

## EIGHTH 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," "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).

1 . OH VGLM AWED HIM LOTDOSIH VCMGP ,  
HIGH SCEPOEAB BEDS EU ECT ,  
UPEL GDSMCB KMDTODS DMGP HIM MGPHI  
HE HEAVI HIMOP IGPWB EU SECT .  
- GDDM LAPPGN

2 . ITS YOMDEKMU , ITS YOMDEKMU , KID  
STEALTHY WORK OY WONDE !  
YT WTA OCXPLKY KT IHCPE IDPLKY  
KID GMDYYOEWEY TR IOY IDPNDE .  
ET DPL CPU IDPL IOY VTCOEWE , GHK OE KIOY  
STLMA TR YOE ,  
SIDLD Cddb YTHMY SOMM LDVDOND IOC , YKOMM  
KID ADPL VILOYK DEKDLY OE .  
- KID TMA YTRK YITD

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

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

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

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

7. CROP GARDENS ELN KRQWO ZNRDY RDS WD  
IDN DWQLE R QWRDE ZNRDYERAP QUNT RAA ELN  
TRF BUIK ELN NRUEL XG EI ELN OAI XSY-TLWOL  
YIXDSY AWPN R AWN, ZXE WE ORD ZN SIDN  
TWEL QNDNEWO NDQWDNNUWDQ, RDS RAELIXQL R  
BNT GNIGAN RUN RQRWDYE NREWDQ QNDN-  
NDQWDNNUNS BIISY AWPN ELIYN ZNRDY WE'Y R  
LWQL-GRFWDQ ORUNNU EI ELWDP RZIXE BIU  
TLND FIX QUIT XG.  
- BURDON Y QUWKZAN

8. LBH NAAC MBUVDLVEI DBAWRC PHJEUH AS  
YELBHYELVMVEID EIC ERR LBADH JBA YEFH  
HYOLK OUAOBH MVHD. LBH CEINHU ERUHECK  
HGVDLD LBEL YELBHYELVMVEID BETH YECH E  
MATHIEIL JVLB LBH CHTVR LA CEUFHI LBH  
DOVUVL EIC MAISVIH YEI VI LBH PAICD AS  
BHRR. - DEVIL EWNWDLVIH

9. JEGTG UP KF DFTG UTTUJRJUKM AGOOFY  
JERK JEG DRK YEF JTUGP JF PGJJOG RK  
RTMWDGKJ RHFwj ZFDDWKUPD, FT VWPJU ZG, FT  
OUHG TJN, HN SWFJUKM ATFD YGHPJGT.  
- DFTJUDGT V. RLOGT

10. FAT HEAD LAD STUP OLI CRIXCWI WTF BY?  
DIMM, PF SINBEBOBABE, LCMN AN OLIU CXI  
IRIE STUPIX OLCE OLCO.  
- PAP SAPPY

11. FINANCEOSO TUF KFNKWF PLN OFF  
ONCFSLEAR PNUDEAR EA KUTISEIF TAX SUM SN  
VERBUF NBS EV ES PNBWX PNUD EA SLFNUM.  
- ONIETW OIEFAIF NZOFUGFU

12. AACTWZILHTU, OTUM NB T WINGATUM  
PRAWTA. ALL WILD TOO BEND T ARUSOL AWLK-  
OTMMLE.  
- ZTUTMRTU BOTWWLEF

13. GNRRTGG EG Z STOP BEATING MBEYW, ZYA  
EMG OTGTUFHZYRT KEMB UTOEM ATRTESTG UTY.  
- SERMIO BNWI

14. UM NSH HFYVUES VOFYKOYH WOAHOFT  
EHFEH, O BONOENGLISH PLKVA CH OF  
OILENGLISH PUNS MKG.  
- ALKY VOGELF