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Across

- 1** Nineteenth century eschatological framework outlining God's plan for mankind in seven eras culminating in ingathering of Jews to Israel, pretribulation rapture and 1,000-year reign of world government from Jerusalem (!)
- 16** Hideous, hulking, ogre-like creature from Japanese folklore depicted with red or blue skin, wild hair, long claws, fang-like tusks and single or multiple horns emerging from head (also dressed in tiger skin loincloth and carrying studded, iron kanabō club)
- 17** City bordering Belgium in northern France
- 18** False information or argumentation intended to deceive, obscure or mislead; flapdoodle etc.
- 19** Picturesque city in Provence and setting of idyllic youth of Paul Cézanne (before having heart broken by boyhood friend)
- 20** Torpid, morally vacant, post-human race bred as food source by bestial, subterranean Morlocks in nightmarish vision of endpoint of English class system in *The Time Machine* by H. G. Wells (in 802,701 CE)
- 21** ... *Morgana* Mirage on horizon of sea or desert named after Arthurian sorceress Morgan le Fay
- 22** Large, stupid, clumsy, cloddish man
- 23** *The American Century* (initials)
- 25** Antonin Artaud *or* Abdullah Abdullah *or* Angry Anderson *or* (initials)
- 26** Got up in morning (poetic)
- 28** Name associated with disciple famous for scepticism about Resurrection
- 32** City in Ukraine associated with Vladimir Horowitz, Kasimir Malevich, Milla Jovovich, Golda Meir and DJ Juicy M

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- 33** Macabre nickname for suppliers of illegal cadavers to medical profession for dissection such as William Burke and William Hare reflecting dark humour of nineteenth century Scots (12, 3)
- 36** Isaac Asimov *or* Ivan Albright (initials)
- 37** *Attack on Titan* (initials)
- 38** ...! *Sunflower* Enigmatic Blake poem with poignant tableaux inc. the youth who pined away with desire and the pale virgin shrouded in snow arising from their graves etc.
- 39** O! Something is missing from Secret Police headed by Felix Dzerzhinsky in Soviet Russia in 20s (and precursor to NKVD) **WARNING** Cryptic
- 41** *Internationalize the Intifada* (initials)
- 43** Chuck Norris film (initials)
- 45** Empowering Israeli girl's name invoking biblical heroine who killed Canaanite general by hammering tent peg into his temple while asleep in her tent in ripping story about early honey trap
- 48** Erwin Rommel *or* Ed Roth (initials)
- 49** Degenerate art *or* Diane Arbus (initials)
- 51** Iconic US river associated with steamboats, slavery and groundbreaking musical about evolving race relations in America (*Can't Help Lovin' dat Man, Ol' Man River* etc.)
- 54** See 1 down
- 57** US actor known for role of affable joker friend of Richie Cunningham Ralph Malph in *Happy Days* (3, 4)
- 58** Reveal personal information on internet (such as infamous case of *Zio60* chat group)
- 59** Robert Kennedy *or* Rudyard Kipling *or* Reg Kray *or* Ralph Kramden *or* R. Kelly (initials)
- 62** "All governments ..." I. F. "Izzy" Stone
- 63** One who works for the reestablishment of moral or political order after a time of tumult such as in Jim Crow south after Civil War or movement associated with R. J. Rushdoony and Christian Right advocating a theonomy under lordship of Jesus Christ and restoration of certain Biblical laws inc. death penalty for idolatry, homosexuality, adultery, witchcraft and blasphemy
- 68** I. F. Stone (to close friends)
- 69** *Song* Arrestingly titled, particularly unpleasant poem by Ted Hughes explicitly dealing with his profound grief and emotional distress after tragic death of first wife in 1963 (prior to suicide of subsequent partner in 1969) (2, 1, 3)
- 70** Modify to suit new circumstances or use
- 73** Mixed up form of humour widely regarded as tiresome such coffee-themed tote bag with "Where have you been all my life?"
- WARNING** Cryptic
- 75** Greatly loved English royal killed with multi-millionaire, Egyptian, film producer boyfriend to prevent possibility of Muslim half-sibling of heir to English throne (in controversial belief of heartbroken father) (4, 2)
- 77** "Oh, man! Oh, God! Oh, man! Oh, God! Oh, man! Oh, God! etc." Celebrated US writer (*The Naked and the Dead*) and director best known for climactic scene on clifftop as Ryan O'Neal reads devastating letter in 1987 cult classic and internet favourite *Tough Guys Don't Dance*
- 78** Time machine of Dr. Who resembling blue London Police Call Box
- 80** Oscar Niemeyer *or* Ossie Nelson (initials)
- 81** Premier world producer of French horn mouthpieces
- 82** Ribald rebuke of earthy Host to wily Pardoner in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* "I wolde I hadde thy coillons in myn hond / In stide of Relikes or of Seintuarie / Lat kutte hem of I wol with thee hem carie / They shul be shryned in an ... toord!" This Pardoner answerde nat a word"
- 83** Punctilious Jules Verne character played by David Niven in *Around the World in 80 Days*
- 85** Frankie Howerd *or* Fort Hood (initials)
- 86** Hit Net-Flix series with Milly Bobby Brown as disturbed, psychokinetic teen Eleven

