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Across

- 1** 1969 work by English auteur Gerald Thomas widely regarded as finest (5, 2, 7)
- 12** Goddess in Greek mythology personifying dawn associated with epithet *ροδοδάκτυλος* (“rosy-fingered”) in Homer
- 13** British secret service code designating agent licensed to kill
- 14** Pioneering Italian composer known for 1968 experimental *Sinfonia* (and *Sequenza* series of demanding pieces for solo instrumentalists)
- 15** Pertaining to philosophy of Derrida, Foucault Lyotard etc. espousing epistemological and moral relativism, skepticism about stability of meaning, binary oppositions and hierarchies, contingency of truth and role of ideology in maintaining systems of socio-political power (criticized as gibberish and for promoting obscurantism) (abbrev.) (ironic)
- 17** German-born director of lush, enormously popular, *Technicolor*TM melodramas of 1950s (*Magnificent Obsession* etc.) (admired by Jean-Luc Godard and Quentin Tarantino)
- 19** Nigel Tufnell (initials)
- 20** Pioneering American humourist (*Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* etc.) (also visionary Austrian architect known for despicable private life)
- 21** Passing of non-physical essence into new physical form at death in cyclical process ending only with realization that you are god
- 24** Westernmost of Aleutian Islands and site of only land battle on US soil of WW2
- 26** Episode of listlessness and anhedonia common on Mondays in public service
- 27** Famous loch (in Scotland)
- 30** Famous hotel (in St Kilda)
- 32** Coarse way of getting someone’s attention
- 33** Cultural work condemned in Nazi era for Judeo-Bolshevist character (German) (9, 5)
- 38** Gateway, door, entrance (esp. to something momentous such as another dimension as in *Star Trek* episode when Kirk and Spock return to 1930s to prevent McCoy (who has gone insane) from altering course of history by preventing accidental death of pacifist (Joan Collins) leading to delay in US entry into WW2 and subsequent German victory)

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- 39** Ryan Seacrest *or* Ramsay Street (initials)
- 40** Tübingen University *or* *The Undead* (initials)
- 41** Point firearm at target before discharging
- 42** Sultry, silent-era movie star (*The Eyes of the Mummy*, *Forbidden Paradise*, *Carmen* AKA *Gypsy Blood*) (from Poland) (first name)
- 43** Eyck, Dyck, Gogh, Damme, Halen etc.
- 44** Receptacle associated with making cups of tea on large scale
- 45** French American author known for racy diary and torrid affair with Henry Miller in 40s (also Otto Rank) (with first initial) (1, 3)
- 47** Whale carcass discarded after removal of blubber
- 49** Picturesque Alpine region associated with felt hat with jaunty spray of feathers on side
- 51** Leaden, 1980 roller-disco musical feat. Olivia Newton John as Greek muse Terpsichore with 29% approval rating on *Rotten Tomatoes* and comments such as “an experience so vacuous it’s almost frightening” (with Michael Beck and Gene Kelly)
- 52** Mike Parr *or* Morality Police (initials)
- 54** Inexplicable name by which Yahweh initially identified himself to Moses on Sinai (“Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, ... hath sent me unto you”) (1, 2)
- 56** Lenny and Squiggy (initials)
- 57** Father, Lady, Town, Don Bradman, Man Flint
- 59** Line of fortifications along eastern border of France in readiness for German invasion in 30s
- 63** Ralph Kramden (initials)
- 64** 17-minute, 1969 work by *Iron Butterfly* (inc. 2.5-minute drum solo) (referencing slurred speech of inebriated composer) (2-1-5-2-4)
- 6** Putrefaction; physical or moral decay (poetic)
- 7** *Mondo Bizarro* *or* Marsha Brady (initials)
- 8** *Siege ...* Seat at round table of King Arthur reserved for knight destined to find grail and regarded as fatal for anyone less pure to sit in
- 9** *International Rescue* (initials)
- 10** Circle of Hell in *Divine Comedy* of Dante (with Satan encased in ice) (also symphony regarded as cursed being last of Beethoven, Schubert, Dvorák, Bruckner, Mahler, Kurt Atterberg, Ralph Vaughan Williams etc., etc.)
- 11** Tribal group associated with end of Roman empire and St Kilda
- 16** Operation: *Overlord* (initials)
- 17** Jewish village (in Eastern Europe)
- 18** *Killer Elite* (initials)
- 22** Blixia Bargeld *or* Bronwyn Bishop *or* Bhad Bhabie *or* Bob Brown (initials)
- 23** Torrid, pre-code 1932 movie directed by Lewis Milestone set in South Seas with Walter Huston as repressed missionary and Joan Crawford as prostitute he desires
- 25** Celebrated Anglo-American poet known for gloomy outlook (*The Wasteland* etc.) (initials)
- 28** Celebrated UK musician known for upbeat *Windows* startup music expressing infinite promise of new day
- 29** Barbaric Hindu custom requiring immolation of widow on funeral pyre of husband
- 31** 2018 Kanye West release notable for cover art sparking fears for sanity of troubled rapper
- 34** “Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Hare Hare etc.” Hindu mantra chanted to awaken dormant KṚṢṂA consciousness
- 35** *Anak ...* Volcanic island formed in 1927 (in Sunda strait between Sumatra and Java) from caldera caused by colossal eruption of 1883 estimated to be 13,000 times nuclear yield of *Little Boy* in 1945. FYI.
- 36** ... *Oil* Predatory multinational founded by John D. Rockefeller declared an illegal monopoly in landmark 1911 SCOTUS ruling
- 37** Remote Siberian region known for enormous explosion of 1908 caused by air burst of asteroid entering earth’s atmosphere or alien spacecraft (investigated by Fox Mulder)
- 42** Band led by Johnny Rotten after break-up of *Sex Pistols* (with postmodern approach to 1986 release named variously *album*, *compact disc*, *cassette* *or* *mp3* depending on format)
- 43** South African river (and territorial border) associated with Bantustans in Apartheid era

Down

- 1** 1977 work by Belgian artist Plastic Bertrand widely regarded as finest (2, 5, 4, 3)
- 2** Someone known for sustained, forceful protest against dominant power centres of their day (Martin Luther, Noam Chomsky, Amos etc.)
- 3** Struggling AFL club to be coached by Clarko in recent bombshell revelation of five-season contract with coaching legend
- 4** Where did the Beatles all live in catchy 1966 singalong (feat. Ringo)? (initials)
- 5** Controversial organization associated with Wallace Fard, Elijah Muhammad, Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, Louis X (later Farrakhan), Thomas Hagan AKA Talmadge X Hayer, Norman 3X Butler and William 25X Bradley (initials)

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- 46** Stylish, new restaurant at 187 Flinders Lane with menu inspired by travels through Spain, Morocco and the Middle East cooked with fire and smoke (with curated wine list)
- 48** Ricky Nixon (initials)
- 50** Yellow idol (initials)
- 53** Form of humorous wordplay widely regarded as tiresome such as coffee-themed tote bag with “Where have you bean all my life?” etc.
- 55** Sultry US actress known for role of Girmar (girl Martian) (with brother Bomar) in 1964 cult classic *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians* (first name)
- 58** Royal Academy *or* Rick Astley (initials)
- 60** Gilles Deleuze *or* George Donikian (initials)
- 61** Norma Desmond *or* Neil Diamond (initials)
- 62** “I don’t wanna talk right now / I just wanna watch ...” Billie Eilish song from perspective of gloomy teen in modern world