. But when the threat of a dirty nuclear device, or a killer virus is very real and *will* affect thousands, if not millions, of lives, perhaps the time has come for the United States to take a stronger stand about who comes into our country and how they go about doing it.

The problem arises, however, of just how WE as a country need to go about making sure the lives of our citizens are safe and secure. What should our government be doing to ensure that we are not struck down by yet another act of terrorism, or suffer losses from the Avian Flu that make previous pandemics look mild in comparison?

msn-hanokodbrook wrote on Nov 1, '05

For further reports on the Avian Flu, take a look at the following links. Thanks to RMG Member Kim for bringing attention to this subject.

<http://www.transparentgrid.com/wordpress/index.php>

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/influenza/>

<http://avianflu.typepad.com/avianflu/>

<http://www.birdflutoday.com/>

Last Thanksgiving and Slick Willie

Nov 23, '00 3:38 PM

by dick_marston for everyone

November 22, 2000: Oops! Slick Willie is at it again! He's telling us now that November 23 is the first Thanksgiving of the new millennium. I hope he doesn't tell us next that his first year in office was a zero year and that it shouldn't count. I might agree with him in terms of accomplishment, but like the book title says, "Eight is Enough!" No, Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief, sir, as you know very well because your Navy has informed you, November 23, 2000, is the LAST Thanksgiving of the second millennium and the LAST year of your term. I guess that's reason enough for all of us to be thankful.~

msn-traveler wrote on Nov 25, '00

Ah, the state of politics as usual. About this time last year, I was talking to Michael Bucella (who was interviewed for that Orange County Register Article), and he had written the White House about the millennium. He received some info, including the official White House stance on the issue -- that the millennium doesn't begin until 2001. I guess Billy Bob didn't see that memo on his desk for some reason!

3rd Millennium Publicity

Nov 19, '00 10:56 PM

by dick_marston for everyone

Are you aware that our efforts were recognized by the Orange County [Calif.] Register last Friday [Nov. 17, 2000]? The article also appears on-line. Check out:

<http://www.ocregister.com/living/millennium01117cci1.shtml>

I'm trying to bootstrap this article into some further recognition and publicity elsewhere. I'm not holding my breath. :-) It might work better if we all give it a try together.]

msn-dick_marston wrote on Dec 13, '00

MORE publicity: In addition to the Orange County [CA] Register article on Nov. 17 and the Time Magazine article due [I believe] next week [Dec 18], there was an article in the Fresno Bee on Dec. 10, and the San Diego Union Tribune is planning to release an article on or about Dec. 26. How about in your area? Any others jumping on-board? If we didn't win this one, at least we're getting Honorable Mention. Should we demand a recount? :-) Happy Holidays! Happy 3rd Millennium!!

msn-dick_marston wrote on Dec 16, '00

Still more: The Time article was NOT on Time. Hopefully, it will show up before the end of this year-century-millennium!! At the local level, the Pensacola News Journal ran a story recently [Dec. 10?], and here in Calif., the San Bernardino County Sun is planning an article for Sunday, New Years Eve [New Millenniums Eve?].

msn-traveler wrote on Dec 17, '00

Looks like slowly but surely we're getting some recognition. I wonder if all of this would have started sooner if it were not for all the election controversy. I'll have to check with Amanda to see what's up with the Time article. Got to go now before this lightning storm fries my computer!!

BJW

msn-dick_marston wrote on Dec 20, '00

The recognition Jim speaks about is about to go international. Scotland's The Scotsman newspaper will run an article about us on New Year's Day.

Get Out And Vote, People!!

Nov 4, '00 1:40 PM

by traveler for everyone

One of the many reasons we formed the Real Millennium Group was the hypocritical attitude of today's society (as seen in the myriad of debates we have posted on the web site). So come November 7th, we want everyone to get out and exercise their right to vote, no matter what they think of the political process or the candidates.

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ANYTHING IN THE COUNTRY (the U.S. or any country that has the populace elect it's leaders) IF YOU DO NOT GET OFF YOUR BUTT AND VOTE!!!!!!

