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Across

- 1** Popular UK weekly first in royal and celebrity news (not *Hello!*)
- 3** Jewelry worn on feet connoting exoticism or wantonness
- 8** Hit or beat repeatedly; resoundingly defeat
- 10** Inducing a sense of moral disquiet such as a work by Bill Henson (or Cardinal Pell)
- 11** ... *ex machina* Theatrical device of ancient Greek drama for resolution of narrative by divine intervention such as appearance of dragon-drawn chariot sent by sun god Helios to convey Medea away from husband Jason to safety in Athens employed by Euripides
- 12** Greatly missed fabric emporium formerly at 396 Lygon Street, Brunswick East (with memorable illustration on bag) (now flats)
- 13** Arrestingly named tattoo artist (from *Holistic Ink*, Boston MA) (with first initial) (1, 5)
- 15** King Ethelred or *Killer Elite* (initials)
- 16** Oscar Levant or Oleg Lyalin (initials)
- 17** Biblical patriarch in Mesopotamian-derived world-flood myth (also episode about laying of immutable curse on grandson Canaan to serve descendants of Shem for inscrutable transgression (committed by father Ham) of “uncovering the nakedness” of drunken father furthering racial supremacist agenda of exilic Levites via etiological myth and later as justification for slavery, descendants of Ham being regarded as populating Africa (played by Russell Crowe in gloomy blockbuster)

- 19** Rick Santorum (initials)
- 21** Australian sporting event associated with euphoric nationalism (5, 5)
- 23** *Company of Heroes* (initials)
- 24** Orange Revolution or Oral Roberts (initials)
- 25** X... Sublime new 2022 release by Deadmau5
- 26** 19th century science involving study of bumps on skull to determine innate characteristics such as criminality and racial inferiority
- 29** Popular Russian name (Gordievsky, Lyalin, Prophet of Novgorod etc.)
- 30** Cuboid box of black leather worn on arm and forehead (in accordance with instruction in Torah) containing pieces of parchment with central tenets of Levitical Judaism (divine inheritance of Canaan, child sacrifice etc.) written on them

Down

- 1** Bond villain with memorable death by electrocution while trying to dislodge lethal steel bowler from grill in vault at Fort Knox
- 2** Popular kosher dumplings eaten at pre-fast meal on Yom Kippur (usually in chicken soup referencing controversial ritual of *kapparot* preparing soul for atonement and inclusion in Book of Life on High Holy Day)
- 3** Anise-flavoured beverage known as *la fée verte* widely banned for psychotropic effects though subject to recent revival and available at *Polly Bar*, 401 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

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- 4** Algonquian-speaking First Nations people originating in region south of Great Lakes (also amusing *Tenacious D* song with guest appearances by Meatloaf as religious father and Dio as spectral Deity of Rock)
- 5** Famous novel about wife of aristocratic husband paralyzed from waist down in war finding sexual fulfillment with bit of rough from groundskeeping staff (banned) (initials)
- 6** Winged, birdlike creature thought to search for victims at night (esp. pregnant women) in lurid story from Philippine folklore
- 7** Famous opening of enigmatic Blake poem (5, 5)
- 9** Hour (in Dutch)
- 14** *The and the City of No* Best known work of celebrated Soviet-era poet and milquetoast dissident Yevgeny Yevtushenko (initials)
- 18** Metaphor employed in Old Testament for Israel reverting to Baal worship and idolatry (*i.e.*, rejecting law of Levites composed in Babylon and imposed by exilic, right-wing priesthood in favour of Canaanite origins)
- 20** The close-to straight-line configuration of three celestial bodies such as the sun, moon and earth during a solar or lunar eclipse (also *X-Files* episode in which Mulder and Scully investigate homicidal telekinetic teenagers in New Hampshire town)
- 22** US pragmatist philosopher with touching hope expressed late in life that “someday my remote descendants will live in a global civilization in which love is pretty much the only law”
- 26** Manic Stooges leader (not Moe)
- 27** Enormously influential US musical group with Eazy-E, Ice Cube, MC Ren, DJ Yella and Dr. Dre (also Arabian Prince) (**** *tha Police* etc.)
- 28** Spontaneous exclamation of encouragement or approval customary at bullfights, flamenco dancing and other Spanish or Latin American events