Adalogical Ænigmas
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Gentle solver,

> *No man is an island, entire of itself;*
> *every man is a piece of the continent.*

Would that the great poet John Donne's words were more widely remembered! We, all of us, are *more* than merely ourselves: are we not also the *sum* of those around us, added to by each other person, the accumulated result of all our shared interactions and mutual experiences?

I certainly believe this myself, and was inspired by these thoughts to create the present ænigma.
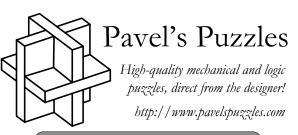
In the grid below, I wish you to take this philosophy to heart, entering into each empty square a digit betwixt 1 and 5, such that within each boldly outlined 7-by-7 *sub-grid*, there is placed exactly one of each digit in every row and column.

These digits represent the diversity of individuals with whom we daily come in contact. Each of *us*, then, is represented by a black square, the number in which must therefore equal the *sum* of the up-to-8 digits entered in immediately surrounding squares. A black square that lies within multiple sub-grids specifies the sum of its neighbors as calculated *separately* for each sub-grid.
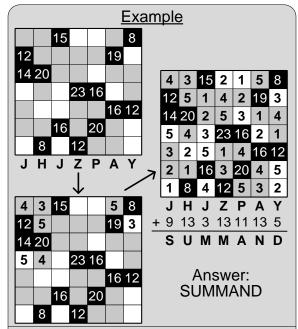
Once you have completed filling the grid, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Pray continue your *additive* exercises as follows: At the bottom of each column, there is a letter; advance that letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the sum of the digits entered into *shaded* squares in that column. Reading the resulting letters from left to right will then reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

Ada

Example

4	3	15	2	1	5	8
12	5	1	4	2	19	3
14	20	2	5	3	1	4
5	4	3	23	16	2	1
3	2	5	1	4	16	12
2	1	16	3	20	4	5
1	8	4	12	5	3	2

	J	H	J	Z	P	A	Y
+	9	13	3	13	11	13	5
	S	U	M	M	A	N	D

Answer:
SUMMAND

L N J F E N L C V H P G Q A M W B H G T H V V

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