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Across

- 1 Paying inordinate attention to irrelevant detail in a manner found annoying by others
- 8 Legally possess ("John McCain is so old he used to ... Sidney Poitier" Chris Rock joke)
- 9 Implement bound in bundle of sticks in arresting insignia of Fascist Italy
- 10 Harrowing episode of *Inspector Morse* with Geoffrey Palmer as evil Oxford Don (killed at end by long-suffering wife) (also appearance in prequel *Endeavour* set in 1960s in eerie, Lampedusaesque touch) (initials)
- 12 Affable *Candid Camera* host (in 60s)
- 15 Made up of three parts such as Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva
- 17 Viewing, realizing, grasping, understanding reality or truth
- 18 Mountain nymph in Greek myth punished by Hera for dalliance with Zeus by being made able to speak only the last words spoken to her dooming love affair with waste-of-space boyfriend Narcissus
- 20 Present but not noticed
- 24 Wilhelm, Robert, Steve, Dritte
- 25 Popular holiday destination of three islands off Lombok, Indonesia known for pristine beaches, magnificent sunsets, minimal police presence, drugs and locally produced, methanol-based cocktails (causing organ failure, blindness, coma etc.)
- 26 "And tear our pleasures with rough strife Thorough the iron ... of life" Marvell

- 28 Greatly loved sculptor from East Melbourne (*The Fairies' Tree* etc.) (first name)
- 29 Assyrian general beheaded in early honey trap by alluring Hebrew widow in ripping deuterocanonical Bible story

Down

- 1 City in Pennsylvania known for steel, Polish emigration, hardcore punk and Andy Warhol
- 2 Famous rivetter (during WW2)
- 3 New Wiggle (initials)
- 4 The privilege granted to feudal lords under Anglo-Saxon law to execute summary justice (including capital punishment) on thieves caught within the borders of their demesne (literally "thief seized within")
- 5 German philosopher known for tortuous deontological philosophy of morality based on immutable categorical imperatives rather than real world results of badness
- 6 ... *Rebellion* Global, grass roots, non-violent civil disobedience movement with arresting hourglass logo and three demands criticized as "environmental fanatics who plan to ruin thousands of holidays and risk alienating thousands of potential supporters"
- 7 "Relax, said the night man / We are programmed to receive / You can check-out any time you like / But you can never leave!" Legendary US country rock band (*Hotel California*) (initials)

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- 11 Anger (poetic)
- 13 You are gay (texting abbrev.)
- 14 Villain of story of John the Baptist instructing daughter Salome to dance alluringly for King Herod and demand head as reward (played by Judith Anderson in 1953 movie with Rita Hayworth as Salome and Charles Laughton as Herod)
- 16 3.1415926535897932384626433832795028841971693993751058209749445923078164062862089986280348253421170679821480865132823066470938446095505822317253594081284811174502841027019385211055 etc. Mysterious number discovered by Greeks
- 18 Test for checking rhythm of heart using multiple adhesive sensors attached to skin (common abbrev.)
- 19 Character in Greek myth known for falling off flying ram while escaping with brother Phrixus from evil stepmother Ino into body of water bearing her name (swum by Leander and Lord Byron)
- 21 Emperor said to have burnt down Rome invoked in final Führerbefehl of March 1945 in anticipation of scorched earth policy of invading allied forces ordering destruction of anything which could be used in furtherance of war against Reich (famously disobeyed by Reichsminister Speer preparing post-war defense believing defeat inevitable)
- 22 ... *M for Murder* 1954 Hitchcock film with gripping finale with Ray Milland revealing guilty part in plot to have Grace Kelly killed by knowing whereabouts of missing key
- 23 Plasm associated with spirit world and eerie, early photographs documenting phenomenon
- 27 Sir Elton (initials)