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-- Collected, compiled and cranked out by "The Quipping Queen" for your amusement and delight --

As the ho ho ho season rolls around, one is reminded of some very wicked words from a few wise men, a smattering of witty women, and a handful of weird wee folk who wish to remain anonymous.

"A Merry Christmas to all my friends except two." (W.C. Fields)

"I am a poor man, but I would gladly give ten shillings to find out who sent me the insulting Christmas card I received this morning." (George and Weedon Grossmith, *The Diary of a Nobody*, 1894)

"Christmas, that time to of year when people descend into the bunker of the family." (Byron Rogers, *Daily Telegraph*, 27 December 1993)

"There are some people who want to throw their arms round you simply because it is Christmas; there are other people who want to strangle you simply because it is Christmas." (Robert Lynd, "On Christmas," in *The Book of This and That*, 1915)

"Ever since Eve gave Adam the apple, there has been a misunderstanding between the sexes about gifts." (Nan Robertson, "On Christmas shopping", *New York Times*, 28 November 1957)

"George, a camel, stepped on the foot of a Rockette; six sheep came off the elevator as three kings bearing gifts got on; human Christmas trees bumped into eight maids-a-milking at the water cooler and an elf came down with the flu." (William E. Geist, on the day "pandemonium paid a visit backstage" at opening of Radio City Music Hall's Christmas spectacular. *New York Times*, 29 November 1986)

"As if being eighty-five or ninety and terrified and talked down to loudly and pushed around in wheelchairs by the staff all day weren't bad enough, for tonight's entertainment the local Brownies

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have come to sing Christmas carols....". (Mary Jo Salter, "Brownie Troop #722 Visits the Nursing Home," 1994)

"From a commercial point of view, if Christmas did not exist it would be necessary to invent it."
(Katharine Whitehorn, "The Office Party," in Roundabout, 1962)

"At Christmas I no more desire a rose
Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled mirth;
But like of each thing that in season grows."
(William Shakespeare, Love's Labour 's Lost. Act i. Sc. 1.)

"Christmas begins about the first of December with an office party and ends when you finally realize
what you spent, around April fifteenth of the next year." (P.J. O'Rourke, Modern Manners, 1984)

"For a halo up in heaven
I have never been too keen.
Who needs another gadget
That a fellow has to clean."
(E.Y. Yarburg, The Man who has Everything, 1965)

"What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
Answer: Claustrophobic" (Anonymous)

HOW TO COOK A CHRISTMAS TURKEY

- Step 1: Go buy a turkey
- Step 2: Take a drink of whiskey (scotch) OR JD
- Step 3: Put turkey in the oven
- Step 4: Take another 2 drinks of whiskey
- Step 5: Set the degree at 375 ovens
- Step 6: Take 3 more whiskeys of drink
- Step 7: Turn oven the on
- Step 8: Take 4 whisks of drinky
- Step 9: Turk the bastey
- Step 10: Whiskey another bottle of get
- Step 11: Stick a turkey in the thermometer
- Step 12: Glass yourself a pour of whiskey
- Step 13: Bake the whiskey for 4 hours
- Step 14: Take the oven out of the turkey
- Step 15: Take the oven out of the turkey
- Step 16: Floor the turkey up off of the pick
- Step 17: Turk the carvey
- Step 18: Get yourself another scottle of botch
- Step 19: Tet the sable and pour yourself a glass of turkey

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(Anonymous)

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What Do You Want This Year?

By Angie Dixon

Christmas is all around us, and many people are making up wish lists. Those who aren't doing that are busy setting down their New Year's Resolutions already. But this is a good time to sit down and do some serious introspection.

What do you want from the holidays this year? Do you want to rush around, spend a lot of money you don't have, and yell at the kids for not playing with all twenty of the toys they asked for—at the same time? Is that really how you want to spend Christmas?

We talk about "Christmas spirit," and mostly we mean giving. Giving of ourselves, giving to people who need it. That's great, that's Christmas spirit.

But I think there's another aspect to "Christmas spirit." I think it's spiritual. And don't close your screen on me because I said spiritual. I didn't say religious, because it's not. I think it comes from our souls.

I think deep down, each of us has a spirit that wants to be expressed. And I think at Christmas, when we're naturally thinking of others, that spirit is more easily expressed. I think if you want to, you can have a spiritual Christmas. You can feel loving, caring, generous. You can feel like a kid at Christmas, just by opening up to your spirit.

So what do you want this year?

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