



Vic Skeptics August 2019 Crossword

Theme – General Skeptical Issues

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ACROSS:

1. Your average alien is increasingly portrayed in this role [8]
4. Excursion [6]
9. & 10 Across: Roman Catholic prelature featured by Dan Brown [4, 3]
10. See 9 across
11. Places of worship [8]
15. "That is" [2]
16. Solitary [4]
17. Immense [4]

19. & 21 across: Mythical Australian tree-dwelling carnivore [4, 4]
21. See 19 across
24. French goodbye [5]
25. Inter [4]
26. Divining [7]
27. Towards a place of higher elevation [2]
30. Tasseomancy – divination through _____ [3, 6]
30. Small bed [3]
33. "And so on" [3]
35. This grassy feature borders Elm Street across from Dealey Plaza [5]
37. Religious veneration concentrated on one particular figure or object [4]
39. Gold symbol [2]
40. Prefix relating to all things paranormal [3]
42. Collectively, most of the characters in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* [5]
45. Large Australian bird [3]
46. Portrait of a religious figure used ceremonially [4]
49. The grounds and buildings of a university [6]
52. Usual postal method in the *Harry Potter* series [3]
53. A well-established personality test lacking scientific credibility [5, 6]
54. See 53 across

DOWN:

1. Curved supporting element in architecture [4]
2. Celtic priest, magician or soothsayer [5]
3. Citizen Kane's sled [7]
4. Spiritualist's talking board [5]
5. Employ [3]
6. Notion [4]

7. Bearing 45^0
8. Something of value which changes ownership without payment [4]
12. Large lump of earth, also used as a derogatory term suggesting clumsiness or stupidity [4]
13. Native American tribe who are categorically NOT involved in ear-candling (and never have been) [4]
14. Unit representing the average width of typeset characters [2]
18. Christian tradition: marks like Christ's wounds after Crucifixion [8]
20. Beam [3]
22. UFO spotters' Mecca [7]
23. Small bowl shaped drinking vessel usually with a handle [3]
25. Australia's favourite cryptid, said to be a denizen of waterholes [6]
28. Trick-taking European card game adopted as fortune tellers' prop [5]
29. Sporting event over a winding course on snow or water [6]
30. Maori talisman [4]
32. Luminous discharges between electrodes [4]
34. Small architectural dome [6]
36. Wind-blown alluvial soil deposits [5]
38. Absolute universal principle, combining principles of yin & yang [3]
41. An organised fraud [4]
43. Senseless [4]
44. Simian [3]
47. Gear-tooth [3]
48. When these have it, the proposition is lost [3]
50. Belonging to me [2]
51. Ancient Chaldean capital [2]

SOLUTION

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