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Memorandum

To: Trialists

Fr: Curtis Meinert

Re: Apology

With everybody apologizing for all manner of things, it is time for me to apologize now in the twilight of life. With the perspective of time I have come to realize I have been a royal PITA with my rants, my fetishes about precision of language, and general curmudgeon nature. I should have realized where I was headed at the age of 50 when people started calling me a curmudgeon.

Who cares there is no 12:00am or 12:00pm? Just use them and people will know what you mean (usually).

Likewise, who cares “data” is plural, as in “data are”. Go with the flow and make it “data is”. Before long it will sound strange when people say “data are”.

Everybody knows the sun does not rise or set. People just talk as if it does.

I feel like a pigeon, feathers flying, fluttering on the side of the road after having been struck by a car. Run over by loose talkers.

I promise. I will try to be a lesser PITA in the time I have left (but don't bet the farm on it).