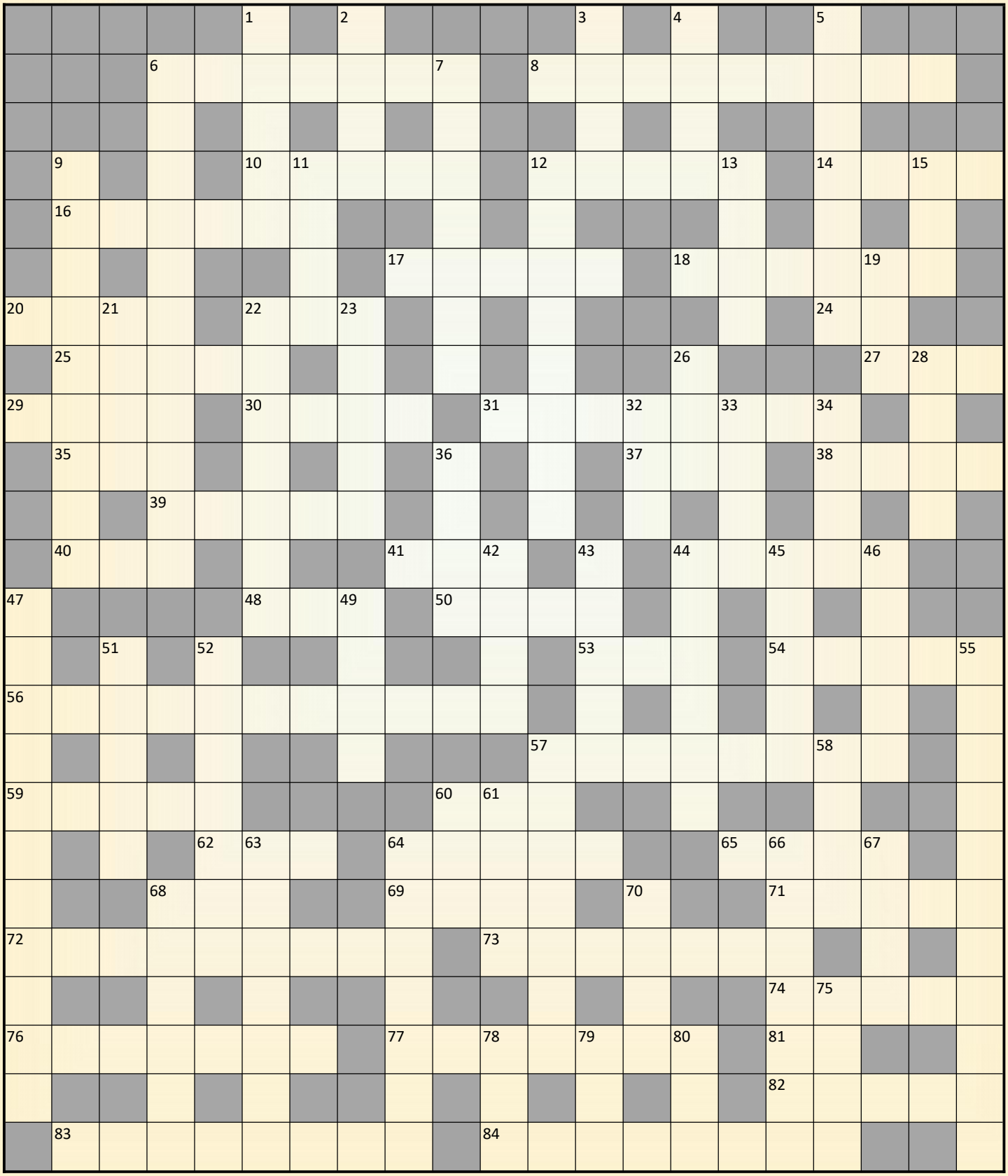
Vic Skeptics November 2022 Crossword

Theme: "Cults & Sects"

By Ken Greatorex



ACROSS:

