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Across

- 1** Call made inadvertently when phone is in back pocket due to action of bending over resulting in muffled background noise only (4, 4)
- 8** Famous and respected in a particular field
- 9** Horrible old woman
- 10** Vic Gordon *or* viral gif (initials)
- 12** Biblical High Priest known for falling off chair (and breaking neck) on hearing the Ark of the Covenant had been captured by the Philistines
- 14** Ronald Ryan (initials)
- 15** Exclusive resort club in Palm Beach, Florida, known for elite membership and celebrity guests (Jeffrey Epstein, Prince Andrew etc.) (3-1-4)
- 18** Mysterious one-eyed Taliban spiritual leader (possibly deceased)
- 19** Biblical patriarch known for fleeing Sodom with Abraham and sleeping with daughters while plastered
- 20** Interventionist god (initials)
- 21** Figure from American literature with 5,000 fingers (2, 1)
- 22** “Moreover, the enemy has begun to employ a new and most cruel bomb, the power of which to do damage is, indeed, incalculable, taking the toll of many innocent lives. Should we continue to fight, not only would it result in an ultimate collapse and obliteration of the Japanese nation, but also it would lead to the total extinction of human civilization” Emperor of Japan known for touching Jewel Voice Recording of 1945 informing Japanese people of surrender in light of US threat of total annihilation

Down

- 1** “He eateth grass as an ox...his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones (testiculorum) are wrapped together... his bones are like bars of iron... Behold, he drinketh up a river...he can draw up Jordan into his mouth” Terrifying beast described in Job in climactic passage about the futility of questioning G-d (possibly based on early account of elephants or hippopotami though regarded by Young Earth Creationists as a dinosaur)
- 2** Quentin Tarantino’s muse (first name)
- 3** Extremely unreliable Australian budget airline
- 4** Thomas Nashe *or* Ted Nugent (initials)
- 5** Loyal wolf companion of The Phantom
- 6** Popular Dutch financial institution offering 2.3% P.A. when you deposit \$1,000+ and and make 5+ card payments per month on balances up to \$100,000
- 7** Adam Trask (initials)
- 11** Small, picturesque cave often with statue of Virgin Mary found in front yards of pious in Brunswick
- 13** Musical direction to play a composition slowly and broadly such as Otto Klemperer playing Bach (or Wagner)
- 14** Memorable Dennis Price role (with first initial) (not B. Tracepurcel) (1, 4)
- 16** Arthur Miller *or* Angela Merkel (initials)
- 17** Popular German budget supermarket with inexpensive products of poor quality