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Principles by Phi

Three consecutive letters must be removed from each of five clues before solving, always leaving real words. In clue order these give the three-word title of a book that contains three principles. One of these principles, a five-word phrase, is cryptically represented by the unclued 23 across (which is not a word). Another is given by the change made to a normally clued answer, producing a new (and thematic) phrase for entry in the grid.

The remaining principle, Phi hopes, is exemplified by the eight other unclued answers (shaded), which are not words, but would become eight items (one of two words) with something in common if the implication of the book's title were applied. The eight letters required can be arranged to form the author's name.

27 down, a familiar phrase, is not in Chambers, ODE or Collins, but is in Merriam-Webster.

## Across

- 11 That chap will accept a delay involving University transport (7)
- 12 Source of fuel, very plentiful, but not entirely covering area (5)
- 13 Computer connections without power? They may be non-consumables, of course (4)
- 14 A naive figure, artist capturing Henry's palace (8)
- 16 Principal party banned from territory (4)
- 18 Continue avoiding latest new food from New Zealand (5)
- 20 Boulez, sadly ignoring British, accepting new small band (6)
- 21 River passing through great area (4)
- 22 Particularly sylvan and elfin? Gosh! (4)
- 23 *See preamble*
- 26 Pancake toss not half required - before food gets consumed? (4)
- 28 Choice of consecutive letters? That's kind (4)
- 31 Stonework left to shift in weir (6)
- 32 Send story about Armenia back (5)
- 34 Well? No longer continue to keep well, ultimately (4)
- 35 Burrowing creatures having little latitude in papery bark (5)
- 36 Record of accounts? Caress and burnish, removing second of transactions (8)
- 37 Foreign word and tense apportioned by poet (4)
- 38 Turned cross with American guy boarding German vessel (5)
- 40 Money securing new lookout post (6)
- 41 Theatrical soak, sent off, rejected water (7)

## Down

- 1 Expert in slaughter fired, taking care of revolutionary (7)
- 2 Rabbit, one of eight having drink (6)
- 3 Particles encapsulating transitive genetic elements (6)
- 4 Spots hospital after pointing (4)
- 5 Los Angeles invested in network offering support for unions (6)
- 6 Last character to engage in choosing odd variable approach to reproduction (10)
- 7 English Minister in there displaying adornment on robes (6)
- 8 Tenor's loss of willpower to reject a salad (7)
- 9 Attendant without question doing for old man of rank (4)
- 10 Certainly a company promoted playwright (6)
- 17 Bardic crowns beginning to shimmer, as I live and breathe (6, 2 words)
- 19 One badgers American for cold drink (6, 2 words)
- 24 City persisted in ditching department and management level (7)
- 27 Convict's daring theft, nicking books (6, 2 words)
- 28 Some lap dancing, wanting head of prophet? (Not her style!) (6)
- 29 Plenty local girl sported - what's missing? (6)
- 30 Move carefully to indicate physicist's aspiration? (6)
- 35 Discuss terms in agreement to assess liabilities (4)