

Apocrypha Amy, Episode 215

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A short revelation

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AT RISE: A recording room. The apocalypse has come. Whether the end of the world factors into the design is entirely up to the production.

Two people are at the table: Amanda Gibbs, better known as APOCRYPHA AMY, host of a podcast with the same name; and PIO TESLA, a sedevacantist priest and guest for the episode.

Some sort of small intro music plays.

APOCRYPHA AMY

Hello everyone and welcome to the podcast. This is Apocrypha Amy; I'm Amy; and I'm excited to announce this is Episode 215: The One with the Priest. Thank you for your continued support. At time of recording, we are 15 days away from the anniversary of the end of the world. On October 11th, the Bone Butterflies hatched all over the globe. In these dark times, plenty of you are looking for hope. If you still haven't found any, let me introduce you to today's sponsor: Pocket Dating. Has the decreased population size from the apocalypse got you down? Has it lowered how many matches you're getting on the dating apps? Well, swipe no longer! Pocket Dating employs state of the art AI to determine your ideal mate. After building their comprehensive profile on you, Pocket Dating constructs a chat bot with all the qualities you're looking for. There are no restrictions on content, so you can be as sweet or naughty as you imagine. Who's going to stop you? The US government? Them and what army? Download Pocket AI today with code A-A-Amy to get 10 percent off the inevitable synthetic models whenever they come to market. Thank you, Pocket Dating, for sponsoring today's episode, and I personally can't wait until I'm cuddling with my perfect robot boyfriend.

PIO TESLA

Disgusting.

APOCRYPHA AMY

I'm sorry?

PIO TESLA

I cannot sit here without commenting that such things are against the wishes of the Lord. To lie with a robot is as unnatural as it is to lie with an angel.

APOCRYPHA AMY

You heard it here everyone: make sure to tell your robot lovers the truth. Joining us today is the purveyor of a different sort of hope, Father Pio Tesla. Father Tesla is a Traditionalist Catholic. Thank you for joining us, Father Tesla.

PIO TESLA

Yes, of course. I have been a friend of V. V. Vance for many a year. I was originally supposed to be a guest on his show.

APOCRYPHA AMY

V, if you're listening out there, we miss you, buddy, and we hope you come home.

PIO TESLA

From your lips to God's ears. It is good of you to have me on in his absence.

APOCRYPHA AMY

I wanted to talk to you, Father Tesla, because my producers say you have a theory about the cause of Apocrypha and the origins of the bone butterflies.

PIO TESLA

When the Lord speaks, we must listen. October 11th is not the date on which the world as we knew it was permanently altered beyond the realm of science. It is the date of an historic evil: the congregation known as Vatican II that has deprived this sinful world of a proper Pope since the 1960s. The Holy See has never seen such a length of abandonment. Seeing His church falling to the heresy of modernism whilst the world continued its descent into darkness, the Good Lord decided to punish us.

APOCRYPHA AMY

I -- sorry to interrupt -- I don't know what Vatican II is. Would you mind explaining that a little bit for me and any of our listeners?

PIO TESLA

Vatican II was an illegitimate ecumenical council held in the 1960s whereupon the Vatican decided to abandon the Church and her teachings in favor of embracing the world. Among its sins, I consider the greatest to be its surrender of the truth. To declare Protestants as anything other than heretics is to declare that we are not the One True Church. Thus the world was plunged into darkness.

APOCRYPHA AMY

Why would God wait 60-odd years to punish humanity for this?

PIO TESLA

He is endless in His capacity for mercy.

APOCRYPHA AMY

Is he? The world ended.

PIO TESLA

Yet it goes on.

APOCRYPHA AMY

So when the bone butterflies burst out of people's chests all over the world, that was, what, like a plague of Egypt?

PIO TESLA

This is no plague.

APOCRYPHA AMY

Not in the literal sense. There haven't been any reports of rib cages bursting out of people since the countdown ended. That's how the plagues in Egypt worked, right? They were one-and-dones?

PIO TESLA

Perhaps it would do you well to consider this a plague.

APOCRYPHA AMY

From what I understand, you and your followers think there will be more bone butterflies, right?

PIO TESLA

Those who are wicked or not careful will be marked by the Beast just as the originals were. They too will exchange their human forms for those demonic makeups. This will continue until only the righteous remain.

APOCRYPHA AMY

So you don't think they're angels or what's left behind by the raptured?

PIO TESLA

The fool who sat on the stolen Papal seat was turned into one of those creatures as payment for his heresy.