

Sudoku #1

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

In spite of all the yearnings of men, no one can produce a single fact or reason to support the belief in God and in personal immortality.

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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

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Sudoku #2

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

Emerson's Law of Contrast:
Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can. Having found them, we shall then hate them for it.

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Sudoku #3

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

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People become progressively less competent for jobs they were once well equipped to handle.
 -- Paul Armer

Sudoku #4

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

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Age sits with decent grace upon his visage, and worthily becomes his silver locks; he bears the marks of many years well spent, of virtue truth well tried, and wise experience.
 -- Rowe

Sudoku #5

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

Who made the world I cannot tell:
 'Tis made, and here am I in hell.
 My hand, though now my knuckles bleed,
 I never solved with such a deed.
 -- A. E. Housman

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Sudoku #6

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

Dear God, make me a good boy, but it's all right with me if you'd like to
 take your time about it.

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Sudoku #7

			4	7	3			6
		6		8			4	7
9					2			
						6	9	
1							8	
6	2							
			2					1
2	9			1		4		
3			7	9	4			

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The question is, why are politicians so eager to be president? What is it about the job that makes it worth revealing, on national television, that you have the ethical standards of a slime-coated piece of industrial waste?
 -- Dave Barry, "On Presidential Politics"

Sudoku #8

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

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Hints

Challenging Sudoku by KrazyDad, Volume 25, Book 42

Answers

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Sudoku #1

18	50	51		21	16	17	20	
25	8		32			31		1
19	10	9	45	38	46		22	
	52	53	26	28	34	4		5
	2						3	
39		11	33	29	12	6	7	
	47		27	36	40	30	48	41
42		14			23		43	13
	54	49	44	35		24	15	37

Sudoku #2

5	48		16	49		19	50	18
40		51	41		42		52	
	43	53		44	45		1	13
	6		46	47	9		22	
20		33	34	8	27	14		21
28		29	10		30		17	
11	35		36	37		23	15	
	31		2		12	24		25
38	39	7		32	3		4	26

INSTRUCTIONS: These hint grids reveal the order in which the squares were solved by my computer. It's not necessarily the same order you would use, but it's probably close. Follow the numbered squares in order 1,2,3... until you find a square you haven't solved yet. This square (or the one or two immediately after it) is a good candidate to solve next.

Sudoku #1

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

Sudoku #2

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

Sudoku #3

			10	17		25	26	27
12	15		6	1		8	13	9
39	36	5	11	56	57	18		
42	41	32	28		49	46		45
50		33		51		22		43
40		38	29		52	44	30	53
		34	23	54	55	19	16	20
48	47	37		2	35		14	7
31	24	4		21	3			

Sudoku #4

28	12	38	18	13	27	41	40	
11	29	36		19	39		42	
	31	14	2		30	1		
3				23	17	24		16
35	32	37				46	47	15
20		21	22	5				4
		7	48		6	43	33	
	49		54	25		50	44	8
	51	34	52	26	10	53	45	9

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

Sudoku #4

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

Sudoku #5

19	21		4	12		1	5	
49	13		40	41	42		6	
43	33	7		34			8	
35				14	36		28	37
22	29	9	50	44	38	10	27	30
31	16		11	32				15
	51			45		2	23	52
	53		46	47	39		17	48
	25	3		26	24		20	18

Sudoku #6

		14	7		28	15	23	
	8	16	45	31	36			29
	9		46	47	32	13		25
20	51	12			26		48	21
19	49			37			10	22
18	50		38			17	39	24
1		40	41	33	42		6	
2			43	44	34	3	4	
	11	35	27		30	5		

Sudoku #5

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

Sudoku #6

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

Sudoku #7

2	3	4				47	37	
1	5		48		49	6		
	21	22	38	34		18	16	13
23	24	55	39	7	50	51		
	20	52	53	12	54	40	8	
		41	42	35	43	44	36	11
25	26	29		32	33	45	46	
		27	30		28		31	14
	19	9				17	15	10

Sudoku #8

	22	2		1	21		18	4
15	23			19		48		49
11		14	50	36	37		24	
51	13	52	38	39	40	53		54
32	16			33			30	28
41		55	34	42	12	43	17	44
	10		45	35	20	46		47
6		8		3			26	27
5	9		31	7		25	29	

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

Sudoku #8

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