

Solution to Puzzle #198 – November, 2017 "Philosopher"

M	A	O	R	M	E	N	A	G	R	I
E	T	R	E	B	L	E	S	E	I	S
T	I	N	T	L	I	S	T	A	N	C
O	V	T	T	E	A	T	E	N	S	U
R	E	L	A	M	B	I	M	M	E	S
E	D	E	S	C	A	R	T	E	S	S
N	E	A	K	E	R	H	E	L	E	N
S	A	V	I	N	G	A	M	I	D	E
O	V	E	R	T	E	M	I	N	A	L
R	U	B	L	E	M	E	R	E	N	O
N	C	I	E	R	A	B	A	N	D	N

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
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Across

1. MA(J)OR
2. MENAG(E)RIE
3. TREBLE
4. SEI
5. STINT
6. LIS(P)
7. TAN
8. COV(E)T
9. TEAT
10. ENSURE
11. LAMB
12. IMME(N)SE
13. **DESCARTES**
14. SNEAKER
15. HELEN
16. SAVING
17. AMIDE
18. OVERT
19. (S)EMINAL
20. RUBLE
21. MERE
22. N(E)ON
23. CI(D)ER
24. ABAND(O)N

Down

1. ME(N)TOR
2. (C)ENSOR
3. NATIVE
4. DE(J)A VU
5. CORN(E)T
6. LEAVE
7. BIRETTA
8. SKIRL
9. EMBLEM
10. CENTER
11. ELIA
12. BARGE
13. MANE
14. STIR
15. (S)HAME
16. BASTE
17. M(U)TE
18. MIRAGE
19. AN(I)ME
20. LINEN
21. RINSE
22. SEDAN
23. DISCUSS
24. NEL(S)ON

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 30 minutes.