

CLANCY'S CLICHES

Bahhhrk-Humbug. I'm feeling a bit wonky with all the Christmas ads, consumerism, expectations, and lack of vision for the Season of Love upon us.

There is a difference between feeling gratitude and appreciation *for* something, and feeling attachment *to* something. There especially seems to be an excess of attachment to "gifts" of the material kind lately.

Appreciation and gratitude are states of pure love, while attachment contains fear - fear of losing or not having what you are attached to. When it comes to something you want in your life, appreciation and gratitude draw things to you, and attachment pushes things away. With all the consumer Christmas conundrum, do you feel afraid that you won't get what you want? Are you afraid of losing what you have or could have? Well, my dear Watson, it looks like you have attachment *to* these things. Remove the attachment, and make the switch. Change yourself into that state of appreciation and gratitude. Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy!



DECEMBER'S DOINGS and DING-A-LINGS

- .. SantaCon is December 12th—You can see by my photo that I'm all set and ready to go!
- .. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
- .. A thief who stole a 2016 calendar got twelve months.
- .. The batteries for the toys were given out free of charge.
- .. Don't put your snow globes on the same table as your fish bowl.
You wouldn't want to shake the wrong globe.
- .. Smile like Buddy the Elf—just because it's fun!
- .. Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?
Well, in earlier times it was common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own. Clink to you all! Cheers to a blessed Christmas and wonderful 2016!

Ho-Ho-Howlin's hootn'; Growlin's not gooten!



— Clancy



CLANCY'S CACKLES

Knock, knock! Who's there? Murray. Murray who? Murray Christmas everyone!

1. What did Adam say to his wife the night before Christmas?

It's Christmas, Eve!

2. What do the reindeer do after Christmas?

Some have permanent jobs, but Comet cleans sinks and toilets!

3. Why are Dasher and Dancer celebrating with robust coffee and mocha lattes?

They are Santa's Star Bucks!

4. What do snowmen like to do on the weekend?

Chill out!

5. What has a jolly laugh, brings you presents, and scratches up your furniture?

Santa Claws!

6. What Clancy thinks Fr. Jim should give everyone for Christmas?

Christmas BONE – uses!