6.	& 8 across: One who believes that the people of Great Britain are the direct descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes of ancient Israel [7, 9]
8.	See 6 across.
10.	Major musical work [5]
12.	Word used to describe a full-figured woman [5]
14.	The substance or general meaning of what has been said or written [4]
16.	**"_____ *People"*** - Collective name for followers of Bagwan Sri Rajneesh, with Sheila as his spokesperson [6]
17.	A main principle of a particular religion or philosophy [5]
18.	The angel that purportedly appeared to Joseph Smith, bearing sacred texts that inspired him to found ***The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*** [6]
20.	Material woven from wire or thread [4]
22.	A part of the circumference of a circle [3]
24.	Myself [2]
25.	Remnants of wounds incurred in the past [5]
27.	Recession of the tide [3]
29.	Auto-luminous spherical celestial body [4]
30.	& 31 across: Colloquial name for ***The International Society for Krishna Consciousness*** [4, 8]
31.	See 30 across.
35.	Kimono's sash [3]
37.	In Astrology, The Lion [3]
38.	The City [4]
39.	Texan scene of an 1836 battle, still a popular tourist/pilgrimage site [5]
40.	One of a religious community of women [3]
41.	Consumed [3]
44.	Lint [5]
48.	Bracketed word in text which indicates that previous passage or word has been reproduced precisely as in the original (spelling or grammatical errors notwithstanding) [3]
50.	British nobleman of a certain rank [4]
53.	Deciduous tree frequently used ornamentally in street-scapes [3]
54.	General term for a sedentary marine animal with the mouth uppermost surrounded by a ring of tentacles e.g. sea anenome, coral [5]
56.	L Ron Hubbard's quasi-religious construct [11]
57.	**"_____ *of God"*** - Original name of ***The Family International***, founded by

	David Berg [8]
59.	A collection of similar items stored together in a hidden or hard-to-access place [5]
60.	A collection of similar items stored together in a hidden or hard-to-access place [5]
62.	Greek alphabet letter usually rendered in English as “T” [3]
64.	System of regulatory rules enforceable by penalties [3]
65.	Groups which are heretical or deviate from orthodox religious tradition [5]
68.	Ship having two masts, both square-rigged [4]
69.	Small, simply constructed shelter [3]
71.	Himalayan hominid cryptid a.k.a. “The Abominable Snowman” [4]
72.	Unfriendly, cool, distant [5]
73.	See 72 across.
74.	Light-bodied effervescent beer [5]
76.	Public sale in which goods are sold to the highest bidder [7]
77.	From Greek mythology, the agent of one’s downfall [7]
81.	Instagram’s own text abbreviation for “Instagram” [2]
82.	The major artery [5]
83.	Nationality of convicted murderer & multi-bigamist Roch Thieriault who founded the ***Ant Hill Kids*** in 1977, a doomsday cult which broke from the ***Seventh-day Adventist Church*** [8]
84.	Charismatic Christian mega-church of which former Australian PM Scott Morrison is famously a member [8]

DOWN:

1.	Large Russian pie [5]
2.	A religious ceremony [4]
3.	In the Bible, Jacob’s fraternal twin [4]
4.	David Koresh and seventy-five of his ***Branch Davidians*** perished in a shoot-out and fire in this Texas locality [4]
5.	“_____ *Hall”* - the traditional name for any meeting place of ***Jehova’s Witnesses*** [7]
6.	One who subscribes to the idea that they 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 the Australian woman Jasmuheen [12]
7.	& 36 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]
9.	Site in Guyana where ***The People’s Temple*** sect migrated, then died in a murder/suicide en masse [9]