Let me also say this. I am sure I am not alone for my disdain of the typical "two pary" candidates, or are (more or less) members of the same club. That is why I nearly always vote for an Independant candidate. There are many excellent people on the ballot who are not members of the two main parties -- SO VOTE FOR THEM!! IT IS NOT A WASTED VOTE!!!

Think about this -- if everyone who thought that voting Independant was a wasted vote actually went out and voted that way, AN INDEPENDANT WOULD WIN THE ELECTION!!! SO DO IT PEOPLE!!!!!!

BJ Wyler

RMG Founder and President

msn-shawj@temple.mail.edu wrote on Nov 6, '00

I don't think that voting for independents is the only solution to the political problems caused by a two party system. I believe that although we have freedom of choice, the problem is that the choice is "limited", because you can only vote "for" a candidate. I would like to see an additional choice under each list of candidates "None of the Above". This way you can cast a vote against the candidates and tell the parties to find better candidates. If "none of the above" get more votes than the candidates, the candidates are eliminated from consideration.

Joe

msn-traveler wrote on Nov 11, '00

You're right Joe. Although we can write in NOA, how many people are really going to do that? We have a hard enough time to get them to understand a simple ballot!! I think there should be a choice where we can mark NOA on the ballet -- I think we'll find a lot more people will take advantage of that choice. It might even get more people to the booths. After all, why vote if you don't like either choice for the "club" and the misc. people are "nut jobs" in the view of many people? Which is another thing we need to get changed -- some third party candidates are nuts, but there are some that would make excellent leaders. At least if that choice was present on the ballot, there would be those getting out to vote for that choice who wouldn't have gone out at all.

As a matter of fact, in last year's NJ elections, someone was able to put a ficas tree on the ballot to run against an unopposed canditate, and the ficas tree almost won!

Chicago Millennium celebration

Jun 6, '00 4:33 PM

by shazam for everyone

Please add the following site for millennium links:

<http://www.chicago2001.org/>

Joe

msn-hanokodbrook wrote on Jun 8, '00

We got it. It's on the Millennium Sites & Supporters section. Everyone is encouraged to let us know about other sites, places, people, and companies that have supported the truth. All members should be able to add them to the MS&S site, like you can to the Recommendations pages. If you can't let us know, and we'll see if we can change it so you can add sites to the page.

BJW

RMG

Philadelphia Millennium celebration

Apr 27, '00 1:03 AM

by shazam for everyone

Philadelphia is planning a "Real Millennium Celebration" based around their city hall which is celebrating 100 years.

Slowly, people are responding.

Joe

msn-hanokodbrook wrote on Apr 27, '00

Chalk another one up! Thanks, Joe. And the media still insists that there's "no practical value" in acknowledging that 2001 is really the start of the new millennium and 21st Century. No wonder our society is getting "dumbed down" the more we use the TV as a babysitter (and not just for the kids).

BJWyler
Prez

Denver Had It Right

Feb 15, '00 12:48 PM

by hanokodbrook for everyone

This is a copy of a post we came across which proves not every government agency in the US was in on the Millennium 2000 nonsense.

Subject: Denver Has It Right!

Date: 2/1/00 11:17 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: KevLarsen

I just read this today in the *Denver Rocky Mountain News*, page 4A:

Webb plans for city to party like it's . . . 2000

by Dan Luzader

News Staff Writer

Don't put away your party hats and horns just yet.

Denver will welcome the new millennium with a blowout celebration after all.

But it will start a year after everyone else's did - December 31, 2000.

The public's complaints that Denver didn't have a party to welcome 2000 did not go unheeded, Mayor Wellington Webb said Monday.

A public celebration at year's end was added to a list of ways the city will promote Denver's downtown in the year ahead.

"December 31, 2000, is actually the eve of the new millennium anyway," Webb said, echoing arguments from scientists and others (**incl. yours truly**) that say the calendar for the next 1,000 years doesn't start until 2001.

Webb says he intends to invite all those who upbraided him for not planning a New Year's party to help plan the celebration.

