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Across

- 1** Dark, mysterious, brooding, bad, mad, dangerous to know etc. (like Nick Cave)
- 6** Name for Prophet Jesus (swt) (in Islam)
- 7** Exclamation of dismay associated with Charlie Brown in *Peanuts*
- 9** *Dâath* unplugged (initials)
- 10** Name shared by architect of Jewish State Weizmann and *Kiss Simmons* (born Witz)
- 12** Iconic Boris Karloff role (not Frankenstein's monster) (clue: High priest of ancient Egypt mummified alive for attempting to resurrect dead lover, brought back to life in 1920s and disguised as eccentric historian searches for reincarnation of lost love with plan to kill, mummify and resurrect her as immortal in ripping, pre-code, supernatural horror film by Karl Freund)
- 14** Lovely garden in Middle East (closed)
- 15** General Eisenhower *or* Greg Evans (initial)
- 16** "Men will never be free until the last king is strangled with the entrails of the last priest" (attrib.)

Down

- 1** Performed well in golf game completing hole in one stroke under par
- 2** Young single adult (initials)
- 3** Famous nurse (not Florence Nightingale or Sister Kenny)
- 4** Category of political prisoner in Nazi Germany designated an enemy of the state and slated to disappear without trace into the night and fog in macabre reference to Wagner's *Ring*
- 5** Small, thick pancake made with leavened batter with distinctive holes due to rising agent served with butter for delicious light tea (also UK slang for a desirable person as in "thinking woman's ...")
- 8** Radiated a bright light; perform impressively in a particular field ("Tan ... at physics"); directed a source of light revealing something hitherto obscured by darkness (truth etc.)
- 9** Velázquez, Rivera, Maradona etc.
- 11** Albert Tucker *or* Alan Turing *or* Adam Troy (initials)
- 13** Year (in early 16th century) in which 26-year-old Michelangelo began work on figure of David also legendary, debauched Banquet of Chestnuts (or Joust of Whores) held by Cardinal Cesare Borgia at the Papal Palace in Rome (Roman numerals please)