

## SIXTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS

### (FIRST YEAR DIDN'T COUNT)

So here's how it works. Each of the numbered messages below has been encoded from some original text by replacing one letter consistently by another throughout the message. Thus, for example, GLOOMY TIME could turn into CHEERS WORK, with G becoming C, L becoming H, etc. Different messages have different encodings. Your job is to discover the original messages. Sometimes a word in the encoded message gives a hint about the true message. Long messages are often easier to decode than short ones, because there are likely to be common words in them, such as "the," "and," etc. The messages are not necessarily listed in order of increasing difficulty. The first few messages have a Christmas theme; they get more secular later. Good luck, and have fun.

Answers are available from [wright@uoregon.edu](mailto:wright@uoregon.edu).

1 . I F S T U F F D R A N K W E W U R F A S B U F .  
X F B U R A N N R E S K , I F S U B J F U K F B E B U . E R F O H  
B A H E W M A S B R A , G W W U B A H G W M A S B R A ,  
E W O O W I R A N P W A H F U K S B U . - G B N R Y B O Y B U W O

2 . P K ' R G E B A V H E N A R U E V I L P K L B A V H A U  
U S A L K . H Y V V E M A V I Y O U S P Y ' R V E O H P U D  
E V I V A L K . - E V E N R E V U E ?

3 . N I G H T M I H K O N D O H , P I C B S N E H T A B O U T .  
B I U M O H R E H C F I C S H T S N E H T P O U T , F U S S Y  
O H B S E K S H U M Y S E A S . F U S S Y O H B S E K S H U M  
Y S E A S . - W I F S Y B P I B N

4 . RT IB NGL GIRKLNIT SLABELLS TORKL .  
IRN PRUTK WIIE IFE KOBNO YFORK . EIHB  
NGSIRWG NGL YGAUBL C HANG FINK ID NICK ,  
OFF DIS NGL FANNFL IBLK ' YGSAKNUOK  
PICK . - GIRKL KNIT KIBW

5 . WKOS PUU WKO DOESGOOD UYBOG KEL PN  
WKOR NKYAWOG YAW FEWK MUOO , DAGYUCK  
WKO DOG - SYNOG DOESGOOD , RYA ' UU MY GYFS  
ES KENWYDOO . - CPOPS WY UOPGODNKEC

6 . NOEL , AND NDEOWM AETUSID KTICK ,  
OMYDEATH TIC BRIMERSK ANTICK . - ARF  
WDNEDE

7 . APT FYR Y DPFUI SK SAYS ICUDSD PR  
URDSYRS LYDAIH OPSYSPID , OYFN YVIH FYNI  
LUCID , BEPMIR HURRIED , YRH URDSYRS  
FYLIEYD SIYFA OYSUIRFI SP USD KPGRV ? -  
OYGW DTIIRIK

8 . A MUTI VEUZIX QRD NUKZ QUNRPC  
LRKXPLSRDC XPDAKO NZ EAQI . SMI WISSID  
SMI LRKXPLSRD , SMI NRDI SMI RKI MUSIC  
MAN! RQ UEE SMI NUKZ LRKXPLSRDC SMUS A  
MUTI VEUZIX QRD , A EABIX RDNUKXZ SMI  
WICS . - NUDLIE SUWPSIUP , EIOIKXUDZ  
VMAEUXIEVMAU RWRACS

9 . FROTHY F BETAPE BUFA UP AUTHOR  
FLICA METATMR TR STOP FROTHY F SFKN  
NIRA UIB TA WPPSR FLICA GIYR . - FHH  
SFHGPER

10 . VOICE CAE' I PLOP . CI QRAI AXLVVA  
GREEK . - QUAD MUNNDCU , HCNCWOLPCO  
LPCIU (MUXOEA PCP EUI DOHL Y UM Z .)

11 . TVAHLDK LD HIT GYTDHITHLM HIGH  
SPEED HIT UGLY AN DHPULSLHC . - NOGYW  
BLEELGK ETGIC , NAAHRGEE MAGMI

12. S O T R U E I D I O T I - C B I O A R M I W Y O I V D H A  
F I H S I K I A R M T W O T R U E I O V W D I P R Y W H W T L  
R P V L S H H F A G R M F H S O N A R M Y I P P R Y D V ,  
D B I Y I ' V O R I O G D R C B W D A R M T W O ' D G R .  
- H W Y Y A L I Y V D I O

13. N W E D R B U B A N K S B A I B B A D T H I N K  
L I E B A D O U E B L U K R D H C W P U H X I K N K O F  
T U R F . B A D K N H D I P N M D R L A U L I E B D P P N K X  
O D B A N E . - D O U Y A N P P N Y E