



ON THE FUTURE OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT

Another excerpt from **The PIT**: The Road to Salvation

Scene:

Dennis is about to introduce the second guest from the future: Dr. Claudette Voltaire. All the guests are particularly interested to hear what happens to us in the future. Lucifer is not pleased with her presence. The discourse continues.

Dennis: Our next guest is the second to arrive here from the future. I give you Dr. Claudette Voltaire!!! [Dr. Voltaire enters through the vortex. She is a very tall, slim dark skinned woman about forty-five years old and immaculately dressed in a fashion we've obviously never seen. She is wearing a leather mini skirt with a silk looking blouse, stylish hat and very high-heeled shoes yet somehow still looks conservative, as if she were possibly a librarian or a college professor. She has a warm and confident smile as she walks into the room]

Welcome! We are all quite happy to see you and eagerly wish to hear your thoughts. Please find your seat and be comfortable. When you're ready, we'd like to hear a brief introduction to your life in general, and in particular, to life in the year 2312; something I think you can understand we're all quite anxious to hear about.

Dr. Voltaire: [starts to shake hands with everyone she passes as she begins to walk to her seat next to Sigmund Freud. After arriving and getting settled, she stands to speak to the group] Hello everyone! It is indeed a pleasure and honor to have been invited to speak at this event. My name is Dr. Claudette Voltaire, born in Paris, Third Quadrant in 2264. I'm forty- eight years old, widowed with two teenage daughters. First, I insist on being called Claudette, as my professional title means little to me. My doctorate was in a discipline called Future Analysis and Methods, which I will explain in more detail later. I am known in my quadrant as an outspoken person with little regard to the status quo. My so-called 'claim to fame' came close to ten years ago when my doctoral thesis on the "End of Time" became public. Since then, I've been traveling around to all quadrants to speak, as my message has garnered more and more popularity and support from religious leaders of all faiths and the public at

large. I'm actually booked solid for the next five plus years. [for some reason, she notices Zao and addresses him]

Zao, I can somehow tell that you are also from the future. What year was you born, and where?
[remains standing]

Zao Lo: [responds from his seat] Claudette, it is good to see you. I was born in Peking, Fourth Quadrant in 2157.

Claudette: [responds to Zao] I see. We are then roughly one hundred years apart. I will assume that you've already discussed our ability of seeing people's character and core traits.

Zao: [responds] Yes, I have.

Claudette: [continues] Good. I think I know how to respond to questions now. [now notices Lucifer occupying the south end of the table] Lucifer! No surprise seeing you here, as I've been informed about what this event is hoping to accomplish. I think it's a safe bet to say that you're still quite mad at me, aren't you? [sits] [Lucifer refuses to comment, but you can clearly see how angry he is about her appearance]

Dennis: [stands to speak looking at Claudette] We've had a good sample of opinions from many of our guests about what will happen in our future during this discourse. Claudette, now that you've settled in and can see how anxious we all are about what actually happens in our future, what say you? [sits]

Claudette: [stands to respond] For the sake of time and to keep things simple, at least to a degree, I will not respond to individual opinions of what will happen but will instead address the major issues of the quality of life in the year 2312, as Mother Theresa would like. Is that OK for most? [no disagreements] Good. Let's see..... now..... where do I begin? Hmmm..... Here we go.

As result of technology in the future, everyone is really in control of their own destiny. A personal computer has thousands of times the computing power of the Cray computers of your time. Add the fact that energy, now taken from renewable and inexhaustible sources like the sun and water, has become very, very cheap. Cars, airplanes, boats, trains all run on small cheap energy packets for months and even years, before needing replacement. The major historical hogs of world wealth like the oil giants, military industrial complexes and financial behemoths are finally part of the past. The global threat from climate warming has ended. The major historical global diseases like AIDS, Yellow Fever, and Malaria etc are gone. The individual is now running most things.

Leonardo da Vinci: [comments from his seat] Dr. Voltaire, that sounds great! Looks like all our dire predictions of gloom and doom were baseless, and that the future of mankind looks quite bright! Would you agree with that?

