The Ænigmatic Addenda: Guest Constructors revisit the Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 20: Mr William Hu revisits Ænigma #6

Gentle solver,

Such a milestone! This, the *twentieth* instalment of our *Addendum* series comes to us from the inspired pen of Mr William Hu, an Australian designer of puzzles both logical and physical, currently studying mathematics at Cambridge University. His *magnum opus* of logic can be found at *https://tinyurl.com/hu-opus*.

Like my own, Mr Hu's ænigma aims to bring light into the darkness of winter.

Please place lights (represented by circles) on some of the white grid squares, such that *every* white square receives the beams of *one or more* lights. In our grid, light beams (represented by lines) travel *only* horizontally and vertically, and they are completely *blocked* by black squares. A square *containing* a light is considered to be lit itself, by that very light.

There are two limitations, however, on your placement of the lights. First, any black square containing a number must have *exactly* that many lights placed on horizontally or vertically adjacent white squares. Second, but equally important, you must *not* place any light such that its beams reach any *other* light!

Once you have completed your grid, you may move on to finding the final answer to this ænigma. Every circle representing a light can now be seen to *emphasize* the letter occupying the same white square. Advance each such letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the number of directions in which its corresponding light shines on *other* squares. Reading the result in left-to-right, top-to-bottom order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

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