

Vic Skeptics April 2018 Crossword

Theme: General Skeptical Issues

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STANDARD CLUES

ACROSS:

- 2. Lightweight woven linen or cotton fabric [7]
- 5. Aim, motive, reason [7]
- 8. In poetry, groups of two syllables where the first is unstressed, the second is stressed; (da DA, da DA, da DA, da DA) [5]
- 10. Lack of conviction; uncertainty [5]
- 15. The least useful but most often cited form of supporting evidence for most alternative medicines [9]
- 18. Untrammelled [4]
- 19. The study of the occult meanings of numbers and their influence on human life [10]
- 20. Encountered [3]
- 21. One aged between 13 years and 19 years 365 days [4]
- 22. A person who claims to have paranormal powers [7]
- 24. Notion [4]
- 27. Without feeling or sensation [4]
- 29. Creates a desire to scratch the skin [6]
- 30. "Applied ______" a bogus method of diagnosis and prescription invented by a chiropractor in the 1960s based on muscular responses. Also known as "Manual Muscle Testing" or MMT [11]
- 32. Her [3]
- 34. Misshapen elf a la Tolkein [3]
- 36. Glide on air current; OR escalate [4]
- 37. Michael, Gabriel even Lucifer [6]
- 41. Aquatic propulsive device [3]
- 42. Consumed [3]
- 43. Antagonistic; belligerent [7]
- 44. Made over; changed in presentation or marketing in order to make seem more attractive or interesting [10]
- 47. & 48 across: Geometric alignments of ancient or sacred sites said to be sources of mystical energy [3, 5]
- 48. See 47 across
- 50. A trick-taking card game press-ganged as a fortune-teller's prop [5]
- 51. Naval officers ranked below sub-lieutenant [10]
- 55. & 57 across: "_____ engine" another name for a perpetual motion machine [4, 6]

- 57. See 55 across
- 59. Belief or tenet [3]
- 61. Catch in the act of committing a crime [3]
- 63. Woe!
- 64. Texts (e.g. novels, plays) which have been subject to shortening [11]
- 67. Galilean moon [2]
- 68. Strontium's chemical symbol [2]
- 69. Where an individual claims to have been invaded by a spirit entity which speaks through the that person [10]
- 75. Operatic song [4]
- 77. Inexpensive [5]
- 79. Group in sequence OR command [5]
- 81. Immediate ancestors [7]
- 83. & 85 across: "_____ marketing" another name for pyramid selling [5, 5]
- 85. See 83 across
- 86. Carrion, viscera [5]
- 88. Belonging to us [3]
- 90. Country [4]
- 91. Sash tied around a kimono [3]
- 93. Invert [5]
- 96. & 97 across: A questionnaire-style psychological test much used by corporations to categorize, profile and select employees. Its validity is far from established [5, 6]
- 97. See 96 across
- 98. Draws off liquid gradually [6]
- 100. Untruths [4]
- 101. Gold's chemical symbol [2]
- 102. Astound; stupefy [4]
- 103. & 104 across: From oriental philosophy; an extrapolation of the notion of living in harmony with one's environment; much favoured by New Age architects and interior decorators [4, 4]
- 104. See 103 across
- 105. Alt-med diagnosis by examination of the iris of the eye [9]
- 106. A widespread scam that attempts to convince consumers that an ever-evolving list of food supplements is necessary to achieve what a healthy liver already does [5]

DOWN:

