

It Might Be Today

Implanted Chips & Viruses

We like every week to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

This week I want to again talk about the movement toward mandatory human microchipping.

The mark of the beast was introduced by the apostle John when he wrote the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the first century. It is some sort of mark on the hand or forehead by which people living in the future period of time called Tribulation will conduct all commerce. They won't be able to buy or sell anything without this mark.

Ours is the generation that has seen the development of the technology to put a chip under your skin or to tattoo you with a kind of invisible ink that can be read from a distance by a scanner.

Most people remain opposed to any mandatory chipping or tattooing, and there are laws on the books in some states and countries against it.

One opponent to the trend came up with a creative way to call attention to the dangers of human microchipping. A scientist with a computer chip implanted in his wrist deliberately infected himself with a computer virus.

The article about him that I read was from DigitalTrends.com on May 27th.¹

Excerpts:

A British scientist has infected himself with a computer virus. Take a second and let those words sink in. Ten years ago, people still carried pagers, now a man has a computer chip inside of him, and it is infected with a virus to boot. The future is nigh.

¹ <http://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/man-infects-himself-with-computer-virus/>

Dr. Mark Gasson is a cybernetics researcher at the University of Reading in England... [He] wanted to test the security behind the RFID chips, so he infected his with a benign computer virus according to PC World.

Gasson and his group of researchers created the virus, then embedded it in Gasson's chip. When Gasson entered the lab and the RFID chip signaled a security door to open, the system that accepted the information to make the door unlock, also accepted the virus. From there, the virus began to replicate, and any other person that swiped their card, or used their RFID chip to interact with the infected computer, then became a carrier for the virus.

Graham Cluley, a senior technology consultant for [a tech company called] Sophos... calls it "Scaremongering." "Predictions of pacemakers and cochlear implants being hit by virus infections is the very worst kind of scaremongering."

Meanwhile PC World on June 12th posted an article titled, *The Next Generation May be 'Chipped.'*²

Excerpts:

You may reject the idea of a microchip implant but your grandchildren could embrace them, according to an Australian professor.

Katrina Michael, associate professor of the University of Wollongong's school of information systems and technology, and author of scientific paper *Towards a State of Ubervveillance*, said subdermal chip implants in humans could be commonplace within two to three generations.

"You will have a new breed of tech-savvy individuals that are more adaptable to technologies..." Michael said.

One way we might be being prepared for microchipping is the gradual phasing-out of cash in our commerce. For example, on June 17th it was reported that the San Francisco Municipal Travel Agency has confirmed that paper tickets will no longer be available from November 1st.³

Commuters will be able to use the city's contactless smart travel card, known as the Clipper card, to make cashless payments across the transport network.

² http://www.pcworld.com/article/198664/the_next_generation_may_be_chipped.html?tk=hp_new

³ <http://www.squidcard.com/corporate/emoneynews/transit/san-francisco-moves-towards-cashless-society409.html>

The multi-functional card can be used on the Municipal Railway, the ferry, Golden Gate Transit, Caltrain and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART).

Whether we'll see mandatory microchipping in our lifetime, or whether we'll volunteer for it, it is a remarkable trend that is *exactly* what you'd expect from a literal reading of Bible prophecy.

I remind you that although we follow the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, we are not waiting for any prophecy to be fulfilled. Jesus promised to return to resurrect and rapture the church as an imminent event. By that we mean the certainty that He may come at any moment and the fact that no prophesied event stands between the believer and that hour.

Nothing needs to be fulfilled before the Lord can return for us. We are only waiting for Him - and His coming is always imminent.

Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***