Adalogical Ænigmas

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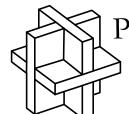
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Gentle solver,

Of late, it seems one often encounters people who have taken some pains to *completely* surround themselves with only those others who *share* their opinions, backgrounds, and beliefs. It strikes me that this is quite an unfortunate situation indeed: logically, does one not *require* differences in order to test the mettle of one's preconceptions and, simply, to live a life full of interest and the *flavors* of fresh experiences?

I have devised the present ænigma in an effort to illustrate this point of view.

In the grid below, I pray you will enter a single number into each empty square, such that every boldly outlined *region* contains exactly one instance of each number from 1 to the size of that region. However, I must also stipulate that every number in the grid be surrounded *entirely* by numbers that are *different* from it. That is, no two numbers of the same value may ever abut one another, not even *diagonally*.

Once you have completed your grid, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. In each column, sum the numbers in the *shaded* squares, and then advance the corresponding letter at the bottom *forward* in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by that sum. Reading the resulting letters in left-to-right order will reveal a clue to your final answer.
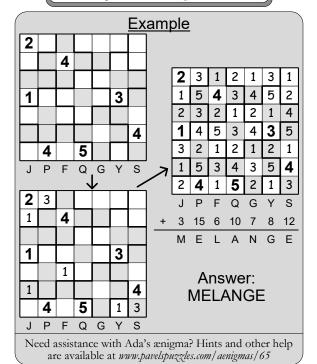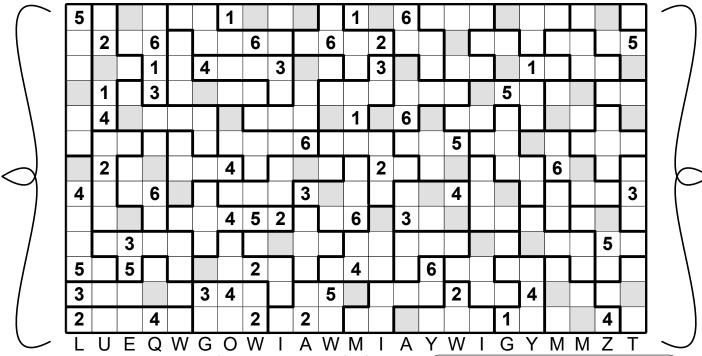
Good luck!

Ada

Example

2	3	1	2	1	3	1
1	5	4	3	4	5	2
2	3	2	1	2	1	4
1	4	5	3	4	3	5
3	2	1	2	1	2	1
1	5	3	4	3	5	4
2	4	1	5	2	1	3

	J	P	F	Q	G	Y	S
+	3	15	6	10	7	8	12
	M	E	L	A	N	G	E

Answer: MELANGE

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