

Mr. Arthur A. Fletcher
The Chairman of Commission on Civil Rights
1121 Vermont Ave.
NW 20425

October 12, 1993

Dear Mr. Fletcher;

Since we are not sure of your receiving our letter sent on Sept. 21, 1993, we are presenting it for assurance. Cumhuriyet is the oldest daily newspaper in Turkey. Known as Turkey's most influential newspaper, Cumhuriyet's fundamental strength lies in its independence, neutrality, secularism, and progressiveness. It is a pillar of democratization, respect for human rights and environmental protection.

A public opinion survey, which was conducted in July 1993, indicates that 87% of Cumhuriyet readers are university and high school graduates. Seventy percent of the readers are male and 30 % female; 77% of them fall into the 18-34 age group. These indicators are the highest in Turkey.

The Editorial Board has contacted 100 intellectuals --artists, authors, politicians, philosophers, sportsmen, scientists, academicians, and media personalities, male and female, from many races and countries of the world. We are sending this letter to you as one of the 100 world leaders outside the political sphere.

A century consists of 100 years, but the transition to a new millenium comes only once every thousand years. Consequently many of today's people will witness on January 1, 2001, not only the advent of the 21st Century, but also the Third Millenium.

As you know, history begins with the invention of writing in the Third Millenium B.C. Now we are advancing towards the Third Millenium. So a new turning point is on the horizon.

We request that you write an article for Cumhuriyet on peace, environment, race discrimination, art, cultural and historical heritage, human and women rights, the economic balance among regions, freedom, social justice, terror or democracy towards the Third Millenium. You are free to write on any of these subjects.

Our request from you:

An article--as long as you want, but not less than 800 words.
Please send your article by December 1, 1993.


These articles will be published starting December 15, 1993, for 100 days, and they will be collected in two books, one in Turkish, the other in English (together with original languages).

As we advance towards the Third Millenium, we hope that these wellknown world intellectuals' ideas will start discussion in Turkey and in the world--discussion which will be helpful for humanity's future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or fax.

Your prompt assistance to our project will be highly appreciated. In return for your article, we would like to send you an honorarium of \$ 1, 000, though your participation in our project is beyond measure. I wish you the best, hoping to meet you not only with Third Millenium project, but in the Third Millenium itself.

Regards,


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Editor-in-Chief

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