

# REAL MILLENNIUM GROUP™

These are copies of letters written in the first year of the dawn of the "False" Century and Millennium. They are arranged in chronological order. This is just a sampling of the many I had written to people and organizations all across the country.

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Monday -- January 10, 2000  
NJ 101.5 FM Radio  
PO Box 5698  
Trenton, NJ 08638

I find it hard to believe, now that all the hype and hysteria of the false century and millennium is over, that we still have to discuss this subject, outside of planning the genuine celebrations of the millennium. It is one thing to get caught up in all the hype, and bow to the ignorant minority by claiming this past New Year's Day marked the beginning of the new century and millennium, but it is another to pass off that misconception as fact, and state that we are now indeed living in the 21st Century and 3rd Millennium. Whether it be simple ignorance, or the pressures of bowing to an advertiser's will to capitalize on a misconception, it is just plain wrong to continue with this fallacy.

According to polls I have seen, and my own personal experiences and conversations, at least 60% of the world's population know that 2001 marks the actual dawn of our new decade, century, and millennium. That 60% carries over into individual countries as well, as the majority of Australians refuted the misconception, and around 80% of the people who visited the Millennium 321 site proved that truth in knowledge is still alive. To say that you, or any media outlet, simply bowed to the majority of public opinion has been proven time and again to be a falsehood. As someone who deals in truths, and has a job of reporting the truth of everyday events, does it not bother you to keep repeating a bald-faced lie?

Integrity has always been a main concern of journalists throughout history. Why now throw that to the wind? Do we not constantly complain about the deceptions of our politicians, and the deplorable state of our education system? Well here the media is, deceiving the public, and in essence saying that education means nothing if a sponsorship dollar, or a good party, is in jeopardy. Perhaps you can help me out here. Not being as informed in the matters of legality in reporting as others, and having a desire to increase my knowledge in that subject, I am hoping you could tell me about the laws regarding truth in news reporting, if they still exist. If I remember correctly, any journalist reporting the details of a crime, MUST refer to any suspect or suspects as the "alleged" perpetrator(s) of the crime, until they were either proven guilty in a court of law, or acquitted of any wrong doing. I am sure that this type of neutrality carries over into other subjects of reporting -- a neutrality completely ignored whenever a reporter makes a statement that equates the year 2000 with the new century and millennium.

You might think that this is making a big deal about a simple date, or a word quickly being doomed to the realm of annoying cliché, but I've included a couple of pages from our web site which, hopefully, will explain why this date, and any other historical date should be important, and recognized. If we don't recognize these dates, as boring and tedious as they are to learn in grade school, there's not much point in recognizing, learning, or celebrating anything. We might as well all sit around and wait for death to come knocking without accomplishing much of anything.

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Monday -- January 24, 2000  
John Cullen Murphy  
c/o King Features Syndicate  
216 E. 45th Street  
New York, NY 10017

Mr. Murphy,

I just wanted to write and thank you for your Prince Valiant comic strip which appeared in newspapers January 2. It was a rare sight to see any major media outlet or person stand up for the truth of the millennium in 1999, or even now. Now that all the partying is over, I would have thought the truth might outweigh any commercial interests, but it seems I was wrong. Every day I see an article, or program, or some other mention that says we are now living in the 21st Century and/or 3rd Millennium.

It has gotten so frustrating, trying to get the media to acknowledge the truth, that even when they do so, they make it come across like it's some kind of joke, or inconsequential. That's why, when a popular comic strip like yours comes straight out and tell it like it is, it's very gratifying to know we have some kind of support. All it takes is a little common sense thinking, but apparently that's too much to ask from today's society. It's no wonder we have tragedies like Columbine -- it seems people just don't care any more, unless they can get something out of it for themselves. The "Just Do It" attitude that companies are filling our kids' heads with, and the tabloid mentality of the news media.

