

Straight definitions in blue; wordplay in red; overlapping definitions and wordplay (indicated in clues with !) in green.

## ACROSS

1. Dominate the conversation [= "utter most"] to the max: **UTTERMOST**
9. Orphan disoriented [=anagrammed] in midst of canines [=anine]: **ANNIE**
10. Doctor Seuss [a pseudonym], out of time yet not cross [=letters of Doctor Seuss, minus letters of "t" and "cross"] scrambles [is anagrammed] to new [N] gym [Y] in the afternoon [= PM]! : **PSEUDONYM**
11. As fog does around noon [surrounding "n"] --- there's the rub! ["The rub" = "bur off"]: **BURN OFF**
12. The main / 25 [=acronym] of the personality traits: **OCEAN**
14. 17 of 21 [=synonym of] ... yes [=homonym of synonym of "yes" = homonym of "aye"], that's the midpoint: **EYE**
15. Enabler of crooked character [=Z] surrounded by scattered [=scrambled] enemy units [= letters of "enemy"]: **ENZYME**
16. Having consciousness raised ["on to" = becoming conscious of] by Loony Toon [anagram]: **ONTO**
17. Mash-up [=anagram] of love chant [=O OM] with hymn --- to Him!: **HOMONYM**
20. Rats upset [anagram] the boss: **TSAR**
22. Strangely, cider mix removes red stain [=anagram of "strangely cider" without "red stain"] from cloth: **CLERGY**
23. Sway left, or sway right. or sway backward ["sway" backward], except Sunday [no "S"]: **YAW**
24. Practice wordplay [= "pun"] with you and me [= "us"] around [= reversed] daybreak: **SUNUP**
25. A jogger [in this case a jogger of memory] flips out [=anagram] on my car: **ACRONYM**
28. American [= "yank"] brings new technology [= "ai"] around to North [= "to n"] Dakota: **YANKTONAI**
29. Suggests [= "is suggestive"] employing 14 [= "eye"]: **LEERS**
30. A stooge might enter this [as Moe Howard might enter his name on an official form] clumsily [=anagrammed] with headroom [=w + headroom]: **HOWARD, MOE**

## DOWN

1. **You or I** [= "pronoun"], **hugged by crazy** [= anagram] **Uncle Abe**, **as you and I would be if 18** [= "yew"] **and 14** [= "eye"] **were: UNPRONOUNCEABLE**
2. **Location** for / 7 [= antonym] **of 17** [= homonym] **of 21** [= synonym] **of 19** [= "hearken"] (synonym is "hear"; homonym is "here"; antonym is "thereat") : **THEREAT**
3. **86** [= element #86] / **emasculated noblemen** [= "unmanned", hence just "noble"], **on oxygen**. [= "gas"] **RADON**
4. **Takes responsibility for shoveling** [= anagramming] **snow. OWNS**
5. **Encryption for a grant** [cryptic definition]: **TOMB**
6. **One who finances** [= "patron"] **young men's startups** [= "ym"], **like O'Brien: PATRONYM**
7. **Not many so contrary** [= anagram]: **ANTONYM**
8. **Predict if vessel will capsize** [= anagram of "Predict if vessel"]: **7 equals 7 of 21 and therefore it's \_\_\_\_** ["Antonym" is antonym of synonym and therefore it's...]: **SELF-DESCRIPTIVE**
13. **Before the first of May** [= "M"], **take me to New York** [= me/to/ny] --- **Broadway or Wall Street maybe**. [= metonyms for the theater and finance industries]: **METONYM**
14. **Gregory's heart** [= "ego"] **holds love for the first four of 8** [= love for the first four letters of self-descriptive = "love of self"] : **EGO**
17. **King / of the mountain: HIGHNESS**
18. **A garden variety of 17** [= "homonym"] **for a sheep** [= "ewe"]: **YEW**
19. **Listen** [= definition of "hearken" and also "hear"] **and know** [= "ken"]!: **HEARKEN**
21. **See** [= spy]? **No** [= no] **(big) Apple** [= NY] **Macbook starts up** [= M] **after power outage** [= strike out "p"] = **synonym. That's one more way to say it.: SYNONYM**
24. **Rat is strung up** [= reversed] --- **yes it is** [= it is indeed strung up] ! **SITAR**
26. **Truth 7** [= "Truth" antonym], **Falsehood 21** [= "Falsehood" synonym]: **MYTH**
27. **Understand wonk's confusion** [= anagram]: **KNOW**