"That way they won't be able to criticize me," he said.

Actually, Denver downplayed the celebrations (Neil Diamond was here - woohoo) because of the city's fears with Y2K and potential rioting. Denver traditionally had an alcohol free "First Night" celebration with bands and other entertainment, but couldn't get corporate sponsors this year. So, the city didn't want to foot the bill for safety protection (police).

So, what do you think, fellow campers? Wanna come to Denver to celebrate the real thing later this year?!

Kevin Larsen

It's OK to talk to yourself. It's when you argue with yourself and lose that you have to worry!

msn-hanokodbrook wrote on Mar 15, '00

Chicago has is right too! The following was sent to me in a letter from one of our newest members in the group. He has also sent me a copy of a small book he wrote about the controversy and the force behind the celebrations -- the mysterious Millennium Society. Portions of the book will be reprinted

(with kind permission) on the web site this summer. Anyone wanting a copy of the book, can e-mail us, and we'll send you the contact info.

February 1, 2000

Dear Mr. Blois:

Thank you for your letter of January 4, 2000, and your interest in the Chicago Millennium Celebration.

Few details are available regarding Chicago's plans for New Year's Eve 2000. However, I can tell you about two events that are in the early planning stages.

A new permanent exhibition of clocks and other time measuring devices is planned for Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. This museum within the museum is scheduled to open on New Year's Eve. For more information, please contact their public relations department at (773) 684-9844.

The culmination of a year-long photo documentation project called CITY 2000 will take place at 12:01 am on January 1, 2001 with the opening of a retrospective exhibition. For more information, please call (312) 455-8585.

I hope this information will help to get you started.

Sincerely,

Eva Silverman

Millennium Celebration Coordinator

The letter was written on a Chicago2001 letterhead. Info below:

Chicago Cultural Center

78 East Washington Street

Chicago, Illinois 60602

www.chicago2001.org

(312) 742-2001 (Voice)

(312) 742-2157 (fax)

(312) 744-2947 (TTY) -- number for the hearing impaired.

msn-traveler wrote on Dec 17, '00

This is a copy of a brief Instant Message conversation I had with KevLarsen not too long ago when telling everyone to e-mail *Time* Magazine with their party plans.

BJWyler: Hi Kev, it's Jim from the Real Millennium Group, and the AOL Millennium MB. I don't have much time to chat, but I noticed you were on-line and just wanted to make sure you got the e-mail I just sent about *Time* Magazine wanting to know our Party Plans. I don't remember if I added you to my buddy e-mail list or not.

KevLarsen: I didn't get it - must not be on the list. I recently told others in our old message board group about Denver's plans.

They hired the same guy who did last year's Eiffel Tower fireworks to do the pyrotechnics for Denver's celebration at the end of the month/year/century/millennium!

Should we have a Year Zero? Feb 12, '00 4:24 AM by hanokodbrook for everyone

Much of the argument for celebrating the millennium in 2000 is because people either think there was a year AD 0, or that there should have been one, based on how we count years for our ages (a 6 month old baby is 0 years old). I have done much debating on this subject, the results of which will be posted on the web site within a few weeks. What I would like to discuss here, is whether we should create a new calendar and start with year 0.

First, there was no year zero in the Christian Era, nor should there have been. As years are reckoned, we are either in a "year of the Lord" or we are a certain number of years before the birth of Christ. The first year that the Son of God was on our quaint little planet would have to be Year 1, by definition of "first." First can apply to any value in a count, but when strictly trying to identify the starting item in any type of count, we would have to identify that item with 1 -- hence "first." 1 BC was the first year before Christ was born, and so on. So we are now in the 2000th Year of Our Lord. We are in the 2000th unit of the set we are counting, and this unit will not be complete until December 31st. Therefore, no matter what we do, or how many people wish it to be otherwise, we cannot have a year AD 0 or year 0 BC.

