

An Interview with Santa Clause by Ronald F. Wolf



I'm here at Santa's secret workshop in the North Pole waiting for Santa Clause to go on a break from making toys.

The air is frosty here and there's snow and snowmen everywhere.

In the distance I can see a large house with a chimney puffing big clouds of smoke.

Wait! What was that? I can see a person coming this way. Why, it's, it's Santa Clause!

"Ho-Ho-Ho how are you Mr. Wolf?"

Not too bad, how is Mrs. Clause today?

"Oh, she's fine, a bit of a cold today that's why I want to be interviewed outside."

Santa, is everything running on time this year? Do you expect delays for Christmas Eve?

"Well, as you know, Ron, every year is different. Even my magic can't foresee the future all the time. We make extra toys like we do every year at this time. The weather can be unpredictable at best so we can never tell if it's going to be a white or green Christmas. My sleigh is prepared for

even a flood! I just trained my reindeer to swim! HO-HO-HO-HO."

I'm glad to hear that Santa. As you know I've prepared you before this interview that I would be asking some tough questions for my readers.

"Yes, you did Ron and I thank you for that. You are a good boy."

Why do some good children never get the presents that they ask you for?

"Well, Ron that is a hard-hitting question. When good children ask for presents and never get them is simply because the presents may make them bad in some ways."

I don't understand Santa.

"It's like this Ron, remember when you where 10 years old and you asked me for a pellet gun. I never brought it for you did I?"

You're right Santa you didn't why?

"It's because you would never listened to your parents when they tried to teach you how to play safe. With a pellet gun, you would have been in danger. And we can't have that can we Ron?"

No, I guess not Santa.

Ok, why don't children get safe toys, which they ask for then?

"Well, it's supply and demand. Too many children ask for the same toy and old Santa just can't make enough for everyone. It takes time to read all my mail personally

and the children who ask for the toy will get them first. It may not be 100 % fair but it's the best Santa can do. But I'll tell your readers a little secret Ron. Your readers wanted a certain toy at one point in their lives but never got it."

I'm sure that's true Santa.

"But years later as they grow up, they have the opportunity to purchase the toys in a garage sale or even in an antique shop. Who do you think gave them the opportunity for that?"

You Santa?

"HO-HO-HO-HO that's correct Ron. You see my magic isn't just for Christmas day it goes on for the entire year and even years! As long as you believe in old Santa, I do what I can for you!

Oh, oh, those elves of mine are up to no good again Santa has to go."

One last question Santa, are your elves really your children? Santa, Santa! Santa Clause is gone back to work and my plane is ready for take-off. Well, there you have it folks, if Santa doesn't bring you all the toys you ask for is because he loves you and he wants you safe! Wait, did you hear that?

"HO-HO-HO! I'll see all of you on Christmas Eve. Asleep I hope!!! HO-HO-HO!"