## C.A.R.I. Crystal Cube Educational Toy Game <u>Accompaniment to U.S. Copyright Office Form VA</u> <u>Three-Dimensional, Kappadigamma-Crystal-Shaped, Face-Lettered Sculpture</u>

## **INSTRUCTIONAL TEXT**

IMAGINE ANOTHER WORLD FAR, FAR, AWAY--CELESTIA IS ITS NAME. THERE, THE PEOPLE ARE VERY SMART, BECAUSE THEY PLAY THE C.A.R.I. CRYSTAL GAME.

"COMMUNICATION AND REASONED INTELLIGENCE" EQUALS "C, A, R, AND I." NO ONE KNOWS FROM WHERE THE CRYSTAL CAME; OLD FOLKS SAY IT CAME FROM THE SKY.

NOW NOTHING CAN HAPPEN IN CIVILIZATION WITHOUT A LANGUAGE THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND; AND FOR WORDS TO BE MADE, AN ALPHABET IS NEEDED TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE LAND.

PERHAPS YOU HAVE STUDIED CHEMICAL CRYSTALS—TINIEST ATOMS OF PLANETARY MATTER. SALT AND SUGAR AND DIAMONDS ARE EXAMPLES-WHEN LIGHT HITS THEM THEY MAKE IT SCATTER.

DIFFERENT CRYSTALS HAVE DIFFERENT SHAPES AND DIFFERING NUMBERS OF "FACES." THE NAMES THAT SCIENCE GIVES TO EACH TELL THE NUMBER OF THEIR FLAT PLACES.

FOR INSTANCE, THE *OCTA* IN "OCTAGON" IS FROM AN ANCIENT WORD FOR *EIGHT.* KNOWING THAT, THEN, IT'S EASY TO GUESS AN *OCTAGONAL* CRYSTAL'S SHAPE.

BUT SCIENCE MICROSCOPICALLY SO FAR HAS NOT SEEN RACES, OF ANY NATURAL CRYSTAL LIKE CARI'S TWENTY-SIX IDENTICAL FACES!

IF SCIENCE WERE TO GIVE THE *CARI* CRYSTAL A NAME, "KAPPADIGAMMA" IS THE ONE THAT FITS—BECAUSE IT'S MADE UP OF TWO ANCIENT WORDS WHICH *MEAN* 26.

WE ARE VERY MUCH LIKE THE CELESTIANS, BECAUSE *ENGLISH* IS WHAT THEY SPEAK; AND WITH *CARI*'S CRYSTAL YOU CAN SPELL ANY WORD YOU CHOOSE TO SEEK. YOU DEFINITELY WILL SEE--'THOUGH NOT SAID YET—EACH ONE OF THE 26 FACES HAS A LETTER OF THE ALPHABET.

ENOUGH! YOU SAY, LET US PLAY THE GAME; OUR EXCITEMENT'S READY TO BURST! THEN GATHER TOGETHER IN A CIRCLE AND DECIDE WHO WILL GO FIRST. SO NOW WE BEGIN AND SHALL SEE WHAT WE LEARN, AS WE GO 'ROUND THE CIRCLE AND EACH PLAYER TAKES A TURN.

YOU ROLL THE CRYSTAL AND WHEN IT COMES TO A STOP, ONLY ONE LETTER WILL BE AT THE TOP. WRITE YOUR LETTER ON A NOTEPAD ONCE THE CRYSTAL COMES TO STAND, AND THE FIRST TO MAKE A WORD FROM A ROUND OF TOSSES IS WINNER OF THAT "HAND."

LET'S SAY THAT THE FIRST LETTER YOU TURN UP SHOULD HAPPEN TO BE AN "A." IF LATER YOU GET A "G," AN "L" AND "D," YOU'LL BE <u>GLAD</u> YOU LEARNED HOW TO PLAY!

ANOTHER CHOICE IS TO DECIDE TO USE MORE LETTERS IN A ROUND—NOT ONLY THE ONE ON TOP BUT, SAY, THREE BENEATH THE CROWN. YOU EVEN CAN MAKE IT HARDER AND CHOOSE A DIFFERENT GOAL: SPELLING OUT A SAYING LIKE, "IF THE TRUTH BE TOLD."

ANOTHER WONDER OF THE CARI CUBE IS GIVING IT DIFFERENT PATH: AFFIX ITS ACCOMPANYING STICKERS, AND TOSS A GAME OF MATH. (WHAT'S MORE, THERE'S BEEN A RUMOR I HEAR, THAT DRIFTED FROM THE SKY: THERE EVEN ARE MARKINGS FOR ALGEBRA GAMES THAT ARE PLAYED AT CELESTIA HIGH!)