

Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 22

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.

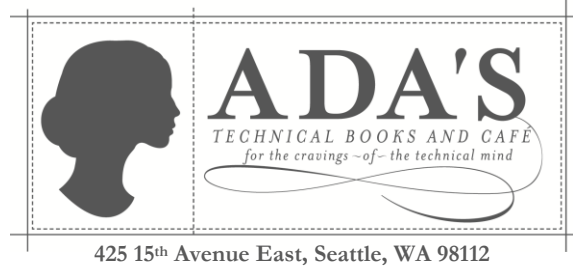
The rising *roar* of what passes for political discourse, and my displeasure therewith, inspired the ænigma below.

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

F	J	2	2	2	N	A
1↑	R	Z	1	2↓	2↓	O
P	H	2	T	D	Q	T
L	B	2↓	S	E	2↓	3
E	3	E	R	H	O	O
O	Z	R	2↑	D	1	C
R	U	D	1	1	1	2

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R	•	•	1	1	1	2

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

Need assistance with Ada's ænigma? Hints and other help are available at <www.pavelspuzzles.com/aenigmas/22>

T	7	H	I	O	H	4↓	A	M	1	2	A	4	3	A	R	S	5↓	5↓	N	D
T	L	Q	4	R	E	U	L	T	C	4↓	4↓	G	S	C	4	H	E	D	H	Q
6	Z	S	Y	G	Q	Z	H	4↓	J	C	P	A	3	N	G	Y	B	V	E	E
D	M	E	E	N	A	O	L	E	0↓	E	T	L	W	7	5↓	Q	N	G	X	S
E	W	I	6	T	R	H	L	T	T	S	S	D	M	S	3	R	E	I	T	U
Q	M	P	T	C	3↓	R	Z	L	3↑	H	E	2↑	B	R	A	T	P	E	1↑	H
H	2↓	H	I	5	5	L	E	C	3	V	D	M	C	O	R	V	A	O	R	R
E	D	4↑	R	Z	E	B	1↓	U	O	T	C	E	L	E	6	H	I	F	D	E
M	1↑	8	2↑	D	S	3	3	2	R	3	2	F	Y	W	D	I	S	T	N	O
9	L	O	2	K	A	L	C	D	E	E	I	Q	S	G	T	4↑	R	H	H	O
D	Q	A	L	D	G	F	Y	S	S	S	Y	D	Y	T	J	O	L	E	K	5↑
H	O	S	U	W	R	B	O	S	T	O	A	L	U	6	3	2	L	E	2↑	T

Fill in your answer and give to a cashier for your prize.

This ænigma's prize: **one free coffee shot or tea!**

(Limit one per solver. Offer available through 10/31/2015.)
