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Across

- 1** “Sitting at home last Sunday morning, me mate Boomer rang. Said he was having a few people around for a barbie, said he might cook a burro or two. I said, “Sounds great, will Walla be there?” He said, “Yeah and Vejja might come too”. So, I said to the wife, “Do you wanna go, Anna?” She said, “I’ll go if Ding goes”. So I said, “What’ll we do about Nulla?” She said, “Nulla bores me to tears, leave him at home”. Now I don’t want to speak ill of Warra etc.” Coarse novelty hit from 80s by Austen Tayshus (banned)
- 9** Primordial substance from which all matter derives (from Middle English revived by British physicists working on Big Bang theory in 50s (also discordant piece by Karlheinz Stockhausen) (and 2010 album by German extreme metal band *Dark Fortress* debuting arresting new, gravel-voiced vocalist Morean)
- 10** 2,000 (Roman numerals)
- 11** X (Arabic numerals)
- 13** Kermit the Frog, Cookie Monster, Grover etc.
- 15** Notorious, 1981, Sun Myung Moon financed war epic and box office disaster with 0% approval rating on *Rotten Tomatoes* directed by Terrence Young (*Thunderball*, *Cold Sweat* etc.) about decisive battle of Korean War with all-star cast inc. Lawrence Olivier in career nadir as General Douglas MacArthur (!) and Toshiro Mifune (!!!)
- 17** Israeli resort town on gulf of Aqaba (formerly Umm al-Rashrash) named after city in Bible (despite being several miles away in Jordan) with far-sighted justification of committee designating place names in new state: “when the real ... finally is in our hands, our settlement will expand and reach over to there”)
- 18** “Pourquoi?! POURQUOI?!!!” French football legend famous for destroying career to defend honour of sister at 2006 World Cup (initials)
- 19** *One Nation* (initials)
- 20** 1501 (Roman numerals)
- 21** Tragic heroine of gloomy Thomas Hardy novel
- 23** “... .. Cthulhu fhtagn!” (“Hail! Hail! Cthulhu waits dreaming!”) Ecstatic chant to awaken hideous, godlike monster sleeping in sunken city of R’lyeh in 1926 cosmic horror classic *The Call of Cthulhu* by H. P. Lovecraft
- 25** Celebrated director known for low energy art films (*Tokyo Story*, *Floating Weeds* etc.)
- 26** Controversial rock band from Dandenong with Humphrey B. Flaubert, Eugene de la Hot Croix Bun and Ron Hitler-Barassi
- 28** Eli Cohen *or* Eric Cartman (initials)
- 29** Yiddish word meaning choked with emotion (“*Beastie Boy* Adam “Ad-Rock” Horowitz was a little ... as he addressed a throng of adoring fans at the official renaming of a street corner on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, *Beastie Boys Square*” *New York Jewish Week*)

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- 32** 8th century (BCE) Biblical author known for prophetic writings about Jesus forming basis of libretto for Handel’s *Messiah*
- 34** US government agency best known for faking moon landing
- 35** Legendary Athenian lawmaker known for replacing earlier, no-nonsense code of Draco
- 36** Affable Beatle
- 37** Site of Covenant between G-d and all living things and immutable promise (symbolized by rainbow) not to kill everything again (5, 6)
- 6** Cumbersome equipment or baggage hindering movement or progress (or magic hex in Harry Potter slowing time briefly to thwart attacker)
- 7** “It was just a false alarm” Poetic Joni Mitchell masterwork inspired by famous aviatrix
- 8** Paintings that aren’t of anything (8, 3)
- 12** Quirky, New Wave rock band from Auckland (fan nickname)
- 14** Thomas Aquinas *or* Tony Abbott *or* Tex Avery *or* Tina Arena (initials)
- 16** Farming implement of ancient origin
- 21** Tiny, flat archipelagic nation in Pacific Ocean with capital Funafuti threatened by rising sea levels because it is one metre above sea level
- 22** Member of pantheistic religion originating in Punjab in 15th century known for requirement that adherents wear five identifying symbols at all times known as the five Ks because they all begin with K (including controversial kirpan)
- 24** Mixed up, 5,000-thousand-year-old country in West Asia (widely demonized in Zionist West)
- 27** Siegfried Line *or* Sol Lewitt *or* Simon Legree (initials)
- 30** Unusual Irish name (related to John, ian etc.)
- 31** Pioneering French photographer eclipsed by alpha male romantic partner in 30s
- 33** Intensifier (“*The Odyssey* is ... long!”)
- 36** Salman Rushdie *or* Sunday Reed *or* Sister Ruth *or* Stan Rofo (initials)