

It Might Be Today

Dattoos & Skinput

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.

I want to talk about the latest mark-of-the-beast technology, but first I feel compelled to mention a chilling prediction I read this week.

News that Russia will load nuclear fuel rods into an Iranian reactor has touched off a countdown to a point of no return, a deadline by which Israel would have to launch an attack on Iran's Bushehr reactor before it becomes effectively "immune" to any assault, says former Bush administration U.N. Ambassador John R. Bolton.¹

The fuel in question is scheduled to be loaded on August 21st. Within the next six days. Keep your eyes on Iran.

Now back to our regularly scheduled Prophecy Update!

When the apostle John wrote the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the first century it was hard to understand how a mark on your hand or forehead could be the personal identifier by which you would conduct all your business.

Not anymore! On August 4, gizmag.com posted an article titled, *Dattoos would be the ultimate user/machine interface*.²

Excerpts:

Five years ago... Hartmut Esslinger envisioned a [new] technology... Using an online design portal, users would select and try out a customized electronic processing device that they would then print onto their own skin. The DNA Tattoo, or Dattoo, could include

¹ http://www.newsmax.com/Headline/John--Bolton--Iran--Nuclear--israel/2010/08/13/id/367449?s=al&promo_code=A80B-1

² <http://www.gizmag.com/datto-concept-from-frog-design/15944/>

printable input/output tools such as a camera, microphone, or laser-loudspeaker – it would be up to the user, as would the Dattoo's aesthetics. Most intriguingly, it would capture its wearer's DNA, to ensure an intimate user/machine relationship.

... the body itself [becomes] the interface, and would supply the required energy... Dattoos would largely replace three-dimensional tools such as smart phones or laptops...

Despite evoking creepy Matrix-like images of permanent implants, Dattoos would actually be temporary and minimally-invasive. They could even be applied to clothing or other objects, instead of the skin. At the end of the day, they would simply be washed off. The next day, depending on what the user planned to do, they could order up and apply a new one.

In the past five years, we've definitely gotten closer to Dattoos becoming more than just a concept. An example from this year is the Skinput, an experimental system that allows users to control electronic devices via a display projected onto their arm.

Skinput is equally mind-blowing.

Chris Harrison has developed Skinput, a way in which your skin can become a touch screen device or your fingers buttons on a MP3 controller. Harrison says that as electronics get smaller and smaller they have become more adaptable to being worn on our bodies, but the monitor and keypad/keyboard still have to be big enough for us to operate the equipment. This can defeat the purpose of small devices but with the clever acoustics and impact sensing software, Harrison and his team can give your skin the same functionality as a keypad. Add a pico projector attached to an arm band, and your wrist becomes a touch screen.³

This is exactly the kind of news you'd expect if we were trending towards the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. You be seeing advancements in technology that make the kind of thing John saw in the first century possible and probable.

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.

³ <http://www.gizmag.com/skinput-body-touchscreen-keypad/14408/>

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!