

# It Might Be Today

## Biometrics Advance

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.

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 September 26, singularityhub.com posted a story titled, *Iris Scanning Set To Secure City in Mexico, Then the World*.<sup>1</sup>

Excerpts:

The million-plus citizens of Leon, Mexico are set to become the first example of a city secured through the power of biometric identification. Iris and face scanning technologies from Global Rainmakers Inc. will allow people to use their eyes to prove their identify, withdraw money from an ATM, get help at a hospital, and even ride the bus.

GRI's implementation in Leon is eventually going to exceed anything we've seen before. Every other means of access (license, credit card, keys, etc) has the potential of being augmented or replaced by iris and face scanning. Get on a bus, pass security on the way into work, pay for a meal, order packages online – all without using anything besides your eye. The Leon project could make this futuristic world appear in just 3 to 5 years.

In another biometric development, dvice.com reported on October 12 that your ears are a super-accurate means of identification.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://singularityhub.com/2010/09/26/iris-scanning-set-to-secure-city-in-mexico-then-the-world-video/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://dvice.com/archives/2010/10/super-accurate.php>

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The research, being done at the University of Southampton in the U.K., involves a technique called image ray transforming that can pick out the tubular structure of the ear, isolate it from the rest of the head, and then pick out unique characteristics about it.

Of course, ears can be obstructed in all kinds of ways — the most common being by our hair. The team came up with an algorithm to deal with the likes of hair or the irregularities caused by wearing a pair of glasses, and in a test using 252 images enjoyed a 99.6% success rate.

The author concludes the article by saying, “At some point a scanner will be able to know who you are in the blink of an eye just by looking at any part of you.”

USAToday Travel reported that,

The 1,200-room Hilton Americas-Houston - Houston's biggest hotel - has installed a cutting edge digital video system that relies on facial recognition technology. The system will let managers track employees, locate missing suitcases, recognize a VIP guest - and much, much more.<sup>3</sup>

India just launched its effort to digitally id over a billion citizens using fingerprints, face, and iris scans. Japan already uses finger scans during entry into the country. The EU is working on a variety of passive scanning technologies to help secure airports and other public spaces. Here in the US there is an ongoing push for a national id involving biometrics.

Then there was this bit of news, from telegraphUK.com:

Eric Schmidt, the CEO of Google, has described his company’s policy: “Google policy is to get right up to the creepy line and not cross it.” Schmidt was talking to *The Atlantic* about the possibility of a Google implant – a chip under your skin that would track you and provide easy web access. That, Schmidt said, was probably over ‘the creepy line’. However, he followed that by saying: “With your permission you give us more information about you, about your friends, and we can improve the quality of our searches. We don’t need you to type at all. We know where you are. We know where you’ve been. We can more or less know what you’re thinking about.”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> <http://travel.usatoday.com/hotels/post/2010/10/houston-hilton-hotel-installs-facial-recognition-technology/125937/1>

<sup>4</sup> <http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/technology/shanerichmond/100005766/eric-schmidt-getting-close-to-the-creepy-line/>

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.

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!***