



Vic Skeptics April 2017 Crossword

Theme: *Paranormal Pastimes*

With Standard and Cryptic Clues

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STANDARD CLUES

ACROSS:

1. Cover with flat stones or bricks [4]
3. & 5 across: Facilitating equipment at a 14 across [5, 5]
5. See 3 across
10. Belief systems [4]

12. & 13 across: Used in construction, surveying, wallpaper hanging And map dowsing [5, 3]
13. See 12 across
14. Gathering of the living with invitation extended to the dead [6]
15. Uncritically believed unsubstantiated or unfounded ideas [3]
17. One or some of a thing or number of things [3]
18. Letters of an ancient Germanic alphabet, often associated with mysticism [5]
19. Encompassing term for the study of practices such as magic, alchemy, extra-sensory perception, astrology, spiritualism, religion, and divination [9]
23. Prohibit; preclude; forbid; ban [3]
26. 16th century French seer of ongoing reputation [11]
28. Golfer's aid [3]
29. Looks furtively [5]
31. One who instigates or incites [8]
32. Greek letter which serves as an abbreviation for the parapsychological or psychic [3]
34. "Holy _ _ _ _" = biblical text [4]
37. Short literary compositions on particular themes [6]
38. Trick-taking card game whose deck has been adapted by fortune tellers. [5]
39. To be in debt [3]
41. Religious symbol [5]
42. Spiritual emanation [4]
43. Belief in the absence of evidence [5]
46. Large SE Asian island [6]
47. Bisect [5]
48. Homogenous solids with regular three -dimensional geometry and a reputation for mystical properties which is totally unsupported by evidence. [8]
50. Tool for making holes in leather [3]
51. Ova [4]
52. The practice of divining for underground water or minerals [8]
53. Stranger [5]
54. A predictive chart produced by 36 down [9]
55. Divination using cheese [9]

DOWN:

1. Bow; forepart; nose [4]

2. A substance, usually liquid or solid which is diffused in the air [6]
3. Ball, globe [3]
4. Atlas, Redstone, Titan, RDS or Jericho 3 for example [4]
6. One who has a reputation for skill in "the dark arts" [5]
7. Noise [3]
8. Portent [4]
9. Study of the supposed mystic powers of numbers [10]
11. Fraud [4]
16. Declaim [5]
20. One who claims to have a supernatural ability to perceive events in the future [11]
21. Supplant or encroach [5]
22. Tendon or ligament [5]
24. Complete; absolute [5]
25. (Legal) Not yet final [4]
27. Heavenly [5]
28. Supposed extra-sensory communication [9]
29. Commonly encountered irrational number [2]
30. Foreknowledge using extrasensory perception [12]
33. & 49 down: One supposed to be able to foresee the future [5, 5]
35. Divination using tea leaves or coffee grounds [11]
36. One who studies of the positions and relationships of heavenly objects in order to prognosticate on human actions [10]
40. Fluid supposedly exuded by a medium around which spirits can manifest [9]
44. Means of perceiving external stimuli [6]
45. Beginner; novice [4]
48. Gear tooth [3]
49. See 33 down

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS:

1. Soft greeting overlay [4]
3. & 5 across: Governing body of divination tool? [5, 5]
5. See 3 across
10. Confused young lady establishes belief systems [4]
12. & 13 across: Mop bulb to get it vertical [5, 3]
13. See 12 across
14. A scene set for post mortem discussion [6]
15. Uncritical belief in middle of faint [3]
17. Nay, it could be one of them [3]
18. Old letters of shift nurse [5]
19. Practices are beyond my ken [9]
23. Pub found when end cut from farm shed [3]
26. Smart Soudan saw ahead [11]
28. Centre of sharp incline to keep ball off ground [3]
29. Looks quickly to sound of diarist [5]
31. From teen to trouble maker [8]
32. 0.07 atmospheres [3]
34. When large it is clear and unambiguous [4]
37. Frances says she has writings [6]
38. Fate mysteriously contained in playing cards [5]
39. Direction in truncated poem to have a creditor [3]
41. Grumpy symbol [5]
42. Glow from gold taken by Gunners [4]
43. *"Belief without evidence in what is told by one who speaks without knowledge, of things without parallel"* Bierce [5]
46. Said to be the home of wild men Waino and Plutanor [6]
47. To possess with 50 included reduces by 50% [5]
48. Class try to make magic solids [8]
50. Pointed use of convoluted legislation [3]
51. Incites to produce food [4]
52. On my cage for sub-soil searches [8]

- 53. A right to keep possession of another's property is foreign [5]
- 54. Chose poor way of prediction [9]
- 55. May try con to predict the future [9]

DOWN:

- 1. Soft tier bow [4]
- 2. Discharge liquid from US State to form gas [6]
- 3. Queen in outside broadcast - at the Globe? [3]
- 4. MAD weapon [4]
- 6. Taped but untangled to become skilled [5]
- 7. Noise from sound injector [3]
- 8. "*A sign that something will happen if nothing happens*" Bierce [4]
- 9. I have your number, you mongrel! [10]
- 11. Send me \$100 and you will get rich [4]
- 16. Tune ear to pontificate [5]
- 20. Will know what the answer is [11]
- 21. Take up, centre on French, to seize [5]
- 22. Direction of trig function to make connector [5]
- 24. Remove chlorine from mess to issue forgery [5]
- 25. Nickel and silicon have certain conditions to be met [4]
- 27. Relating to foot joint, it is heavenly when adjusted [5]
- 28. I know what you are thinking [9]
- 29. = A/r^2 [2]
- 30. Noting copier can provide foreknowledge [12]
- 33. & 49 down: Tosser ahoy! What can you see? [5, 5]
- 35. Nasty cameos provide woo use for tea leaves [11]
- 36. "*The science of making the dupe see stars.*" Bierce [10]
- 40. Outer, non-granulated part of a cell's cytoplasm.
A term hijacked by woo merchants. [9]
- 44. Feelings for poles at centre of bishoprics [6]
- 45. Confused Conservative is new member [4]
- 48. Gas in centre of gravity creates tooth [3]
- 49. See 33 down

SOLUTION

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