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NYS and Federal Gun Control being readied

NYC Mayor Bloomberg now has his little shooting rampages. Since the Colorado theater shooting Bloomberg as well as our Governor Andrew Cuomo have been talking about the need for more gun control in New York State. The latest mass shooting in front of the Empire State Building would have embolden Bloomberg and the Democrats to push for it had the truth been so obvious .

Odds are they would have liked to ignore the fact that the nine bystanders who were wounded at the Empire State Building were hit by the police who were shooting at the gunman. Police turned what would have been a tragic single homicide into a mass shooting.

Just how do Democrats view the Second Amendment? Well, former NYS
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The SCOPE Banquet

By Mary Jo Picone
SCOPE, Inc. 2012 Banquet Chairperson

Dear Second Amendment Supporter:

On behalf of **SCOPE**, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the extravaganza of the year which is taking place on **Friday, October 26, 2012**. Our 47th Annual **SCOPE** (Shooters Committee on Political Education) Banquet is being held at Lucarelli's Banquet Center, 1830 Abbott Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218. There will be a cash bar at 5:30 pm and dinner will be at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, \$90.00 per couple and \$400.00 per table of ten.

This year we are honoring New York State Senator George Maziarz.

Our key note speaker will be Bill Nojay.

New York State has been victimized by anti-gun politicians who have constantly and consistently introduced bills to further limit your gun rights. If we don't continue to fight, we can expect to see much more of the same in coming legislative sessions.

2012 is a critical local election year. Some people believe their vote does not make a difference, particularly if major party choices for an elective office are both anti-gun. No matter what the party, Conservative, Liberal, Republican or Democrat, they all know how to count votes. We need to make a strong statement at the polls. The formula for success is simple, you must be **REGISTERED** to vote and you must **VOTE!!!** Take a stand – fight for your right to protect yourself and those that you love.

We need to strongly oppose destructive bills like H.R.45 and Program Bill #57 that further suppress our rights. YOU need to voice your opposition as an individual, a taxpayer, a supporter of

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**Membership
needs your help**

By Mike Mastrogiovanni,
CNY

America has hit tough times, not only economically but the American gun owner will soon be assaulted on every front, federal, state and local. We need to join together and fight back. I am asking every member in SCOPE to sign up a friend, if they are a gun owner or not. If this friend does not have the money to join do it for him.

This small amount will help Scope continue to fight the good fight, resisting the anti-gun politicians.

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Second Amendment rights, as a SCOPE member, as an NRA member as an AMERICAN! Don't rely on "others" to do your part.

We are asking for your support in the way of donations, either monetary or merchandise, to supply our door prizes and/or Chinese or Silent Auctions. I am also urging your organization / business to purchase ad space in the 2009 SCOPE Awards Banquet Program Book. Please mail your ad copy to me at the address below or email it electronically to joe @joeoutdoorguy.com.

For \$ 100.00 your business or organization can purchase a full page ad and receive a FREE banquet ticket. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your organization or business exposed to our vast membership. For ad sizes and prices, please contact me at mjp653@yahoo.com or (716) 931-9780 .

SCOPE needs your help to fight for pro-gun legislation that will protect our rights and to hold back the continuing avalanche of anti-gun owner legislation. Your generous donation of One Hundred dollars, Fifty dollars, Twenty five dollars or whatever you can afford will help SCOPE continue to defeat the agenda of the anti-gun politicians.

For further banquet information call (716) 931-9780, email mjp653@yahoo.com or visit www.SCOPEny.org

We look forward to seeing you at the SCOPE banquet!

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Mail to: SCOPE c/o Mary Jo Picone, 111 Marjorie Dr., Tonawanda, NY14223

Space is LIMITED ...so get your tickets early

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Full Page Ad (includes 1 banquet ticket)..... \$100.00

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please include your ad copy and check made payable to SCOPE.

Mail to SCOPE c/o Mary Jo Picone, 111 Marjorie Dr., Tonawanda, NY14223.

