

*This was something I cooked up as a bit of high humor for all the people who asked me what I wanted for my Birthday and/or Christmas. I thought this was good stuff but Amy advised me against sending it out. So, I'm posting it here instead. Enjoy!*

About six thousand years ago, early humans saw that towards the end of what we now call December their days of less and less light would end. They'd pinpoint the day things turned around and held a festival. An all night celebration would be held to ensure the Sun came back up. Thus began the tradition of the Winter Solstice.

About 1700 years ago, the Romans adopted Christianity and elected to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at the time of the Solstice. Thus began the seeds of the modern tradition that we call Christmas Day.

About 28 years ago, in a hospital in Bronxville, NY, I was born. This (for some reason or another) brought people great cheer and in subsequent years, offered me gifts and baked goods at this time. Thus began the tradition of Tom's Birthday.

Every year I get asked what I want for Christmas, for my birthday and on my Subway sandwich. These days, being much more self sufficient than I was in my younger years, most of the neat stuff I want I can

get myself. But folks insist, and I have to come up with a list of items that they can acquire as gifts.

What follows (assuming you're still reading), is this year's list. It's incredibly tongue-in-cheek, as most of you wouldn't expect less from me. I also know full well that a number of these items are beyond what any of you, dear friends and loved ones, would (or could) gift to me. Additionally, some of you are assisting with our wedding and I don't wish to ask too much of you. This is simply a list of gifts I'd be glad to receive if offered.

I love you all. Have a very merry Christmas!

- 1) [Chrono Trigger](#)
- 2) [World Peace](#)
- 3) A heart monitor (the kind that uses the strap, like [this nice Timex one](#))
- 4) [A Unicorn](#)
- 5) A Unicorn Chaser (or [at least a ride in it](#))
- 6) My weight in [jellybeans](#)
- 7) Dinner with [William Shatner](#)
- 8) [A Mac Mini](#)
- 9) Apple Store, iTunes Store, Amazon.com or Casual Male XL giftcards

- 10) [The Roku Netflix player](#)
- 11) [An Xbox 360 Pro](#), [Playstation 3](#) or [Samsung Blu-Ray Disc player](#)
- 12) The opportunity to meet [James Ensor](#) (Dig him up and shake his hand, appreciate the man)
- 13) The [iClarify](#) iPhone case
- 14) [Snow Crash](#) by Neil Stephenson (I will finish this book one day)
- 15) Any book on beginning [Cocoa or Cocoa Touch](#) programming
- 16) [Fair trade dark chocolate](#)
- 17) [Loose green tea](#)
- 18) An [Apple Studio Display](#) (Why did I have to watch *Helvetica* and desire something no longer made?)
- 19) An [end to Daylight Savings Time](#)
- 20) New episodes of Firefly, Sports Night and Clerks: The Animated Series
- 21) [A really long yoga mat](#)
- 22) A bottle of 2006 [Caduceus Anubis](#) (“The lingering finish is reminiscent of Saturday morning cartoons, in your pajamas, eating Graham Crackers.”)
- 23) A copy of [The Dungeons and Dragons Player’s Handbook](#), and some [nerds to play with](#)
- 24) A trip to [Walt Disney World](#) for myself and Amy
- 25) A Disney theme park in Texas

- 26) Tickets to see the Killers or WrestleMania
- 27) Dinner at a steakhouse
- 28) The vacant junior Senator seat in illinois([still technically for sale](#)), or the [soon to be vacant senior Senator seat](#) in Texas.
- 29) A promotion
- 30) Anything you wish.

Thank you all for enduring my silliness. Now you know what Amy deals with all the time (love you babe!)