

# It Might Be Today

## Universal Online ID

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.

We talk a lot about the advancement of technology, and especially technology that corresponds to the dreaded 'mark of the beast.'

Most everyone, believer and nonbeliever, has heard of the mark of the beast. The Bible predicts that there will be a cashless society. All commerce, and indeed your personal identity, will involve some sort of a mark on your hand or forehead. In the middle of the future seven-year Great Tribulation, the man the Bible calls the antichrist will demand that you swear allegiance to him. He will control the system that involves this personal mark and, if you do not swear your allegiance to him, you will not be able to buy or sell anything.

It's only been very recently that the kind of technologies necessary to support such a system have been developed. When we see indications that we are moving towards unique personal identifiers, we ought to take notice.

About a month ago, Fox Business News reported that our Federal Government is suggesting something called "the Identity Ecosystem." The article they posted was titled, *Uncle Sam Wants You To Have An Online ID*.<sup>1</sup>

Excerpts:

As our daily interactions and transactions have become increasingly "wired," we have yet to see any truly comprehensive attempts at securing online identities.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.foxbusiness.com/personal-finance/2010/07/02/uncle-sam-wants-online-id/?cmpid=prn\\_baynote](http://www.foxbusiness.com/personal-finance/2010/07/02/uncle-sam-wants-online-id/?cmpid=prn_baynote) *Uncle Sam Wants You to Have an Online ID*

Our complex system of usernames and passwords is astoundingly outdated and increasingly prone to security breaches and theft. Yet, so far it has been mostly up to the individual to protect himself against various forms of identity fraud - with larger corporations taking relatively little responsibility.

But this could change in a big way. Right now the federal government is proposing a new system being referred to as the "Identity Ecosystem" - which was highlighted in the recently-released draft paper, "National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace" [NSTIC].

The Identity Ecosystem would allow Americans to choose to obtain a single authenticated ID for online transactions. Like a passport, this single ID could travel with them online and be used to access everything from e-mail, to online health records and banking information.

Technology is advancing faster than we can regulate it. There's a new annual conference called *TechOnomy* whose stated purpose is "looking at how technology is changing and can change society." Google CEO Eric Schmidt noted that using artificial intelligence, computers can take 14 pictures of anyone on the Internet and stand a good chance of identifying that person. Similarly, the data collected by location-based services can be used not only to show where someone is at, but to also predict with a lot of accuracy where they might be headed next.<sup>2</sup>

Schmidt said that technology is good, but he said that the only way to manage the challenges is "much greater transparency and no anonymity." Schmidt said that in an era of asymmetric threats [in which we are subject to the terror-tactics of unconditional warfare] **"true anonymity is too dangerous."**

We are moving towards a system where everyone will have a single identifier for everything we do online, in stores, with the government. It's not hard to see that this will one day need to be on your forehead or hand in a permanent way.

This is exactly the kind of news you'd expect if we were trending towards the fulfillment 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

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<sup>2</sup> [http://news.cnet.com/8301-13860\\_3-20012704-56.html](http://news.cnet.com/8301-13860_3-20012704-56.html)

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.

Are you rapture-ready? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up.  
***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***