Any questions, please contact me at (716) 931-9780 or mjp653@yahoo.com.

Fill out this form and return it with your check in the envelope provided by October 9th to guarantee placement in the Banquet booklet.

2012 SCOPE BANQUET ADS

To the right are the actual sizes of the advertisement space available for the annual SCOPE banquet booklet. Please note, the FULL PAGE ad now *includes* a banquet ticket. Advertisements can be submitted electronically (preferred) or traditionally. FTP SITE IS AVAILABLE TO SEND YOUR COPY!!!

AD SUBMISSIONS:

- DIGITAL Copy Preferred FTP to www.joeoutdoorguy.com
username = scopeads
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October9, 2012

**** PLEASE NOTE ****

We cannot take a business card and create a full page ad. We cannot scan business cards or any copy with textured paper.

If you have any questions on composition methods, or if your software program is not listed above, please contact Joe McAdams at 716-570-3436 or email him at: joe@joeoutdoorguy.com

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1/4 Page ... \$40.00

1.875" High x 4.5" Wide

Questions? Contact Mary Jo Picone at: (716) 931-9780 or by email at mjp653@yahoo.com

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Governor Eliot Spitzer wrote recently in **Slate** "Mitt Romney hides behind a misunderstanding of the Second Amendment," he continued "[President Obama] does support renewing the assault weapons ban. I think what I've noted in the past, and what I noted here, is that there has been reluctance by Congress to pass that renewal."

In Washington the Democrats also think that the recent shootings may be enough to pressure Congress for new restrictions on our rights. The Obama Administration has for the most part been very low key on gun control. In my opinion this is because they want to be sure they will win when they push their anti-gun legislation.

One only has to look to the "Fast and Furious" fiasco to see how this administration was trying to set up a situation to show why we need more gun control. The administration through the BATF forced gun shops to make a huge number of illegal sales to criminals. Then with a straight face blamed the same gun shops for flooding the criminal market here and in Mexico with those same guns.

The US Attorney General Eric Holder, became ensnared in the repercussions of the affair after a US border patrol agent was murdered with one of the guns that was sold. But that did not stop Holder who still was bold enough to suggest the tainted evidence was proof we need more gun control.

What kind of new gun control is likely to be proposed? In NYS our Governor Cuomo has mentioned restricting the number of guns you can buy to one per month. Micro stamping will be reintroduced. Possible bans on large quantities of ammunition sales and mail order ammunition have also been floated as well as other proposals like removing any "grandfathering" provisions for guns and magazines owned prior to the bans, 5 round magazine limits and

renewable pistol permits.

Federal legislation is likely to propose a semi-auto ban for rifles, pistols and shotguns. Something they have been after for a while. Here is a preliminary list.

Rifles (or copies or duplicates) M1 Carbine, Sturm Ruger Mini-14, AR-15, Bushmaster XM15, Armalite M15, AR-10, Thompson 1927, Thompson M1, AK, AKM, AKS, AK-47, AK-74, ARM, MAK90, NHM 90, NHM 91, SA 85, SA 93, VEPR, Olympic Arms PCR, AR70, Calico Liberty , Dragunov SVD Sniper Rifle or Dragunov SVU, Fabrique National FN/FAL, FN/LAR, or FNC, Hi-Point 20Carbine, HK-91, HK-93, HK-94, HK-PSG-1, Thompson 1927 CommaKel-Tec Sub Rifle, Saiga, SAR-8, SAR-4800, SKS with detachable magazine, SLG 95, SLR 95 or 96, Steyr AU, Tavor, Uzi, Galil and Uzi Sporter, Galil Sporter, or Galil Sniper Rifle (Galatz).

Pistols (or copies or duplicates) Calico M-110, MAC-10, MAC-11, or MPA3, Olympic Arms OA, TEC-9, TEC-DC9, TEC-22 Scorpion, or AB-10, Uzi.

