

- 58 Final stage of chess or diplomacy
 60 One-name children's author, or a file format
 63 Botanical term meaning "resinous"
 65 ___ Kingdom, of taxonomy
 68 GPs, *e.g.*
 70 Home of Roma
 71 Médoc *ou* Rosé, *par exemple*
 72 Eastern collegiate athletic organization
 73 Cleveland to Akron (dir.)
 75 Religious philosophy of most US founding fathers
 77 Karma
 78 Bus. with a line
 79 Exist
 80 "___ me do it", with "the"
 81 Exploit
 84 Fraudulent one
 85 Over-meticulous
 88 *Due* follower
 89 Misbegotten patriotism
 90 Mentors
 93 Young-uns
 94 "___, ___? No, I am not the son of Thorgeir." (*cf.* I22A)
 96 Studio
 97 Commits (music) to the page
 98 It, in common parlance, sucks
 100 Kind of side
 102 Operation Desert Storm peril
 104 Sinbad's city
 105 Essential oil
 106 Drill, functionally
 107 Author Jong
 111 Hodgepodge
 112 Physics prefix
 113 Morlock food, in *The Time Machine*
 114 Accords site
 116 Carrier to Seoul
 119 Rounding-off suffix

*They bore not a charmed life.
 They went into battle foreseeing
 Probable loss, and they lost.*

—Cecil Day Lewis

*Either you had no purpose
 Or the purpose is beyond the end you figured
 And is altered in fulfilment.
 There are other places
 Which also are the world's end, some at the sea jaws,
 Or over a dark lake, in a city or desert. . .*

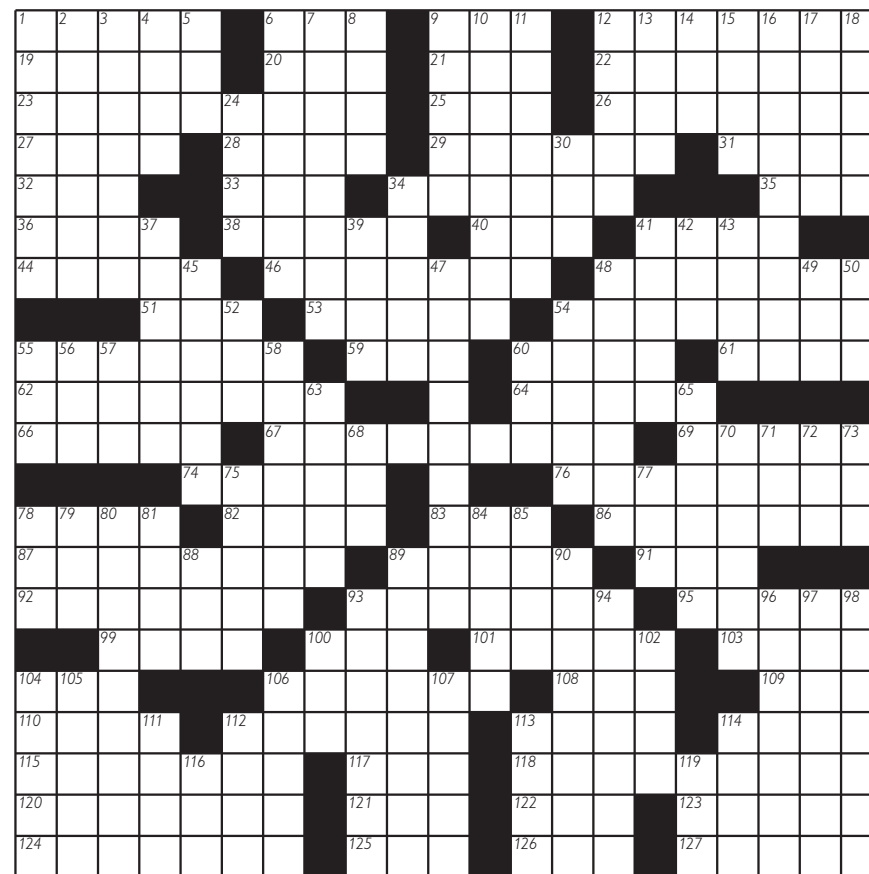
—T.S. Eliot

Solid foundations and ruined hopes are not incompatible.

—Freeman Dyson

Crossing the Maelstrom

The Dreams Our Philosophies Come to Know



...And sometimes (see the 2005 puzzle) catastrophe does a tango with the Phoenix' ashes. All flesh is grass, yes, and every favored thing, too, is a blade thereof, in its time mowed and mulched. But of the seed, theorists of evolution argue about how the logic of survival plays out: Do genetic lineages compete as individuals, or, maybe, as herds, tribes, or other social groups? As usually framed, the discussion ignores context, especially life's delicate interplay between competition and cooperation. Yet both are undeniably important components of how people (at least) get about their various businesses. However the argument is settled, then, it is clear that, just as fish swim in the ocean, we humans ply our trades in a very social milieu. It is in this sea, this crucible, that we feed, we fight, we flee, and we love. And sometimes. . .sometimes, we *change*—perhaps voluntarily and enthusiastically, perhaps wailing and shrieking—lest we, and our lines (not to mention our essential hopes), die.

