



13. An impending object from space, predicted by Elon Musk et. Al. to cause extinction if not headed off or destroyed. Popular dates are 2029 and 2036, although a conspiracy theory of early 2020 said that the Covid-19 pandemic was a beat-up by authorities to divert attention from a crisis of this type in April of that year [8, 3]
16. See 13 across
17. Chopping tool [3]
19. Scornful term for the Warren Commission's theory that the bullet that killed President Kennedy also wounded Governor John Connally [5, 6]
21. See 19 across
23. Events that incite to action [7]
25. Those who hold that the existence of God is unknown or unknowable [9]
28. International system of government said to be introduced covertly by powerful forces. The phrase was often used by George W Bush, lending it more credibility [3, 5, 5]
29. See 28 across
32. See 28 across
33. 9/11 Conspiracy Theorists say this incendiary was used [8]
34. Hoax agenda of 66 down [9]
37. Make amends [5]
39. Thin, flat, circular plate or object [4]
41. Object used for striking a billiard or snooker ball [3]
42. British racecourse with close associations to the Royal Family [5]
44. Proceeding [5]
47. Inter [4]
48. Lean, gaunt [4]
51. & 52 across: Covert operations meant to appear as though carried out by entities other than the real perpetrators. Conspiracy theorists claim this for 9/11 [5, 4]
52. See 51 across
54. To partially burn [4]
55. Declare, disclose, publicize, make known [8]
57. Freshly, just [5]
59. To increase abnormally in size [5]
61. Isotope of Hydrogen [7]
64. Svelte [6]
67. & 68 across: Term for a government which attempts to exercise total control over its citizens: (literary allusion) [3, 7]
68. See 67 across
70. Incite, intreat, impel [4]
72. *As being* (popular Scrabble word) [3]
73. Uncommon [4]
75. Expire [3]
76. Blaspheme, execrate [5]
77. Craze [3]

78. Soothes, becalms [5]
79. Australian ratite (bird) [3]
81. Topped up [8]
82. Very tiny bit [4]
84. Magician's tool [4]
85. Took over adjacent property or lands [7]
87. Group of vigilantes [5]
88. Sycophant, lackey [6]
90. Valuable resource [5]
93. A garment worn by Hindu women [4]
94. Despite comprehensive debunking, a popular theory claims that vaccination promotes this condition in children [6]
97. & 100 across: This conspiracy contends that at least part of the World Trade Centre's 9/11 destruction was due to deliberate fire damage rather than aircraft impact [8, 5]
100. See 97 across
102. Fish eggs [3]
104. To work, perform, or function, as a machine does [7]
106. This Area denotes a highly restricted remote section of Edwards Airforce Base which has historically been associated with UFO sightings [8]
108. Belief system [3]
110. Mythical giant bird [3]
112. Viscera, carrion [5]
115. Tombstone abbreviation [3]
117. & 118 across: Australian Prime Minister claimed by conspiracy theorists to have been picked up by a Russian submarine, rather than drowned [6, 4]
118. See 117 across
121. Name given to the canals extending from the middle ears to the pharynx [10]
123. Belonging to me [2]
124. Drunkard [3]
125. One popular theory claims that the British Royal Family are shape – shifting \_\_\_\_\_ from the Draco Planetary System who adopt the appearance of influential humans [7]
126. Notions which include: that historical events all have one single cause; or that all concepts can be explained by one single principle; or that reality consists of a single element [7]
127. Old Icelandic literary work [4]
128. & 129 across: 1978 film whose premise was that NASA was prepared to stage hoax missions. [9, 3]
129. See 128 across
130. Implied or indirect information, meant to be taken disparagingly [8]
133. Asphalt, pitch [3]
134. Abominable Snowmen [5]

136. Eating these exotic creatures, as with bats, is popularly believed to have caused the viral mutation which made Covid-19 a human pathogen [9]
137. & 138 across: Attempts to dispute or minimise the extent of NAZI genocide [9, 6]
138. See 136 across

