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### Across

- 1** Popular photo and short-form video sharing service known for multiple concerns inc. affirmation addiction, FOMO, doomscrolling, sharenting, competitiveness and self-worth issues in teens (and adults)
- 9** A good deed, a creditable thing to do esp. one of 613 acts codified by Maimonides after painstaking study of Torah divining message of G-d to special people in 12<sup>th</sup> century
- 10** Spontaneous expression of admiration in Spanish speaking world such as at a bullfight
- 11** Legendary 2003 black comedy romcom with Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez as lovable mobsters notable for riveting train wreck quality and critical comment such as “rarely has a movie that doesn’t star Madonna achieved such a skin-crawling mixture of deluded preening and bungled humour” etc.
- 14** Indefatigable, tiresome crossword compiler
- 16** Inspirational message to people of Berlin in 1963 speech by JFK (English translation) (1, 2, 1, 5)
- 18** Alida Valli *or* Amanda Vanstone (initials)
- 19** Hermann Göring *or* Hans Gruber (initials)
- 20** Celebrated Italian director known for themes of existential alienation and gelato colours
- 24** Shy child pilot of Evangelion Unit-00 with special relationship to Shinji revealed at end of seminal manga *Neon Genesis Evangelion*
- 25** Legendary Athenian lawmaker (not Draco)
- 26** Distasteful, unpleasant, unappetizing, objectionable, repellent etc. (informal)
- 27** Chthonic Roman deity of underworld

### Down

- 1** Secret childhood friend
- 2** Nuclear Iran (initials)
- 3** Person on whom wounds of Christ miraculously appear due to extreme identification with Passion (Francis of Assisi) or fraud (Padre Pio called “an ignorant and self-mutilating psychopath who exploited people’s credulity” also by Pius XI “a noxious Socrates, capable of perverting the fragile lives and souls of boys” etc.)
- 4** *The Zombies* (initials)
- 5** Minimize contact with someone or something; prevent something from happening; refrain from doing something, eschew, abjure, shun etc.
- 6** “... ..! I mean, people, for crying out loud, it’s just a TV show” Infamous William Shatner outburst at *Star Trek* convention (initials)
- 7** Action-packed opera about mighty fortress built by murderous giant transformed into dragon by power of ring forged by megalomaniacal dwarf from gold stolen from deities living in river (sic)
- 8** Kilimanjaro, Everest, Fuji, Olympus, Piz Palü, Sinai, Carmel, Dandenong etc.
- 12** Ivan Albright (initials)
- 13** Backward office associated with enduring legacy of Clinton presidency **WARNING** Cryptic
- 15** Amusing number plate of Auric Goldfinger
- 17** “What if you knew her and found her dead on the ground?” Heartfelt paean to 1970 Kent State campus shootings with emotional David Crosby adlibs on outro
- 21** Seminal 70s electronic music group from Düsseldorf with albums ...! 1, ...! 2 and ...! 3
- 22** New Scotland Yard (initials)
- 23** Nation of Islam (initials)