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#### Down (contd.)

- 23 Acknowledged universal truth (initials)  
 26 Foundational 1970 structuralist analysis by Roland Barthes of Balzac novella *Sarrasine*  
 27 “I might be a [ ] but I’m not a [ ]” *TISM* (initials)

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#### Across

- 1 Tumultuous decade associated with Vietnam, Watergate, Iranian Revolution and disco  
 9 *The Bride Stripped Bare by Her Bachelors ...* Inscrutable, vaguely unpleasant masterwork of Marcel Duchamp  
 10 Unusual American first name (not Elvis, Oral, Condoleezza or Evel)  
 11 “... is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” Inscrutable quote prefacing *Anna Karenina*  
 13 Extinction Level Event (initials)  
 14 Lucia Popp or Larry Poons (initials)  
 15 Wood, Roth, Sullivan, McMahon, Mister etc.  
 16 Renews an arrangement with a company or service provider upon expiration of term  
 18 Panacea with a *Bex* and a lie down  
 20 Controversial political group in Middle East known for hardline, genocidal charter and attitude of implacable, murderous hatred inc. denial of right to exist towards neighbour  
 22 Rocky Mediterranean island associated with exile of Napoleon and famous palindrome  
 24 Helen Demidenko or Helmut Doork (initials)  
 25 Consumed by deadly sin (not proud or greedy)  
 28 Controversial German philosopher known for pronouncing God dead, feud with Wagner and descent into madness (while trying to save a horse in Turin) caused by tertiary syphilis, mercury poisoning (from syphilis treatment) manic depression with periodic psychosis or retro-orbital meningioma (jury still out) (also rare 60s spoken word album *Kinski spricht ...*) (sic)

#### Down

- 1 “When I was ... it was a very good year etc.” Kitsch classic by Ervin Druckman popularized by Frank Sinatra recalling sleazy love life  
 2 Unusual American first name (not Elvis, Oral, Condoleezza or Rock)  
 3 Respected, august, esteemed (Noam Chomsky, Bede etc.)  
 4 Famous Siamese twin said to have died of fright after sudden death in night of conjoined brother Chang (in 1874)  
 5 Members of monastic order founded as reaction to growing laxity in 17<sup>th</sup> century Cistercian monasteries with new austere regime of penance, hard labour, meagre diet, silence and prayer  
 6 Ian of Nunawading (initials)  
 7 Behold (... Homo) (Latin)  
 8 Leave with great haste in an undignified manner  
 12 Month in Jewish calendar associated with major events including Exodus from Egypt, hanging of Haman and birth (in AM 5662) of Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Schneerson  
 17 Celebrated authors of disparate texts *Fear and Trembling*, *Eyes Wide Shut*, *Pet Semetary*, *It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, *Don’t Touch My Hair* and *You Know It Makes Sense: The Wisdom of Slammin’ Sam* (also *Death Row Uncut: Too Gangsta for TV*) (initials)  
 19 1953, Mexican period Buñuel film about insane sexual jealousy known for memorable opening scene with priest kissing foot released in US as *This Strange Passion* (literally *Him* in Spanish)  
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