

Dot The Halls With Fa la la... Don't Get Grinched in 2018

I don't know if anyone agrees with me other than Ebenezer Scrooge and that green man that lied to little Cindy Lou who on Christmas last year. I'm pretty sure good old St. Nick and Frosty the SnowGuy don't have a choice but to have a white Christmas because the truth is, well... all of those Christmas crooks are officially older than Methuselah. No need for snow this year Rudolph, I'm sure that long white beard of yours makes you and Santa look like related by now. Don't all dog owners begin to look like their pets? Hold up... Rudolph wasn't a dog Margret, you must be thinking about Max. The ride down the hill was as easy as it got for him. I'm pretty sure that even old Cindy Lou won't be at home on Christmas Eve but one might possibly find her at the Whoville retirement center. That's right. Dr. Suess didn't pack any anti-aging medicines in his house call bag, so for 2018, we're looking for a new potion to fix up to get rid of those Christmas Spirits that get us jolly one minute and sometimes ready to cry or punch someone the next.



To be perfectly clear Chuck, I'm not referring to spirits that come in a carefully crafted glass container that can be readily obtained at the local liquor store. I merely wished to offer an alternative to the usual holiday mood swings that many people go through this time of the year. Unfortunately, the holiday season is full of bad... I mean... BAD, BAD, news. House fires are common occurrences, people seem to be more rushed and rude than usual, and then there are those folks who get robbed. That's right. Robbed. I was a victim of a Christmas robbery back in 2005 and I still haven't recovered the property. That's one reason why I don't stay *HOME ALONE* at Christmas. This year Mrs. Dot and I and the Dotlings will not be celebrating Christmas in the usual way. This past year has been crucial. It has been full of twists,



turns, and surprises so why not drop the show and tell and just make it a Green Christmas. Scrooge had green, (money) and the Grinch was green so in the undying Spirit of commercialism and do unto others (before they can do it to you), I will be dressed up as a brand new Christmas Dude, half Scrooge, half Grinch, and I will be trying to find some quick cash. Call me the *Scrinch!* I have no problem joining the ranks of those dysfunctional characters that haunt the Yuletide Season in the

worst way. Just to make for sure that everyone knows the difference in between my celebration, I will not even come outside of the house on Christmas. If things go well for me, there won't be a Christmas. There will only be a Festivus for the rest of us who opt out of all the other seasons' greetings. Festivus, which like every other Christmas Spirit is a myth. Have you not noticed that almost everything about Christmas is fake??? Even the Tree??? Show me the money. The



word holiday comes to our language as a loose connection of the words *HOLY DAY*, but over the centuries it gets harder to find the holiness in the days themselves. Don't get me wrong I love Jesus just as much and sometimes more than the next guy but I do not believe that He was born during the winter if shepherds were grazing sheep outside at night, and it was probably unlikely that the census which occurred at His birth took place during the winter because people had to travel many miles to return to their places of birth to be numbered. However, it is perfectly fine if you are a believer who celebrates Christmas, as long as you celebrate the day to the glory of God. In fact, Apostle Paul says in Romans 14:5, "(5) One man regards a certain day above the others, while someone else considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. (6) He who observes a special day does so to the Lord; he who eats does so to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God... So, therefore, whatever it is you do, keep God in mind while you do it. In the meantime, Happy Holidays from the Dot. I will be looking for a [Festivus miracle in the form of some money](#) while I'm keepin' it real by kickin' it with Christ on Christmas. Enjoy the show. Dot