

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

1 . TS AND SUSAN MIX TO ENGULAFIL
FX AGRD KTPD LDSA AT FD
SUSD KIMUDL MISEUSY ,
DUYNA FIUML I - FUKZUSY
ISM I KTA TO TANDG LAROO ATT OUDGED AT
FDSAUTS .
— YUOAUSY GRS IFTZ

2 . BADNOTION ELMNOPTS LT MT LUDT WPED ,
OAD WPED NBEDDT NALICK AMXD YDDT RDUO
BCLNDK .
YIO LUDT WCMGDN ODTK OL NALLO NL GIBA
APSADE
MTK NUMERN VIGU LIO JADED OADF ' ED
DZULNDK . — GPBR ODEEF

3. CG NEW SCHOOL EPI VFHYV, E TRUCK BAFFL
AFI GFM, EPI R FEHUCGI NCGP R WEN CRY RP
WVRKG AM YLWGFM. — YASZ AOGWRKL

4. THEN GROPKDNY TNN ROE POPA BROWN, ...
THEN GROPKDNY TNN ROE FDHYLNK IYK FDHBY,
...

THEN GROPKDNY TNN ROE IPEHYK-NANK, ...
BOWR TSOY HC ANPPHB RMN. ...
THEN GROPKDNY TNN ROE KIDS IT WRNA,
IYK, IR! WRNA PHUN ROE, WHH! - IPP
WHXNWRND YHB

5. GO TGUAA LOOK GET LAMBS AESO U
TGO CGONK; URK GO TGUAA HUPGON PGO AUDIT
YEPG GET UND, URK BUNNF PGOD ER GET
IMTMD, URK HORPAF AOUK PGMTO PGUP UNO
YEPG FMXRH. — ETUEUG

6. ENL KSD ONLY ANY NUHGVNKDHK LDGAHDKS
STOODORITS STOODORITS STOODORITS
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PGHA NE PGHAZ THY ONLY NE ONLYZ, DKM.
— NH FNRL EDDK HNC

7. H GALETO RB WHIHNYHI XTNYH WRIGAXMUYRI
DO XYWLRGRBU WRIWVANTN USHU UST HETLHPT
HUUTIUYRI GMHI SHN BHVVTI UR TYPST
GTWRING, NRKI BLRX 12 YI UST OTHL 2000.
KT IRK SHET H GSRLUTL HUUTIUYRI GMHI USHI
PRVNBYS, UST GUANO BRAIN. — UYXRUSO TPHI

8. WUSAP BRUTAL JOCK CKA FURR, UIL ECKAMP
EN CKUC IUCHMA, UMA CEE GOERAIC NEM CKA
FELT UIL PCUSB IE XKUMUXCAM EI CKA SOIL.
— CKESUP DANNAMPEI

9. L SYWSXLPYT B WOYWR ALWAYS, BUT TXSLUK
PRY YCY YGBF, IRYU BEAYT PZ SYBT PRY
DZPPZF MLUY, PRY ALWAYS SYVMLYT, "SYBT
LP? L AUZI RLF." — IZZTC RBCYE

10. LDTEBCYBK UP SAD SADECK SAYS SAD
BETTER ODEOND GREX XAYS SADK XYRS, YRL
LDPDCID SE FDS US FEEL YRL AYCL. — A. N.
TDRBGDR

11, KNAX, EX UXI HXD CRRN MD MA TKDYRT
GNRKAMHV DX OR AX WILY SMART DYKH
BIKHDMDMRA XC UXIHV MEMXDA? — ORKDTMP
GXDDRT, XH DYR RMVYDY ERLKER

12. [OU-WIGGLY]'O PATUNITWL PO TUS FEOS
IT IMOLTWL; PS PO I NPWD, PTSNPWISL ITY
LTSPNLGX OLBINISL ETPRLNOL UH TLAISPRL
PTHUNKISPUT, I OUNS UH HLNSPGL
PTSLGGLWSEIG ITSPKISSLN CPSD PSO UCT
ANIRPSISPUTIG BEGG. - YIRPY MNUUVO

13. ECK END ECNE MY YKKO MY ODE ECK EAPK
END, POEMS UDP RAMOL JAKYC EDOKA. - LKKI
CNMIP