Shotguns (or copies or duplicates) Armscor 30 BG, SPAS 12 or LAW 12, Striker 12, Streetsweeper.

Catch-all category (for anything missed or new designs): A semiautomatic rifle that accepts a detachable magazine and has:
(i) a folding or telescoping stock,
(ii) a threaded barrel,
(iii) a pistol grip (which includes ANYTHING that can serve as a grip,
(iv) a forward grip; or a barrel shroud.

Any semiautomatic rifle with a fixed magazine that can accept more than 10 rounds (except tubular magazine .22 rim fire rifles).

A semiautomatic pistol that has the ability to accept a detachable magazine, and has:

(i) a second pistol grip,
(ii) a threaded barrel,
(iii) a barrel shroud or
(iv) can accept a detachable magazine outside of the pistol grip, and
(v) a semiautomatic pistol with a fixed magazine that can accept more than 10 rounds.

A semiautomatic shotgun with:

(i) a folding or telescoping stock,
(ii) a pistol grip (see definition below),
(iii) the ability to accept a detachable magazine or a fixed magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds, and
(iv) a shotgun with a revolving cylinder.

Frames or receivers for the above are included, along with conversion kits.

It's quite a list and sure to get longer, not only with additional models of guns but ammunition and other restrictions too.

As you read this article, legislation is being discussed and crafted by our state and federal leaders. President Obama, US Attorney General Holder, Senator Schumer, Congresswoman Pelosi, Governor Cuomo and Mayor Bloomberg (to name but a few) all are waiting until the right moment to push their agenda. When will be the right time? Odds favor it happening after the election.

This makes you wonder, with criminals on one side being sold guns by the government and on the other, the police who apparently need lots more range time and a full time NRA shooting instructor. And between the two we, the law abiding citizens are the ones caught in the crossfire.

2012 Annual Scope Banquet — Five Gun Raffle

Instructions: Complete your raffle tickets. You can photocopy this page to create additional raffle tickets. You can either mail them to the address below, or bring the tickets with you to the dinner.
 If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo at (716) 931-9780 or mjp653@yahoo.com

**Donation: \$2 per ticket
 \$10 for six tickets**

Mail tickets to: SCOPE
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(Make sure to include your name, address and telephone number on the ticket stubs below.)

2012 Gun Lineup

- Mossberg 715T (AR-15/22) .22lr
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* Donation not required to participate.

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SCOPE is now offering businesses that want to show their support for our 2nd Amendment rights a Business Associate Membership. Business membership dues will be \$50 annually, or \$250 annually for a Sponsor level membership. Business members will receive a window sign to display, a listing on our website with basic details of their store

and contact information. We will also supply them with membership applications and a supply of each issue of the Firing Lines for their store. Sponsor level businesses will have their listing on our website highlighted and they will receive a wall plaque for display in their store.

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Make checks payable to:
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Donations to **SCOPE-PAC** are not tax deductible
and are subject to all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

The battle continues in 2012.

The Cuomo administration has shown it is pursuing gun control. Just look at the NYS Attorney General's "Operation Background Bust." If successful he will shut down gun shows in our state.

We must keep the state senate in friendly hands. As you know it is pro gun by the slimmest of margins.

Our friends and potential friends are seeking and raising funds for the upcoming election battles. **SCOPE PAC** is your tool to help our friends of the Second Amendment through your donations. We have expended most of our available funds during the last election cycle and need your donations now.

Please give any amount you can no matter how small (or large), you can. You can rest assured it will be put to good use.

Ken Mathison
Treasurer **SCOPE PAC**

CITIZENS ARE APATHETIC, BUT WHO CARES?

By Budd Schroeder
Chairman of the Board

When the Greeks organized government to make a better and more efficient society, Plato said: "One of the realities of not participating in politics is that you will be governed by your inferiors." History has proved him to have made a correct observation and while we know that cream rises to the top, so does scum. Consequently, our frequent statement of "we get the government we deserve" has also held true.