Once again, thank you for bringing this bit of historical truth to light, and hopefully, we will have more people jump on our bandwagon this year as the dawn of the true new century and millennium gets closer. I would also like to get your permission to put a copy of the strip up on our web site, for the benefit of those who did not see the strip, and those who think that no one of importance will support the truth. I have enclosed a business card with our web address and contact numbers.

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*(One of my generic letters sent to my usual mailing list)*

Monday -- January 31, 2000  
The Trentonian  
600 Perry Street  
Trenton, NJ 08618

To Whom It May Concern,

We have reached the end of the first month of the year 2000, and yet I find that my work is not done. The members and officers of the Real Millennium Group have undertaken the cause of educating the public, and the media, that the 21st Century and 3rd Millennium do not begin until January 1, 2001. We were fighting an uphill battle all of 1999 -- with the commercialism involved and the vastness of the misconception due to the fact that the world was throwing the biggest New Year's Party since 1901. Now that the partying has ended, we had hoped that education and truth would return to news reporting, but apparently we were mistaken.

Even with the year 2000 barely a month old, we are still being inundated with talk of the century and millennium -- the problem being that we are being told we are now living in the new divisions. The parties are over, the commercialism has overhyped itself into annoyance. I ask you, why must the misconception still be perpetuated? The 2000-ists had their year, at the very least, it is our time to get the recognition and sponsorship dollars that was freely thrown about in 1999. For the last 12 months, I have yet to receive a satisfactory response to my questions, when I have received a response at all. Now I ask the question again, and would like an answer, and one that is honest.

Why cannot the media, and the public now acknowledge the fact that the new century and millennium are not yet here? Why are we now being inundated with the "first" of everything of the new century and millennium, just as we were inundated with the "last" of the 20th Century and 2nd Millennium in 1999? If we no longer care about the past and the truth, then why bother sending our children to school, or having laws to organize our society? How come the truth cannot be recognized by those in the best position to pass it on to a large audience?

The Real Millennium Group is a young organization, but one with a lot of popular support, and our membership grows every day. We have members from all over the country, and just recently welcomed our first international member. As we grow, so will our voice, and our power. Rest assured that until these questions are answered, and our needs addressed, we will continue to use whatever means are necessary to promote education, and bring the truth to light, even if it means beginning legal action against those who continually refuse to acknowledge the truth, and/or perpetuate the misconception.

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Thursday -- February 24, 2000

Duncan Macpherson  
ABC President  
282-M Platekill Road  
Freehold, NY 12431

Mr. Macpherson,

I must say I am extremely disappointed in the ABC, but not for my usual reasons. Having been a big proponent for changing the game to bring back the integrity to the sport of bowling, I must say that I am glad to see the ABC moving forward in this endeavor. But it seems just when things are looking up, something else happens to lower my opinion of those in charge. A couple of months ago, I wrote a letter to Bowling Magazine about their plans for a "Millennium" issue, and also included some information about possible legal ramifications should the ABC provide a special award to the bowler who shoots the first 300 of the new millennium or new century on January 1, 2000. It seems my advice went unheeded, as the article about the bowler who received the award showed in the newest issue of the magazine.

I have included a facts sheet, and our web site has all the pertinent information regarding the truth and the facts that back up our claim, so I don't need to lengthen this letter here with the details. Suffice it to say, the ABC was in error to dub the award the "first 300 game of the new millennium," and has now opened themselves to legal action should the EXACT same award and benefits not be bestowed upon the first bowler to shoot a sanctioned 300 game in the year 2001.

We are planning to sponsor a "First Tournament of the New Millennium" on New Year's Day 2001, and the event will be sanctioned. We fully expect that should any participant in our event shoot a 300, and it is the first 300 shot on that day, he or she will receive the same award and publicity provided by the ABC and Bowling Magazine to Paul Nimitz. Believe me, I would rather not have to resort to legal action to get people to recognize and speak the truth -- the money and time can be spent on more worthy pursuits -- but if the ABC does not hold the same contest and provide the same award for tournaments and bowlers for this coming New Year's Day, the Real Millennium Group will bring legal action against the ABC.