**DOWN:**

2. Secret society alleged to conspire to control world affairs by masterminding events and planting agents in government and corporations [10]
3. Moral principle [5]
4. Auditory organ [3]
5. Painter's support [5]
6. Appointee, agent, delegate [7]
7. Skins, coatings, sheathings [7]
8. That which is intended to deceive or defraud [4]
9. Self-evident or universally accepted truth [5]
10. According to 46 down, this city's map is crammed with Masonic symbols [10]
11. A person who is convinced that the demolition of the World Trade Centre was a dark conspiracy on the part of the US Government [7]
14. Doom to eternal punishment [4]
15. Organism used in brewing and baking [5]
18. "\_\_\_\_\_ G"; technology said by conspiracy theorists to spread Covid-19 [4]
20. Formal garment [4]
22. Website address [3]
24. A single thing [4]
26. & 58 down: Small hill that became well-known after JFK's assassination [6, 5]
27. & 63 down: The Ufologist who is the original civilian investigator of the so-called Roswell incident [7, 8]
30. Cord made by twisting together strands of material [4]
31. Twosome [3]
32. Woodwind instrument [4]
35. A bird OR a frolic [4]
36. Anti-Semitic conspiracy theories claim that this extended family controls the world's wealth and financial institutions [11]
38. & 65 down & 89 down: This Pope only lasted 31 days; he must have been covertly assassinated! [4, 4, 3]
40. An antimalarial drug, whose use in preventing covid-19 has been enthusiastically recommended by Donald Trump et. al. despite contrary medical advice [11]
41. The conspiracy theory which claims that commercial aircraft are used by the Government to emit mood-altering chemical or biological agents [10]
43. Melt [4]
45. Born with the maiden name... [3]
46. & 67 down: Top-selling author whose genre is milking conspiracy theories [3, 5]

47. & 74 down: He warned in 2015 of impending global pandemics and is himself now the subject of weird conspiracy theories [4, 5]
49. Anger [3]
50. Multitude [5]
52. This wide-spread addition of a certain chemical to water supplies as a public health measure has attracted much attention from conspiracy theorists [8]
53. Powerful spirit which when invoked carries out the wishes of the summoner [5]
55. Audibly [5]
56. Drinking vessel [3]
58. See 26 down
60. Widespread fraternal order, often the subject of conspiracy theories [10]
63. See 27 down
65. See 38 down
66. & 103 down & 118 down: The alleged authors of the notorious *Protocols* [6, 2, 4]
67. See 46 down
69. UFO Central [7]
71. Precious stone [3]
74. See 47 down
77. Repair [3]
80. Ritual receptacles [4]
83. Sewn margin of a garment [3]
86. Has the requisite courage to attempt something [5]
87. Irrational ratio
89. See 38 down
91. Islamic patriarch [5]
92. Discernment, perception, judgement [5]
95. Phantom, apparition [7]
96. Myself [2]
97. An adherent to the belief that Barack Obama was not born a US citizen [7]
98. Hinged or sliding barrier to an entrance or opening [4]
99. Urge, incite [4]
101. Bulwer-Lytton's Universal Life Force, claimed by some as Nazism's inspiration [4]
103. See 66 down
105. Polynesian good-luck charm [4]
107. & 132 down: Real Catholic organisation implicated in conspiracy by Dan Brown et al [4, 3]
109. Giant American chemical corporation often cited in conspiracy theories [8]
111. Places of Christian worship [8]
113. Instigated discord or rebellion [8]
114. Winged insect [3]
115. Indian flatbread [4]

- 116. Unpleasantly smelling substances formed in rotting animal and vegetable matter, formerly thought to cause food poisoning [8]
- 118. Sweet natural product [5]
- 119. See 66 down
- 120. Not allowable for reasons of religion or superstition [4]
- 121. Biblical place of human origin [4]
- 122. Lined fireplace [5]
- 124. Male offspring [3]
- 126. Pejorative term for a person claimed to be affected with intellectual disability [5]
- 130. Sprite [3]
- 131. Self-esteem or self-image [3]
- 132. See 107 down
- 135. Slippery fish [3]

# SOLUTION

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