A reporter once asked if a person's non-participation in the voting process was due to ignorance or apathy, the person replied: "I don't know and I don't care." And this is a major problem with the governing of our country. In any election, usually about half the people don't bother to vote. In primary elections, often less than 25 percent of the eligible voters will go to the polls.

Think of this. If only half of the citizens vote, it means that the choices of who will be making the decisions regarding the running of government can be determined by 26 percent of the eligible voters. If they are the ones calling the shots, it is no wonder that our government is in the bad shape it is.

We have often said that the biggest special interest is self-interest so it stands to reason that the ones who are getting the most from government programs are going to vote to keep, or even increase those programs. Money is a very

powerful motivator. Consequently, those receiving government checks are the most motivated to vote. It has a huge impact on their way of life and standard of living.

Government unions and those receiving government subsidies are reliable voting blocks and the politicians whose prime objective is getting reelected will cater to that block. The quote of "A statesman looks to the next generation. A politician looks to the next election" is pretty evident in the way government is run. Now, almost half of America is getting some sort of government assistance.

One of the biggest successes is the government's definition of "entitlements." It covers practically every government check with the exception of salaries of government employees. One of the biggest boondoggles is the lumping of Social Security checks under this heading. For the thirty or forty years, sometimes more, a person works they pay the equivalent of more than 12 percent of their wages into the fund. That can add up to a huge amount of money and was designed to help with a worker's retirement. That was the original intent and the government set up a fund to make sure that when a worker retired from any job, they would have a safety net of funds to help them afford to retire.

Then, the politicians saw this big pot of money and decided to put in a survivor's benefit in case the contributor died. This has been helpful to those who decided they then didn't have to buy life insurance to take care of their loved ones and could spend the money they would normally pay for the insurance on other things. Government then picked up another responsibility that used to be left to the individual.

Again the steady stream of money coming in from the working

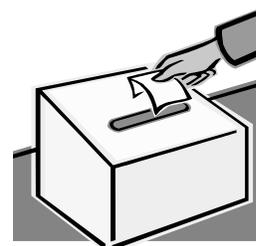
class was tempting to the politicians, and Social Security is now a replacement for disability insurance, another individual responsibility that is absorbed by the government. Scratch the term "government" and replace with the term "taxpayer."

Then, Lyndon Johnson decided that with his Great Society, the social problems could be solved by throwing money at them, but there wasn't enough money flowing for that purpose especially when you add in the expense for his highly unpopular Viet Nam War. To hide the deficit he tapped the Social Security fund and it became part of the general fund.

Now, what was a good idea and was self-sustaining is a huge Ponzi Scheme and in danger of becoming insolvent along with the other "entitlements." The current administration doesn't seem to be concerned with this impending disaster and is increasing the national debt to a dangerous level that will take several generations to correct.

So, back to the original premise, if the voters remain apathetic and refuse to remove those who refuse to correct the problems, and are actually increasing them, they have no reason to complain.

The most useless citizens in America are those who will not participate in the political and election process. Nothing good will happen unless that changes. The tragedy is that if we hold our breath waiting for that to happen, we will look like a nation of Smurfs.



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"The Gun Is Civilization"

By Maj. L. Caudill USMC (Ret)

Human beings only have two ways to deal with one another: reason and force. If you want me to do something for you, you have a choice of either convincing me via argument, or force me to do your bidding under threat of force. Every human interaction falls into one of those two categories, without exception. Reason or force, that's it.

In a truly moral and civilized society, people exclusively interact through persuasion. Force has no place as a valid method of social interaction, and the only thing that re-

moves force from the menu is the personal firearm, as paradoxical as it may sound to some.

When I carry a gun, you cannot deal with me by force. You have to use reason and try to persuade me, because I have a way to negate your threat or employment of force.

The gun is the only personal weapon that puts a 100-pound woman on equal footing with a 220-pound mugger, a 75-year old retiree on equal footing with a 19-year old gang banger, and a single guy on equal footing with a carload of drunk guys with baseball bats. The gun removes the disparity in physical strength, size, or numbers between a potential attacker and a defender.

