

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 . I C K Y A G C G L E E M S T A G U R V X G M R O
G R E E N . O L - E L - E L - E L - E L - E L - E L - E L - E L .
' A T M A G C M C L M R H A R U C P R E E N . O L - E L - E L -
E L - E L - E L - E L - E L - E L .
- A R R C L M N M R H X

2 . Y E , B Y T S , U N N I S V U L C E V O N , P Y I V O N
U R G C K L O T W E U R C ! Y E , B Y T S I S , Y E B Y T S
I S C Y A S C E N S E S T .
- P Y E R V . H U G S

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

4 . BUHU AU QWTU G - AGOOGLELIN , GTWIN
SBU EUGRUO OW NHUUI . BUHU AU QWTU 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 RNOGHE UHOIP

6 . PREYS ARE MKS REKKUDUSH MP OK .
HMKAUL ' Y PRSEKI OMI BEODEKP PRSOYSCZSY
AUPR PRS MYYFKMLBS PRMP , UD AS MKS
HSYBSLHSH DKEO PRS MVS , AS RMZS LEP
HSYBSLHSH YE DMK MY PE VKSBCFHS MCC
REVS ED KSPFKL .

- MONKEYS NUSKBS

7 . BR EADISSA ISK NLLDHTTBNS WNCH EN
EYBT OISK , BE FBOO GH BS EYH UMBTH NR
RBUYEBSU I RNDHBUS HSHCA .

- VICHT CIKBTNS

8 . LMK LV AX ICKTNKYN UPKTYWCKY OM
ECONOMI STY FLAK VCLA NSK NSLWISN NSTN
UKCSTUY AX ELCD AOISN TMMLX YLAKLMK LV
FLAVLCNTHPX UCKNKMNOLWY ULYONOLM . NSKM
FLAKY NSK YTZZKMOMI CKTPOGTNOLM NSTN
YWFS UKLUPK CTCKPX CKTZ .
- RLSM DKMMKNS ITPHCTONS

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

The following message contains language that some may find objectionable.

10 . CWMLIFMBE (M) : F ATIELM 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 XQIIIOXX 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 . CA UTI 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