Claudette: [responds with a serious look of deep sadness] **No, I would not.**

Leonardo: [responds with a dazed look from her answer] I confess to be a bit shocked at your answer! What on earth makes you so pessimistic, when from our point of view, all the major problems of mankind have been solved beyond our wildest dreams, paving the way to what one would think is a great future for us all. Please speak on it dear lady; without hesitation!

Claudette: [responds to Leonardo while she looks at everyone] As I said, the individual is running most things now. GOD is rarely, if ever, discussed. Even prosperity preaching is no longer preached, as getting most material things is far simpler, cheaper and easier than you could ever imagine. People now create everything they need on their own or have it delivered to their doorsteps. Multimedia home centers are so interactive and real, that people spend the vast majority of their time indoors. Most do not even know who their neighbors are, or even worse, could care less. Life is now about the self in a way that you good people of this time cannot even begin to imagine.

I know from reading history that the Republican conservative right wing in your time also taught and deeply believed in self, and that the needy were simply on their own. They had no problem with and even actually encouraged the rich getting richer while the poor got poorer. However, this new dynamic on self in my time makes that selfish concept back in your time, look like child's play. It's way beyond race; as class and color distinctions have almost disappeared. It's way beyond politics too, as the four quadrants all act as one and speak with one voice when it comes to governing.

I believe Zao told you folks that Churches were full each Sunday. That is no longer true. Many people have now become their own Preachers, Imams and Rabbis; as very few in my time go to Churches, Mosques or Synagogues. The only book in the Bible that is of any interest to people of my time is Revelations. When people *do* occasionally decide to socialize with each other, as in the very few parties that are given, the topic always discussed, is when the world will end. That is foremost on everyone's mind nowadays, as there is general agreement that man has now achieved technically as much as he will ever achieve, but that his spirit, and most of all his faith in GOD, has unfortunately gone in the opposite direction.

Zao Lo: [responds from his seat] Claudette, tell us of some of the other major facets of life in the year 2312.

Claudette: [responds] Sure, although I have a feeling this will not be pleasing for you people to hear.

Back in 2188, a famous year in our history, the original National Rifle Association in America, First Quadrant, went global. They are now known as the WRA, or the World Rifle Association. Since then, their political and financial strength has grown exponentially. Their massive international advertising campaign slogan of 'Protect Your Loved Ones' took off like a rocket on its way to Mars. The very sophisticated subliminal messages inserted in those ads made you feel that being unarmed and sending your children to school or simply outside to play was like sending them to be slaughtered by violent people, mostly portrayed by dark skinned people, lurking around every corner of every neighborhood on the planet.

The weapons developed for general protection had 'AAI' or Advanced Artificial Intelligence in the design. No bullets, no need to think, no triggers, no aiming, and no reloading were required. With these smart, sophisticated, lightweight pocket sized devices, one just needed to point in a general direction and the senses would take over, evaluate the immediate environment, and if calculated harmful, fire a powerful electric burst up to 50 yards that would either kill or cripple the threat, according to the settings, within a fraction of a second. They are affectionately known as LG's, for lightning guns. A child of five could easily carry one and use it effectively. I remember reading a history book once where people back in your own time had an advertising campaign for a credit card that said 'Don't leave home without it'. I laughed when I read it, as that is just what the LG's have become in my time; something you simply do not leave home without. I have mine in my bag to avoid the hassle at airports of not carrying one, although I feel deeply, deeply ashamed to tell you people.

Adrienne: [quickly stands to interrupt] Good grief! Are you telling us that even young children carry weapons in the future? That sounds like pure madness to me! Aren't there many unjustifiable shootings that people are sorry for? What about people with mental problems, are they armed too? Are you serious, or just playing with us? [sits]