In our year of existence, the Real Millennium Group has been fighting an uphill battle against the tide of popular misconception. Many times we were told by people "what can we really do? People are going to think and believe what they want." They will do so only in ignorance. What can we do? What

should we have done? You are now reading this letter. There is a name in the letterhead at the top of this piece of paper. What can we do? We can speak the truth, which we have done. To do otherwise is only to add to the same ignorance that causes the tragedies we have encountered in this world. To refuse to speak the known truth against the tide of public opinion is a cowardly act. We have been standing up for the truth, as have many others from across the world. There is always something we can do if we choose to stand up and be counted with those who support the causes of Truth, Knowledge, and World Peace.

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*(This is a generic letter sent out to those on my mailing list)*

Wednesday -- March 1, 2000

John Madden

Fox Sports National

10201 W. Pico Blvd., Bldg. 101

Los Angeles, CA 90035

Mr. Madden,

Having yet to receive a reply to my very valid questions from the last letter, I am writing again to find out why the news media keeps on insisting we are in a new century and millennium. I have written numerous times, and provided the researched facts on the matter that proves beyond any shadow of a doubt that the "new" (21st) Century and "new" (3rd) Millennium do not begin until January 1, 2001. To state anything otherwise is a bold-faced lie. Perhaps you can provide me with the researched facts you have used to make and support your claims that we are now living in the 21st Century and 3rd Millennium.

Before I go any further, I should state that I am involved with this project and founded the RMG for the purpose of getting the Truth recognized. I state here, as I have stated on my web site, that getting the true date of the new century and millennium recognized and accepted is the primary purpose of our group. I do not do this for the publicity, and certainly don't do this to make any money. I want our history, our knowledge, and our truth to be spoken and embraced by those who claim to hold those ideals as close to their hearts as their integrity, but so far have failed to do so in this case. Whether the RMG is ever mentioned is completely irrelevant to our purposes.

But then again, this isn't the first time the "legitimate" media have taken on the looks and manners of their tabloid cousins. I need only mention the names of Richard Jewel and JonBenet Ramsey to highlight the most embarrassing cases of media falsehoods and stupidity. These cases highlight the gross negligence of the media in researching and reporting the facts, a negligence that has now returned in full force concerning the foundations of our very history and mathematics. In the previous two cases there was an element of doubt surrounding the guilt or innocence of the people under the media's microscope. With the century and millennium, there is no doubt, and nothing can change the facts that are there for all to see, if they bother to do a little footwork and head down to their local library.

What if Copernicus and Galileo continued to be ignored by the church and the "Beliefs" it held? Where would the world be today without the pursuit of Truth and Knowledge. What if we wanted to start celebrating Independence Day on March 4th, or to celebrate America's Tricentennial in 2001, and spent a whole bunch of money to organize nationwide parties -- would you jump onto the bandwagon for this idea too? A lot of response I have gotten has been "What does it matter?" The truth always matters, or at least it should. It's that simple. "There's nothing we can really do, is there?" Of course we can do something. That's what the RMG is for -- doing something. At the very least each and every one of us who knows the truth can stand up and admit it, in whatever forum they use, whether it be in a

newspaper article, a news telecast, a radio commercial, or just over the phone.

The above two responses I have gotten are nothing more than cop outs. The fact that the RMG exists and that we try to teach our children right from wrong prove that there is something we can do, and that the truth, any and all truth, is important. But from the responses, and lack of such, in this matter, you would think that anyone stating the millennium and century begin in 2001 is saying that gravity doesn't keep us plastered to the surface of the earth, but it is the work of giant invisible hands pressing down on the tops of our heads doing it. We're viewed as the crackpots, when it is the 2000-ists that are the ones with the outlandish theories. I'm almost ready to join the Flat Earth Society in hopes of getting the truth acknowledged. It seems that it cannot be, based on it's own merits.

