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Across

- 1** Outspoken Irish protestant leader known for pathological hatred of Catholics and inflammatory, hatemongering rhetoric such as eulogy on death of John XXIII “This Romish man of sin is now in hell” (also conservative stance on LGBTQ issues “Save Ulster from sodomy!” etc.) (initials)
- 3** Famous Nazi commandant
- 8** Mad (in Yiddish)
- 10** King of Troy (in Iliad)
- 11** Gore, Jardine, Czervik, Bundy
- 12** Endless occupation (initials)
- 13** 1974 Sean Connery role notable for arresting red nappy, bandido bullet belt, thigh-high boots and snood costume
- 15** Pertaining to that which is inborn
- 18** Irish experimental rock (initials)
- 19** Seminal band from Düsseldorf known for metronomic *Motorik* beat (*Hallogallo* etc.)
- 21** 1952 Akira Kurosawa movie known for sad ending with Takashi Shimura on children’s swing singing in snow what has been called the saddest song in cinema (English title)
- 23** Conservative Muslim country in South East Asia known for Petronas Twin Towers, curry laksa and outspoken, long-serving Prime Minister (“The Jews rule the world by proxy: they get others to fight and die for them” etc.) (also “Apartheid, genocide, crimes against humanity, crimes of aggression and all the evil that mankind can inflict on others can be compiled in Palestine courtesy of the barbaric, arrogant, terrorist nation called Israel. Until and unless the international community is committed to finding a solution to bring an end to the occupation of the land belonging to the Palestinians, the region and the rest of the world will not have much of a chance for stability and order” etc.)

Down

- 1** Lauded Chinese American architect known for Cleveland Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Louvre pyramid with secret burial place for remains of Mary Magdalen (1, 1, 3)
- 2** Watery Italian beer
- 3** Little-known Medieval empire situated between Caspian and Black Seas and origin of non-Semitic Jews of Europe prior to 10th century conversion and gradual migration west
- 4** Celebrated US director known for signature “energy” (*12 Angry Men*, *The Pawnbroker*, *Equus*, *The Wiz* etc.)
- 5** Interventionist god (initials)
- 6** Noel Gallagher album (initials)
- 7** The last (and worst) of four cyclical ages in Hindu cosmology characterized by moral and spiritual degeneration which is where we are now (4, 4)
- 9** Skellig Islands (initials)
- 14** Patron saint of France known for carrying head to working class suburb north of Paris
- 16** Dickensian character known for famously sad death
- 17** Celebrated German actor (*The White Hell of Piz Palü*) and director (*Triumph of the Will*) (first name)
- 20** Uncowable, 93-year-old Prime Minister of Malaysia known for recent controversial ban on athletes with Israeli passports attending 2019 World Para Swimming Championships (after successful Malaysian bid) on grounds that Israel is “a country which does not obey international laws” (rescheduled for London in September causing him to add, “I don’t understand because the world has the power but still has to listen to Israel”) (initials)
- 22** Viktor Yanukovich (initials)