



I Survived



Tim's Christmas Letters



of

1992 - 1997



1992

In the spirit of ecology and recycling:

Read last year's letter

(Merry Christmas)



1995

1994

What, Me Write a Christmas Letter?

So, you thought you were safe because you opened the last Christmas card and my letter hadn't fallen out of any of them? You felt you were safe from my letter because you thought I was too busy celebrating the demise of the Democrats? You thought now that I have graduated I would be too smart to continue with this childish, immature, embarrassing, and hopefully not traditional assault on your assumed intelligence?

Ha!

I don't learn that fast! But wait. Just why is this letter late? What happened? Well, one of the four things I learned in school that has proven to be quite useful is to carefully analyze unusual events such as this. Cause and effect relationships often hold the key to unlock the mysteries of many profoundly exasperating occurrences we run into during the course of our semi-meaningless lives. After much private deliberation and a third of a bag of M&M's (the red ones, with peanuts...by the way, they do melt in your

1996

1997

- Do you write your own Christmas letter every stinking year?
Do your friends (assuming you still have some) and relatives (assuming they admit to it) make fun of your Christmas letter behind your back?
Do your friends and relatives make fun of your Christmas letter in front of you?
Do you make fun of your Christmas letter behind your own back?
Has the US Postal Service charged you with a crime for mailing your Christmas letter?
Would Mother Theresa return your Christmas letter unopened?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you need to seek professional help. You need to stop torturing your friends and relatives with your boorish, smateurish, repetitive, and deceitful Christmas letters. You need to stop torturing Mother Theresa; she has enough problems of her own (and besides, why are you writing to a Catholic nun?). You need the services of TCCCYC (Tim's Christmas Letter Consulting for the Yuletide-Challenged).

That's right, folks. TCCCYC comes to you with years of professional Christmas letter writing experience. You can trust your feeble lies, truth extensions, and other unsubstantiated claims that wouldn't even be believed by an 01-jury to crafty Tim. He can make your past year of accomplishments sound almost believable. He can make it sound like you actually had accomplishments. He can even make it sound like you have a life (please note that it is assumed the recipients of the Christmas letter do not at any time actually visit you and discover the ugly truth... TCCCYC will not be responsible for any resulting embarrassment, lawsuits, or priortime).

Need references? Have we got references! Who can forget the famous Assemble-Your-Own Christmas letter of 1991? The Recycled Christmas letter of 1992 and the Virtual Reality Christmas letter of 1993 were such classics, even I kept copies. Although the concept for the Top Nine Christmas letter of 1994 was clearly stolen from some third rate talk show host, it's still worth an honorable mention.

Is TCCCYC the perfect Christmas letter consulting company? At the risk of offending the BCCWC (Brotherhood of Christmas Letter Writing Consultants) Local 4829, I would have to say not always. Yes, I admit that I have had some flops. Take 1995 for example. I created a fairly intricate Christmas letter mail order club. I went to great personal expense, legal fees to create the corporation, start up costs (I bought a paper mill in Green Bay so I could crank out the letters at a lower cost), and the usual psychiatric fees incurred during any typical corporate hostile takeover (I tried to outbid General Motors for Hallmark Cards...they have great distribution facilities...oh, I lost) to provide a service to my relatives (many of whom will remain nameless...not through any effort on my part...they simply can't remember their names) and provide an inexpensive means for them to easily acquire back issues of old Christmas letters. To be perfectly honest (as opposed to lying through my teeth...you know, you really have to wonder when someone specifically points out that they are now being honest with you...does

Tim's Classic Christmas Letter Club



YES, please enroll me in the TCCL Club under the terms of this offer. If I am not satisfied with my 2 FREE introductory selections or my membership terms by the end of 4 minutes, I may return the letters without further obligation. Should I decide to keep them, I agree to buy and read 755 selections at the regular TCCL Club price (\$500 plus \$75.00 gratuity and handling...you'll waive the shipping charge for the first 29 orders) within 7 years. I will then receive my choice of another 9 Classic Christmas Letters for \$132. That's 8 selections for the price of 14 with just a few more to buy. A shipping, handling, and gratuity charge is added several times to each selection. Better yet, enroll me in your LTMTCCLC (Life Time Membership to Tim's Classic Christmas Letter Club). I agree to simply sign over my paycheck to you for the rest of my life and you will supply me with your annual literary classic along with enough white bread and bottled water to keep me alive. (Don't bother to do the math. Save potential aggravation, just trust us.)

3 Old Christmas Letters for the price of 5



Use this handy order blank to day!

Rush Me These 3 Classic Christmas Letters NOW:

Order form with three blank lines for names.

BONUS OFFER

HEY, I'm too stupid to know when to quit. Send this extra one to me at the nominal price of \$300 (plus \$87.00 gratuity):

Choose from this admittedly short list of Christmas letters:

- 1991: Assemble Your Own Christmas Letter. Remember this one! Even if you actually tried to put the shredded paper back together again...it, it was really old, probably from work. How's your chance to be faded again?
1992: Recycled (Ecologically friendly) Christmas Letter. Order this one and we'll bill some more news to make the paper to print it on.
1993: Virtual Reality Christmas Letter. You won't actually receive anything when you order this one. Just imagine you did while we took your check.
1994: Top Nine Christmas Letter. A cheap sketch on Letterman's Top 10 List. Careful with this one, kids. It was so pathetic that it was displayed on the bulletin board of a classroom that was used loosely, causing the author untold humiliation.
1995: TCCCLC Christmas Letter. Hey, if you're smart enough to pay for this letter when you're holding it in your hands, we're not too proud to take your online money.
1996: Top Christmas Letter. This is one for all of you. No actual number!

We reserve the right to request additional information, reject any application, or cancel any membership. Offer null and void if intelligence is detected.

1993

Advanced Technology Christmas Letter

After months of painful (and often boring) research, we are proud to bring to the unsuspecting public (that means you) another in an unfortunate series of...

Christmas Letters From Tim (suitable for framing)

This year's theme is Advanced Technology. That's why I wrote Advanced Technology in the big box on the top of this sheet. The technology we are using is Virtual Reality. Some of you, I know, are familiar with reality; this is very close. On the other side of this sheet, you will find a Virtual Christmas Letter. Turn this over and stare at the black dot in the middle of the sheet. After anywhere between one to seven and a half hours, an actual Christmas letter will appear before your eyes. You will easily recognize it. It contains the normal boring, re-hashing tripe about all the junk we claim we did through the past year. Most of it is intended to brag about stuff we really didn't do but wish we had. Hopefully, you haven't saved the previous year's letters because they are identical. We just changed the dates (the "search and replace" feature in word processors is great).

So, have a seat (why are you reading this standing up?), turn this over, visualize the letter, and call the eye doctor.

Merry Christmas until next year.

Tim (your brother, in most cases)

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