Rest assured, I will continue to write -- even a letter a day, if necessary, until I receive a satisfactory response to my legitimate questions, and the truth is acknowledged.

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Monday -- March 20, 2000

Jim McKay

ABC Sports, Inc.

Mr. McKay,

I am writing because of your commentary during the broadcast of the Florida Derby not too long ago. Several times, you made mention of the fact that this was the first Derby race of the 21st Century, for the first Kentucky Derby of the 21st Century. May I remind you, that despite the popular beliefs of the media, and the Disney Corporation, which owns ABC, the new (21st) century, and new (3rd) millennium, did not begin this past New Year's Day. As a reporter and sports commentator, you of all people should know the value that truth and education has in news reporting. Simply put, the news media, and as a consequence the sports media, have a job of informing the public, not misinforming them. The case with the millennium is only the most recent example of the "legitimate" news media becoming no better, and sometimes worse, than their tabloid brethren. Other examples would include the treatment of Richard Jewel during the Olympic bombing, who turned out to be completely innocent, and the more recent case of Jonbenet Ramsey -- the parents' guilt or innocence is left to be determined beyond a shadow of a doubt, but the size of the shadow of guilt cast over them by the media is appalling. Many of the so-called facts reported by news agencies in this case were mere hearsay, with no basis in truth (the truth which didn't get as big a headline as the hearsay when it was revealed). Were you ashamed of the attitude that was exhibited by your colleagues and the media in these cases? You should have been, as you should be with the media's treatment of the millennium, and your own commentary.

Many in the media claim that "there is no practical value in going against that overwhelming preference" that the public believes the millennium and century began on January 1, 2000. Since when does the truth, and the education surrounding that truth, have no practical value? If the majority of the world's citizens suddenly woke up one day and thought that the United States government was no longer necessary, should we just go along with that, because more people think it's true or right than don't? Having done the footwork, and corresponded with many hundreds of people over the last year, I have found that the majority of the world did not celebrate the millennium as the media would have had us believe; and it's only common sense to know the event is only significant to those countries that use the Christian Era dating system on a regular basis to begin with. The cities of Chicago and Denver are holding their millennium celebrations this year. One of our members, from Great Britain, joined the group because he was just sick and tired of the whole thing. A gentleman from Australia informed me that 60% of the entire continent (through polls) stated they knew the millennium began in 2001. I am currently having a discussion about the disgraceful conduct of the media with a gentleman who was in

Times Square for the celebrations but wasn't welcoming in the 21st Century and 3rd Millennium. Just from the fact that many people who had plans of getting rich off of "Millennium" tours, vacations, and cruises went bust attributes to the fact that there were a lot less people celebrating, period, let alone celebrating anything more than the fact that our year number turned over like a car odometer. The excuse "the majority of the public think so, so we'll go along with it" that the media uses is quite invalid for one thing, and for another, not part of their job. It is the media's job to report the truth, and not perpetuate a misconception.

You can get more information from our web site (the address is at the top of this letter). Rest assured I will continue to write until the truth is acknowledged. Should it not be, then we will have to resort to legal action to get the truth spoken.

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Monday -- April 17, 2000

Ted Koppel  
c/o Nightline  
ABC-TV  
77 West 66th Street  
New York, NY 10023

Dear Mr. Koppel,

This letter will be relatively short compared to most of the others I have written. I primarily want to know what you think of our flyer which I have included. (Ed. Note -- the flyer was an ad for the "Tricentennial Celebration" invented for the RMG web site:

<http://realmillenniumgroup.homestead.com/tricen.html>) Since it seems that many, if not most, media and sports outlets and personalities don't think that the truth and the education of our youth to be important enough to recognize, then why don't we start taking the next step. Since the basic facts surrounding when the millennium and century actually get here aren't worthy enough to mention, and that those who do try to get the truth acknowledged are looked on as nut-cases, then I guess we might as well jump on the bandwagon, and start celebrating all our important events while we still can. After all, in the perspective of history, the turning of the Christian Era millennium and century is the most important event of our current past; celebrating the United States' 300th Anniversary at the wrong time shouldn't cause as much problem as we have had with the millennium.

