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Across

- 1 Poetically named military policy or operation (ordered by George Bush in the Gulf War) involving the *utter* destruction of enemy territories (ominously echoing the command of Jehovah in Deuteronomy to “save alive nothing that breatheth”) (8, 5)
- 13 The denial or renunciation of oneself (for motives of spirituality or self-hatred)
- 14 Communist leader of the *Viet Nam Doc Lap Dong Minh Hoy* formed in 1941 to fight the Japanese (and later the French)
- 15 Minh, Kong, Nam
- 16 Digit on foot
- 17 An ancient region corresponding to modern France, Belgium, Northern Italy and part of Germany conquered by Julius Caesar in 51BC
- 19 Sinister American cult
- 21 A deep cut
- 23 ... *the Rainbow* where Dorothy and Toto went
- 24 Violent Basque separatist organization
- 25 Recent oil war in the Middle East
- 27 Initials shared by traitorous Surveyor of the Queen’s Pictures (and Soviet agent), stylish French fashion label, academy award winning movie with Kevin Spacey, adorable, blind Italian opera singer and *All About Eve* star
- 29 Xenophobic belief (widespread in Queensland) in the imminent invasion of Australia by Asiatic hordes (also large, disgraced, abstract sculpture by Ron Robertson-Swann) (6, 5)
- 34 *Animal Farm* or Alan Funt (initials)
- 36 Military exercise or Mount Everest (initials)
- 37 Excrement or dung or something considered morally repugnant
- 38 Someone who hates people
- 42 Ignominious Biblical self abuser, slain by Jehovah in Genesis 38 for “spilling his seed”
- 43 The source of mental illness (hysteria) in women according to the essentially mediaeval theories maintained by doctors well until the 19th Century
- 44 House of Commons (initials)
- 46 Where should Latvian Nazi war criminals be tried?
- 47 A swamp or bog
- 49 Algerian (or Albanian or American) terrorist (or tyrant or tourist) (initials)
- 50 “... is my quest, to follow that star, no matter how hopeless, no matter how far, to fight for the right, without question or pause and be willing to march into Hell for a heavenly cause” (Jim Nabors)
- 53 Another name for the Babylonian Captivity (of the Jews) from 597 to 538 BCE
- 54 Famous 20th Century orchestra (4, 9)

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Down

- 1 Vicious, aggressive, violent, cruel, uncivilized (or non-white person yet to embrace Christianity)
- 2 Christian Brothers investigation (initials)
- 3 Express an opinion, have (4, 3)
- 4 Vomit
- 5 California girls or Colonel Gaddafi (initials)
- 6 Despicable, vile, evil, reprehensible
- 7 Where is Prince Harry presently avoiding buggery?
- 8 Famous Imperial assembly of 1521 in which Luther defended himself before Charles V (which sounds very funny in English) (4, 2, 5)
- 9 Excruciating opera (initials)
- 10 A member of a Western Germanic people who had lovely blonde hair and looked like angels and invaded and settled large parts of northern England in the 5th and 6th centuries or to catch a fish
- 11 A vicious, callous, cruel, violent, aggressive person
- 12 Grail, Ghost, Sepulchre, City, Roman Empire of the German Nation, rood etc.
- 18 Adult oriented rock (initials)
- 20 On vacation (or valium) (initials)
- 22 Absolute tyrant (or turd) (initials)
- 25 A deep, narrow mountain valley in Scotland
- 26 Who played Max de Winter, Henry V and Heathcliff? (also Ezra Lieberman, Archie Rice and evil Nazi dentist Dr. Christian Szell) (initials)
- 27 “There was something in the ... that night, the stars were bright, Fernando”
- 28 Turned white, pale or colourless by the sun
- 30 Issue or proceed from
- 31 A thing, matter or person that is difficult to deal with, solve or overcome
- 32 Extremely depressed patient (or psychiatrist) (or dark past) (initials)
- 33 French for 8th Street (3, 4)
- 34 The state of having no standards of behaviour based on right and wrong, of being beyond good and evil
- 35 Italian for finished
- 39 Droop
- 40 Archaic word for two as in “East is east and west is west and ne’er the ... shall meet”
- 41 Horrible opera or Hitler Order (initials)
- 45 Scrutinize lewdly
- 48 Odious xenophobic ideology (initial)
- 51 Heidelberg University (initials)
- 52 Swiss lies or slave labour (initials)