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Across

- 1** Vital facility in neighbourhood when you are young and on the dole
- 10** Sea eagle (poetic)
- 11** Fervent prayer to queen of gods in ancient Rome (1, 4)
- 12** Giant cloud of dust and gas caused by explosion of dying star
- 13** Greatly loved, Melbourne cultural institution embroiled in controversy about suppression of free speech when incompatible with political agenda of wealthy donors (not SLV)
- 14** River constituting border of Rohan rising at Nan Curunír in southern Misty Mountains an emptying into Belegaer (dammed by Ents flooding region) in Tolkienite Middle-earth
- 15** Unique identifier which could be revealed in doxing attack (acronym)
- 17** Ornament fixed to clothing with hinged pin and catch with baffling Old English spelling
- 19** US celebrity wellness guru (*6 Weeks to a Hollywood Body: Look fit and feel fabulous with the secrets of the stars* etc.) (with first initial)
- 22** Jung und Freud (initials)
- 23** ... [one] ... Indulged excessively in alcohol or drugs on previous night (4, 2)
- 24** Muse of Quentin Tarantino (first name)
- 25** *The Emerald City of Oz* (1910) (2, 2)
- 26** Haloes, aureoles, coronae, circles or disks of light surrounding heads of extremely holy
- 28** Howard, Szyslak, Greene etc.
- 29** One of a group (CPSU, Hitler Youth etc.)

- 30** Popular, theology-themed fast-food chain with amusing menu items referencing seven deadly sins, saints, sinners, angels etc. inc. "Can't get to heaven without wings" chicken etc.

Down

- 1** Austere, modernist structure in Red Square recalling stepped pyramid associated with long queues in snow and relic devotion (6, 4)
- 2** Greek god associated with heroism and savagery of war
- 3** Person who rejects all received theological beliefs and doctrines (forgiveness of sin, grace, salvation, heaven, hell, chosenness etc., etc.)
- 4** Final symphony of Beethoven (also Bruckner, Schubert and Mahler) (leading to eerie legend of curse)
- 5** Flightless ground cuckoo and state bird of New Mexico (*acceleratii incredibus*) in mortal combat with eternal foe *carnivorous vulgaris*
- 6** Celebrity client of Alan Dershowitz (not Claus von Bülow, Harry Reems, Jim Bakker, Mike "rape shield law" Tyson, Leona "We don't pay taxes, only the little people pay taxes" Hemsley or Jeffrey Epstein) (nickname)
- 7** Nonsense, balderdash, claptrap, malarkey esp. when intended to obfuscate or deceive ("This is the first step in our process to understand and develop a meaningful action plan from the engagement survey feedback" etc.) (5, 5)
- 8** Years (French)
- 9** Mythical entity (5, 5)

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Down (contd.)

- 16** Ophüls oeuvre *or* Ozzy Ostrich (initials)
- 18** Hamper or hinder in award-winning actor and confirmed single Hitler Youth member pope **WARNING** Cryptic
- 20** "Porquoi? Pourquoi?" Greatly loved French-Algerian football legend known for headline-making, career-destroying, World Cup-losing on-field assault defending honour of sister (nickname)
- 21** When did 26-year-old Michelangelo begin work on Florentine David? (Roman numerals please)
- 27** International Military Tribunal *or In Melbourne Tonight* (initials)
- 29** "Whoever has three things is beloved of God: the first is riddance of possessions, the second, of friends and the third is riddance of self", "Hello, I'm" Initials shared by German mystic (?1260-?1328) and talking horse (from 60s TV)