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Across

- 1 German musician known for pioneering work with *Einstürzende Neubauten* in 80s and mesmeric solo release *Euphorie im Zeitalter der digitalen Informationsübertragung* from 2000 (punk-inspired stage name) (1, 1, 5)
- 6 Despair-filled, blind, singer sword fighter on quest to find legendary master Zatoichi (who she believes is her father) in Edo period Japan (Japanese for one)
- 7 Hittite soldier sent by King David to “the forefront of the hottest battle” (and abandoned there to certain death) to conceal adultery and pregnancy of wife Bathsheba (condemned by Prophet Nathan and punished with deaths of first four children in ripping Bible story)
- 10 Ethel Mertz *or* Ennio Morricone *or* Eddie McGuire *or* Ern Malley *or* Endeavour Morse *or* Enrico Miranda (initials)
- 12 Voice of India (initials)
- 13 Culminating work of Hindu philosophy with primary focus on realizing that you are god
- 16 Term designating members of a cultural or racial minority (mild derog.)
- 17 Body of Jewish law based on revealed Torah, labyrinthine rabbinical commentary and interminable, tortuous responsa

Down

- 1 Ancient Assyrian city (in present-day Iraq) ruled by Pharaoh after Exodus (!) (in bizarre rabbinic interpretation) visited by Jonah with warning of imminent doom due to great wickedness (after fleeing to Jaffa in fruitless attempt to escape from G-d and being swallowed by big fish etc.)
- 2 “... .. / Under the brown fog of a winter dawn, A crowd flowed over London Bridge, so many, I had not thought death had undone blah blah blah” T. S. Eliot (initials)
- 3 German adhesive manufacturer named after call of Eurasian eagle-owl found in Black Forest
- 4 Ultimate spiritual state in Hinduism involving release from suffering, illusion, duality, cyclicity and annihilation of self in Brahman
- 5 Expression of ironic non-comprehension with snide inference that issuer of remark is an idiot
- 8 Order of classical architecture characterized by slender, fluted columns and capitols with volutes such as east façade of Erechtheion (to right of Caryatid porch) notable for absence of entasis (though curvature of stylobate is evident) and underground opening leading to crypt beneath north porch with a pit for snakes
- 9 Unusual letter (technically a voiceless glottal fricative or aspirant due to breathy sound) signifying low class when dropped
- 11 Meta evidently the answer (initials)
- 14 Turgid English author (*Lady Chatterley’s Lover*, *Kangaroo* etc.) (initials)
- 15 Third king of Judah known for rooting out idolatrous cults of Asherah and Ba’al with extensive rabbinical commentary regarding failure to destroy Brazen Serpent (erected by Moses in wilderness) and significance of foot disease suffered in later life (also sixth studio album of German Viking pagan black metal band *Falkenbach* with anthemic *Bluot Für Bluot*)