Adalogical Ænigmas
No. 72
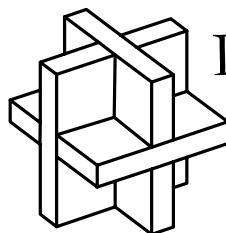
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Gentle solver,

As you are no doubt keenly aware, we recently celebrated the occasion of the *autumnal equinox* where I live, and thus have we bid Summer a sad farewell. None can put a stop to the turning of the seasons, *much* as we might desire it, so I labour instead to *employ* that turning as my ænigmatic Muse: as the seasons do turn, so may a path, and much more *cheeringly*, I think!

In the grid below, I pray you will connect pairs of circles by *paths* that progress horizontally and/or vertically. Each circle must be connected by exactly one path, and every grid square must be used by some path. No two paths may either touch or cross.

As the seasons do always turn, so must your paths: please ensure that every path makes at *least* one 90° turn. A number in a circle specifies *exactly* how many times its connecting path makes such a turn.

Once you have finished your paths, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. At each square wherein a path does *not* turn, advance its letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A as necessary) by the total number of turns on that path. Reading the resulting letters in left-to-right, top-to-bottom order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

Ada

Example

K + 3 = N   V + 5 = A
B + 3 = E   Q + 2 = S
R + 5 = W   L + 3 = O
P + 3 = S   M + 1 = N
Z + 5 = E

Answer:
NEW SEASON

Need assistance with Ada's ænigma? Hints and other help are available at *www.pavelspuzzles.com/aenigmas/72*

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