## Adalogical Ænigmas

Gentle solver,

Human societies, like works of engineering, perform their functions through the *interactions* of many mutually reliant parts, each depending critically on others, and none existing in isolation. Although all of these *systems* (as it were), whether social or mechanical, may initially appear overwhelmingly *complex*, it is these very inter-connexions that provide them with their strength and resiliance in the face of *whatever* Life chooses to hurl at them.

I myself have recently been made *quite* aware of this connectedness, though that is a story for another time. Let it suffice that the experience inspired the ænigma below.

In the grid below, please enter a digit betwixt 0 and 9 into each and every *unblackened* square in accordance with the given clues. The clues work much in the fashion of a "cross-word" puzzle (as I understand the concept): they lead to 2- or 3-digit answers entered into adjacent squares in the grid. For instance, the clue for 1-Across (or " $\rightarrow$ 1") in the solution to the example leads to the number 445. Note that such solution numbers *mayn't* begin with a 0 digit.

Once you've completed your grid, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Simply advance each letter, from the edge of the grid, *forward* in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A as necessary) by the sum of the *shaded* digits in the corresponding row or column. Reading the resulting letters down the left edge and across the bottom will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

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ACROSS (→): DOWN (♥):

1) **→**6 ÷ **2** 

3) **→**5 × **4** 

5) **→**5 + **7** 

6) **→**3 + **1** 

°2 | 1

7

4 4 <sup>2</sup>5

°9 8

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8 9

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Answer: INTERTWINE

4) **↓**3 + **→**5

2) →7 + →5

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<sup>2</sup>5

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Example

1) **→**3 × 5

3) **↓**3 + **5** 

4) **↓**5 ÷ **2** 

5) **↓**4 ÷ **5** 

6) **→**4 × **7** 

7) **↓**4 + **→**1

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Υ

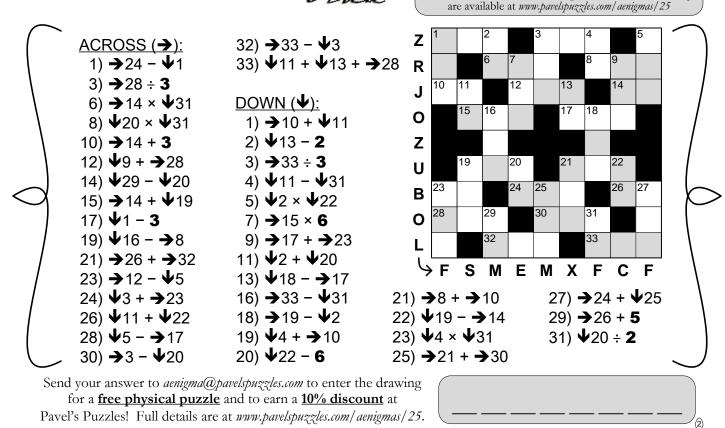
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