As I keep on saying, Truth and Knowledge/Education are important. The millennium date may not seem like it, but what are we teaching our children when we perpetuate misinformation such as this? We are telling them that it's OK to lie as long as we can get drunk, or someone pays a lot of advertising money to do so. No wonder the youth of today are confused and don't trust us, the elders who are supposed to know better. True, the trials and tribulations of the young haven't changed that much over the decades, but society has, and as such, we have seen the violent results. Soon, (actually now in many cases) we can see that even violence is being accepted, and those who commit it, are not being punished as they should. How long before the school shootings become a "freedom of expression" as many deplorable paintings, and exhibitions such as extreme wrestling have become? Impossible, you might say. Let's take a look at movies. How different are the movies of today from those of the past. We see things in movies today that are rated PG that would have been considered pornography in the 40's and 50's. What about the violence? Bloodless action movies are but a figment of the past. How about the language on any television program? More and more, the seven forbidden words are being whittled down. Even 10 or 15 years ago, the words bastard and bitch were taboo -- now they are spoken in television programming without a second thought.

We just keep taking small steps, one at a time. When we get comfortable with one, we take the next one. There might be some resistance, but eventually, we get comfortable and just have to take the next one. By journey's end, we reach a point that would have horrified us prior to taking that first step. The attitude surrounding the controversy of the millennium and century is no different. We have taken a step towards ignoring our past, our education, and the truth. How long before we take that next step, and where is this journey of ignorance and selfishness going to lead us as a society? That is what the RMG is fighting, and that is why we will continue to fight, with whatever means we can until the Truth is recognized.

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Tuesday -- May 30, 2000

The American Historic Society

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Dear American Historic Society,

For an organization that professes to be "historic," your glaring error in the advertising of many products as the "first of the new Millennium" not only devalues all that you seem to stand for, but is outright false advertising, which is illegal. To say that you are only reporting what the manufacturers of these products state does not excuse the ignorance shown by your organization, or relieve you of liability -- you are the ones wrongly selling the products as the first ones in the new millennium.

The year 2000 is quickly approaching the half-way point, yet the misconception that this year is part of some "new" millennium and the 21st Century still persists. Despite all my letters; despite all the publicity and attention devoted to this subject (some of which actually acknowledged the truth); despite all the web sites and letters written by others which state the researched facts as plain as day; despite the fact that the parties are over, very few people seem willing to admit to the truth. Why, in the face of all the evidence and all the facts which can be easily found by anyone willing to put in 30 minutes of their time, can't the truth be stated, especially by those like yourself, who base their very existence on history? It is one thing to get caught up in all the hype, and bow to the ignorant minority by claiming this past New Year's Day marked the beginning of the new century and millennium, but it is another to pass off that misconception as fact, and state that we are now indeed living in the 21st Century and 3rd Millennium. Whether it be simple ignorance, or the pressures of bowing to an advertiser's will to capitalize on a misconception, it is just plain wrong to continue with this fallacy.

Having done the footwork, and corresponded with many hundreds of people over the last year, I have found that the majority of the world did not celebrate the millennium as the media would have had us believe. It's only common sense to know the event is only significant to those countries that use the Christian Era dating system on a regular basis to begin with, and the cities of Chicago, Denver, and Philadelphia are holding their millennium celebrations this year. To say that you simply bowed to the majority of public opinion has been proven time and again to be a falsehood. If we are to ignore our history, and the basic laws of mathematics, why bother sending our children to school anymore? Why bother teaching right from wrong? As long as we can get a good party out of the deal, what does it matter? Many in the media claim that "there is no practical value in going against that overwhelming preference" that the public believes the millennium and century began on January 1, 2000. Since when does the truth, and the education surrounding that truth, have no practical value?

