## Box - Challenging Puzzle \#22



This puzzle is like a crossword, but with numbers. Each digit occupies a 3D block and can be a part of a "word" in the $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$, and Z directions.

## Rules:

1. "Words" may not start with a zero.
2. "Words" in the $X$ direction read from left to right.
3. "Words" in the Y direction read from top to bottom.
4. "Words" in the $Z$ direction read from front to back.
5. There is one unique solution which satisfies all the clues given below.
6. Some "words" may not have clues. They will be determined by the "words" which intersect them.

If we take the box pictured above and divide it into individual X-Y layers, we will get these planes:

| 1 | 2 |  | 3 |  | 8 | 9 | 10 |  |  | 15 | 16 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 |  |  | 5 | 11 | 12 | 13 |  |  | 17 |  |  |
|  | 6 | 7 |  | 14 |  |  |  | 18 |  |  | 19 |
|  |  | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |  | 26 | 27 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 24 |  |  |  | 28 |  |  | 29 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 25 |  |  | 30 |  |  |  |  |  |

## X Direction

1 A cube
6 Z12 minus Z13
8 X17 plus Y17
11 Four times a prime number
14 X15 plus Y17
15 Z21 plus Y10
17 Thirty times a prime number
18 A cube
20 Mean of X14 and Z3
24 Fifteen times a prime number
25 Y11 times Y1
26 Y27 minus Y20
28 Twenty-one times a prime number 30 Z14 plus Y17

## Y Direction

1 A cube
3 Its digits total Y29
8 Y22 minus Y28
9 Fifty-three times Y20
10 Y16 minus Z4
11 X25 divided by X1
15 Twelve times a prime number
16 A prime number
17 X30 minus Z24
20 X20 divided by X14
21 Four times a prime number
22 Forty-seven times Z24
23 Half of X8, then subtract Z24
26 Mean of Z24 and Y9
27 Mean of Y1 and Z21
28 Consecutive digits in descending order
29 A square

## Solution:

| 2 | 7 |  | 3 |  | 7 | 5 | 2 |  |  | 9 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 7 |  |  | 8 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 8 |  | 6 | 9 | 0 |
|  | 6 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 |  | 9 | 2 | 6 | 1 |
|  | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 3 |  | 3 | 4 |  |  |  |
| 1 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 1 |  |  |  |  |