Claudette: [responds to Adrienne] I am dead serious, no pun intended. I can understand your feelings and your questions, for they sure make plenty of sense. First, there are not nearly as many unjustified shootings as you might think. As I said, the LG's are intelligent. They're equipped with smart sensors and cameras that can determine the legitimacy of the threats and not fire unless a series of programmed scenarios and images are met. Believe it or not, there has been only a very slight increase in shootings that are unjustified. In addition, and if you buy the powerful propaganda from the WRA, the fact that everyone is armed is the best deterrent of all to violence. Sadly, people even carry their weapons to Church; the few that still go. I can't be sure of this, but I've been told that even some Ministers and Rabbis carry LG's as they preach their sermons! To add insult to injury, there is a global law that the WRA is pushing that would *require* everyone to be armed when out of their homes, with varying levels of fines if violated. Keep in mind that LG's are purely defensive weapons that cannot be used in any offensive action, like trying to rob someone or intentionally trying to kill someone. There are however, plenty of smart sophisticated offensive weapons that are used by criminals that are easy to obtain; which just serves to feed the world wide weapons insanity and play right into the hands of the WRA.

Adrienne: [responds from her seat] Whew! Tell us; what is *your* opinion of the LG's?

Claudette: [responds] I will be honest with you and everyone else here. My own feeling is that without question, the LG's are a giant step towards what I term the 'End-Of-Time'. This is one reason why I am so hated by Lucifer and the WRA, as I speak about them as representing the very worse aspect of mankind, and one that is a sure sign that we are rapidly approaching the end for us all. I find support for my thesis in Psalms: Chapter 7 verses 14 through 16 (NIV).

**“He who is pregnant with evil and conceives trouble gives birth to disillusionment.
He who digs a hole and scoops it out falls into *the PIT* he has made.
The trouble he causes recoils on himself; his violence comes down on his own head”**

To me, GOD is telling us in this divine statement that the total and complete proliferation of these weapons will surely backfire on us all with catastrophic results. [bows and shakes her head] May Heaven help us.

[remains standing]

George: [slowly stands to comment] I am not at all surprised to hear what you have just said, as we are moving in that direction now. I agree completely with your last statement: May Heaven help us! [sits]

Liz: [stands to speak] Imagine, a future society that has solved all our major problems yet sets itself up for certain man-made disaster. It sounds to me like we've set ourselves up to die by killing each other in mass numbers like the sophisticated animals we are. Why do I have the feeling that there is absolutely nothing we can do about it? This is far beyond sad. For some reason, after hearing and now knowing where our world will wind up, I don't feel like crying. It is almost as if I feel like we are getting exactly what we deserve. Oh yes I agree,..... May Heaven Help Us! [sits]

Claudette: [continues] Lastly, Lucifer *really* hates me in particular. I have become very famous in my time as my theories on the 'End of Time' have been steadily growing in acceptance all over the planet. When I speak, it is always to packed audiences usually in large sports arenas and stadiums. I have no fear to point out that, in my opinion, the true root cause of our miserable existence is indeed Lucifer, sitting right here at the end of this very table, and listening as I speak. What irks him the most is that I use words from Scripture to back up my claims. He knows that if people decide to give up all these weapons and give up truly loving all the easily obtained material things we command, and instead read **and live** the Word **in hopes of their own salvation**, his well thought out plan of adding massive numbers of doomed souls under his full control in his future dominion, will surely fail.

Mr. da Vinci; you were right, we did indeed solve most of the world's pressing problems, as I outlined. But what we did not realize, is that those problems, while indeed formidable, pale in comparison to man's **most** pressing problem: **believing that he can succeed in this life on his own without GOD.**

You may find this hard to believe, but as soon as I arrived here and realized **when** I was, along with **where** I was, I first thought of asking Dennis if I could remain here for the rest of my life. That is the truth.

So, I hope this answers your question as to why I am so pessimistic about man's future even though all the major global problems have been solved. [sits]

Leonardo: [responds from his seat] Thank you for that. I am near speechless. At the moment, I have no response.

Mother Theresa: [responds to Claudette] Young lady, whether you know it or not, your speech has been a great blessing to us all. I was watching Lucifer as you spoke, and yes, I can see that he really *does* hate you. That in of itself says a lot of truly wonderful things about you.

Dear Readers: I repeat; I may be only one in a gazillion, nevertheless:

I AM AGAINST THE SECOND AMENDMENT!

Blessings to you all!!