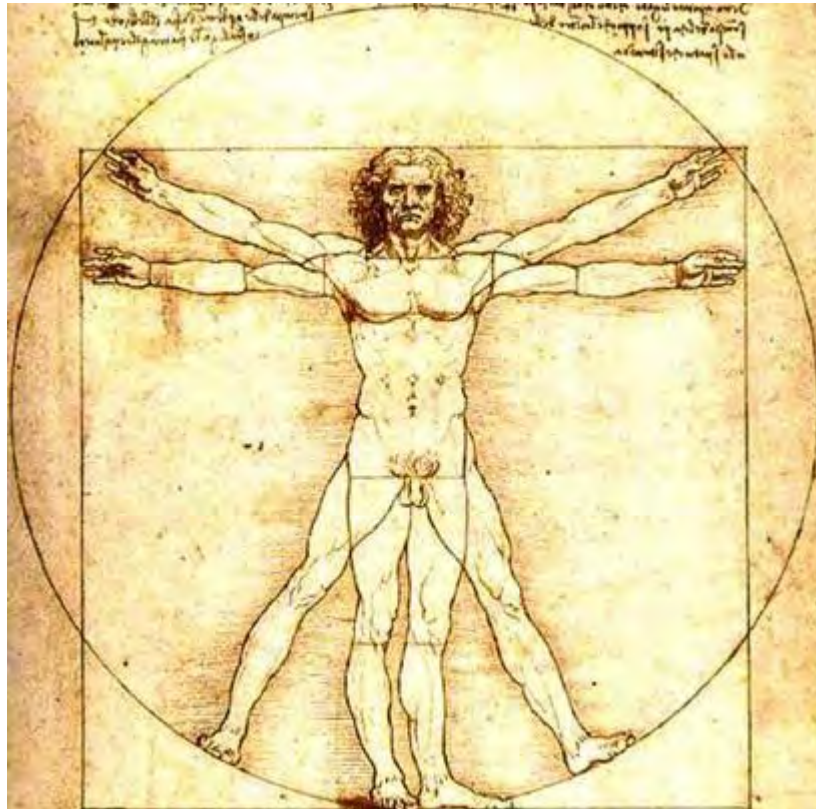


# NLNCSA Xmas Puzzle 2010

*The years can't hurt him  
He knows the magic that makes images  
He don't look rich  
But it seems there's forbidden treasures  
And he's the one who knows the secret way*



This is the unofficial NLNCSA Xmas Puzzle of 2010 containing nine cryptic exercises. In order to solve an exercise the text may first need to be decrypted. For this decryption (the solution of) previous exercises may prove to be the key to success.

As usual the XMas puzzle is divided into two parts. The first part consists of the exercises 1-4. The answer to exercise 4 is the solution to the first part. The second part consists of the exercises 5-9 and may look a bit harder. The answer to exercise 9 is the solution to the second part.

Ultimately the winner is the one to first provide a correct solution to both parts of the puzzle. Kudos to anyone who answers both parts correctly and in time. You are also kindly urged to hand in partial solutions - among those solving at least the first part a prize will be drawn. You may enter alone or in cooperation with others to tackle the nine exercises.

The deadline for handing in (partial) solutions is **januari 14th 2011 at 12:00 (+1 GMT)**. Solutions should be send to [nbv.kp2010@gmail.com](mailto:nbv.kp2010@gmail.com).

Look and read carefully - do not miss a clue. All exercises can be solved with just pencil and paper; no computer is required although of course a computer may be used. In the latter case CrypTool (available free of charge) is a nice software tool to use since it allows for easy playing with classic ciphers.

Good luck, have fun and from the NLNCSA all the best wishes for 2011!

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I E I N Y D U H L  
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S T D A T T Y H G  
E S T H I A H F A  
M S T E T N K E A  
I W T H R A I E 1

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8	A	R	O	C	A	H	I	A
7	R	S	L	T	E	R	N	C
6	T	A	O	V	O	R	K	R
5	Y	A	L	B	P	E	V	C
4	P	V	M	E	I	V	V	I
3	P	E	A	K	I	S	A	T
2	R	S	S	N	H	O	F	S
1	E	C	D	K	A	N	C	B
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HLMBD KMYKF SKVEM VPTSB TGBXT LSDKT

HSKS SHVZ UDXNK LDUA BXNKS UDX QPOF TVE DVLVV LNUE  
TMTL FDU SIVE TKTM

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OINEL GZEZI RILIL INNZM RANEO EZERI ZILIO GONNE  
OINEZ GOGNN NELM

FCESE FN3WR RTNET 1NOHX TMTWI SEORS TETII EUH6H  
SOEOK TEEAC ENG1X CIWB8 OHQIH ICT

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TFJYN ZBOCI IZVCD CIAOY HVQC

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L G L O L O M D 1 0 H 0 A E Y I 0 G 7 M U  
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