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Across

- 1** Beatnik classic of 1959 (*The Nutty Squirrels*) (2, 2)
- 5** Beatnik classic of 1955 *Howl* (author)
- 11** Windows with adjustable wooden or glass slats for regulating light or air
- 13** Australian brand of men's underwear known for musical evocation of tightness in 70s
- 14** Role played by Bernhard Goetzke in early, silent Fritz Lang film of 1921 *Der Müde Tod* (*The Tired Death*)
- 15** Cover or envelop to conceal from view
- 18** Inscrutable Bond villain with no hands
- 19** Sigmund Freud *or* Samantha Fox (initials)
- 21** Long strands of hair worn by Orthodox Jewish males observing prohibition revealed on Sinai of "rounding the corners of your head" (3, 5)
- 23** Mister Ed *or* Meister Eckhart (initials)
- 25** Algerian resistance group committed to expulsion of colonial invader by any means in 1950s (as depicted in marvelous 1966 Pontecorvo movie banned in France)
- 27** Uriah Heep (initials)
- 28** Object encased in bundle of bound rods in symbol of state power (of Etruscan origin) associated with fascism
- 30** Wittily named parrot of Dorothy Parker
- 32** US graphic designer known for iconic film title sequences (*The Man with Golden Arm*, *Anatomy of a Murder*, *Seconds* etc.) (4, 4) (7 down, 32 across)
- 34** Portmanteau term for uniquely American phenomenon of vociferous religious fanatic on TV (affirming prescient observation of Alexis De Tocqueville in 1830s: "Religious insanity is common in the United States")
- 36** Electric chair *or* Eric Cartman (initials)
- 37** Hebrew for "God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it" (in ripping Bible story about ghostly writing on wall at feast)
- 38** Bengt Ekerot *or* Billie Eilish (initials)
- 39** EDM sub-genre associated with Goa and transcendent absorption in Brahman through annihilation of self in pounding rhythm
- 42** Predecessor to CIA associated with espionage, dangerous missions behind enemy lines, ingenious gadgetry and Diana Prince (AKA Wonder Woman) (in 40s)
- 44** Invention transforming war (in 40s)
- 45** Initials shared by celebrated authors of disparate texts *Utopia* and *Jump in my Car*

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Across (contd.)

- 46** "She came from Greece she had a thirst for knowledge / She studied sculpture at Saint Martin's College etc." Witty band from 90s
- 48** People from Mormon state (in US)
- 50** Leonardo da Vinci, Albert Einstein, Brian Wilson etc.
- 51** Popular TV network with *The Masked Singer*, *MasterChef* and *Hughesy, We have a Problem*
- 52** Primary product of *Nerf*™ corporation
- 54** Q... Unknown source of conspiracy theories believed by large numbers of Americans
- 55** Inducing overwhelming sadness such as end of *Au Hasard Balthazar* (or *Dodes'ka-den*) (or *Boxer at Rest* in the Palazzo Massimo alle Terme, Rome)

Down

- 1** Brahman (8, 5)
- 2** Eerie call of great horned owl
- 3** Bulbous, lute-like, stringed instruments with distinctive twang popular in Middle East
- 4** Horace Vernet *or* Holly Valance (initials)
- 5** Valley outside Jerusalem associated with child sacrifice to Yahweh (in early years)
- 6** Miraculous journey made in one night by Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) from Makkah to Masjid al-Aqsa, in Jerusalem on heavenly horse Lightning in ripping story in Surah 17
- 7** Biblical king rejected by G-d for sparing King Agag thus defying order to kill *all* Amalekites ("both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass") in ripping Bible story (rebuked by High Priest Samuel who hacked Agag in pieces before the Lord showing what true obedience looks like)
- 8** Ernst Röhm *or* *Easy Rider* (initials)
- 9** James Dean role (not Cal Trask or Jim Stark)
- 10** Ostentatious style of marching associated with fascism
- 12** Racial supremacism (initials)
- 16** Popular colour from 60s associated with aviator sunglasses of Hunter S. Thomson and followers of disgraced guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh (in 80s)
- 17** Use of deliberately euphemistic, ambiguous or deceptive language to disguise or distort meaning ("They hate us for our freedom", "making the desert bloom", "Bela, Gigi, Dua ... Hamas calls for a second Holocaust. CONDEMN THEM NOW" etc., etc., etc.)
- 20** Fat Freddy *or* Freewheelin' Franklin *or* Felix Frankfurter *or* Fred Flintstone (initials)
- 22** Spicy tea from subcontinent
- 24** A person who is loathed, reviled and shunned (**WARNING** not a real word)
- 26** Controversial American author associated with *Weird Tales* magazine from 1930s, malevolent, multi-tentacled deity Cthulhu and virulent racism
- 29** Ernst Lubitsch *or* *Easy Lover* (initials)
- 31** Arab Nationalist Movement (initials)
- 33** Bank popular with children due to money box in shape of building (in 60s)
- 35** UK musician known for *Windows* start-up music expressing infinite promise of new day
- 40** City in Turkey known for special kebab cooked on flat, iron skewers as available at *Cafe Kebab King*, 348 High St, Northcote
- 41** No a***** here (texting abbrev.)
- 43** Majority branch of Islam preponderant in Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Gaza etc.
- 45** Absolute monarch of Russia (before murder by Bolsheviks in Yekaterinburg in 1917)
- 47** Prescient German author (*Jud Stiß* etc.) (unusual first name)
- 49** Derivative term for person of wealth or high social standing (chiefly UK)
- 53** Meister Eckhart *or* Mister Ed (initials)