## Cube - Challenging Puzzle \#26



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

3 Same as Z15
5 Six times a prime number
9 Y11 divided by three
10 X22 minus Y26
14 Seventy-two times a prime number
16 Eight hundred sixty-five more than X22
17 A prime number
20 Mean of Y18 and X21
21 X9 reversed
22 Twenty-one times a prime number
25 X9 plus X28
28 A square
29 Mean of X5 and Y4
31 Mean of Y12 and X3

## Y Direction

3 Rearranged digits of Y11
4 Y17 plus Y3
10 Half of Z8, then subtract Y19
11 A square
12 Fifty-two times a prime number
13 Eleven times X21
17 Mean of X21 and Z5
18 Three hundred ninety-four less than Z8
19 Seventeen times X25
20 Half of Z7, then subtract Y17
26 Ten times a prime number
27 One hundred fifteen less than Z12
30 Three times a prime number

## Z Direction

1 Twenty-one times a prime number
2 Mean of X16 and Y3
3 Thirty-two times a prime number
$4 \mathrm{Z1}$ plus Z24
5 A square
6 A prime number
7 Four times a prime number
8 Twenty-two times a prime number
9 Fifty-two times Z24
12 Three-fifths of Z16
13 Seven times a prime number
15 Y13 divided by twenty-one
16 One hundred eighty-four more than X17
23 Same as Y30
24 X31 divided by thirty

## Solution:

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