11.	One of a group whose members have equal standing [4]
12.	***"Exclusive _____"*** - 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 [8]
13.	Debatable, uncertain [4]
15.	& 28 down: Indian guru with an international following who died in 2011; his "miracles" have been frequently debunked [3, 4] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFavZe9CYNc
19.	Originally called: (used to cite a married woman's maiden name) [3]
21.	Remnant of a healing wound incurred recently [4]
22.	Frequently used name for centres of yoga-related teaching in Western society [7]
23.	& 49 down: Any of the belief systems originating in Melanesia which link ritual practices to the reward of material goods; largely inspired by war surplus left by WWII US forces. [5, 4]
26.	& 44 down: Australian-based sect, eugenically motivated and largely based around children "adopted" by Anne Hamilton Byrne [3, 6]
28.	See 15 down.
32.	Cunning, crafty, deceitful [3]
33.	Christmas [4]
34.	Move freely from site to site on the internet [4]
36.	See 7 down.
42.	Requiring little effort; presenting few difficulties [4]
43.	Violent sect formerly known as ***Aum Shinrikyo*** or ***Aum Supreme Truth*** [5]
44.	See 26 down.
45.	On a superior level [5]
46.	& 67 down: Chinese spiritual practice with an international following which has reportedly been the subject of extensive human rights abuses within China [5, 4]
47.	One of "*a community of mystics who study and practice the metaphysical laws governing the universe*", founded in 1915 by H. Spencer Lewis [11]
49.	See 23 down.
51.	Neo-pagan movement introduced in Britain in 1954 by Gerald Gardner [5]
52.	Roman Catholic devotion said at morning, noon, and sunset [7]
55.	A devotee of the Giant Spaghetti Monster, (aka *His Noodly Appendage*), whose cult extends all the way back through the mists of time to 2005 AD. [11]
57.	Nail bed of a finger or toe [7]
58.	Profoundly wicked [4]
60.	Short plastic stick with a cup-shaped top on which a golf ball is put to be hit, or the area where this is used to start the play for each hole [3]

61.	Fifth book of the New Testament (short title) [4]
63.	Margaret _____ , Canadian author of *The Hand Maid's Tale* and its sequels [7]
64.	This cult began as a drug rehabilitation program in California in 1958. Disbanded in 1991 due to members being convicted of criminal activities (including attempted murder) [7]
66.	A member of the UFO religion founded in 1974 by Claude Vorilhon, which teaches that life on Earth was scientifically created by a species of extra-terrestrials [8]
67.	See 46 down.
68.	The Sydney hotel bombed in 1978 by Evan Pederick, a follower of the radical Ananda Marga cult [6]
70.	More than 70,000 people declared themselves members of this quasi-religious order in the 2001 Australian census [4]
75.	Eager, impatient, excited, curious with relation to an awaited occurrence [4]
78.	Unit of speed (*abb.*) [3]
79.	Our sun personified [3]
80.	Three dots; three dashes; three dots [3]

Solution next page

SOLUTION

					P		R					E		W			K			
			B	R	I	T	I	S	H		I	S	R	A	E	L	I	T	E	
			R		R		T		E			A		C			N			
	J		E		O	P	E	R	A		B	U	X	O	M		G	I	S	T
	O	R	A	N	G	E			V		R				O		D		A	
	N		T			E		T	E	N	E	T		M	O	R	O	N	I	
M	E	S	H		A	R	C		N		T				T		M	E		
	S	C	A	R	S		A		S		H			T				E	B	B
S	T	A	R		H	A	R	E		K	R	I	S	H	N	A	S		A	
	O	B	I		R		G		G		E		L	E	O		U	R	B	S
	W		A	L	A	M	O		A		N		Y		E		R		A	
	N	U	N		M			A	T	E		A		F	L	U	F	F		
R					S	I	C		E	A	R	L		A		P		A		
O		W		A			U			S		E	L	M		P	O	L	Y	P
S	C	I	E	N	T	O	L	O	G	Y		P		I		E		U		A
I		C		G			T				C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N		S
C	A	C	H	E					T	A	U			Y			V			T
R		A		L	A	W		S	E	C	T	S			B	R	I	G		A
U			H	U	T			Y	E	T	I		J			A	L	O	O	F
C	H	R	I	S	T	I	A	N		S	C	I	E	N	C	E		N		A
I			L		W			A			L		D			L	A	G	E	R
A	U	C	T	I	O	N		N	E	M	E	S	I	S		I	G			I
N			O		O			O		P		O		O		A	O	R	T	A
	C	A	N	A	D	I	A	N		H	I	L	L	S	O	N	G			N