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Across

- 1 Idea widely promoted in America in mid 19th century about special duty, due to unique virtue of American people and institutions, to extend dominion over entire continent, subduing savages and spreading democracy and capitalism (inc. slavery) to create agrarian utopia in new world (8, 7)
- 13 Ernest Hemingway or Engelbert Humperdinck or Edith Head or Elizabeth Holmes (initials)
- 14 Best known Finnish film director (*Leningrad Cowboys Go America* etc.) (first name)
- 15 Location of *La Liberté guidant le peuple* by Eugène Delacroix and earthly remains of Mary Magdalene (under inverted pyramid)
- 16 Famous *Daily Planet* reporter (first name)
- 18 Adorable Palestinian supermodel in Muslim power couple with UK heartthrob partner
- 19 *Björn Again* (initials)
- 20 Greek sculptor of late classical period known for new canon with smaller head
- 23 Commonplace, trivial, hackneyed, trite
- 25 "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF ... AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (*Revelation*)
- 28 Japanese admiral who at behest of emperor led final attempt to defeat US navy at Battle of Yokohama in 1945 (also manga horror *Tomi* author about predatory, shapeshifting succubus with power to drive men mad)
- 29 Mixed-up Persian
- 31 Post-punk subculture with arresting Hammer horror look
- 32 Assert; confess openly; asseverate
- 33 "You do me wrong to take me out o' th' grave. Thou art a soul in bliss; but I am bound upon a wheel of fire, that mine own tears do scald like ... lead" *King Lear*
- 35 *Reflections in a Golden ...* Largely forgotten 1967 John Huston film notable for arresting amber cast and extraordinary performance by Marlon Brando as repressed homosexual army major

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- 37 National Socialist or Norman Swain (initials)
- 38 "I saw a ... but nobody believes me" *Sneaky Sound System* hit (feat. Miss Connie Mitchell)
- 40 Coarse way to get someone's attention
- 41 Sinister prison camp in suburban Munich for detention of enemies of the state in Nazi era
- 43 German composer known for amusing beer ad and murky wartime record
- 45 Unidentified serial killer from 70s resembling Ted Cruz (possibly Ted Cruz)
- 47 Item of liturgical dress associated with lurid trial of Cardinal Pell
- 48 Biblical father of Prophet Isaiah
- 50 Itzhak Stern or Islamic State (initials)
- 51 Centre of concentrated activity and energy such as in hi-tech, business or the arts
- 53 Sound a snake makes
- 55 Warrior caste of India
- 58 "Upon my honour I saw a Madonna standing in a ... Above the door of the private etc." Dorothy Parker *San Simeon* guestbook entry (apocryphal)
- 60 Thigh bone (in tetrapod vertebrates)
- 61 Free-standing rocky outcrop on otherwise flat terrain (Glastonbury, Externsteine etc.) often with special significance for neopagans
- 62 Prolific, enormously popular English author widely regarded as sexist, racist, elitist and xenophobic with multiple emendations in present day reprints (Dick, Fanny, Golly etc.) (first name)
- 64 *Arf Arf* (initials)
- 65 Giant king of Bashan (with 9-cubit iron bed) utterly destroyed by Moses ("men, women, and children") in ripping genocidal story in *Deuteronomy*
- 67 Divine Image or David Irving (initials)
- 68 70s *Abba* song (initials)
- 69 Cantankerous Thames Valley chief inspector in greatly loved English TV series
- 71 Common Jewish surname implying descent from Aaron (Leonard, Michael, Yehoshua)
- 73 "A man so unassuming, so modest, so sweet and warm that you take one look at him, and you like him" Especially dangerous KAOS agent (played by Jack Gilford) (5, 3, 7)
- 3 Second largest city (after Bucharest) and cultural hub of Romania
- 4 Freddy Kreuger (initials)
- 5 Ellis Island (initials)
- 6 Gloomy characterization of life by poet Alexander Pope in *Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot* (4, 4, 7)
- 7 *Netflix* horror film about allergic bubble boy with shocking twist revealed in finale that **SPOILER AHEAD** he doesn't really have Solar Urticaria, he's just allergic to the holy water his parents have been injecting into him because he is actually Satan (48% approval on *Rotten Tomatoes*)
- 8 South Ossetia or Sergeant O'Rourke (initials)
- 9 Orchestral brass instrument adapted specially by Wagner to create deep sound signifying Valhalla (in the *Ring*) described variously as smoky, metallic, unearthly and majestic
- 10 16th century Russian ruler known commonly by sobriquet "The Terrible" (4, 2)
- 11 Greatly loved US artist (*Four Freedoms, Saying Grace* etc.) (slurred recently for life-time involvement with scouting) (initials)
- 12 Popular *Beatles* song (purportedly inspired by shape and colour of *Nembutal* capsule) (6, 9)
- 17 Propagandistic neologism popularized by George W. Bush and Christopher Hitchens to cement public support for War on Terror and aggressive US foreign policy of 00s (called "meaningless", "a figment of the neocon imagination" and "a vacuous epithet like *Evil Empire, Axis of Evil* and the rest")
- 18 "The Human Dress, is forged Iron The Human Form, a fiery Forge. The Human Face, a Furnace seal'd The Human Heart, its hungry ..." Blake
- 21 1st century philosopher (from Alexandria) known for attempted synthesis of rationalism of Socrates and revealed cosmology of Torah
- 22 Palestinian Authority or Pamela Anderson or Phillip Adams (initials)
- 23 Baruch Spinoza or Bernie Sanders (initials)
- 24 Challenging, modern music style associated with Arnold Schönberg, Alban Berg and Anton Webern with no tune
- 26 Ottoman Turks or *Ozzy Tyres* (initials)
- 27 Silent movie star known for salacious roles, skimpy dress and exotic early life in Egypt invented by studio (first name)
- 30 Robert Oppenheimer or rock opera (initials)

