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- 1 Sailor who returns from sea to find beloved wife remarried to childhood rival and peers through window at scene of domestic bliss with young daughter vowing not to reveal his return or undying love until after he is dead in colossally gloomy Victorian poem by poet laureate Alfred Lord Tennyson (5, 5)
- 8 Arden, Enoch (initials)
- 9 Iconic lamp with mesmeric coloured blobs redolent of cannabis use in 60s
- 10 1st century work of apocalyptic prophecy by unknown "John" written in cave on Patmos
- 14 Enigmatic initials adopted by Romanian American screenwriter (born Itec Domnici) known for collaboration with Billy Wilder in decline in 60s (and 70s) (Fedora etc.)
- 15 Controversial American music mogul known for killing Biggie and Tupac (first name)
- "[You are] cursed by the god YHW, cursed. [You will die], cursed, cursed, [you will surely die]. Cursed [you are] by YHW, cursed" Ancient semitic language used in contentious Mount Ebal curse tablet of c.1200 BCE also stirring 1979 Israeli Eurovision Song Contest winner Hallelujah by Milk and Honey
- 18 Prolific, English auteur (*Carry on Camping* widely regarded as masterpiece) (initials)
- 19 New England axe-murderess acquitted of killing parents in sensational 1892 trial immortalized in haunting contemporary ditty and 70s telemovie starring Elizabeth Montgomery from Bewitched (first name)

- 22 Imelda Marcos or Ichabod Mudd (initials)
- 24 I am not into nutritious rice alternative from Peru WARNING Cryptic
- 25 Setting of spate of American movies dealing with divisive war in Indochina and impact on national psyche
- 27 River Moses was forbidden to cross being permitted to view promised land only from the East Bank (as punishment for incident at rock in Desert of Zin)
- 29 Umma... 1969 Pink Floyd album and classic of indulgent psychedelic rock (Several Species of Small Furry Animals Gathered Together in a Cave and Grooving with a Pict etc.) with cover art invoking recursion and so-called Drost effect
- 30 A scam or fraud esp. involving misappropriation of public money or resources for personal gain
- 31 Removable card in phone establishing identity associated with unlawful arrest and detainment in 2007 of Doctor Muhamed Haneef under Islamophobic anti-terrorism legislation of Neocon-driven Howard era
- 32 Exotic smoking apparatus popular in Arab world and Sydney Road

Down

- Ominous term for humans used by visitors from outer space
- 2 Term in patriarchal cultures indicating female surname relinquished upon marriage (Nora Joyce ... Barnacle, Marge Simpson ... Bouvier etc.)

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- 3 Easy to perceive, understand or interpret; (of a substance) transparent, unclouded; remove (an obstruction or unwanted thing) from somewhere in order to use for new purpose (Gaza etc.)
- 4 Biblical exclamation glorifying G-d (also inspirational Eurovision '79 winner by Milk and Honey) (and ubiquitous, kitsch classic of Leonard Cohen)
- 5 Hollywood movie queen known for steamy roles conceived for leering male gaze in 50s (The Barefoot Contessa, Pandora and the Flying Dutchman, Mogambo) (first name)
- **6** Exclamation of disappointment or dismay associated with *Peanuts*
- 7 Turbulent century known for momentous events and developments inc. psychoanalysis, Communism and Zionism
- 11 Pervading, ineffable ethos or spirit
- 12 Irish Uprising *or* Islamic ummah (initials)

- 13 Today (Italian) (*Ieri ... Domani* etc.)
- 17 Unkind term for homeless alcoholic
- 20 Dashing masked Californian crimefighter hiding secret identity behind guise of cowardly fop
- 1 High priest who with Nathan the Prophet anointed Solomon king ("And all the people rejoiced and said: God save the King! Long live the King!") incorporated in rousing Coronation anthem by G. F. Handel used in England since 1727 (notable for remaining unchanged in coronation of female monarch because the king is Solomon)
- 23 Scenic, island holiday destination in Hawaii
- 26 Mmm Mmm Mmm ... Crash Test Dummies song known for video with intriguing vignettes of childhood trauma ranked #15 in Rolling Stone's 20 Most Annoying Songs also #29 in 50 Worst Canadian Songs ... EVER
- 28 Aryan Republican Army *or* A\$AP Rocky album (initials)

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