

ACROSS

- 1 Intellectual or spiritual quest (7)
5 Objectives (4)
8 Unpleasantly rough or sharp to the senses (5)
9 Fierce competition (7)
11 Rear (4)
12 Diabolical (8)
15 Muslim scriptures (5)
16 Birds' homes (5)
19 Variegated, mixed (8)
21 John ____, personification of England (4)
23 Sheared (7)
25 In need of depilation (5)
26 Called on the phone (4)
27 Adolescent (7)

DOWN

- 2 Film-makers (9)
3 London district that includes Chinatown (4)
4 Moneymaker (6)
5 Turkish ruler (3)
6 __ & Spencer, chain store (5)
7 Brand-name lock (5)
10 Speaks (6)
13 Impinging (9)
14 Material, cloth (6)
17 Goad, provoke (6)
18 Stage dramas (5)
20 __ verde, green pasta sauce (5)
22 Subsequently, later (4)
24 Item consisting of albumen and yolk (3)

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