THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8619

Across

1 Hall exhibiting collection of paintings (7,7)

9 Fortresses guarding cities (8)

10 Shamefully strike a tree (5)

12 Awesome and creepy (4)

13 Restore military strength (5)

14 Abode of spirits in torment (4)

17 Censure a big human settlement for greed (8)

18 Settle oneself comfortably (6)

20 Fastening for grazing animal (6)

22 Causing slight anger (8)

25 Standard quantity (4)

26 You count them when not getting sleep (5)

27 Sprinkle with water and rub over to smooth (4)

30 Point out resemblance (5)

31 Overfills to the point of nausea (8)

32 Restoration of past events (14)

Down

2 Short sharp sound expressing joy (7)

3 Tree yielding you milky sap used as arrow-poison (4)

4 Atmospheric agencies like wind and storm (8)

5 Moving stars round to classify them? (6)

6 The bread of idleness? (4)

7 Reactive substance or force (7)

8 Trying one's skill in making formal objections (11)

11 Deplore completely with sorrow (11)

15 Cone with spiral thread (5)

16 A fabulist with reflective attitude (5)

19 One who thinks up schemes nobody else has (8)

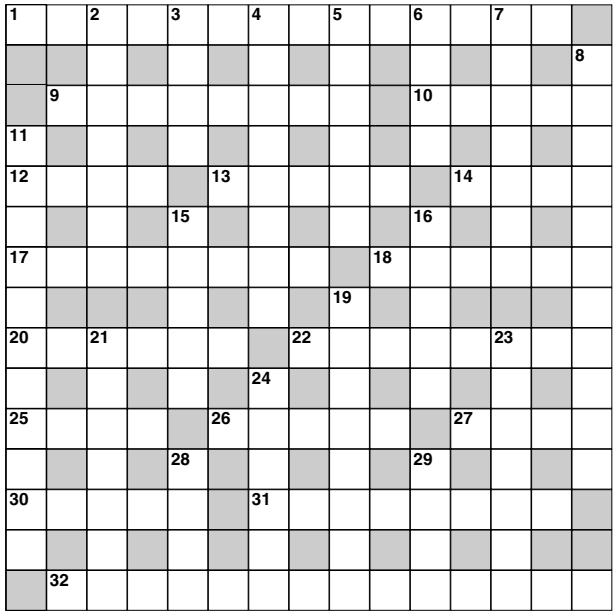
21 Sparkle like a little star (7)

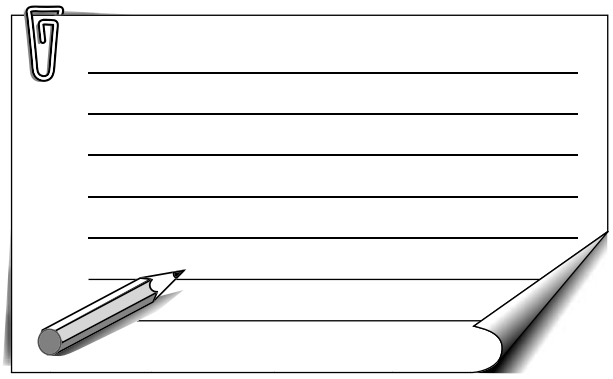
23 He is one of God's elect (7)

24 Written work from the sister (6)

28 Reverse a knotty problem (4)

29 Soft mineral in a metal container (4)





Solution to Puzzle 8618

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