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Across

- 1** Joseph Smith, David Koresh, Jim Jones, Master Fard etc. (also Pentecostalist pastor Johnny Enlow from California known for prediction of Trump dynasty with at least two more Trumps in office inc. Barron who is going to be “one of the greatest presidents of the United States”) (8, 8)
- 14** Final number of symphonies written by Beethoven, Schubert, Dvorák, Bruckner, Mahler, Kurt Atterberg and Ralph Vaughan Williams leading to speculation about curse
- 15** Black cuboid structure in Mecca built by angels circumambulated by faithful at Hajj *Cats ‘R’ Us* (initials)
- 16** Paper size (105 x 148 mm) (1, 1)
- 17** Cautionary Cold War horror film of 1954 about giant irradiated ants created by atom bomb testing attacking LA (widely regarded as seminal in “big bug” genre)
- 21** Rick Blaine *or* Ron Barassi *or* Robert Bolton *or* Rebecca Black (initials)
- 22** Silent horror star (*Phantom of the Opera*) with horror actor son (*The Wolfman*) (also caveman father of Victor Mature in *One Million B.C.*) (first name)
- 23** Doctrine which holds that all events are known, planned and willed by God from the beginning (inherently incompatible with free will in thorny theological conundrum)
- 26** Hooked claw of bird of prey
- 28** State of physical, financial or moral collapse or degeneration
- 29** Absorbent undergarment worn by very small children in unkind internet meme about Madonna
- 30** Gore, Czervik, Jardine, Martino, Martino
- 31** Hard to understand tax (1, 1, 1)
- 33** Ted Cruz (initials)
- 35** Racial slur *or* Red Symonds (initials)

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- 36** Prayer from Rosary contemplating events of Passion with fruits including sorrow for sin, mortification (purity), contempt of the world (moral courage), patience, perseverance in faith, grace for a holy death and forgiveness (9, 7)
- 41** Person from state in American Midwest such as Johnny Carson *or Slipknot*
- 42** Anger (poetic)
- 43** “You do me wrong to take me out o’ th’ grave. Thou art a soul in bliss, but I am bound upon a wheel of fire, that mine own tears do scald like molten ...” King Lear
- 44** Alan Funt *or* Ari Fuld *or* Aqsa Flood (initials)
- 45** Iconic Italian scooter associated with Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck in adorable sight seeing montage in *Roman Holiday*
- 46** Harry Styles *or* Hildegarde Schmidt (initials)
- 47** Theatrical entertainment involving songs, dancing, comedy etc. by multiple performers Zero, nil, none, nothing
- 52** *Our House* unplugged (initials)
- 54** “We must kill them. We must incinerate them. Pig after pig. Cow after cow. Village after village. Army after army.” Counterculture classic of 1979 with Marlon Brando as cool rogue Green Beret colonel (initials)
- 55** Vibrant first lady (initials)
- 57** Salman Rushdie *or* Steve Reeves *or* Sunday Reed *or* Sun Ra (initials)
- 58** Person who is always sad
- 62** Make a mistake
- 64** Underlying intentions or a person or group often hidden behind more palatable narrative
- 65** “Each man kills the thing he loves” Tragic, Irish author and LGBTQI+ icon (*The Happy Prince*, *The Ballad of Reading Gaol* etc.)
- 66** “My punishment is greater than I can bear” Home of Cain east of Eden after banishment (defined by Origen as a land of trembling outside the face of God and by Augustine as symbolic of the condition of all who forsake God including unconverted Jews living in commotion and carnal disquietude)
- 67** “Load up on drugs and kill your friends etc.” Iconic grunge band known for poetic lyrics capturing nihilistic zeitgeist of 90s (named after ultimate spiritual state in Hinduism)
- 68** “We all laugh at ... butterflies” Baffling back tattoo of Megan Fox paraphrasing words of King Lear to Cordelia (in Act 5)
- 71** Oral Roberts *or* Oz rock (initials)

- 72** Harrowing wartime memoir of Elie Wiesel with serious doubts raised regarding veracity (on internet)
- 74** Gloomy poem (often about death)
- 76** “Anne, good girl with a million-dollar face and all the bad breaks; she took the green pills. Neely, who was such a nice kid and then someone put her name in lights and turned her into a lush; she took the red pills. Jennifer, international sex symbol victimized by everyone; she took the blue pills” Largely forgotten 1967 movie of sensational Jacqueline Susann best seller from 60s (6, 2, 3, 5)