Stability is not *always* desirable. Traversing the Great Tempest's vortex, the trick is to discover, often in sadness but always in passion, alternate paths to the future, to exploit hidden or undeveloped potentials...Ah, but what chaotic drummer measures these long marches? What seductive demons, devout muses, and "imps of the perverse" coo into our minds' ears; what improbable deities implore us (whether they be internal or external) to do what we do, and why (oh, why) do we heed their counsel...? Now, these are interesting, most human, and (perhaps) forever open questions....

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| Across | 44 First name in existentialist theology | 6 Medium Howard Stern may have chosen, had he been a pretty boy? |
| 1 Hie (like Libby?) | 46 Kind of story, song, or news | 7 Guardian |
| 6 Columbus, from Cleveland (dir.) | 48 Where, maybe, to spot serious students | 8 WYG follows this (which is useful for making puzzles!) |
| 9 Some articles | 51 Lea sound | 9 A martial art (var. sp.) |
| 12 Audiologist's offering | 53 Big name in garbage trucks | 10 A league or kind of dialog |
| 19 Peter of <i>The Man Who Knew Too Much</i> | 54 Waterboard user, e.g. | 11 Bent |
| 20 An interjection (see I27A?) | 55 Blake's "___ Song" | 12 Made a double curve? |
| 21 Krazy one | 59 California city ___ Mar | 13 Punches |
| 22 Locust, sometimes | 60 One of the Guthries | 14 <i>Norma</i> ___ |
| 23 Itches | 61 Spanish for this | 15 Corner |
| 25 Famed spa town near Atami | 62 Slope or ordered set of differentials | 16 Users |
| 26 ___ <i>Love</i> : 1948 film-noir with Ameche, Colbert, and Cummings | 64 "Ta-da!" | 17 Important haulers or heats |
| 27 Ore source | 66 Late al Qaeda baddie Al-Zawahiri | 18 Rendezvous |
| 28 When we generally meet important players | 67 ___ <i>Alley</i> : Classic SF movie directed by Roger Zelazny | 24 ___ Deemed University, in Sardarshahr |
| 29 Rectifiers, e.g. | 69 Island made famous by <i>Octopussy</i> | 30 Kind of drop or point |
| 31 Greek prefecture bordering Arcadia | 74 Performed a sidewalk chore | 34 Firth viewed from Arran |
| 32 Lead-in to a James? | 76 Cynic's comment: "It's just ___" | 37 Manufactured anew |
| 33 Brew or water follower | 78 DUI foes, acronymically | 39 Controversial Yankee, for short |
| 34 Pent, with up | 82 St. Louis bridge designer | 41 John Paul II's first name |
| 35 Düsseldorf direction | 83 "___ man answers..." | 42 Word with performing or history |
| 36 French <i>département</i> and river | 86 Kind of language | 43 Tainted Getty curator Marion |
| 38 Of a European spouter | 87 Recess, for instance | 45 Girls Aloud singer Coyle |
| 40 Word with day, deal or paradigm | 89 Rumanian-born actress Benedek | 47 Third film of <i>The Crow</i> series |
| 41 V2 singer Rose | | 48 ___ Condi: George W's erstwhile options for a cabinet position |
| | | 49 Allow |
| | | 50 Encouraging sign for a run, of sorts |
| | | 52 It might be hoppy |
| | | 54 Chimpanzee or scout collective |
| | | 55 Upscale range |
| | | 56 Mewl |
| | | 57 ___ in the thicket |

Down

- 1 *Amistad* and others
 2 Child's plea, "Can I ___?"
 3 Moon, for one
 4 "Are you out ___?"
 5 Asian holiday

- 91 Chessmaster Mikhail
 92 Certain gear
 93 Schlock painter Thomas
 95 Chinese dynastic name
 99 The same (Lat.)
 I00 Orca appendage
 I01 Very big idol, once
 I03 They precede above or below
 I04 *Un carnet de ___*: Duvivier film
 I06 Nag
 I08 Mag for CEOs
 I09 Itin. term
 I10 Prefix in meteorology
 I12 Sauron's realm
 I13 Jacob was his tricky brother
 I14 His bones are said to repose in Nidaros Cathedral
 I15 Predator
 I17 Certain King George
 I18 Disciples' question
 I20 Fan out
 I21 Key hit by the left pinkie (abbrev.)
 I22 Thornbjorn's friend in the *Saga of Erik the Red*
 I23 Winter precipitation
 I24 Of connective tissue interstices
 I25 Like a wee bairn
 I26 British verb-forming suffix
 I27 Like Mr. Ed, *et al.*