There are plenty of people who consider the gun as the source of bad force equations. These are the

people who think that we'd be more civilized if all guns were removed from society, because a firearm makes it easier for a [armed] mugger to do his job. That, of course, is only true if the mugger's potential victims are mostly disarmed either by choice or by legislative fiat - it has no validity when most of a mugger's potential marks are armed.

People who argue for the banning of arms ask for automatic rule by the young, the strong, and the many, and that's the exact opposite of a civilized society. A mugger, even an armed one, can only make a successful living in a society where the state has granted him a force monopoly.

Then there's the argument that the gun makes confrontations

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Yates County Report

August 18th was the date of our 10th Annual Pig Roast, held at the Fireman's Field in Penn Yan, NY. With a sold out crowd of 220 attending and in keeping with the ideals of the SCOPE organization of not being affiliated with any political party, we heard from political candidates running for office for New York State and at the Federal level.

Bill Nojay (R) candidate for the NY Assembly in the 133 District, Radio Talk Show Host acted as the MC for the event and presented the key note speech to the audience. Attending and presenting at the Annual Pig Roast were; Wendy Long, (R) running for US Senator from NY State, Incumbent Congressman Tom Reed (R), Candidate for Congress Nate Shinagawa (D), NY State Senator Tom O'Mara (R), Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R). Also addressing the gathering were three of the four NY State Supreme Court Candidates; Michael Barry (R), Gail Donofrio (R), and Scott Odorisi (D).

During the day, Yates County SCOPE held drawings for a five gun raffle, drawing from the dinner tickets for a Muzzle Loader Rifle, two Air Rifles donated by Crosman Arms as well as several

drawings for donated items in a Chinese Auction and Hand Crafted furniture donated by Ian and Ruben Zimmerman, Penn Yan, NY. The events for the day were a big success and the proceeds from the event provide funding for operation of the YC SCOPE organization for the coming year.

YC SCOPE has been supporting the 4-H Shooting Sports for the last two years. Jessica Spence, 4-H Coordinator has received funds from SCOPE over this period totaling nearly \$4,000.00. These funds have been used to purchase; Muzzle Loading Rifles, Shot Guns and Crosman Air Rifles. A Gun Safe and Ammunition has also been purchased with these gifts. As a result of support by YC SCOPE, the Yates County 4-H Organization has honored YC SCOPE as "A Friend of 4-H Award" in 2011 and again at the NY State Fair on August 23rd, 2012. YC SCOPE believes that support of organizations such as the 4-H program is important to get young people involved and trained in the proper use of fire arms.

During the fall of 2011, YC SCOPE and the American Legion Riders from the Penn Yan Post #355, organized a Fund Raiser in support of OASIS Adaptive Sports, Inc. (Outdoor Adventures for Sacrifice in Service), Bloomfield, NY. OASIS is headed by Robert Hoover. OASIS is a non-profit organization offering instruction, equipment

and support to disabled military veterans in a variety of sports activities. They assist these veterans in reconnecting and resuming productive lives in society through participation in outdoor recreational activities that promote independence, and social and emotional well-being. The fund raiser presented a check to OASIS in the amount of \$1,250.00 in support of this project.

During the last year, YC SCOPE in an effort to educate our members has held General Meeting with invited guests as speakers covering the 2nd Amendment and other topics; US Congressman Tom Reed, NY State Senator Tom O'Mara, NY State Assemblyman Phil Palmesano. We have invited speakers in such as the County Officer in charge of issuing Pistol Permits, Judge Patrick Falvey. Also presenting to our organization was the Yates County Sheriff, Ron Spike speaking on the County and School System Eddie Eagle Program. Discussion on these and other topics help to disseminate the values of SCOPE in protecting our 2nd Amendment and Constitutional Rights.

Jack Prendergast
Chairman Yates County SCOPE



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US Senate Candidate Wendy Long with SCOPE President Stephan Aldstadt.

