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Across

- 1 Comfortable and affordable footwear from New Zealand
- 6 Initials shared by authors of disparate texts *Heroin*, *Triumph of the Will*, *Tutti Frutti*, *The Kiss of Death* and *Hello (Is It Me You're Looking For?)*
- 7 O no! Something is missing from my spirit board! (**WARNING** cryptic)
- 8 Relaxing transmission on Channel 31 (aired after end of scheduled programming such as *Charbusting 80s* with Josie Parrelli)
- 10 German American director associated with lavish Technicolor melodramas from 50s with Rock Hudson (*Magnificent Obsession*)
- 11 Decide to do something even though one considers it to be beneath one's dignity
- 15 US avant-garde composer (born in France) known for works of extreme dissonance such as *Ionisation* of 1931 (1, 6) (with first initial)
- 17 Infernal city in *Divine Comedy* of Dante comprising lower circles of Hell and home to heretics, murderers, suicides, blasphemers, usurers, sodomites, panderers, seducers, flatterers, Simoniacs, false prophets, thieves, hypocrites, fraudulent advisors, sowers of discord, falsifiers and traitors
- 18 Garish, mesmeric Pre-Raphaelite masterwork of 1854 by William Holman Hunt painted from life and on location in the Holy Land depicting animal dying in the desert (initials)

Down

- 1 "... aha aha aha aha" Pioneering EDM group from 90s with seminal role in UK rave culture (*3AM Eternal* etc.)
- 2 Best-selling US author of lurid airport fiction inc. *Exodus*, *QB VII* and *The Haj* (called by one reviewer, "cheap anti-Palestinian racism parading as literature")
- 3 Ominous, mystic appellation assumed by Adolf Hitler in 1933
- 4 A day when one does not attend work on grounds of ill health regardless of veracity of claim
- 5 Seminal US rock band (*The KKK Took My Baby Away* etc.) (from Queens)
- 8 Yes, Oui, Si, Да, ναί, نعم etc.
- 10 Suicidal Ideation Attributes Scale (abbrev.)
- 12 Sean Connery role (in baffling 70s sci-fi film by John Boorman) memorable largely for red mankini with thigh boots, banditos belt and snood look worn throughout by star
- 14 Gertrude Street tram *or* Gaza Strip tragedy (initials)
- 16 Early German cruise missile or "flying bomb" deployed in air war with Britain known by Allies as a 'doodlebug' (or 'buzz bomb') and in Germany as *Vergeltungswaffe* ('revenge weapon') conveying mindset of German militarism as a reaction to the aggression of others (abbrev.)