## Cube - Challenging Puzzle \#27



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 Z11 plus X27
4 Twenty-six times a prime number
7 Mean of Y2 and Y13
12 Mean of Z23 and Y21
14 Z10 minus Y30
16 Z20 minus Z23
18 Four times a prime number
19 Z9 divided by ten
22 Twenty-three times a prime number
25 Z3 minus X14
26 Z6 minus Y1
27 Mean of Y3 and Y2
29 Mean of X26 and Z15
31 Z 17 plus half of Y19

## Y Direction

1 Ninety-three times X14
2 Half of Y3, then subtract X16
3 Same as Z11
11 Six times a prime number
13 Twice the result of X7 minus X14
16 Y2 minus Z17
19 X27 plus Z9
20 Eighteen times a prime number
21 X14 plus X16
24 Y21 minus Z17
27 Y3 minus Y21
28 A square
30 Z 15 divided by thirty-two

## Z Direction

2 Half of Y20, then subtract Z20
3 Z9 divided by thirty-two
4 X12 plus X19
5 Eight hundred forty-five more than Z7
6 A prime number
7 X7 plus X1
8 One thousand four hundred thirty-seven less than X22
9 Y19 minus Y27
10 Half of X18, then subtract X4
11 X1 minus Y27
15 Twice the result of X19 plus Z23
17 Mean of X16 and X14
20 X12 plus Y2
23 A square

## Solution:

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

