

Vic Skeptics April 2019 Crossword

Theme – General Skeptical Issues

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STANDARD CLUES

ACROSS:

- 2. & 5 across: Alleged supernatural or paranormal properties of certain ancient Egyptian tombs and objects of similar shape [7, 5]
- 5. See 2 across
- 9. Egyptian Cross of Life [4]
- 12. American state [6]
- 17. Major work [4]
- 20. In scientific terms, approximately one billion years [3]
- 21. Fossil fuel [4]
- 23. Disallowed [10]
- 25. & 26 across: Motion that continues indefinitely without any external source of energy; not possible according to basic physical laws [9, 6]
- 26. See 25 across
- 27. Continental grocer (abbreviated) [4]
- 28. Custom, practice OR consumption [5]
- 29. Any one of the alternative manifestations of a god [6]
- 30. Sole [4]
- 32. Purported hypnotic-state journey to an earlier time or past life [10]
- 33. A member of a Semitic people inhabiting much of the Middle East and North Africa [4]
- 35. Unvulcanised rubber, a.k.a India-rubber [10]
- 36. Devotee of the Flying Spaghetti Monster [11]
- 39. Body of water [4]
- 40. One of the major principles of a religion or philosophy [5]
- 41. Dark centre of a shadow [5]
- 45. Group which is heretical or deviates from orthodox religious tradition [4]
- 46. Dishonest scheme [4]
- 47. Application of a biological preparation that provides active acquired immunity to a particular disease [11]

- 51. System of fortune telling based on cards [5]
- 53. Semi-transparent gemstone composed of hydrated silica [4]
- 55. Clean by rubbing with abrasive and detergent [5]
- 56. Jedi mentor [4]
- 59. A trained worker who is employed by someone else [10]
- 60. & 61 across: Important feature of the Scientific method [4, 6]
- 61. See 60 across
- 62. Connection [3]
- 63. A method of organic farming that incorporates certain astrological and spiritual principles and practices [11]
- 64. & 65 across: TV medium whose alleged assistance to law enforcement formed the basis of the TV series Medium [6, 6]
- 65. See 64 across
- 66. Body parts of deceased holy people used as objects of veneration [6]
- 68. Swollen area of tissue containing pus [7]
- 71. Major Chinese river [7]
- 72. Temporary involuntary cessation of breathing (American spelling) [5]
- 74. The crux of the matter [3]
- 76. Symbol for element 28 [2]
- 77. Archaic term for "to" or "until" [4]
- 78. Slippery fishes [4]
- 80. Any of several viral diseases which result in scarring of the skin [3]
- 81. Sapient [4]
- 83. Ufology Central [7]
- 84. By or of mouth [4]
- 86. Popular form of Alt-med in which all manner of illnesses are purported to be rooted in spinal dis-alignment [12]
- 88. The most abundant element in the Universe [8]
- 89. Ignited [3]

- 91. Quasi-medical system based on the precept "Like Cures Like" [10]
- 92. Foo Fighters and flying saucers, for example [4]
- 95. Polishes [5]
- 97. Creed, dogma [8]
- 99. One who purports to be able to foretell the future [4]
- 100. Humorous or malicious deception [4]
- 101. Cosmos [8]
- 103. Small particles of stone or sand [4]
- 104. Unrealistic pursuit of perfection; Utopianism [8]
- 108. Portent [4]
- 109. Possess [3]
- 112. Time of year [6]
- 114. & 116 across: Technique of using guesses and assumptions, then narrowing in on any positive responses, in order to give the impression of having psychically gained information about a person [4, 7]
- 116. See 114 across
- 118. Solid water [3]
- 119. Weird [5]
- 120. Dowsing [6]
- 121. Adopt a cause or belief [7]
- 124. Homeopath's term for orthodox medicine [9]
- 126. & 127 across & 128 across & 129 across: John Edward's schtick. [7, 2, 3, 4]
- 127. See 126 across.
- 128. See 126 across.
- 129. See 126 across.
- 130. & 131 across: A form of Creationism the conjecture that life arose under the guidance of an intelligent agent rather than the result of random natural processes [11, 6]
- 131. See 130 across
- 132. Bearing the necessary information for accurate postal delivery [9]

