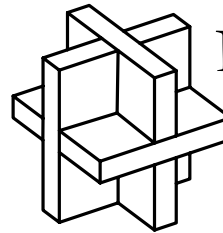# *Adalogical Ænigmas*

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Gentle solver,

Out of all the *myriad* areas of human endeavour to which I might choose to apply myself, there is one in particular that so *viscerally* repulses me that I can say with confidence I shall *never* pursue its study, and that is *politics*. I highly value the *truth*, an exactitude I fear places me well outside the political domain.

The rising *roar* of what passes for political discourse, and my displeasure therewith, inspired the ænigma below.

In the grid below, you are to blacken some squares, possibly *including* squares that contain clues. You may not blacken two squares that are horizontally or vertically *adjacent*, and the entire collection of unblackened (white) squares must remain *connected*, horizontally and/or vertically.

Each clue specifies the *exact* number of black squares in the indicated direction in the same row or column. Please note, however: *some* of the clues are *lies*! Only the *unblackened* clues need be correct; all blackened clues, true or not, are ignored.

Once you've completed your grid, you must walk a path *through* it to find the final answer to my ænigma. Begin at the topmost *white* square on the *right* edge of the grid, facing *left*. Walking only on white squares, take the *shortest* route to the *fourth* topmost white square on that same right edge. (Where there are *multiple* shortest routes, prefer one that postpones *turning* for as long as possible.) Advance each letter you encounter forward in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the number of adjacent *black* squares. Reading the resulting letters in order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

Example

O+1 = P	H+1 = I
Q+1 = R	B+1 = C
D+1 = E	Z+1 = A
T+2 = V	R+2 = T
Z+1 = A	D+1 = E
R+0 = R	C+1 = D

Answer: PREVARICATED

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