It is organizations such as yours that trouble me most. You purport to hold history so dear, yet willingly toss it aside when it suits your purpose. It is not only wrong (and illegal in the case of selling "millennium" products when they are not, nor cannot be the "first of the new millennium"), but smacks

of complete ignorance -- an ignorance that has no place in a society that claims to be historic. Ignorance can be excused in the media mentality we must deal with in today's world, but we should not tolerate it from an organization like yours. It is a shame that with so many good and interesting products available from your organization that you must degrade them with ignorance and outright lies. Some organizations, like The Easton Press, have found no place for ignorance in their organization -- they state and support the truth that the new millennium does not begin until 2001, why don't you?

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Tuesday -- May 30, 2000

The Easton Press

47 Richards Ave.

Norwalk, CT 06857

Dear Easton Press,

It has been rare that I get to write a letter such as this one, praising a person or company for doing what so few have had the courage (or brains?) to do -- state the truth about the coming of the new century and millennium. In your recent mailing, advertising the collection "Great Books of the 20th Century," the letter contained in the mailing made mention that the century is drawing to a close and the new millennium beginning. Although a small reference that alludes to the fact that the 20th Century and 2nd Millennium have not yet ended, it is much more than most people and organizations are willing to do. Most continue to perpetuate the outright lie that we are now living in the 21st Century and 3rd Millennium, which you, at the Easton Press, clearly know to be otherwise.

As you can guess from the letterhead, this has become an important topic for me, and the members of the group, which is run by myself and my two siblings. I am glad to count your company among the few who are willing to go against the grain, and support the truth; and equally important, state the truth. As such, and as a customer of your company, I am pleased to support the Easton Press, and will have your company name and address listed with those others that support the truth. If you have a web site, I would like to have the address so I can provide a link on our site.

Thank you again for supporting the truth, and I look forward to being a long time customer of the Easton Press, and hope you will continue to state the fact that the new century and millennium do not begin until 2001 in future mailings, and in your catalogue.

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Tuesday -- May 30, 2000

Steven Brill

c/o Brill's Content

1230 Avenue of the Americas -16th Floor

New York, NY 10020

Dear Mr. Brill,

A couple of months ago, I received a mailing introducing me to your magazine, and regret not having the time to write this letter before now. Brill's Content appears to be a very interesting, and needed, magazine in this age of the "media mentality" where the truth is set aside in favor of getting ratings or making a quick buck. However, I did not see anything relating to the great media misconception of when the millennium and century really end in any of the information sent in the mailing. This by far is one of the biggest examples of false reporting in recent history, and would have thought that to be a big part of your magazine's desire to hold reporters accountable for what they report. Of course, the mailing showed only a brief glimpse of what your magazine reports, but I would have thought with the

significance of this event, that some mention of it would be included in the mailing.

Even now, after 5 months have been completed in the year 2000, we are constantly bombarded with news casts and companies that state we are now living in the 21st Century and 3rd Millennium, despite that fact that with a little research, we find this not to be the case. I hope that your magazine can be counted among those who do not seem afraid to stand up and state the truth, and I can't support anyone or anything that cares to do otherwise. I am interested in what Brill's Content has to offer, but only if you truly do intend to hold reporters and companies responsible for this gross lack of intelligence.

I was told by Gloria Hammond of Time magazine that "there is no practical value in going against that overwhelming preference" that the public believes the millennium and century began on January 1, 2000. If this is what your magazine is trying to expose, I would appreciate you looking into this further. I have received no other response from Ms. Hammond, or anyone else at Time since then. I would also like to know how you hold these people accountable for their actions. Just stating the facts doesn't seem to work, as I have (and many dozens of others with whom I have been in contact) written countless letters and e-mails in the last year and a half to what appears no avail because the truth is still being ignored. We are in a unique position of being able alive to witness an important turning point in our calendar system -- we should at least be able to get the date right. You can contact me with any further information or comments at the address in our letterhead.

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Sincerely,  
James J. Bergevin  
Real Millennium Group™  
Founder and President