

ACROSS:

2. Paranormal study based on the premise that numbers have occult significance [10]
7. Heavily pigmented liquid [3]
9. Famous river and cascade shared by the USA and Canada [7]
10. Mathematician and philosopher with a statistical argument for the value of belief in God [6]
11. Possess [3]
12. Frees from a criminal charge by a verdict of Not Guilty [7]
14. Sing with rapid alternation between the normal voice and falsetto [5]
16. One who purports to foretell the future [4]
18. Distress signal [3]
19. Dishonest scheme [4]
20. Labour [4]
22. & 23 across: Tasseomancy is the purported use of these to foresee the future [3, 6]
27. Irritate [3]
28. Title used to address a married woman [3]
29. Nocturnal bird of prey [3]
31. Outmoded medical term now used informally to suggest gross stupidity on the part of the person referred to [6]
33. Nostradamus's first name [6]
35. Proceeding [5]
36. Greek prophetess [5]
37. System of fortune telling based on cards [5]
38. Wisdom personified [5]
40. Viral disease caused by the human immunodeficiency virus [4]
42. Solemn ceremony [4]
44. Strong religious belief based on conviction rather than proof [5]
46. Geometrically ordered solid objects whose paranormal properties are enthusiastically espoused [8]
47. _____ **Motion:** Property of a device that would continue to operate indefinitely in defiance of the Second Law of Thermodynamics [9]
49. Main Christian religious text [5]
50. Polyhedra having one face which is a polygon, the other faces being triangles with a common vertex. (Some people also suspect them of having mystical properties!) [8]

DOWN:

1. Central Andean culture prior to the Spanish conquest [4]
2. Lowest point [5]
3. Ancient Mesopotamian city [2]
4. Plan views of a localities represented in diagrammatic form [4]
5. UFO Central [7]
6. Sole [4]
7. Graven images [5]
8. "*Applied _____*" ; pseudoscience-based technique of chiropractors, naturopaths, etc who claim to diagnose illness or choose treatment by testing muscles for strength and weakness [[11]
13. Pretender to medical knowledge [5]
15. The use of paranormal techniques to locate ground water or minerals [7]
16. Element number 14's symbol [2]
17. Colourful hand-woven Scandinavian rug [3]
19. Marks resembling the wounds of Christ [8]
20. Religious military order founded about 1118, suppressed in 1312 [8]
21. Aquatic propulsion implement [3]
24. Organ of hearing [3]
25. To make a careful and critical examination of something before committing to decisive action [3]
26. One who endangers the health of others by believing in Covid-19 related conspiracy theories [8]
30. Converses [5]
32. Observation or data used to support or refute a proposition [8]
34. Study of the heavens with occult premises [9]
39. Speak pompously or at length [5]
41. Author of *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*, in 1859 [6]
43. Sacred song or poem [5]
45. Deception which may be humorous or malicious in intent [4]
47. Legume seed [3]
48. Casing for 47 down [3]

SOLUTION

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