Wendy Long Candidate for US Senate

By Ralph Esposito
Editor

As you know we are currently represented by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Senator Chuck Schumer, both Democrat and both anti-gun. There will be a choice to change that balance this election. Wendy Long, a pro-gun republican is running for U.S. Senate in New York against Senator Gillibrand.

Ms. Long was raised in New Hampshire (motto "Live Free or Die"), one of the few Eastern states that both understands and values freedom. She is a wife, mother and an attorney. Early in her career she served as a law clerk under Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

I interviewed Wendy on the Second Amendment

Radio Show and she is quite a lady. Her Conservative political views matured during the Reagan Presidency. One of her favorite Reagan quotes is "government cannot be clergyman, teacher and parent. It is our servant, beholden to us." If only more politicians felt this way.

She believes the Second Amendment means the Right to Keep and Bear Arms for all citizens as it is written, not like our two current Senators who twist it to their own political views and seek to strip our rights away.

Another topic we discussed is meaning of a budget and her belief that we must spend within our means and not live on borrowed money.

Wendy Long will be on both the Republican and Conservative lines on the NYS Ballot this election.

If you would like a more complete biography and information about Wendy Long's positions please go to: wendylongfornewyork.com.

ERIE COUNTY CHAPTER

Our annual Erie County Chapter SCOPE picnic was a fantastic event with a beautiful day, great food, great Chinese auction prizes, great company, and great conversation. What more could you ask for!!! Thank You to all who helped put the event together, and to all who attended!

Our booth at the Erie County Fair won fourth prize, thanks to Herb and his wife's dedication and decoration. Great job!! Thank You!! Overall, our members representing SCOPE said it was a positive experience. It was interesting to note that guns seemed to be seen in a more positive way by most of the people talking to us. Many guests cited the gun shows on cable TV promoting the challenge / sport of shooting, plus the belief in guns for protection, and the fear that our right to own may be challenged by the government. Thank you to all who donated their time to represent SCOPE and our Cause!

Just a thought – At the gates into the Fair were signs stating knives and guns are not permitted. What were they trying to convey?? My first thought was: OK -- no law abiding citizen at the Fair should be carrying a gun. OK -- everyone here is protected from law abiding citizens. Maybe the sign should have said: No one at the Fair (except law enforcement) is armed. There are a lot of vendors

and people here with a lot of money. Please consider this when thinking about committing a crime. -- We see signs like this many places. Are these policies and signs supposed to make me feel safe?? Fortunately, there were no life threatening events. Just a thought.

Attend Your Chapter Meetings !! Thursday September 20th / October 18
7:00 PM - Community Meeting Room in the Southgate Plaza, West Seneca.
Located at side of Dollar Tree – use office entrance, follow signs.

Ken Woitaszek, Chapter Chairman

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lethal that otherwise would only result in injury. This argument is fallacious in several ways. Without guns involved, confrontations are won by the physically superior party inflicting overwhelming injury on the loser.

People who think that fists, bats, sticks, or stones don't constitute lethal force watch too much TV, where people take beatings and come out of it with a bloody lip at worst. The fact that the gun makes lethal force easier works solely in favor of the weaker defender, not the stronger attacker. If both are armed, the field is level.

The gun is the only weapon that's as lethal in the hands of an octogenarian as it is in the hands of a weight lifter. It simply wouldn't work as well as a force equalizer if it wasn't both lethal and easily employable.

When I carry a gun, I don't do so because I am looking for a fight, but because I'm looking to be left alone. The gun at my side means that I cannot be forced, only persuaded. I don't carry it because I'm afraid, but because it enables me to be unafraid. It doesn't limit the actions of those who would interact with me through reason, only the actions of those who would do so by force. It

removes force from the equation... And that's why carrying a gun is a civilized act.

So the greatest civilization is one where all citizens are equally armed and can only be persuaded, never forced. This is worth printing and sharing with others!



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