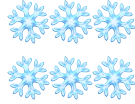


## TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS



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,” “that,” 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). These pages themselves, as well as puzzles from previous years, can be found at <http://pages.uoregon.edu/wright/cryptos>.

1 . U C L Y V C E P U C M I L V A M S P U P L Y P U  
O R A W L O G C  
O R A D O N C E P U C R O P S I R E X L I F C  
P U C W V I L S C E I K U S E L S W U P C I Y E R C E E  
O R A M I R A C L E I K U S E V I F C  
O R A M I R A C L E I K U S E V I F C  
O R A M I R A C L E , M I R A C L E , I K U S E V I F C .  
— F C L E C K I Y L

2 . N O E O O E L D H G N O U L D H ' W O  
E X O O S M U A .  
N O J U D G E G N O U L D H ' W O R G R J O .  
N O J U D G E M K L D H ' T O P O O U P R Y D W  
A D D Y ,  
E D P O A D D Y K D W A D D Y U O E E E R J O !  
— V R J O G R W U M U A !

3 . A W K W R E C K B U C S K U O U O P S U O X  
J Y C H R E A Z O K C K K J K P W Y C S R A  
W K T R A Y O A R U P E Y H A K P G U O X  
U O P A W K O B K T R A Z D C R A .  
— R O K - W R E C K S U D C K

4 . I O H N O H A L T I N G N D U B A H V P K A I H .  
" S K A G A N L O U T A I M A U O A I G S K , " N  
L I N H .  
" R U G K I S A N L L S G U O Y  
I O H V U M Z L S K A L U O Y  
U R T A I M A U O A I G S K , Y U U H - B N F F S U  
V A O ! "  
— F U O Y R A F F U B

5 . O B A O H H G A E O B K H G A T .  
M Y F L I O T Y G Y A M Y Y L U ,  
O T Z R O H H Y E L W O B Y L U :  
" R G W L G N Y , R G W L G N Y , G W O B Y L U ,  
Y O P L O H G G P O Y Y E L B E L L S S L T ,  
Y E L U L Y E L L A L B E O D L I M D L T F M U Y E ,  
O T Z Y E L H O W F P M T B E O D L F L L T F G U T .  
— N P U O M T M O T B E R E L Z U C P , R O U G H G K Y E L  
F L H H B

6 . H I G H S C H L U M P B G S V E C X M B H N I G H  
W A R N G S H H A N G H B I , H I G H D A A D U C  
Z S A N K N I M B I K M H C K H A K C E T C W A R -  
H I C K C F M E G B U C K G E C H I C E C K R U H A L  
H A A U K X C T C U A V C X O W K V M C K X R E M S D H I C  
B A U X N G E . B A F F C E B C M S H I C H N C S H W -  
L M E K H B C S H R E W M K C K V M A S G D C L A E  
V E A L M H . - Y M U U U C V A E C

7 . P J H B O M P P J O P J O L L Y W H E E R Y H E  
G U S H Y W O R P S K Y E P Y M O M P Y U W E P J O W Y W  
E H R B Y E J W H E E Y E U W H U B P J H G U E P  
Y G L U S P O W P P J Y W I E P J O P V H W H H T P U  
R H O S W O E J K G O W N Y W T . G Z J U L H Y E P J O P  
Y P V Y R R A H E U G H P J Y W I P J O P L H U L R H  
S H O R R Z L Y M N K L U W Y W P J H M U W P H D P U B  
R H O S W Y W I O A U K P J O L L Y W H E E . - L H R Y W  
N H E H A Y S

8 . N T H I N K I R K S S L O W I L C O B T N K  
C O N W L K ; R B O Z R W B W R K B R I O , N K S  
C O M P L K W A R B T E R G O N K S S O N B T , N K S  
F H R E S W N A L C E S N C L H K S R B W O E G . -  
U L W T H N C L B T I N K

9 . EAT UMP YE FEEL MY INSTANT SI MI  
M IPIYTV YCMY NEDDTNYI BED OTEOFT'I  
AMYXDMF SANFSAMYSEAI . - TFSHMWTYC  
LEFWTDY

10 . OUROSU SRGU THAPZZUST . FUSS ,  
CLUE'ZU NITPXISSE ZICT FPCL NUCCUZ  
OZ . - NUCLIWE NZRRYTL PZU

11 . KWIMPIN DTIN TMPIPT AM NAFTNC PW  
XT WGT WZ POT ZADMP MTKPWDM WZ POT  
TKWGWSC PW MTT LINYTM UNYSSTP RYT PW  
DAMAGE MTIM IGR RISIET ZDWS MPWDSM . -  
MOTTNIO FWNOIPFID

12 . OUM ENMLOMYO VMNLIEMXMIO RT OUM  
XZIV ZY OR WMCZMHM ZI YRXMOUZIE  
WMKLAYM RIM PZYUMY ZO OR WM YR . -  
CRAZY SLYOMAN

13 . TESTYUSKUT KI ETSPYN'I NLL  
SKRNY , BAKING SA SNMM PI ZONE ZN'YN  
CPMMH UAADNG . - WNI IKUT ZKESNY