- 1. Hubbard's 1950 Scientologists' bible [9]
- 3. Individual's or small group's regularly updated website [4]
- 4. Device for holding things together while being worked on [5]
- 5. Religious sanctity [5]
- 6. Of the eye [5]
- 7. An office or department for transacting a particular kind of business [6]
- 9. a.k.a. Inedians; who believe it possible to obtain all nutrients from the air or sunlight [12]
- 11. More frequently [7]
- 12. Insect [3]
- 13. Decade [10]
- 14. & 37 down: Biblical boat containing 8 people and many millions of animals [5, 3]
- 16. Scotland's favourite cryptid [6]
- 17. Procreative region of the body [5]
- 23. Historical Muslim ruler with both civil and religious authority [5]
- 25. & 45 down: A conspiracy theory which holds that the demolition of New York's Twin Towers was a massive inside job [4, 6]
- 26. Celebratory large meal [5]
- 28. Rhythmic biological cycles which are purported to affect our daily lives but which appear to have been overlooked by scientists who actually study biological rhythms [10]
- 31. Alleged disembodied spirits of dead people [6]
- 33. In a truthful way [8]
- 35. The visible vapour trails of aircraft re-imagined as a source of mind-altering drugs used by Those in Charge to control the population [9]
- 37. See 14 down
- 38. Muzzle [3]
- 39. Heavily weighed down [5]
- 40. One of several essential nutrients required in tiny amounts satisfied by a normal healthy diet. When used as nutritional supplements, these organic chemicals are widely touted to produce significant health benefits. Bona fide nutritionists, however say that all they produce is expensive urine [7]
- 45. See 25 down
- 46. & 70 down: An activity on the part of extra-terrestrials in which they kidnap people in line with their TV viewing habits [5, 9]
- 49. Abbreviation for Extra-Sensory Perception [3]
- 52. Stern or gloomy in manner [4]

- 53. Very large group of nomads [5]
- 54. A piece of literature in which emotion or expression is heightened by use of rhyme or meter [4]
- 56. Atmospheric precipitation [4]
- 58. Joints connecting feet with legs [6]
- 60. Garment worn by south Asian women [4]
- 62. Attachment; close affiliation [4]
- 65. & 87 down: _____ remedies; They contain a very small amount of flower material in a 50:50 solution of brandy and water [4, 6]
- 66. Cicatrix [4]
- 70. See 46 down
- 71. The back of the neck [4]
- 72. Serious; cause for alarm [5]
- 73. Subscribers to a UFO religion founded in 1974 by Claude Vorilhon a.k.a Raël. It holds that life on Earth was created by extra-terrestrials, called the Elohim [8]
- 74. The Undead [7]
- 76. Anger [3]
- 78. Coat colour in horses [8]
- 80. Throughout history seers have incorrectly postulated many different dates for this event [8]
- 82. A set of related events occurring in order [8]
- 84. Durable, resilient [5]
- 85. A kind of horse-drawn four-wheeled carriage [6]
- 87. See 65 down
- 89. Reject abruptly [6]
- 92. Transfer to the next round of a competition in the absence of a competitor in the current round [3]
- 94. Abbreviation denoting an additional remark at the end of a letter [2]
- 95. One who espouses Celtic religious practice and a reverence for megalithic structures in a way which owes more to invention than to archaeology [5]
- 99. In Greek mythology, a river forming the boundary between Earth and the Underworld [4]

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS:

- 2. Linen flower placed on new crib [7]
- 5. Aim to have penny nothing more in money bag [7]
- 8. Feet with rhythm? [5]
- 10. Be sceptical, but do it anyway [5]
- 15. Loan acted to tell a story [9]
- 18. Not employed on the house [4]
- 19. Our only gem found by the numbers [10]
- 20. Encountered the police in London [3]
- 21. Youngster showing taste at first, even for a poet [4]
- 22. Paranormal spy turned elegant [7]
- 24. Scheme that is little short of perfect [4]
- 27. Not at all sensational [4]
- 29. Rash reactions [6]
- 30. A quack's moving experience [11]
- 32. Novel set in Esher? [3]
- 34. Killer whale in poor condition [3]
- 36. Thus, being warm hearted, rise high [4]
- 37. Messengers from ancient people making the French upset [6]
- 41. Blade slicing head off pig [3]
- 42. Devoured less than a plateful [3]
- 43. Opposed by those resolved to protect the borders of Israel [7]
- 44. Extremely rude group advanced in years is presented in a new way [10]
- 47. & 48 across: Senilely confused straight paths [3, 5]
- 48. See 47 across
- 50. Move briskly round a deck [5]
- 51. Pin shimmed to place in crew [10]
- 55. & 57 across: Ivory taper is more than equal [4, 6]
- 57. See 55 across
- 59. Distinctive practice starts to intrigue some members [3]
- 61. Catch in the bank [3]
- 63. Part of the general assembly, unfortunately [4]
- 64. abet grim ends for precis [11]
- 67. Charged atom lacks direction to take me to the moon [2]