Down

- 1** Little girl killed by Lenin in 1918 (at present day site of Church on the Blood in Honour of All Saints Resplendent in the Russian Land in Yekaterinburg) (9, 7)
- 2** Government agency associated with Kim Philby during Cold War (1, 1, 1)
- 3** *Endless Night* (initials)
- 4** Reverted to an earlier, less enlightened state
- 5** Female college student (US) (retrograde)
- 6** North Korea *or* *New Kids* (initials)
- 7** “The atoms of Democritus And Newton’s ... Are sands upon the Red Sea shore, Where Israel’s tents do shine so bright” Blake
- 8** Israeli prime minister assassinated in Kings of Israel Square, Tel Aviv in 1995 by fanatical ultranationalist incensed by overtures to PLO (with commemorative monument of broken rocks on site in Ibn Gabirol Street)
- 9** On Blood (initials)
- 10** Nickname of Inspector Morse at Oxford due to reluctance to reveal unusual Christian name
- 11** Overshadowed; made to appear less significant by comparison
- 12** Walk together to destination in a weary, unengaged manner; a contingent of soldiers (*F* etc.)
- 13** American socialite heiress at centre of trial of husband Claus von Bülow for attempted murder by insulin injection (conviction overturned on appeal by Alan Dershowitz arguing cause of vegetative coma recreational drug use not creepy European husband)
- 19** Disgraced photographer from Northcote
- 20** *La ...* Beautiful French song about sea
- 23** Pathological liar (initials)
- 24** Rejoin edges of a wound or surgical incision using thread of same name

27.7 (contd.)

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- 25** Abyss beneath Hades in Greek mythology used to imprison Titans located according to Hesiod's *Theogony* "as far beneath the earth as heaven is above [so that] a brazen anvil falling down from heaven nine nights and days would reach the earth upon the tenth: and again, a brazen anvil falling from earth nine nights and days would reach ... upon the tenth"
- 27** Effecting air of detachment or indifference often from sense of superiority or disdain
- 32** *The Wolfman* (or *Wiggles*) (initials)
- 34** Legendary protest singer and Nobel laureate from 60s known for unusual choices in late career such as 2009 Christmas album described by *Rolling Stone* as "bonkers"
- 38** Julian, Dick, Anne, George (Georgina) and Timmy (the dog)
- 39** Section 8 or Streisand effect (initials)
- 40** "Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow, Creeps in this petty pace from day to day, To the last syllable of recorded time; And all our ... have lighted fools / The way to dusty death etc." Macbeth
- 46** Hans Hartung or Happy Hammond (initials)
- 47** Strip of wood with numbers for measuring (also drawing straight lines) (at state school)
- 48** Marvelous Dutch Australian songwriter (*Friday on My Mind*, *Evie Parts 1, 2 and 3*, *Love is in the Air* etc.)
- 49** Valley associated with creepiness of CGI (*The Polar Express*, *Mars Needs Moms* etc.)
- 51** Monstrous descendent of biblical Cain slain by Beowulf in ripping Anglo-Saxon epic
- 53** Removal of Muhammed (PBUH) from Mecca to Yathrib (Medina) in 622AD and beginning of Muslim calendar (Arabic for departure)
- 55** Solemn promise to do a specified thing
- 56** Predatory, nocturnal, sexually wanton demon in Jewish mythology (regarded as first wife of Adam in baffling rabbinical interpretation)
- 59** Iron blacksmith's tool for hammering connoting heaviness in Hesiod's *Theogony* and cartoons featuring Wile E. Coyote and Road Runner
- 60** Anti-Defamation League (sic) (initials)
- 61** "Sovereignty never ..." Provocative message on best-selling *Red Bubble* T-shirt
- 63** Ryan O'Neal (initials)
- 68** 2010 release of leading Estonian folk metal band *Metsatöll* feat. National Male Choir of Estonia
- 70** Famous orchestra (*Livin' Thing*, *Evil Woman*, *Telephone Line* etc.) (from 70s) (initials)
- 73** Gert Fröbe (initials)
- 75** Geoff Lowe (initials)