FIFTH 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.

1. ICKY AGC GLEEM STAG URVXGM RO
GREEN. OL-EL-EL-EL-EL-EL-EL-EL.
‘ATM AGC MCLMRH AR UC PREEN. OL-EL-EL-
EL-EL-EL-EL-EL.
- ARR CLMN MRHX

2. YE, BYTS, UNN IS VULCEVON, PYIVON
URG CKLOTWERC! YE, BYTS IS, YE BYTS
IS CY ASCENSEST.
- PYER V. HUGS

3. HAUL BEST IACBO, HEVI MYSSACB
WAITO, FRILL HILCMR RLCO, FPE FVIFSL
TEULO YCT Y NYIFIA TBL AC Y NLYI FILL.
- FIVL SEUL OECB
4. BUHU AU QW TU G-A G O O G L E L I N, GTW IN
SBU EUGRUO OW NHUUI. BUHU AU QW TU G-
AGIPUHLIN, OW KGLH SW YU OUUI.
- IULNBYWH MLPO

5. PI, TIS H OIFN N’NO MPIIGVER BOIG
ANEZNO FANG THAT FLOWER! IB XNFFN’F
PVENHRN UIGVER, HF GNE IB IPZ THYN
FWER.
- BVBANNEAT UNEAWOD RN OGHE UHOIP

6. PREYS ARE MKS REKKUDUSH MP OK.
HMKAUL’Y PRSEKI OMI BEODEKP PRSOYS CZSY
AUPR PRS MYYFKMLBS PRMP, UD AS MKS
HSYBSLHSH DKEO PRS MV S, AS RMZS LEP
HSYBSLHSH YE DMK MY PE VKSBCFHS MCC
REVS ED KSPFKL.
- MONKEYS NUSKB S

7. BR EADISSA ISK NLLDH TTBNS WNC H E N
EYBT OISK, BE FBOO GH BS EYH UMBTH NR
RBUYEBSU I RNDH BUS HSHCA.
- VICH T CIKBTNS
8. LMK LV AX ICKTNKYN UPKTYWCKY OM ECONOMISTY FLAK VCLA NSK NSLWISN NSTN UK CSTUY AX ELCDAOISN TMMLX YLAKLMK LV FLAVLCNTHPX UCKNKMNOLOY ULYONOLM. NSKM FLAKY NSK YTZZKMOMI CKTPOTNOLM NSTN YWFS UKLU PK CTCKPX CKTZ.
   — RLSM DKKMNNS ITPHCTONS

9. FIVE ELUFLUXL PRATS ML LTLGLU PROSE TRUW VC VF PL OL FPR PROSE EIROFLO.

The following message contains language that some may find objectionable.

10. CWMLIFMBE (M): FATIELM UDL'E RLND ENBACK FMK FM FEEDLOT.
    — UFEDCMWNLM ALEN SLMNTEN UCMMTI

11. RTPADW AD EL CAMO GOOD GANNOD GL NRO STYX FM GFNR PAINFUL TDK KOMOTN, A EQXN UQXR NF TKK NRTN XQIIOXX AX NF MTACQUO TX GQNNOU VOITD AIO IUOTE AX NF KOTNR. — UQVOUN RFCEOX
12.  ELA CHGMVAK FNEL MANOR YPHA ELSE RGT NY GO DGPH YNTA NY ELSE DGP USO'E ULSORA DGPH KNOT, MAUSPYA RGT YPHA NYO'E RGNOR EG ULSORA LNY. — HGRAH AMAHE

13.  CAUTI ONY'S HR N MTTX RKNDVWR, SPRY UTI'WW ZIBS PNGR ST HR N PTEECHWR FNEYCYM. — ONSPRECYR NCEX

14.  DKRDFUL WHU ROPY DOK MEKRKUWK PI KEEPER, AND UPD DOKFE HARKUWK. — KTRLKE TFZVRDEH