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Across

- 1** Colourful, outspoken, born again, infomercial host, rising star of Republican Party and bestselling author of gripping, inspirational personal journey *What Are the Odds?: From Crack Addict to CEO* (popular alias) (2, 6, 3)
- 9** Celebrated director known for low energy art films depicting life in modern Japan (*Tokyo Story*, *Late Winter*, *Floating Weeds* etc.)
- 10** *The Big Red* ... Sam Fuller
- 11** *Lancelot du Lac* ... Robert Bresson
- 13** Total war or *The Wiggles* (initials)
- 15** *Superman* Epic battle between good and evil at end of *Superman II* (3, 1)
- 16** *Public Enemy* co-founder (initials) (not FF)
- 17** Crime genre associated with Agatha Christie, Alfred Hitchcock and *CSI: Criminal Intent* though not *Columbo* because you know who did it from the start
- 19** Comforting, curled up position adopted when going to sleep
- 20** ... descendant un escalier n° 2 Duchamp
- 21** People who don't know anything
- 24** Wilderness setting of dramatic incident at rock of Kadesh where disobedience of Moses was punished by being permitted to view Holy Land (from Jordan) but not enter
- 25** Celebrated British Indian sculptor known for shiny forms you can see yourself in (first name)

- 26** Ernst Gombrich or Edda Göring (initials)
- 27** *Deadly Night* Christmas-themed slasher franchise about homicidal maniac with Santa issues (originally *Slay Ride*) (initials)
- 28** Lincoln, Simpson, Foxman, Saffron
- 30** The wasting of life through unbridled hedonism
- 32** A totally self-absorbed person without empathy, compassion or regard for others
- 35** Term invented by Destiny Deacon to subvert white hegemony with contempt for spelling (... *Lk Mi*)
- 36** "The wild dogs cry out in the night / As they grow restless, longing for some solitary company / I know that I must do what's right As sure as ... rises like Olympus above the Serengeti" *Africa Toto*

Down

- 1** Baffling figure in Genesis identified as King of Salem and priest of El Elyon ("most high God") who greeted Abram in Canaan with great hospitality having presumably adopted worship of Yahweh at some stage prior to arrival of patriarch from Ur
- 2** What passeth all understanding in popular Anglican witticism? (initials)
- 3** *I, Zombie* (initials)

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- 4** Religious denomination based on teachings of remonstrant monk known for rejection of Pope as intermediary between man and God, priestly intervention in forgiveness of sins all baptized Christians constituting a holy priesthood and excoriating tract on sodomy in the Vatican leading to excommunication by Leo X in 1520
- 5** Celebrity client of Alan Dershowitz (not Claus von Bülow, Harry Reems, Jim Bakker, Mike "rape shield law" Tyson, Leona "We don't pay taxes, only the little people pay taxes" Hemsley or Jeffrey Epstein)
- 6** Violent, aggressive person hired to intimidate or harm at behest of employer (see joke: Frank Sinatra saved my life. Five guys were beating me up and Frank said, "That'll do")
- 7** Mythical being found in forest pools and waterfalls known for diaphanous draperies, alluring beauty and having no soul (as seen in American neo-classical masterwork of Chauncey Bradley Ives ... *Rising from the Water* at Yale)
- 8** Soviet-era poet lauded in West (*City Yes City No*, *Babi Yar* etc.)
- 12** Controversial lawyer with celebrity client list including Claus von Bülow, OJ Simpson, Mike Tyson, Harry Reems, Jim Bakker, Leona Hemsley and Jeffrey Epstein, also author (*The Genesis of Justice: Ten Stories of Biblical Injustice that Led to the Ten Commandments and Modern Morality and Law*), apologist for state terror (*The Case for Israel*) and frequent flier on *Lolita Express* (initials)
- 14** Despondent, one-eyed god destroyed in fiery cataclysm brought about by curse on ring made by evil dwarf from gold stolen from Rhine maidens granting power to rule world, given to giants as payment for building castle who, intoxicated with power, fell out, one killing the other, transforming into dragon to guard treasure until being killed by fearless grandson of one-eyed god, killed in turn by son of evil dwarf before being dragged by vengeful maidens ("Zurück von Ring!") to watery death in Rhine as world burns behind. Curtain.
- 15** Members of fearsome African nation subjugated by British in brutal colonial war of 1879 (portrayed in action packed epic notable for number of big close-ups of inside of Michael Caine's mouth with pith helmeted star yelling "Fire!" also stirring voiceover by Richard Burton about heroism of British colonizer invaders at end)
- 17** Exclamation expressing hysterical elation about achievement or windfall (chiefly US)
- 18** World leader in stylish, Danish tapware
- 19** Fox News Network (initials)
- 22** Remake of *GI Jane* starring adorable Palestinian American supermodel (1, 1, 4)
- 23** Hebrew term for a request for a halachic ruling on something as in "I asked my Rov a ... about the brocha on sushi"
- 27** Touching new song by sensitive Toronto rapper Thelonious (about childhood) (with haunting Curtis sample)
- 29** Ferocious beast captured by Hercules and brought to King Eurystheus who hid in fear in a jar in fourth of twelve labours in ripping ancient Greek myth cycle
- 31** Saks, Lew, LeWitt, Yurick, Roth
- 32** "The day my mother socked it to the Harper Valley ..." Catchy country hit from 60s by Jeannie C. Riley about small town life
- 33** Trial by jury or tight black jeans (initials)