



# Vic Skeptics November 2019 Crossword

## Theme – *Cults & Sects*

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**ACROSS:**

1. & 5 across: One who believes that the people of Great Britain are the direct descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes of ancient Israel [7, 9]
5. See 1 across
11. One who subscribes to the idea that one can live without food and drink, and subsist only off of "pranic light", which is accurate, channelled information from a huge invisible spaceship hovering over North America. Best-known practitioner is Australian Jasmuheen [11]
13. Roman fifteen [2]
14. See 7 down
16. See 7 down
17. & 18 across: Chinese spiritual practice with an international following which has reportedly been the subject of extensive human rights abuses within China [5, 4]
18. See 17 across
20. Fish of the salmon family [5]
21. Large flightless birds [4]
22. & 24 across: Founder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints [6, 5]
24. See 22 across
26. Mongrel [3]
28. Provide with the necessary requirements to perform a set task [5]
29. & 30 across & 31 across: The founder of Jehovah's Witnesses [7, 4, 7]
30. See 29 across
31. See 29 across
34. Consume [3]
35. Floating indicators [5]
37. & 38 across: Any of the belief systems originating in Melanesia which links ritual practices with the reward of material goods [5, 4]
38. See 37 across
41. Consigns to the grave [7]
43. Roman Catholic halfway-house to heaven [5]
45. & 46 across: Colloquial name for The International Society for Krishna Consciousness [4, 7]
46. See 45 across

49. To add to one's territory by appropriation [5]
51. (Slang) Convicted sexual offender [5]
52. The practice of handling one of these dangerous critters to demonstrate one's faith began in the early 20th century in Appalachian Pentecostal churches [5]
53. Neo-pagan movement introduced in Britain in 1954 by Gerald Gardner [5]
54. Primordial Greek god [4]
57. Violent sect formerly known as Aum Shinrikyo or Aum Supreme Truth [5]
58. Lightest gas [8]
61. & 63 across: Activist organisation within the Catholic Church, founded in 1928 and given a bad rap in Dan Brown's *Da Vinci Code* [4, 3]
63. See 61 across
64. Beverage [3]
66. A slippery fish [3]
68. Arachnids [7]
70. \_\_\_\_\_ Shree Rajneesh, a.k.a. Chandra Mohan Jain or Osho, an Indian guru and mystic (d. 1990); with a large American following and a predilection for Rolls Royces [7] See also 23 down
73. Manganese's chemical symbol [2]
74. An old domestic waste dump often of interest to archaeologists and anthropologists [6]
75. Medium blue-green colour [4]
79. Ovum [3]
81. Very small [4]
83. An devotee of the Giant Spaghetti Monster, (*a.k.a. His Noodly Appendage*), whose cult extends all the way back to 2005 [11]
85. Follower of a UFO religion founded in 1974 by Claude Vorilhon, which teaches that life on Earth was scientifically created by a species of extra-terrestrials [7]
86. Roman 101 [2]
87. (Latin) Therefore, hence, for that reason [4]
89. & 90 across & 91 across: Original name of The Family International, founded by David Berg [8,2,3]
90. See 89 across
91. See 89 across

92. South American locality where The People's Temple migrated, then suicided en masse [9]

### DOWN:

2. Flemish Baroque painter famous for his fleshy nudes [6]
3. & 17 down: Eugenically motivated group presided over by Australia's Anne Hamilton-Byrne [3, 6]
4. Reaches an agreement; pays a debt [7]
6. Carefully planned deception [5]
7. & 16 across and 14 across: Founder of Scientology [1, 3, 7]
8. Male demon believed to have sexual intercourse with sleeping women [7]
9. Roman minor deity represented as a man with a goat's horns, ears, legs, and tail [4]
10. & 42 down: Fundamentalist Protestant sect most numerous in Australia, New Zealand, UK, and North America; noted for ostracism of family members and others who leave the congregation [9, 8]
12. House of Ill Repute [7]
15. Contusion [6]
16. One of "a community of mystics who study and practice the metaphysical laws governing the universe", founded in 1915 by H. Spencer Lewis [11]
17. See 3 down
19. The back of the neck [4]
22. Physically project out [3]
23. & 50 down: followers of the 70 across (with Sheila as his spokesperson) [6, 6]
25. & 44 down & 67 down: The founder of Christian Science [3, 5, 4]
27. Contest of honour [4]
32. Smooth, glossy fabric [5]
33. Could be "saint", "street" or "stumped by" [2]
36. Small rock [5]
37. Encourage [4]
39. & 65 down: Translates as "organisation for the propagation of the path of bliss"; founded in India in 1955 by Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar. Described as a practical philosophy for personal development, social service and the all-around transformation of the society, it came to attention in Australia in 1978 when followers were accused of bombing Sydney's Hilton hotel [6, 5]

- 40. Popular name for followers of Korea's Reverend Sun [7]
- 42. See 10 down
- 44. See 25 down
- 45. & 77 down: Marshall Applewhite's millenarian group, famous for the suicide of 39 members in order to reach an alien space craft following Comet Hale-Bopp [7, 4]
- 47. & 62 down: Recently deceased (2011) Indian guru with an international following; his "miracles" have been frequently debunked [3, 4]
- 48. Swiftly, quickly [5]
- 50. See 23 down
- 52. One whose dissident or "heretical" views may promote a split within an "orthodox" religious group [10]
- 55. Thoroughfare [4]
- 56. Litigant [4]
- 59. Intentional act [4]
- 60. Stare lecherously [4]
- 62. See 47 down
- 63. Canine [3]
- 65. See 39 down
- 67. See 25 down
- 69. The retention of goods or data for retrieval as required [7]
- 71. By oneself [5]
- 72. Colour [3]
- 73. Member of La Cosa Nostra
- 76. Name of leader of an eponymous Californian commune collectively responsible for a series of violent murders in the late 1960s [6]
- 77. See 45 down
- 78. David Koresh and seventy-five of his followers perished in this Texas locality [4]
- 80. A deep inarticulate sound conveying pain, despair, pleasure, etc [5]
- 82. Primate's claw equivalent [4]
- 84. Wind instrument associated with the military [4]
- 88. British sovereignty in India [3]

## SOLUTION

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