DOWN:

- 1. One who practices the insertion of needles under the skin along postulated meridians of the body as a form of therapy [13]
- 3. The use of aromatic plant extracts and essential oils for mood altering and (more controversially) healing [12]
- 4. Archaic second person singular past of do [5]
- 6. Hideous man-eating giant [4]
- 7. Fish eggs [3]
- 8. Juvenile mammal [3]
- 10. New Zealand parrot [3]
- 11. 3-D projection [8]
- 13. Units of power [5]
- 14. One who attacks cherished beliefs or established institutions [10]
- 15. Charged atom [3]
- 16. Underground cemetery [8]
- 18. Before the wedding [10]
- 19. & 37 down: John Lennon's derogatory name for the Maharishi [4, 5]
- 22. The "L" in L. Ron Hubbard [9]
- 24. Deliberate multiple fold in a garment [5]
- 25. Irrational constant [2]
- 26. Relating to the ability to retain memory [6]
- 27. Dowdy [4]
- 30. Misuse; mistreat [5]
- 32. Swedish rug [3]
- 34. Australia's favourite cryptid: often associated with waterholes [6]
- 37. See 19 down
- 38. John Edward's job description [11]
- 42. Study that claims to interpret the influence of the heavenly bodies on human affairs [9]

- 43. & 79 down: What Daniel Palmer was into before he invented Chiropractic [8, 7]
- 44. Bequeath income or property to a person or institution [5]
- 48. Legal body which acts as a tribunal in civil and criminal cases [5]
- 49. Element 11's symbol [2]
- 50. Strong or militant supporter of a cause [8]
- 51. General direction of development or change [5]
- 52. & 96 down: Early photographic scam which attracted ardent believers such as Conan Doyle [10, 7]
- 54. Self-absorbed [10]
- 57. The process of reaching a decision or answer by thinking about the known facts [9]
- 58. Each [5]
- 59. Envious [7]
- 61. The massaging of feet ostensibly to diagnose and cure disease elsewhere in the body [11]
- 63. Used to indicate that a date is before the Christian era [2]
- 64. & 90 down: The belief that humans and sometimes farm animals are being taken secretly against their will by apparently nonhuman entities and subjected to complex physical and psychological procedures [5, 9]
- 67. To be relevant [5]
- 69. Once-faddish method of predicting various aspects of a person's life through simple mathematical cycles. Scientists now believe that predictions are no better than chance and that the concept is pseudoscience [10]
- 70. Homeopathic agitation during dilution [10]
- 73. Symbol of a transuranic element named in honour of Alfred Nobel [2]
- 74. Nothing, zero [3]
- 75. White sauce [8]
- 79. See 43 down
- 81. & 105 down: Discovery of recoverable water resources by paranormal means [5, 8]
- 82. One of any of nearly 500 species of marine fish [6]

83. "_____ Sensing": the acquisition of information about an object or phenomenon without making physical contact: Used both in regard to satellite observation and claimed paranormal ability [6] 85. Edge [3] 87. City in the French Pyrenees [3] 90. See 64 down 93. & 113 down: Early Spiritualist siblings, subsequently proved fraudulent [3, 7] 94. Surpassed [11] 96. See 52 down 98. Done away with [10] 102. Only [4] 105. See 81 down 106. Shorten (a piece of writing) without losing the sense [7] 107. Charged with crime [8] 110. Carpal joint [5] 111. Formerly with the surname [3] 113. See 93 down 114. Dog breed [6] 115. Site of a famous Greek oracle [6] 117. Deceived, hoodwinked [5] 122. Woe! [4] 123. Inflammation of the eyelid [4]

125. Female bird [3]

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS:

