

Across

- 1 Greek term occurring only once in the Bible designating the stone on which Jesus stood "in the place that is called ... and in Hebrew, Gabbatha" (John 19:13) where Pilate on the "judgment seat" condemned him to death (incorporated in early Muslim era into the Oubbat al-Sakhrah or Dome of the Rock due to the tradition that the footprints of Jesus could be seen in it)
- 11 ... fixe An obsession which will not go away but comes back again and again (and again)
- 12 King Herod *or* Klaus Höß (initials)
- 13 A wicked King of Israel who built an altar to Baal in Samaria and turned the nation to idolatry (to please Queen Jezebel)
- 14 Orchestral prelude in German opera before each act prior to commencement of singing (such as atmospheric overtures of Wagner)
- 17 Ed Koch (or Kienholz) (initials)
- 18 Canaanite god (and original name of Yahweh before revelation of true name to Moses) 19 The other (initials)
- 20 Female red dear associated with the third labour of Heracles and Sir Francis Drake
- 23 Hyperactive member of Die Antwoord (not Yolandi)
- Drunken, bullying villain (who descends into 25 alcoholic madness) of Wuthering Heights (initials)
- 26 Best known Agnes Moorehead role (not Mary Kane) (or Fanny Minafer)

- 28 subhānahu wa-taʿālā) Honorific) سُبُحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَىٰ meaning "May He be praised and exalted" used by Muslims when writing the name of God (abbreviated form)
- 30 Uncle Charlie (initials)
- 32 Tragic pop group with Simone Battle (RIP)
- 33 Central European origin (initials)
- 34 Allocated a share of something
- 37 See 6 down (2, 4)
- 39 Working class area north of Edinburgh featured in inspirational Proclaimers song
- 40 Latin prefix meaning against (war, Christ, inflammatory etc.)
- 41 "A Palestinian state in the 1967 lines with Jerusalem as its capital, without settlements or settlers and not an ... of land swaps" Khaled Meshal on official position of Hamas regarding two-state solution
- 42 Les ... Modernist Belgian art group founded in 1883 which included James Ensor (and nineteen others)
- 44 Name shared by Medieval jousting weapon and disgraced US cyclist and drug cheat
- 45 ... GB Club in East Village where Ramones played in 70s (also *Television* and Patti Smith) 46 Sword forged by Siegfried in Wagner's Der
 - Ring des Nibelungen (to kill giant Fafner) Influential 60s singer born Christa Päffgen
- 47 known for distinctive, slightly flat, Teutonic contralto (I'll Be Your Mirror) and blonde beatnik bangs

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Down

- 1 Cilla Black (also Pete Best) (and Ringo)
- 2 A figure, image or other material object worshipped as a deity (in the most profound transgression of the Law revealed to Moses, punishable, halachically, by decapitation) 3
- River in Essex
- 4 "Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him. Lord, by this time for he hath been dead four days" Story of Lazarus (John 11:39) (2, 8)
- 5 Propel oneself at great speed down piste
- In Christian theology, the triumphant descent 6 of the crucified (but not resurrected) Christ into the Underworld to bring salvation to the righteous who had died since the beginning of the world (3, 9, 2 4) (6 down, 36 across)
- 7 Oslo Accords (initials)
- 8 An alternate name for 6 down (one arguably more theologically correct as it involves the salvation of the righteous rather than that of the damned) (3, 7, 4, 5) (8 down, 22 down)
- 9 Lovely English tree
- Saint Bernadette or Sonny Bono (initials) 10
- 15 Small body of still water
- 16 Jet ... Martial arts movie star from China (Shaolin Temple, The Expendables, The Expendables 2, The Expendables 3 etc.)
- Initials shared by celebrated American author 21 of The Scarlet Letter and Irish 1D member with new album
- 22 See 8 down
- 23 Star of 30s musicals best known for duets with Jeanette MacDonald and singing on horseback in hat (Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life, Indian Love Call etc.) (initials)
- 24 Run at a gentle pace, especially on a regular basis as a form of physical exercise in elaborate sports attire

- "(Tell me why) I need another pet rock (Tell 27 me why) I got that ... alarm clock" Ebay "Weird Al" Yankovic
- 29 A red, swollen mark left on skin after a blow also German for world (anshauung, schmerz, Krieg etc.)
- Universally acclaimed, highly prolific and 31 consistently unpleasant US film making team (Blood Simple, No Country for Old Men, The Big Lebowski etc.)
- 35 Not forbidden, lawful
- 36 80s TV star (Knight Rider, Baywatch), singer (Looking for Freedom) and subject of Gilbert Gottfried joke "... goes into a bar in the morning and stays there until it closes"
- "Zurück vom Ring!" Evil villain of Wagner's 38 Ring esp. Götterdämmerung with last words of cycle sung as he is dragged to watery death by Rhine Maidens
- Gogh, Beethoven, Eyck, Halen, Damme 42
- 43 Initials shared by celebrated linguistics professor banned from entry into Israel and lauded Australian performing artist known for justification of Tel Aviv concerts as a "principled stand" against efforts by pro-Palestinian groups to "silence and censor" artistic freedom (also British PM pilloried for pre-war policy of "appeasement" and invoked to smear the insufficiently bellicose as naïve or weak)
- 44 Greatly loved US orchestra from 70s (Love Theme, Never, Never Gonna Give Ya Up etc.) (initials)
- 45 Co-worker of Homer Simpson at nuclear power plant (not Lenford Leonard) (initials)

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