

Solution to Puzzle #189 – February, 2017 "Solve for X"

C	A	R	A	P	A	C	E	E	A	B
O	R	A	T	E	L	O	V	A	G	A
M	I	N	E	P	I	N	E	T	A	R
B	E	D	L	A	M	O	R	D	I	N
A	L	S	Y	S	E	M	B	E	N	E
T	S	P	O	T	X	Y	E	A	R	M
I	N	A	G	E	B	O	R	N	E	A
D	O	R	E	R	U	R	A	L	S	T
A	R	T	D	I	L	A	T	E	C	O
T	E	A	R	A	B	L	E	D	U	D
E	B	L	A	T	E	R	L	A	D	E

In the diagram **X** = **LIGHT**

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell  
**LET THERE BE**

**Across**

- CARAPACE
- E(L)ABORATE
- LOVAG(E)
- AMINE
- PINE TAR
- BEDLAM
- ORDINAL
- SYS(T)EM
- BENET
- SPOT
- YEAR
- MIN(T)AGE
- BORNE
- ADORE
- RURAL
- START
- DILATE
- COTE
- ARABLE
- DUDE
- BLAT(H)ER
- LADE

**Down**

- COMBAT
- ID(E)ATE
- ARIEL
- SNORE(R)
- BRAND
- SPARTA
- LATELY
- OG(E)E
- DRAPE
- PASTE
- RIATA
- LIME
- BULB
- ECONOMY
- ORAL
- REVERBERATE
- (B)LEAT
- DEAN
- LEDA
- AGAIN
- RESCU(E)D
- BAR
- NEMATODE

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 23 minutes.