In order to create a year 0, we must create a new chronology, but would we still be able to mathematically

have a year 0? We can name, or symbolize years with anything we want -- the Year of the Dragon for instance. But that name has no mathematical significance. So, we call the first year of the new system Year Zero -- 0 NS. But going back to the definition of first, we find that even dubbing a year with "0" does not mathematically make it correct.

A baby that is less than full 12 months is technically 0 years old. But since that year (no matter which AD year it was born in) is the "first" 12 month period of that baby's existence, if we were to record events of that baby's life (which is all the calendar and chronology was originally created to do), we would say that all those events occurred in the baby's first year of life -- Year 1 OL. Again, the "0" loses its mathematical meaning. It does of course have mathematical meaning when we dub the other years, 1, 2, and so on, and dub the years prior to it with -1, -2, and so on, because by current mathematical use of zero, it does come between -1 and +1. But we also must remember that 0 and negative numbers require the absence of value -- when counting, we cannot have 0 or negative objects that exist -- has anyone seen a "0 apple" or "-5 apples?" It could be said that a man who loses 5 apples has "minus five apples," but that is really only a play on words. He either now has 0 apples (if he had only 5 to begin with) or how ever many he is left with. In order to make that determination, we must count the number of apples lost by assigning each with a positive numeral, starting with 1.

So, back to year 0. What many people desiring this year forget (or ignore), is that months and days are counted exactly the same way our years are. Our Gregorian calendar was even created when we were using zero, and teaching its mathematical significance in universities. However, Month 1 (January) and each Day 1 was kept. Why, because it was natural to do so. When we first learned to count things in school, we were always taught to start with 1. Just because Time is intangible, infinite, and we cannot see it as we can an apple, does not mean we cannot count it like an apple. That is exactly why we do have calendars and years. We are defining the vastness of Time into small, equal units of a set. When we do that, each unit becomes countable exactly the same way each apple in a basket becomes countable. The only difference is that we can see all the apples that complete the basket -- we cannot see, or know, how many years complete our lifetimes, or the lifetime of Earth itself.

I am all in favor of establishing an easier and more accurate calendar than the ones in use by the people of the world today. However, if we are to have a Year 0, just for the sake of celebrating centuries and millennia in "0" years, then by all rights, we must start each year with Month 0 and each month with Day 0.

msn-ian wrote on Mar 1, '00

And if we ate one dessert someone would complain that we were on our second dessert because our first was desert zero! ;)

First guy: How many airplanes do you own?

Second guy: Zero!

First guy: So that would be your first?

Second guy: I just said I didn't have one at all!

Down with the media half-wits who are spoiling our opportunity to celebrate the penultimate year of the second millennium!

msn-hanokodbrook wrote on Mar 15, '00

Now that msn seems to have the server problems fixed ... (for now!).

Exactly! As I have discussed on the Millennium 2000 community message board, both the ordinal and cardinal methods of counting are necessary in our mathematics. The question is, which one is better suited to the calendar? It seems to me, through my examples, and Ian's message that the current method (ordinal) is better. Otherwise, we couldn't plan on anything in the future, because the next day, month, and rest of the year is non-existent until completed in cardinal counting.

BJWylor

Founder and Prez

Confusion of decades + Naming the new 1

Jan 12, '00 6:48 PM

by bjwyler2 - traveler for everyone

From: BJWyler2 - Traveler

Sent: 11/23/99 6:03 am

Part of the confusion about when the century and millennium begin stems from the fact that we have been recognizing the beginning of decades in their "era" form as opposed to the technical form.

Eras, or Ages, are not limited to mathematical definitions such as we have done with "Century" and "Millennium," and as such, may encompass varying amounts of time. Technically, the next decade cannot begin until 2001, because of the mathematical definition. But we have ascribed an "era" to decades as well to define the 10 year period beginning in a "zero year" and ending in a "nine year," such as the decade of the '90's which began in 1990 and will end December 31, 1999.

Because people confuse the era with the base definition of a decade, they cannot reconcile the fact that the era decade begins in 2000 and the century and millennium begin in 2001. Therefore, they assume that the century and millennium must begin when the new era decade begins. Since we do not have "century eras" and "millennium eras," we cannot begin the 21st Century and 3rd Millennium in 2000, as these people wish.

