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General Skeptical Issues

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ACROSS:

- 1. Perceived [3]
- 3. William of ___ said that in explaining a thing no more assumptions should be made than are necessary [6]
- 7. Trick-taking card game lately associated with fortune-telling [5]

- 9. Proceed [2]
- 10. Short sharp cry of pain [4]
- 11. Spiny succulent plants of the agave genus native to USA and Mexico [5]
- 12. Cup or platter said to have been used by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper [5]
- 13. A Fraudulent scheme [4]
- 14. Eggs [3]
- 16. Fluid which circulates through a plant [3]
- 18. Expose the falseness of an idea or belief [6]
- 20. Small, delicate, elusive humanoid figure with magical powers [3]
- 22. James Macpherson's hoax Celtic poet [6]
- 24. Ancient Egyptian goddess, the personification of truth, justice, and the cosmic order [4]
- 26. Cause someone to be frustrated, annoyed or worried [3]
- 28. A process carried out in your body by your liver, and not by any of a raft of heavily marketed dietary supplements [5]
- 30. Prophet [4]
- 31. King Arthur's dad [5]
- 33. Terrible fate [4]
- 35. An animal whose existence is disputed or unsubstantiated [7]
- 37. One of the four tarot suits [5]
- 39. Tales which are hard to believe are said to be this [4]
- 41. Exaggerated promotion of a product, idea or service [4]
- 42. The supposed ability to perceive things using other than the known senses (common abbreviation) [3]
- 43. Central Greek site of a famous oracle sacred to the god Apollo [6]
- 44. One who prevaricates [4]

DOWN:

- 1. Ancient Greek public space in the form of a covered walkway [4]
- 2. In a way that exhibits dry, mocking humour [5]
- 4. One of the four tarot suits [4]
- 5. Common name of aluminium potassium sulfate, used in dyeing and tanning [4]
- 6. If the Drop Bear exists, it must be a carnivorous cousin to this leaf-eating Australian native [5]
- 7. Semi-conscious state [6]
- 8. Fabled large, hideous, manlike beings that eat humans [5]
- 11. A story that is so surprising or unusual that it is difficult to believe [4]
- 15. The sixth Sign [5]
- 17. Prefix denoting the paranormal [3]

- 18. Italian poet who famously described a conducted tour through Hell [5]
- 19. A bilaterally symmetrical quadrilateral that:
 - has two pairs of sides.
 - each pair is made of two adjacent sides (they meet) that are equal in length. Two diagonals, which meet at a right angle, one of which bisects the other [4]
- 21. Surname of the sisters who pioneered spiritualism [3]
- 23. One of the four tarot suits [6]
- 24. Inexplicable event attributed to a divine agency [7]
- 25. A drink made of a particular fruit [3]
- 27. Additional [5]
- 29. One who doubts the generally accepted account of an event; conspiracy theorist [7]
- 30. What a Sayer is said to be saying if he/she is thought to be saying accurate things about the future [5]
- 32. One who has a reputation for being good at divination and magic [5]
- 34. Advertising's greatest Weasel Word [3]
- 36. Ape-like cryptid said to inhabit the Himalaya [4]
- 37. A mass, lump or bundle of something; examples are chewing gum and bank notes [3]
- 38. Sum total of clinical data in support of homeopathy [3]
- 40. Portable fuel consisting of a mixture of hydrocarbons such as ethane, propane, butane, etc. under pressure (common abbreviation) [3]

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