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Across

- 1 City in eastern Europe built as 'New Rome' (after decline of capital in west) adorned with spoils of empire including obelisk of Thutmose III from Luxor and serpent tripod of Delphi commemorating defeat of Persians at Plataea in 479BC (in Sultanahmet Square)
- 12 Best-selling US author of lurid airport fiction inc. Exodus, QB VII and The Haj (called by one reviewer "cheap anti-Palestinian racism parading as literature")
- 13 Forcibly acquire the territory of another state (Austria, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Palestine) or subsidiary structure providing additional space or accommodation (Anne Frank Huis)
- 14 Trailblazing, nonagenarian, experimental filmmaker known for homoerotic art films (Scorpio Rising, Inauguration of the Pleasure Dome) and arresting Lucifer tattoo on chest
- 16 Haunting F. W. Murnau (Nosferatu) Robert Flaherty (Nanook of the North) collaboration subtitled A Story of the South Seas (1931)
- 17 Caveman associated with eponymous fleecy footwear

- **18** Door (in Swedish)
- "I was approaching my thirty-third year, the age Christ was crucified. A wholly new life lay before me, had I the courage to risk all. Actually there was nothing to risk: I was at the bottom rung of the ladder, a failure in every sense of the word" Picaresque novel by Henry Miller about early years in Brooklyn called by one reviewer a "shower of lavatory filth"
- 22 Beauty palace at 612 Sydney Rd., Brunswick Closes 6.00PM
- 24 Ancient Roman seaport on Tyrrhenian Sea associated with grisly death of Pasolini on beach in 1976
- New Testament *or* Nigel Tufnell (initials)
- **26** Ricky Ricardo *or* Ronald Ryan (initials)
- 27 Barry Gibb *or* Benny Gantz *or* Bear Grylls *or* Betty Grable *or* Barney Gumble (initials)
- Elaborately structured lyric poem praising or glorifying an event or thing such as a Grecian urn or Cromwell's return to England from crushing Irish in 1650

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- 29 Process whereby members of a group adopt increasingly extreme or violent ideologies and means to further agenda due to moral outrage (Leila Khaled, Ahlam al-Tamimi), religious extremism (Baruch Goldstein), mental illness (Ted Kaczynski) or systematic indoctrination to create ideology-driven base as required (QAnon Shaman, Zip-Tie Guy, Lectern Guy, Bear Spray Guy, feet-on-desk guy, "Sorry I have blonde hair white skin a great job and a great future and I'm not going to jail" Karen (currently in goal), Brenton Harrison Tarrant etc., etc., etc.)
- 34 Giant King of Bashan (with 9-cubit iron bed) 7
- 35 Differ in size, degree or nature; modify to make less uniform or arduous (diet, work/life balance etc.)
- **36** Exhortation to pay close attention (arch.)
- 37 Someone who behaves in an affected manner to impress others (Nick Cave and Warren Ellis at Hanging Rock etc.) 9
- **39** Charlie Sheen intervention (initials)
- 41 Greek Idol (initials)
- 42 Mycenean queen known for murderous revenge on filicidal husband on return from Troy (with Trojan priestess concubine)
- 45 "...! The Beatles have broken up!"
- 47 French synthpop duo known for soundtracks to torpid art films (*Playground Love, Alone* in Kyoto etc.)
- 48 Small child
- 49 Supreme god in Canaanite religion
- 50 Sinister offering to deity involving holocaust of living thing (Isaac etc.)
- Denisovich, Drago, Milat, the Terrible etc.
- 53 Garland presented to notable people arriving in Hawaii such as Elvis or *The Beatles*
- 54 US Cold War president known for catchy campaign slogan and prescient warning about power of "military-industrial complex" in televised farewell address of 1961
- 55 Peace, beauty, strength, child, sanctum, life, suburbs, city, ear
- 56 "Papa I'm a millionaire / but ... Fifth Ave. don't sell affection") Millionaire Kelis (feat. Andre 3000)
- 57 Sovereignty Never ... Popular T-shirt from Red Bubble \$24.37 (\$20.71 when you buy 3)
- 58 Notable film role of Max Von Sydow (not Medieval knight, merciless emperor or Jesus) (or Moomins and the Comet Chase narrator)

Down

- Confined spaces inducing intense fear such as MRI chamber or anything to do with aviation
- 2 Mean, ungenerous, miserly person (poetic)
- 3 What Clement Greenberg said late works of Henry Moore looked like
- 4 Controversial authors of disparate texts Der Mythus des zwanzigsten Jahrhunderts, Atlas Shrugged and Fairy Sipping a Cool Drink (also Sexy Pirate with Sword) (initials)
- 5 Explosive liquid patented as $Dynamite^{TM}$ by Alfred Nobel
- 6 Peter the Great, Ivan the Terrible, Saint Nicholas the Passion-Bearer etc., etc.
- 7 Controversial episode in Joyce's *Ulysses* involving Gerty MacDowell and Leopold Bloom on Sandymount Strand (leading to 1928 ban in US) (named after heart-broken princess in *Odyssey*)
- 8 Brazilian architect known for nightmarish futuristic capital in jungle (initials)
- 9 Rocky hill at base of Acropolis where ancient Athenians invented democracy
- 10 French for the (*Mépris*, Specs etc.)
- Person who, embracing dictum "l'existence précède l'essence", holds that human beings must create their own purpose and meaning because such things are *not* given by religion, government or other authorities and that in the context of the inherent meaninglessness and absurdity of the universe there is only one truly serious philosophical problem which is suicide (esp. in Paris in 30s)
- 15 Noel Gallagher album (initials)
- **20** Existential angst (initials)
- 21 Reverse unwanted addition reinstating prior version by clicking anti-clockwise arrow in upper left corner in Word
- 23 Arrant nonsense, claptrap, twaddle
- 27 "David Hasselhoff walks into a ... in the morning and stays there until it closes" Gilbert Gottfried joke
- 28 Loud, rude, uncouth person (derog.) (obscure possibly onomatopoeia imitating coarse speech of lower classes) (British)
- 30 In the past
- One of six distinctive sculpted columns of Erechtheion porch (in Athens)
- 32 Famous samurai (with loyal follower Tombei the Mist and archenemy Kongō of Kōga) (in 60s)
- 33 Secret, romantic rendezvous

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- 38 Gained a point (goal, run etc.) in a sporting competition; bought illegal drugs; composed music for a movie such as *The Good the Bad and the Ugly* or *Le Mepris*; deleted text by drawing a line through it; achieved a desired goal (with air of coarse triumphalism) etc.
- 40 Sebastian Melmoth *or* Stan Marsh (initials)
- "Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes" Fateful words of High Priest Laocoön in Aeneid of Virgil warning Trojans about horse (before being killed with sons by giant sea serpents sent by Poseidon) commonly translated as "Beware of ... bearing gifts"
- 43 The Internet (initials)
- Inestimably long period of time such as Hindu yuga or Avatar: The Way of Water

- 46 Attack with nuclear weapons; heat with microwave ("I'll just ... my muffin") (ironic)
- 52 "... not his ghost: O, let him pass! He hates him much / That would upon the rack of this tough world / Stretch him out longer" King Lear
- 53 My ... Vietnamese village associated with March 16, 1968 wartime atrocity committed by US soldiers momentarily deranged by inherent evil of mission
- "There's who folks wanna disembowel He opens his mouth, always say something foul / Their dying, wow, wannabes are crying now / He votes 'em out, time to throw in the towel" Couch Potato "Weird Al" Yankovic (initials)

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