Down

- 1** Philip K. Dick novel set in post-apocalyptic San Francisco of 1992 (and basis for turgid hipster classic *Bladerunner*) (2, 8, 5, 2, 8, 5)
- 2** Popular, 11-piece, J-pop boy band (*All 4U* etc.)
- 3** Papal name highly unlikely to be used after death of previous holder in 1590 (5, 1, 1)
- 4** See 1 down
- 5** None, nothing, zero, zip, bupkis etc.
- 6** Fashionable square in central London associate with vacuous "rangers" (such as Fergie)
- 7** Mehmet Disturbed, would-be, 1981 assassin of Pope John Paul II known for desire expressed upon release from prison in Turkey in 2006 to enter Roman Catholic priesthood and co-author book with Dan Brown (sic)
- 8** Ominous *Doors* song featured in *Apocalypse Now* (with baffling Oedipal adlibs by disturbed singer) conveying psychic turmoil of times (initials)

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- 9 Name shared by mysterious, one-eyed Taliban mullah, Egyptian heartthrob Sharif, US general Bradley, outspoken Somalian-American congresswoman from Minnesota Ilhan and obstreperous poet Sakr
- 10 Member of rising new German political party in 30s (8, 9)
- 11 Exclamation of regret or sadness
- 12 Lord Acton *or* Louis Althaus *or* Lance Armstrong *or* Loni Anderson (initials)
- 13 Epitome of domestic drudgery
- 14 Music style of Jamaican origin characterized by grating, inane, monotonous beat
- 15 “Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens etc.” Saccharine Rogers and Hammerstein number from *The Sound of Music* adapted by John Coltrane in towering, transcendent work of modern jazz (2, 9, 6)
- 21 Tasty staple of Tex Mex cuisine
- 24 Honorific in Arab world (or kunya) defining holder as father of first son or other cherished entity (Mazen, Ammar, Jihad, Diaa etc.)
- 27 Maintain frugal existence with great difficulty
- 29 1€ (initials)
- 30 “Bomb bomb bomb bomb bomb ...” John McCain witticism (showing playful side of veteran Senator for Arizona)
- 34 ... ‘...’ *Us* Megacorporation known for iconic logo with reversed ‘R’ for extra cuteness
- 35 Martin Heidegger *or* Moe Howard *or* Max Harris (initials)
- 40 Units of US cola (not Cokes)
- 42 Picturesque, alpine location of Corleone compound in *The Godfather Part II*
- 44 Lovable curmudgeon neighbour played by William Frawley in *I Love Lucy* (with first initial) (1, 5)
- 46 Islamic festival (occurring twice in year)
- 47 Droog of Alex in grindingly unpleasant Stanley Kubrick film *A Clockwork Orange* (not Pete or Georgie)
- 50 Sinister neo-Nazi symbol in popular skinhead tat (1, 1) (initials)
- 52 Saint Neot *or* Sven Nykvist *or* Sam Newman (initials)
- 53 Group organized as a political entity
- 55 Cry out, speak loudly due to a sudden, strong emotion such as surprise, joy, fear or anger
- 56 Deeply sorry for something you did like Mary Magdalene (or Mel Gibson)
- 60 Home planet of surly feral Kara Zor-El in edgy new prequel
- 61 Bane, curse, plague, affliction; flagellum etc.
- 64 Slavoj Žižek (initials)
- 65 *The Flintstones* (initials)
- 66 *Omega Ruby Alpha Sapphire* (initials)
- 67 Backward premier of Victorian known for controversial leadership style during lockdown
WARNING Cryptic
- 71 US pioneer of hardboiled detective fiction (*The Maltese Falcon*, *The Thin Man* etc.) (nickname)
- 72 Larger size
- 74 Nightmarish character in Samuel Beckett play (not Vladimir, Estragon, Pozzo, Lucky, Hamm, Clov, Nell or Krapp)
- 76 Greatly loved rapper from Long Beach, CA (last name)
- 79 ... *Untergang des Abendlandes*, ... *Golem*, ... *Tod in Venedig* usw.
- 82 Hannah Arendt (initials)
- 83 Fire Island (initials)
- 84 ... *Liberty* (Mills), ... *Photography* (Sonntag)
... *the Buses* (Varney)

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