## Box - Challenging Puzzle \#36



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:


## X Direction

1 Y23 minus Y13
4 Eight times a prime number
9 X1 minus Y19
11 Y19 divided by seventy-two
13 Nine hundred seventy-nine less than Z5
15 Six times a prime number
17 Twice the result of Z10 minus X13
21 A prime number
22 Half of X4, then subtract Y1
24 Z5 divided by Y25
26 Mean of X9 and Y13

## Y Direction

1 Y23 minus Y7
2 Same as X9
3 Y11 minus half of Z16
7 Half of Y12
11 Rearranged digits of Z3
12 Y20 reversed
13 Y23 minus Y20
14 Z 16 reversed
17 Twenty-one times X11
18 A square
19 X1 minus Y2
20 Y12 reversed
23 Four times a prime number
25 Same as Z16

## Z Direction

3 Three times Y2
4 A prime number
5 X24 times Z16
6 A prime number
7 Three times a prime number
8 Four times a prime number
9 Six times a prime number
10 Forty-four times a prime number
12 Twice the result of Y17 minus Y12
16 Y12 minus X26
17 A prime number

## Solution:



