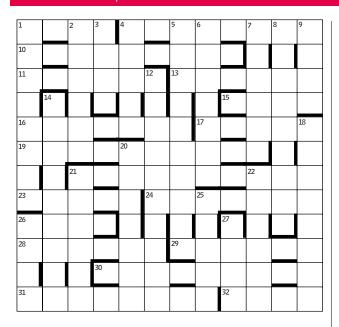
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ACROSS

- 1 Unglazed pottery, tea dish? This is baked possibly (4)
- **4** Measure (formerly) to diffuse substance (8.3 words)
- **10** Hybrid fruit, quaint when cooked in seaweed (9)
- 11 Plumed caps tremble endlessly likewise back to front (6)
- **13** Abdominal appendage getting screwed up with door (6)
- **15** Old, you'll lose love twice, sadly, at the proper time (4)
- **16** Henry and Laurie in transport? Lorry's more his thing! (7)
- 17 Language type presenting imperial monarch in capitals (5)
- **19** Loss of concentration spoilt serve it's lacking in terminal
- matches (10,2 words)
- **21** Economic theorist, one set on penetrating dimness (10)
- 23 Dialect spreading more widely, nothing accepted by lowing herd (5)
- **24** Nothing in ruins of Napoli revealing part of old Roman empire (7)
- **26** The old compensate for fruit papeeled (4)
- 28 Savoury snack Oz maybe tucks into it (6)
- 29 Impatient to be heard when published, but chary about it (6)
- **30** Elizabeth, queen, completely succeeded for subjects of old (9)
- **31** Celebrants, set nervously beset by religious awe repeatedly? (8)

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Down 2, Eiger (rev.); 3, zin cruado; 4, i.e. hi-res; 6, sin deres; 8, runt (qv) + Ime(an); 9, anag, incl., 1; 20, anag, les so ill; 21, (t) emper + CE; 24, M+opper; 25, 'bower' + a; 29, anag, less anag, & lit.; 31, moo + G.

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AZED No. 2,265 prizewinners

1 D.F. Manley (26 Hayward Road, Oxford OX2 8LW): Prof. RD's an atheist — and has this designation possibly? (comp. anag. & lit.; ref. Richard Dawkins).

2 T. C. Borland (Cuckfield, W Sussex): Turn to ref: trip's outside the box, he thinks (*anaa*.).

3 D.P. Shenkin (London WC1): One to shake up trite profs? (anag, & lit.). VHC D.K. Arnott, D.& N. Aspland, M. Barker, M. Barley, R. Gilbert, G. I.L. Grafton, R. J. Heald, Mrs D. B. Jenkinson, M. A. Macdonald-Cooper, K. Milan, T. J. Moorey, R. S. Morse, R. J. Palmer, A. Plumb, Dr S. J. Shaw, J. Vincent & Ms R. Porter, A. J. Wardrop, R. J. Whale. A. Whittaker.

- **32** Stand? By the sound of it one may be at the end of the line (4) DOWN
 - 1 School book with something to read about antelope (8)
 - 2 Antique bronze, perhaps, with gold touches, put up (6)
 - **3** Two jackdaws and a parrot (4)
 - 4 Edible fungus, all right in wine (not weak) coming up (5)
 - 5 Former standards having to kick in for very old-fashioned fusspot (10)
 - **6** A couple of knaves getting on top of one in nasty spots (7)
 - **7** Completely clean rupee, one of them crumpled (6)
 - **8** What makes it impossible to straighten coils is so awkward (9)
 - **9** Well imbued, after exchange of parts (4)
- 12 Elpees bursting with 'vita', showing what enables conductor to connect (10, 2 words)
- **14** Girl with work among ladies is missing lively dance (9)
- **18** Calcium modified salty earth, influence in chemical make-up (8)
- 20 Parliament head in woolly tangle in Holyrood? (7)
- 21 Dwelling hut, place going up to house friend overseas (6)
- 22 Appendage to mitre one's donned almost without cuts (6)
- 25 Relish cooking cuts briefly in ovens (5)
- **26** Letters regularly delivered by mastiff? I don't believe it! (4, 2 words)
- 27 Drive away with van (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.