



This House Believes... by Phi

Seven unclued answers (six words and a proper name) have the same two opposing things in common. An eighth example – a non-word – is unclued in the middle row, but plays no other part in the puzzle. Seven clues each contain a superfluous word or words. Each superfluity is a definition that determines which of the two opposing things applies for one of the unclued answers. If the motion was passed, solvers must shade the square containing Y; if not, they must shade the square containing N.

ACROSS

- 4 Fun talk reinterpreted as quantity of gas (7)
- 9 Meat product? Go on with one after little hesitation (8)
- 10 Direct light sources up, we hear (4)
- 11 Admit Terence, heartlessly, into unhappy place (5)
- 12 One contracting translation of most of Genesis (6)
- 13 Outskirts of Salem, more antiquated, start to burn there (7)
- 17 Cut almost everything? A few object (7)
- 19 Christmas verse omitted from extravagant story (4)
- 21 SF creature (not so much F, perhaps) presented as trilogy? (6)
- 22 Choreographer to finish including repeated character in ballet (5)
- 23 One who supports scheme to move final article forward (4)
- 24 Correctly mark symbol for time - or its passing? (4-4)
- 25 Constituent tense after three consecutive letters? (7)

DOWN

- 1 Examination probing trees worried church leaders (11, 2 words)
- 2 Assess supporting University producing waste derivative (5)
- 3 Supremely cunning to persuade saint about ultimate in evil, surely (6)
- 5 Impressionist's skill is interrupting a senior politician (5)
- 6 Malayan home in which island love resides (6)
- 7 Bridge team put in high card, not initially without being observed (6)
- 8 Slain rebels no longer hold out in revolution for freedom (11)
- 14 Picked up stories about Arab harem (6)
- 15 No longer unhappy - supplier initially brought in stock (6)
- 16 Surveying tool overlooking article and missing depth in limestone (6)
- 18 Notice academic's extra intense (5)
- 20 Thus end up exhibiting group characteristic (5)