## Box - Challenging Puzzle \#73



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:


| 21 | 22 | 23 |
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| 24 |  |  |
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| 27 |  |  |

## X Direction

2 Z10 minus Z7
5 Z10 minus X2
7 Two-thirds of Z1
8 Z8 minus X26
10 X21 minus half of X7
13 X20 minus X26
14 All digits are the same
17 Rearranged digits of X8
19 X10 plus X26
20 X21 minus Z10
21 Mean of Z14 and Z7
24 Mean of X2 and Z7
25 Same as Z9
26 Sum of digits in Y9
27 A prime number

## Y Direction

1 A prime number
6 Twice a prime number
8 Last two digits are the same as X5
9 X24 plus Y23
11 Twenty-nine times Z1
15 Half of X8, then subtract Y6
16 Sixty-two times a prime number
18 Forty-two times Z1
21 Last two digits are the same as Z7
22 Its digits total Z1
23 Thirty-one times X7

## Z Direction

1 X10 minus Z10
2 Four times a prime number
3 Three times a prime number
4 Nineteen times a prime number
5 Z14 plus X14
7 Same as X5
8 Six times a prime number
9 Mean of Z8 and Y23
10 Mean of Y18 and X13
12 Z 2 minus Y16
14 X27 plus X26
18 X20 reversed

## Solution:

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

