## Cube - Challenging Puzzle \#23



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 cube pictured above and divide it into individual X - Y layers, we will get these planes:


## X Direction

1 Twenty-six times a prime number 4 A cube
6 Z 2 minus half of Y21
10 Rearranged digits of Z11
14 Its digits total X30
16 Thirteen times a prime number
18 Y9 minus Y17
19 Mean of X16 and Y15
23 Twice a prime number
24 Twice a prime number
25 Mean of Z4 and X16
28 Z10 plus X14
29 X10 minus Y26
30 A square

## Y Direction

2 Fourteen times a prime number
3 Seventy times Z10
6 X29 plus Z19
9 Mean of Y6 and Z6
13 X18 plus Y3
14 Three times Y6
15 Z19 plus X30
17 Z22 minus X29
19 A prime number
20 Z4 minus Z10
21 Twice a prime number
22 One hundred forty-one less than X10
25 Mean of Y15 and Z19
26 A palindrome
27 X1 minus Y25

## Z Direction

2 Six times a prime number
4 Z22 plus Y20
5 One thousand one hundred forty-eight more than Y22
6 X29 plus Y19
7 X25 minus half of Y22
8 Sixty-nine times a prime number
9 Four times a prime number
10 Same as Z22
11 Sixty-two times Z6
12 X23 minus Y19
14 Twenty-one times a prime number
19 Z 6 minus Y25
21 X29 minus Y17
22 X28 minus X14

## Solution:

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

