

It Might Be Today

India & Unique 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.

This week I want to talk about advances in technology that sound eerily like what the apostle John saw in his visions on the Isle of Patmos when he received the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

He saw a cashless society in which people would conduct business by means of some sort of personal identifier. Later this economic system would be used by the man we call the antichrist to identify those who had sworn allegiance to him.

India has just launched their universal ID system that uses biometrics. Here are excerpts from the September 13 article.¹

India has launched an ambitious program to fit each of its 1.2 billion residents with an Unique identification number (UID). Each number will be tied into three pieces of biometric data: fingerprints (all ten digits), iris scans (both eyes), and a picture of the face. Starting this month, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) will begin processing people in various locations around the country. UIDAI aims to slowly roll out the program through February of 2011 and to ID 600 million people in the next four years! This is a mammoth program. While residents are not mandated to get a UID, a growing list of services including social welfare and even some bank accounts will soon require the identification number. If successful, this will be the first biometrically verified universal ID implemented on a national scale. India is forging new ground, drawing both fears and hopes of what a national ID number may bring with it.

Along the lines of personal ID, a September 15 article posted by SingularityHub.com was titled, *In the Debate Over RFID Tracking, Children are The Testing Ground.*²

¹ <http://singularityhub.com/2010/09/13/india-launches-universal-id-system-with-biometrics/>

² <http://singularityhub.com/2010/09/15/in-the-debate-over-rfid-tracking-children-are-the-testing-ground/>

Excerpts:

RFID tags are already embedded in millions of products you buy... and your children could be next. In the ongoing debate over privacy and surveillance, Radio Frequency ID tags occupy a very interesting position. They are invaluable when tracking goods, allowing modern corporations like Wal-Mart to manage their inventories quickly and cheaply. If applied to humans, such ID tags could help with disaster relief, security, and emergency healthcare.

Schools the world over continue to toy with the ideas of placing tags on students to help monitor their attendance and keep them safe. Are we raising a generation that feels comfortable being tagged and tracked?

Schools in Japan, the UK, and other countries have been conducting trials for RFID tracking of students for years. Usually a small RFID tag, which looks vaguely like a maze of metal, will be embedded in clothing or a badge. Electronic receivers at doors interact with the tags and a central system keeps track of student locations and movements.

Such a system is set to be tested in Contra Costa County in California, where preschoolers will be given a jersey to wear with RFID inside. The school hopes to save money by keeping teachers from spending time on taking attendance and allow them to focus on educating the kids.

The testing on very young children is typical. Preschoolers are like a swarm of bees, hard to keep track of visually, and with much the same temperament to being herded. Automated attendance can save a lot of time. Furthermore, at this young age it is much more dangerous for children to left unwatched or allowed to wander on their own. RFID is seen as increasing student safety.

Meanwhile the trend towards a cashless society continues. A September 13 article, originally published in World Coin News, stated,

Sweden may be a member of the European Union, but to date it has opted not to join the EU's currency union. If some people in Sweden have their way it may never be necessary to join the currency union, since they would rather see all coins and bank notes replaced with debit and credit cards.³

The world is trending toward a single personal identifier. At some point you won't be able to work, or conduct business, without it. All of it involves some sort of biometric technology. Eventually it makes sense to replace RFID equipped cards by putting chips *in* or *on* you.

³ <http://www.numismaster.com/ta/numis/Article.jsp?ad=article&ArticleId=13953>

This is just the kind of thing thought impossible until very recently but predicted by the Bible over 2,000 years ago.

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.

Are you ready for Jesus to return? Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up.
Ready or not, Jesus is coming!