- 68. Nurse involved in obstetrics records [2]
- 69. Lancing hen to speak with dead [10]
- 75. It's sung in Hungarian [4]
- 77. Economical fellow storing energy [5]
- 79. Demand it to be gold with a red back [5]
- 81. Somehow entraps guardians [7]
- 83. & 85 across: Triumph of hope over statistical reality[5, 5]
- 85. See 83 across
- 86. It's part of fallow deer remains [5]
- 88. Less than four of us [3]
- 90. Chair a quorum about land [4]
- 91. Band from the East [3]
- 93. Cause to stand in group endurance test [5]
- 96. & 97 across: Serb gym rigs adapted for psychological testing [5, 6]
- 97. See 96 across
- 98. Exchanging dinars is exhausting [6]
- 100. Is located outside Limoges [4]
- 101. Look for metal in geological discontinuity [2]
- 102. Shock when daring act isn't completed [4]
- 103. & 104 across: Design philosophy mixing huge fins [4, 4]
- 104. See 103 across
- 105. The eyes have it, is the claim [9]
- 106. Liver function [5]

DOWN:

- 1. Princess has nervous twitches for Book of Ron [9]
- 3. Journal left in lavatory [4]
- 4. Get a grip on carbon illumination [5]
- 5. Goodness, what a shame about the late closure! [5]
- 6. Work on muscular spasm of the eye [5]
- 7. Ladies' man holding ancient city office [6]
- 9. Saharan tribe adapted to living off air [12]
- 11. It's not free to broadcast with higher frequency [7]
- 12. Cell buzzer [3]
- 13. Number of intentions [10]
- 14. & 37 down: Antediluvian enterprise [5, 3]

- 16. Monster is seen writhing [6]
- 17. As girded for action involving wild lions? [5]
- 23. In church there's a certain disrespect for religious leader [5]
- 25. & 45 down: IXXI Conspiracy [4, 6]
- 26. Twist of fate's causing blow out [5]
- 28. Hybris moth demonstrates life cycles [10]
- 31. Force landlords to supply spirits [6]
- 33. Altered on the sly, believe me! [8]
- 35. Lost cairn subject of aviation conspiracy [9]
- 37. See 14 down
- 38. Has two ways of ensuring silence? [3]
- 39. Loaded skittish eland [5]
- 40. I'm in a TV production serving food supplement [7]
- 45. See 25 down
- 46. & 70 down: Idiot unbalance leads to ET fantasy [5, 9]
- 49. If you have it, you might know what this answer is without reading the clue [3]
- 52. Unfriendly party at ancient city [4]
- 53. Large company's earth mover crossing road [5]
- 54. Mope about the ode [4]
- 56. Croatians regularly shower [4]
- 58. Low joints where members meet [6]
- 60. Garment possibly from Paris (but not the capital) [4]
- 62. Carbon dioxide's attraction [4]
- 65. & 87 down: chafer bowl used in dubious floral remedy? [4, 6]
- 66. Oscar's so out of it it's a lasting impression [4]
- 70. See 46 down
- 71. In London a person will show a bit of neck [4]
- 72. Serious plot in churchyard [5]
- 73. Leans air towards UFO religion [8]
- 74. mob size of bodies revived by magic [7]
- 76. Fireman internalises wrath [3]
- 78. I lampoon about horse [8]
- 80. No clue needed here. The world will end before publication [8]
- 82. Change of scene involving what Spanish series? [8]
- 84. Difficult, but ought to be cracked [5]

- 85. Dual arrangement about an old fashioned vehicle [6]
- 87. See 65 down
- 89. Turn away, and polish again? [6]
- 92. Run past end of lake [3]
- 94. German metric horsepower [2]
- 95. Priest performed outside regressive old city [5]
- 99. Where those for the ferry were always late [4]

SOLUTION

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