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Dear John

This month, as we approach the festive season, I just have a few things to make you smile. I might sneak in a teensy weensy thought provoking thought... we'll see how we go on.

For many of us Christmas is all about family and in particular children. I love kids, specifically between the ages of five and seven, as they're just about getting a grasp of how the world works and yet haven't quite got it right, which makes them so entertaining. Here's a collection of letters to God that I've collected, so warm up your chuckle muscles and here goes:

They all start "Dear God,"

"I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it." - Ivan

"If we come back as something, please don't let me be Jennifer Horton because I hate her." - Denise

"Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each as much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother." - Larry

"If you give me a genie lamp like Aladdin I will give you anything you want except my money or my chess set." - Rachael

"We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said you did it. So I bet he stole your idea." - Donna

And my favourite:

"Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy." - Joyce

And talking of puppies, here's a thought of my own for you to ponder.

It's said that this is the season of good will. In my humble opinion, good will is just like a puppy, it's not just for Christmas... it's for life.

The Sneaky Stunt - Don't Lose Your Cherry

John here's how you become the star of your festive celebrations. After performing this stunt you might end up with your very own television series. OK, maybe not a TV series, but you'll certainly be the life and soul of your party.

Imagine, Chimbo lunch is over. Aunt Aida has stuffed herself silly with turkey, so has the rest of the family; the last mouthful of Christmas pud is nothing but a memory, you're all sat around the telly and there's nothing on. You've even considered playing charades but it's soooooo passé.... what to do?



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Suddenly, you find yourself offering to do a stunt to while away the time (and get out of doing the washing up).

You'll need an olive or cherry, a brandy glass, three whisky tumblers and a straw.



Place the olive or cherry on a table or surface. Cover it with the brandy glass, the glass is upside down. See the photo on the left.

About 20cms (8") away, two of the whisky tumblers are placed on the table, upside down just as you did with the brandy glass. Balance the straw on their bases. The straw acts as a bridge

between the two tumblers, effectively you've created a make shift hurdle.

The third whisky tumbler is placed on the opposite side of the hurdle to the brandy glass about 20cm (8") away from the hurdle. This glass sits the right way up with the mouth facing the ceiling and will act as a basket.

Your mission: By holding only the base of the brandy glass, transport the olive or cherry over the 'hurdle' and deposit it in the 'basket'.

You cannot touch or move the basket or hurdle. You can only use the brandy glass to touch and move the cherry or olive.

For the solution [click here](#).

Enjoy!!

The Challenge - for a bit of fun, I challenge you to drop this useless fact in to your next conversation

When you've had your festive meal and settle down to watch the box, your eyelids may become heavier and heavier. As you enter the land of nod be aware of this fact:

Of people who snore, 19% snore so loudly that they can be heard through a closed door.

Doing More With Less - Obvious and not so obvious ideas to help you in business

Let's try something this month that may not improve your business (although it might, if used wisely), but will definitely improve your life and how you feel about yourself. I suggest you do the following as often as you feel comfortable and see the reaction you get.

Are you ready? Here goes...

John, I dare you to give a complete stranger a compliment. Just a simple and genuine compliment from the heart.

Why not do it every day?

True Wit... and wisdom? - I've always admired... wit

For those of us who'll be participating in the 'vino mucho calapso' this festive season you might bear in mind the following wise words

"When I read about the evils of drinking I gave up reading."

Henny Youngman

"When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven."

Brain O'Rourke

Now THAT sounds like a plan to me Brian.

I Can't Believe They Said That, or.... Doooh!!!

"Traditionally most of Australia's imports come from overseas".

Keppel Enderbery

What a coincidence; most of our imports in the UK come from overseas too. Soooooo that's who has all the money :O

Christmas is all about family and family reunions, so what about this guy...

"He has waited 62 years to meet the brother he never knew he had."

Reporter, BBC News

... and finally

If you're organising a dinner, kick-off meeting, conference, road show, away day or an event and you're looking for an [after dinner](#) or [motivational business speaker](#) who is insightful and has sack loads of humour, then I can help.

I'm very effective at sales and staff conferences and in particular the after lunch slot when an audience needs energising and your corporate message re-enforcing.

I'm not saying I'd be a perfect fit for your event; that, of course, would be for you to decide. What I am saying is that if you do have an event coming up, then when would now be a good time to give me a call on +44 (0) 1274 685 152 or email me at john@hotowka.co.uk and find out how I can help?

Until next month may you enjoy the very best of Christmas wishes and here's to a fruitful and very happy 2012.

Also don't forget to stun the world every day... be astonishing.

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