- 2. & 5 across: Myoid wrapper provides pentahedron woo effect [7, 5]
- 5. See 2 across
- 9. Get cross when searching in Egyptian khaki [4]
- 12. Ha! Western Australia has two Roman Islands [6]
- 17. Will stir soup for work [4]
- 20. One confused for very long time [3]
- 21. Fuel of carbon monoxide and aluminium [4]
- 23. Not authorised to pound paver [10]
- 25. & 26 across: Ampere into pluto shake it up, it can go on forever [9, 6]
- 26. See 25 across
- 27. Wurst location [4]
- 28. It's the custom in making sausages [5]
- 29. Lava targets include alt-form gods [6]
- 30. Some common lynxes may be unique [4]
- 32. A trip to an earlier life by least squares perhaps? [10]
- 33. Bedouin in the parables [4]
- 35. Rubbery clue [10]
- 36. Tapas farina used for FSM followers [11]
- 39. A bad leak makes more than a puddle [4]
- 40. Belief taken either way [5]
- 41. I abandoned Italian region for shaded area [5]
- 45. A religion without the numbers [4]
- 46. Southerly projection on shaft is a rip off [4]
- 47. Cervical Intra-Epithelial Neoplasia in the holiday provides a disease preventative measure [11]
- 51. Thanks decay, it's in the cards [5]
- 53. Gemstone is nothing to a friend [4]

- 55. Search for the pith of a discourse? [5]
- 56. Pint-sized Jedi master [4]
- 59. Young bouncer guarding vessel on isle is hired worker [10]
- 60. & 61 across: Science sounds like it involves examination of jetties [4, 6]
- 61. See 60 across
- 62. Clothing draw [3]
- 63. Woo based farming [11]
- 64. & 65 across: Medium talent says she knows where the bodies are buried. She would be more useful if she told police where crimes were going to be committed [6, 6]
- 65. See 64 across
- 66. Bones possibly damaged slicer [6]
- 68. Boil science graduate in choppy waters [7]
- 71. Get kicks with zany foreign banker [7]
- 72. Diagnosis common among bulldogs [5]
- 74. Take back food item. It is the heart of the matter [3]
- 76. Half a dime? [2]
- 77. Preposition used in any amount of sentences [4]
- 78. Or else change fish [4]
- 80. eg Varicella [3]
- 81. Partner of healthy and wealthy [4]
- 83. They say ET landed here. But they would say that. [7]
- 84. Take soothing ointment from Royal residence by mouth [4]
- 86. Fit trichoric cap. I can feel it in my bones. [12]
- 88. This is number 1 [8]
- 89. Fired up by Arts degree [3]
- 91. A theory and practice of medicine which aims to cure the diseases of fools. As it does not cure them, and does sometimes kill the fools, it is ridiculed by the thoughtless, but commended by the wise. Bierce [10]
- 92. Subjects of some fuzzy photos, for short [4]

- 95. Polishes for enthusiasts [5]
- 97. Once dirt, now established belief [8]
- 99. Sounds like it stops the bolt moving in a gun [4]
- 100. Echo axiom theory includes descriptor of its validity [4]
- 101. Nurse, I've broken everything [8]
- 103. Sandpaper statistic [4]
- 104. I'm consuming Delia's cooking seeking perfection [8]
- 108. Chaps take oxygen to see what is coming [4]
- 109. Have won out [3]
- 112. Main offspring is mature salt [6]
- 114. & 116 across: Colin is fearful when his fortune is told [4, 7]
- 116. See 114 across
- 118. Frozen in the biceps? [3]
- 119. Spooky eastern lake [5]
- 120. Process of finding water by use of prior knowledge [6]
- 121. Sixth sense initially of use to champion [7]
- 124. Tallyho Pa! We have the treatment [9]
- 126. & 127 across & 128 across & 129 across: Post mortem address [7, 2, 3, 4]
- 127. See 126 across.
- 128. See 126 across.
- 129. See 126 across.
- 130. & 131 across: A notion which requires a belief that including an appendix in human anatomy was a bright idea [11, 6]
- 131. See 130 across
- 132. Directed commercial in costume [9]