Down

- 1 The quality of a voice which has a soothing, beguiling effect on a listener such as Nat King Cole, John Gielgud or Bob Carr
- 2 Hearty nautical greeting

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- 32 Art Ensemble [of] Chicago (initials)
- 34 Episode of intense nervous agitation or upset resulting in temporary incapacitation
- 36 Popular music genre known for mellow, cruisy feel and generally laid-back vibe (*Doobie Brothers* etc.) (5, 4)
- 39 French Revolution *or* Fred Rogers (initials)
- 42 Compulsive activity which is difficult to stop regardless of clear negative impact (smoking, meth, Facebook etc.)
- 44 Freddie Mercury *or* Father Merrin *or* Frankie Machine *or* Fred Mertz *or* Fox Mulder (initials)
- 46 Famous narrator saved from certain death by coffin of tattooed cannibal in ripping literary classic of 1851
- 49 “I ..., I ..., It’s off to work I go” Amusing bumper sticker
- 52 Mesopotamian home of Abraham before being told he owned Palestine
- 54 Rocky outcrop in Egypt chosen by G-d as place to reveal 613 immutable laws governing behaviour of chosen people (7 for everyone else)
- 55 King Farouk *or* Karl Freund *or* Kinky Friedman (initials)
- 56 Symbol for gold in periodic table and license plate of Auric Goldfinger
- 57 Execute style of singing employing rapid alternation between normal voice and falsetto associated with Gene Autry and Walmart kid
- 59 Hitler Diaries (initials)
- 63 Elaborate fantasy TV series known for spectacular scenes with dragons and colossal cast and nerd fanbase (initials)
- 66 Region on west coast of Indian associated with oneness in Brahmin through pounding dance music
- 69 Quiet Monkee with *Liquid Paper* inventor mother (initials)
- 70 Reinhard Heydrich *or* Richard Hell (initials)
- 72 Hieronymus Bosch *or* Hal Blaine (initials)

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