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Across

- 1** Person so devout that contemplation of the Passion causes the five holy wounds of Jesus to appear miraculously on their body such as Saint Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Sienna and Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (also called “an ignorant and self-mutilating psychopath who exploited people’s credulity”)
- 8** Kingdom of legendary Arabian queen who traveled to Jerusalem with fabulous caravan to visit Solomon in magnificent new capital in Levitical confabulation of 6th century BCE (Gina Lollobrigida in 1959 movie with Yul Brynner as King Solomon)
- 9** Rectangle of coarse material placed at front door for people to wipe their feet on (sometimes with text such as “Welcome” or “You had me at woof”)
- 11** Assists, aids, supports, mentors
- 13** Non-verbal expression of disgust or horror
- 14** Hated world leader (not Ayatollah Khomeini, Bashar al-Assad, Vladimir Putin or Scomo) (cool street name) (of murderous despot)
- 15** Name shared by beautiful, rocky island in southern Mediterranean and aristocratic author of great Sicilian novel
- 17** Mesopotamian sky god
- 18** YouTube talk often characterized by cloying desperation to be admired
- 19** Spanish for house
- 21** *Red Desert* or Rodney Dangerfield (initials)
- 22** Second High Priest of Israel after death of father Aaron responsible for oil for lampstand, showbread for Tabernacle, carriage of Ark and sacrifice of red heifer in wilderness

Across (contd.)

- 25** Star-studded, 2008 Baz Luhrmann epic with Nicole Kidman as spirited English aristocrat, Hugh Jackman as ripped drover, David Wenham as psychopathic villain, Jack Thomson as alcoholic accountant and David Gulpilil as mystical tribal elder (also Max Cullen in cameo as old drunk)

Down (contd.)

- 20** Prefix indicating variant version (Country, Right etc.)
- 21** Popular Algerian music genre (Cheika Rimitti, Khaled, Cheba Fadela etc.)
- 23** Ethel Rosenberg or *Easy Rider* (initials)
- 24** Zionist lobby or Zayn lyric (initials)

Down

- 1** Representations without originals at centre of incomprehensible concept of “hyperreality” in philosophy of Jean Baudrillard
- 2** Narrow strips of land with sea on either side linking larger land masses such as Panama or the Pharos of Alexandria (linked to island by Ptolemaic mole)
- 3** Adorable Palestinian model (with heartthrob popstar boyfriend from Yorkshire) (initials)
- 4** Popular Turkish name shared by last Ottoman era sultan and insane Ülkü Ocakları (*Grey Wolves*) member known for 1981 shooting of Pope John Paul II and alarming prophecy upon recent release from prison: “I proclaim the end of the world in this century. All the world will be destroyed, every human being will die. I am not God, I am not son of God, I am Christ eternal”
- 5** Lincoln, Vigoda, Foxman, Saffron etc.
- 6** Labyrinthine Jewish writings of Christian era involving commentary on Law and attitude of vicious derision towards new religion
- 7** Character in Greek mythology granted gift of prophecy but cursed never to be believed
- 10** Capital of Guam
- 12** US TV station known for *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood* and tired pundits of *NewsHour* (also Collingwood radio station with *Magic Carpet Ride* with Ron Dickenson and Milo)
- 16** City in Syria associated with lurid account by T. E. Lawrence in *Seven Pillars of Wisdom* of capture and sodomizing by Turkish Bey regarded widely as fictitious sexual fantasy of troubled author