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Across

- 1 Arresting emoji expressing disdain (3, 4, 4)
- 9 Enigmatic thing in book of Revelation opened seven times each revealing a mystical tableau inc. horsemen, souls of martyrs and silence
- **10** Weather Underground (initials)
- 11 Year before salvation of mankind through miracle of Incarnation (3, 1, 1)
- Top or cap covering or sealing container; a small quantity of cannabis (in 60s)
- 16 Historic period beginning after 11 across (initials) (not AD)
- 17 Early readymade (initials)
- 18 Assisted readymade by Marcel Duchamp from 1919 using postcard of *Mona Lisa* with added moustache, goatee and vulgar caption translated loosely by artist in late interview as "there is fire down below"
- 20 Hot, scary, landlocked capital of Burkina Faso
- 23 Initials shared by disgraced US cyclist drug cheat and disturbed French intellectual known for re-evaluation of Marx and strangling wife
- 24 Richard Wagner or Rick Wakeman (initials)
- 25 Great Oxidation Event (initials)
- 26 Paul Newman role (not "Fast Eddie" Felson, Luke Jackson, Butch Cassidy, Ari Ben Canaan or drifter gigolo louse Chance Wayne) (called "the man with the barbed wire soul" in lurid promotional trailer from 60s)
- 28 Dishonourable, disreputable man characterized by callous treatment of others (slang) (US)

- 30 "Every time you call my name / I heat up like a burning flame" Magic word of unknown origin referenced in coarse Steve Miller Band hit from 80s ("... I wanna reach out and grab ya" etc.)
- 35 State of physical, financial or moral collapse or degeneration
- 36 ... und Zeit (Being and Time) Impenetrable tome by Nazi Mitläufer Martin Heidegger
- 37 US news channel with Anderson Cooper 360°
- 39 French heartthrob known for roles of ice-cold hitman Jef Costello in Le Samouraï, Sicilian Prince Tancredi Falconeri in Il Gattopardo and Julius Caesar in Astérix aux Jeux olympiques
- 40 Enormously long Sanskrit epic of Ancient India (ten times as long as *Iliad* and *Odyssey* combined FYI)

Down

- Proto-prog/psychedelic rock band formed in Southend-on-Sea, Essex, in 1967 known for classical influences and impenetrable lyrics (A Whiter Shade of Pale etc.)
- 2 Lyric poem celebrating a person, event or thing such as a nightingale, Cromwell's to England after crushing Irish or Billy Joe MacAllister jumping off Tallahatchie Bridge
- 3 International School of Cosmic Ray Astrophysics (acronym)
- 4 The Exorcist (initials)
- 5 Holy, sacred, consecrated, blessed

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- 6 Enigmatic Biblical figure known for berating Job for doubting G-d's goodness in midst of great adversity (caused by G-d to win bet with Satan) also arresting given name of Judge Smails in Caddyshack
- 7 American auteur (Glen or Glenda, Jail Bait, Plan 9 from Outer Space etc.) (initials)
- 8 Most famous hat company in American comedy (on Bagel Street) (in 40s)
- 12 Seminal 70s electronic music group from Düsseldorf with albums ...1, ...2 and ...3
- 13 Idyllic coastal town in southern NSW known for cheese
- 15 Greatly loved rapper from Long Beach, California (last name)
- 19 Shorthand indicator that one is not at work
- 21 The Concept of ... Downbeat Kierkegaard work subtitled A Simple Psychologically Orienting Deliberation on the Dogmatic Issue of Hereditary Sin (1844)
- US auteur described variously as caustic, macho, aggressive, nihilistic, crass, crude, pugnacious, thoroughly immoderate, garish and hysterical with movies inc. Apache, Attack!, Kiss Me Deadly, The Big Knife, What Ever Happened to Baby Jane? Hush... Hush, Sweet Charlotte (where according to one critic "a lot of people seemed to enjoy the spectacle of Bette Davis crawling and howling and looking wildly repulsive") and lauded masterwork The Dirty Dozen (etc.)

- 27 Famous French king
- 28 Hillary Clinton *or* Hugo Chávez *or* Holden Caulfield *or* Harry Cohn (initials)
- 29 Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation (acronym)
- 31 Lovely European girls name (Karenina, Karina, Kournikova, Pavlova, Massey, Freud, Schwartz, Fältskog, of Arendelle etc.)
- 32 Popular Romanian boys name (Bartók, Lugosi, Kun etc.)
- 33 Pussy ... Controversial Russian feminist protest and performance art group based in Moscow
- 38 Best known psychotic, homicidal taxidermist in movies (initials)
- **39** Doug Anthony *or* Dario Argento *or* Diane Arbus (initials)

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