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Across

- 1** The inherent nature or essence of something
- 7** Tailless, two-toed sloth of South America
- 8** Colossal altarpiece of Duccio di Buoninsegna famously carried through streets of Sienna to cathedral in 1308
- 11** Initialism indicating popularly used alternate name such as *Vault ... The Yellow Peril*, Ted Whitten ... Mr. Football, quaaludes ... disco biscuits etc.
- 13** First of two wives of biblical patriarch Jacob regarded traditionally as less favoured than hotter sister Rachel in ungallant foundational myth cycle recounted in Torah
- 14** Sludge metal band from Sydney with new album *The Gleaners* called “a soul-ripping hell-ride across nine visceral anthems” and positive *YouTube* comments such as “Ich finde das video und auch den song sehr geil, sehr intensiv und optisch wunderbar umgesetzt”
- 15** Movement originating in late 20th century arguing for formal apologies by present day governments for grievous wrongs of past
- 16** US state associated with Joseph Smith, angel Moroni, Mitt Romney and *The Osmonds* also vast temple with reproduction of Solomonic molten sea supported by eight bronze oxen as described in 1 Kings (and 2 Chronicles) (for contentious proxy baptism of the dead)
- 18** *Throbbing Gristle* event (initials)
- 19** Icon of English cuisine (not stargazy pie or spotted dick)
- 21** Exterminating angel *or* Essendon Airport (initials)
- 22** Hour associated with impending disaster esp. when narrowly averted

Down

- 1** Hypnotic sedative used widely as recreational drug in 70s known as “disco biscuits”
- 2** Latin prefix meaning not (natural, ethical, cool, conscionable, toward, ladylike, American, dead)
- 3** “... .. donut” Inspirational message of solidarity with people of West Germany in famous JFK speech of 1963 (1, 2, 1)
- 4** Islamic prayer of supplication or entreaty asking for something but only if God wills it
- 5** Loose page or section included in a magazine or publication such as *Lift-Out Bonus Crossword* in *Ian's Book of Crosswords Vol. 2: Men will never be free until the last king is strangled with the ... of the last priest & other crosswords*
- 6** *Gimme Gimme* Catchy song by Chicago garage band *The Speed Babes* from 2016 debut limited run cassette release *Let's Explode*
- 9** Famous orchestra (*Livin' Thing. Telephone Line* etc.) (from 70s) (initials)
- 10** Australian department store chain with wide range of budget homewares pronounced using French pronunciation by ironists
- 12** Stone structure in occupied East Jerusalem regarded as last remnant of Temple and holiest site in Judaism despite compelling evidence for identification as praetorium of Pilate and encampment of Legio X *Fretensis* of Titus
- 15** Makeshift knife fashioned by violent prisoners in gaol
- 17** Fermented beverage responsible for widespread inebriation in Middle Ages
- 20** Albert Ellis *or* Anthony Eden *or* Arthur Evans *or* Augustus Egg (initials)