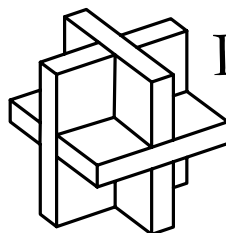


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Gentle solver,

As I sat down at my writing desk, commencing construction of this the *antepenultimate* instalment in my little series, my thoughts were irresistably drawn to its Genesis over *eight* years ago, and to the many and varied experiences encompassed within that span of time. Much like any lifetime, one must suppose, this period has held for me both *high* and *low* points, occasions both of *greater* and *lesser* cheer.

Inspired by these contemplations, I then composed the following most appropriate ænigma.

Into every white cell in the grid below please enter a single digit 'twixt 1 and 6 (from 1 to 4 in the example); a *selection* of those digits have been provided for you. Within any boldly outlined 7×7 *subgrid* (the whole grid in the example), pray do not *repeat* a digit in any row or column. Honouring my reflections above, in each row or column of each subgrid, ensure that the digits strictly alternate between *increasing* and *decreasing*, in either order.

Once you have completed your work, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Take note of the letters placed below the grid. Advance each letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the sum of the *prime* digits, either placed or given, in the corresponding grid column. Reading the resulting letters from left to right will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

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Example

	4			
				3

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

C D G I T C D G I T

↓ +

	4			
				3

5	5	5	3	5
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H I L L Y

Answer: HILLY

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C A Z Q X B J K M I K B U C E Y R I J O Z

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