



Puzzle #762

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ACROSS

1. By far, most snakes in Mo. are not venomous and actually are helpful to humans by keeping rats and _____ in check.
5. One of the birds Noah sent forth from the ark (Genesis 8:7).
9. Whether its screech, barn or desert, the Bible doesn't want you to eat one (Leviticus 11:17-18).
11. The garden of _____.
12. Computer key.
13. A favorite lumber for hardwood floors.
15. This puzzle features several probably UNHELPFUL hints to _____ the differences between the poisonous snakes from the non-poisonous ones.
16. A Jr.'s father.
17. A college degree.
18. _____ *facto*; Latin phrase literally meaning "by that very fact," thus meaning, an inevitable result.
19. Only book in Bible in which the angel Raphael is part of the story; 17th book of the Bible.
20. One possibly unhelpful hint: poisonous snakes have elliptical, catlike eyes while non-poisonous snakes have round _____. Would need to get real close to check it out(!).
24. Internet country code for Russia.
25. It was _____ that now that everyone had money to

buy food, they couldn't get it because it was rationed.

26. "...you know when _____ and stand..." —Psalms 139:2 (2 wds.).
27. Tea in Barcelona.
29. _____; a brand of salad dressing.
30. _____ *celebre Musee du Louvre* (the famous Louvre Museum); in Paris, the world's most visited museum.
31. Two or three of these make a laugh.
32. Fashion magazine.
34. Locally owned grocery chain.
36. I couldn't get the bartender to give me a free _____ on my beer.
39. Huck and Jim floated down the Mississippi on one of these.
42. She went to the salon to get a _____.
44. Spain, in Spanish.
46. Four _____ thirty-two equals eight.
47. Soon, in Shakespeare.
48. The Lone _____.
50. Unfortunately the orchestra and conductor didn't seem to be in _____ with each other.
51. General Motors; car company (abbr.).
53. First lady.
54. "It is amazing that God allows the human _____ to get away with what it does, when lightning is so cheap," —Mark Twain.
55. Not these but _____.

DOWN

1. The tribe's _____ man had a great knowledge of the healing properties of different plants.
2. Being cautious by nature, _____ my toe in the pool to test the temperature before jumping in (2 wds.).
3. A place for liquid sewage.
4. Some of the non-venomous snakes actually prey

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- on the poisonous snakes, reducing the chance of us humans _____ one.
5. Abbr. for last book of the Bible.
6. "So they went and secured the tomb by fixing _____ to the stone..." —Matthew 27:66 (2 wds.)
7. Old technology taping device.
8. Another probable unhelpful hint: poisonous snakes have a heat sensing pit between the eye and _____ to detect the body heat of prey, thus "pit viper." This is absent in other snakes. Look closely to tell the difference (!).
9. Sooner State (abbr.).
10. "...this son of mine... was _____, and has been found," (Luke 15:24).
14. My GPS put me on _____ I was unfamiliar with (2 wds.).
17. Third Joyful mystery: the _____ of Jesus.
21. "The _____ and the Pendulum"; short story by Edgar Allen Poe; 1842.
22. Parishes in Owensville, St. James and Brookfield are all _____ (abbr.).
23. Another unhelpful hint:

- Venomous snakes have a _____ row of scales on the underside of their tails compared to the double row on other snakes. You might grab the snake's tail to make sure which it is, or wait around until it sheds its skin.
28. In _____ St. Louis, directly across the Mississippi River from the Arch, the Gateway Geyser in the Malcolm Martin Park is a fountain that twice a day shoots water as high as the Arch itself, 630 ft. high.
33. Pasture.
34. Two to Cicero.
35. Sports commentator Michaels and politician Gore.
37. Beef _____; a brand of gin.
38. Partner with fauna.
39. King _____ in Texas, at 825,000 acres, is the largest in the U.S.
40. With a tilde over the letter N, the word for year in Madrid.
41. Another possibly unhelpful hint: venomous snakes have _____ to deliver the venom. Of course, this is only detectable when the snake opens its mouth (!).

42. ____-Thee-Well.
43. Short for cinema.
45. Breathe heavily.
49. Letters for audio visual.
50. Dir. from Brunswick to Owensville (abbr.).
52. "Are we willing to accept that there are other self-aware entities besides ____ and God, who are also aware of that same God?" —*Would you Baptize an Extraterrestrial?*; Frs. Guy Counsolmagno and Paul Mueller, astronomers at the Vatican Observatory.