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Across

- 1** Comforting sleepwear (often flannel) (colloq.)
7 Clear meat jelly set in decorative mold encasing other ingredients in what has been called the most disgusting recipe of Julia Child
8 Alfred Rosenberg *or* Ayn Rand (initials)
9 *Velvet Underground* (initials)
10 Central figure in foundational myth of Judaism invented by exilic Levitical authors to a) conceal Canaanite origins b) galvanize masses through supremacist belief in unique identity and mission and c) disseminate fabulist history as pretext for chutzpadik land grab in region
13 Seminal director of silent era (*Nosferatu: eine Symphonie des Grauens*, *Tabu: a Story of the South Seas*, *Sunrise: a Song of Two Humans* etc.)
14 “I watched a snail crawl on the edge of a straight razor. This is my dream; this is my nightmare. Crawling, slithering, along the edge of a straight razor and surviving” 70s counter-culture classic with Marlon Brando as insane Green Beret colonel (initials)
15 Lacking the ability to cut easily, not sharp; boring, not exciting or interesting; possessing a matte surface without lustre or brightness, not luminous
17 Hindu greeting with palms of hands touching, fingers pointing upward and accompanied by slight bow conveying recognition of divine in person greeted

Down

- 1** Fossilized human remains found in Indonesia in 1904 posited controversially as missing link between apes and humans (presently regarded as homo erectus erectus) (4, 3)
2 Ariel Sharon *or* Avraham Stern *or* Aum Shinkaryo *or* *Atlas Shrugged* (initials)
3 Lauded Australian artist known for confronting performance works often involving arm (with first initial) (1, 4)
4 “You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to an attorney etc.” Formal caution required under US law informing suspect of rights on arrest named after vicious psychopath from Arizona
5 Christian tenet maintaining that Mary was born free from all taint of original sin to be a pure vessel for the Incarnation (popularly confused with doctrine of virgin birth holding that Jesus was born miraculously without involvement of Saint Joseph) (initials)
6 Controversial manifesto of radical feminist and schizophrenic Valerie Solanus praised for Swiftian hyperbole (prior to shooting Andy Warhol in 1968)
9 Controversial sculpture removed from original location in Melbourne city square after display of aesthetic outrage by local townfolk in 80s (pompous official title please)
11 Synthetic rubber manufactured by slave labour in Poland during WW2
12 ... *of Dizzy* Retailer of jewelry and accessories at 93 George Street, Fitzroy known for edgy, empowering messages such as *I'm Not Here to be a Palatable Queer* and *Merry Christmas Bitches* etc.)
16 French for the (*Mépris*, *Balcon*, *Specs* etc.)