Adalogical Ænigmas
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Gentle solver,

For many of us, certainly not excluding myself, the trials and vicissitudes of *existence* are rendered much more easily endured if we are not traveling *alone* along Life's road. By and large, in our culture, we avoid that dread loneliness by finding a single other individual with whom to share the journey: we form *couples*.
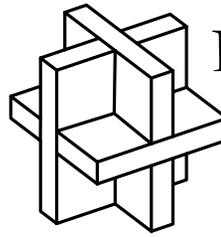
With this observation in mind, I present to you the ænigma that follows.

In the grid below, each *block* outlined by dotted lines represents an individual. Your task is to join these blocks together in pairs to form *regions*. As no couple in Life is *complete* unto itself, I desire that you should allow no region to have the perfect shape of a square or rectangle. Similarly, as every living couple is *different* from those around it, no two regions with the same shape, including reflections and rotations, may touch along an edge (though they *may* share a corner).

Once you have completed your coupling up, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Each region contains two letters; begin with the *higher* of those letters on the page (or the *leftmost* one, if they share a common height) and travel forward in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) until reaching *halfway* to the other letter. Write that halfway letter at the centre of the border between that region's two blocks. Reading the resulting letters in left-to-right, top-to-bottom order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

Ada

Example

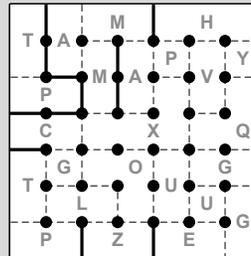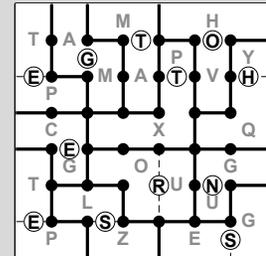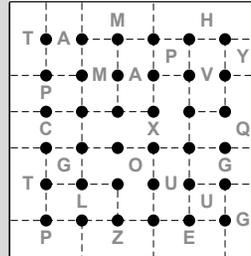M - [T] - A
H - [O] - V
A - [G] - M
T - [E] - P
P - [T] - X
Y - [H] - Q

C - [E] - G
O - [R] - U
G - [N] - U
T - [E] - P
L - [S] - Z
G - [S] - E

Answer:
TOGETHERNESS

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