The simple fact of the matter is this -- because we started with the year AD 1, each decade, century, and millennium cannot begin until a "1 year." Because eras are not constrained by this fact, it is right to say that the "era of the '90's began in 1990 and will end in 1999." Anything else is just plain wrong

msn-bjwyler2 - traveler wrote on Jan 12, '00

Now that the new Era decade is upon us, and the technical decade will be arriving in less than a year, we have to find a way to refer to it. Just as we called the period from 1990-1999 the "Nineties," what shall we call the Era from 2000-2009?

I am going to call it the "James Bond Decade" aka the "Double Oh's." This, of course, comes from Bond's secret service number -- 007. Let me know what you want to call the new decade. The last time around (1900-1909), people usually referred to the decade as the "aught's."

Are we REALLY any more civilized?

Nov 20, '99 11:08 PM

by jar jar for everyone

Take a look at the news today, and you'll see a lot of violence (and it's not only in the news). We also hear talk about how much more better off and civilized today's world is compared to the world of the recent and ancient past. But are we really any more civilized than the society that lived back in the Middle Ages?

Violent Crime has risen more than 500% in the last decade, and every year we hear more talk about cracking down on crime from the politicians, while the bleeding hearts oppose many of the penalties imposed by the judicial system.

Somehow, I don't think we're much more civilized today than we were 1,000 years ago. There might be something to say about bringing back some of those medieval torture devices that have gone out of favor.

msn-knowing26x-ray wrote on Nov 22, '99

Your out of your tree!

Jar Jar's IQ is in direct corralation to the movie in which your name came from.

Anyone who does the work required to obtain the information needed to answer a comparision like this could see the difference between justice than & now.

The only real corralation between then & now is in the seige mentality of the military establishment. Ours will fail just like it did during the middle ages.

msn-bjwyler2 - traveler wrote on Nov 23, '99

I think what Jar Jar was getting at was not trying to compare our systems of Justice or anything specific. I think the idea here is just the general attitude of today's world that we are much better than the society that had to use devices such as the rack, iron maiden, and all those other devices that we consider "uncivilized."

Personally, I think if we take a look at the kinds of violence perpetuated then, and compared it to the kinds we have now, I would rather have lived back in the middle ages. For the most part, all they had to worry about was how the weather was going to be that day, and the odd vagabond. Today, it's not safe to even be in your own home without some sort of security system, or sitting in a classroom, or on a mode of public transportation.

Even 20-30 years ago, people never felt the need to lock their doors, whether they were home now or not. Now we talk about little old ladies needing to have a gun in their home as a means of defense.

No matter what anyone says, we cannot be that much more better off than the people of the past.

Why Fear Y2K?

Nov 3, '99 1:06 AM

by bjwyler2 - traveler for everyone

Much of the talk about the Y2K bug has died down since it's peak at the beginning of 1999. There is still some concern, and there are those who talk about the Second Coming, Armeggedon (not the movie), the end of the world, and all sorts of similar things.

The same thing happened 1000 years ago, but on a much smaller scale. At that time, common people rarely used the anno Domini system of dating, even if they knew it existed. They only cared about their day to day chores, and the year was counted by the rule of the current regional monarch (i.e. "this is the third year of the reign of Duke Such and Such). There were those who feared the coming of the new year, but not as the coming of a new millennium, but as the end of a cycle (described in the Bible as a period of 1000 years, of which there were 6 cycles), which would bring about a renewal of the world -- something that harkens back even further in time to the ancient Mayans.

As part of their chronology, the Mayans had something called a Great Cycle, which was equal to 5,130 years. At the end of each GC, they believed everything would cease to exist and a new world would be born to begin another GC. According to estimates, the current Mayan Great Cycle will end in the year 2012.

So, should we really worry about the year 2000, or should we have something more to fear in a little more than 12 years? After all, there have been some astrologers and psychics who can't see anything occurring after this year!!