DOWN:

- 1. He has a point to make when it comes to healing [13]
- 3. Treatment process which converts scented plant material into money [12]

- 4. Performed, to Shakespeare [5]
- 6. Monster evolved from gore [4]
- 7. Some heroes are a bit fishy! [3]
- 8. You shouldn't be sold one, pet [3]
- 10. Kakapo's New Zealand cousin [3]
- 11. Bad actor has processed log or 3D image [8]
- 13. What's said to be a measure of power [5]
- 14. Accost lion to find attacker of beliefs [10]
- 15. Radicle you are on a charge! [3]
- 16. Feline takes a top stylist to grotto [8]
- 18. Moving near pulpit before marriage [10]
- 19. & 37 down: What have you done? You made a fool of everyone [4, 5]
- 22. French General hides sweet nothing in baby's clothes [9]
- 24. Petal spoiled in a fold [5]
- 25. The Bible tells us it is equal to 3 [2]
- 26. Ah yes, I remember it well! [6]
- 27. Doctor Jack's so dull [4]
- 30. Some grab U.S. employee for maltreatment [5]
- 32. Twisted beam of light on the floor in Sweden [3]
 - A bread roll with twitch: Pommy term for Aussie aristocracy
- 34. Hair style with sports related problem is something nasty in the Australian swamp [6]
- 37. See 19 down
- 38. Conversation of death [11]
- 42. The science of making the dupe see stars. Bierce [9]
- 43. & 79 down: Views on this treatment are polarised [8, 7]
- 44. Finance some men do without [5]
- 48. Wherein a racketeer may find himself [5]
- 49. Not applicable element [2]

- 50. First Polish worker is prejudiced [8]
- 51. Fashion nurse gets right into [5]
- 52. & 96 down: Photos from the bottom of Frances and Elsie's garden? [10, 7]
- 54. For example, concerti composed by the self-absorbed [10]
- 57. Count died, unfortunately, to be taken off [9]
- 58. Veer around to leading yacht, none being excluded [5]
- 59. Envious, although in France I have a new soul [7]
- 61. Twisted Foxy Leg Lore is more about feet [11]
- 63. Era designator found in Canada [2]
- 64. & 90 down: The belief particularly common among southern US farmers that humans and sometimes farm animals are being taken secretly against their will by apparently nonhuman entities and subjected to complex physical and psychological procedures [5, 9]
- 67. Moving play about trollop's end has to be relevant [5]
- 69. Is thy rhomb adjusted to show life's patterns? [10]
- 70. In real medicine shaking of the body during an examination, a splashing sound indicating the presence of fluid and air in a body cavity.

 In homeopathy, the vigorous shaking of a diluted homeopathic preparation gives it magical powers [10]
- 73. Means no [2]
- 74. Nothing in vanilla [3]
- 75. Be calm, he's cooking sauce [8]
- 79. See 43 down
- 81. & 105 down: Driving it anew for agua-location [5, 8]
- 82. Swears it could be a sea-fish [6]
- 83. Unusual tremor noted in a far-off position [6]
- 85. It borders on being a bit criminal [3]
- 87. Saint loses 50 making bread [3]
- 90. See 64 down
- 93. & 113 down: NY siblings made money from rap [3, 7]
- 94. Outstripped decent darns patched up [11]

- 96. See 52 down
- 98. Out? I'm not, and very happy about it [10]
- 102. It's only fish [4]
- 105. See 81 down
- 106. Make shorter using a spanner [7]
- 107. Charged, and shown to have no answer [8]
- 110. It enables one to turn one's hand to many things [5]
- 111. Want lacking 500. Born that way [3]
- 113. See 93 down
- 114. It is a dog on a hill, that is [6]
- 115. Acid rating in food store provides oracular source [6]
- 117. Deceived by physical training in unexploded shell [5]
- 122. What a pity mapbook doesn't show Turkish capital! [4]
- 123. Feature of nasty eye [4]
- 125. Part of the neolithic layer [3]

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