

# It Might Be Today

## WHEREVER YOU GO, THERE YOU ARE

Every Sunday we present a prophecy update. We show how news and trends in the world corroborate centuries-old prophecies you read in the Bible.

One of the most universally known prophecies in the Bible is the dreaded Mark of the Beast. The mark, on your hand or forehead, will be necessary in order to transact any business. You won't be able to buy or sell anything without this mark. (See Revelation 13).

The apostle John wrote about this "mark" some 2000 years ago. He foresaw both a cashless global economy and technology in us or on us that would identify us by remote scanning of some sort.

Let's put that into historical perspective. John saw the future at a time when 'papyrus' was a writing material, not a computer font, and when people still got paid with salt.

In the last decade or so we have watched with grim fascination as technology has developed what appears to be various means for this prophecy to become reality. We've done several updates regarding the many world governments that are requiring some sort of biometric smart id for their citizens.

Implantable microchips are just one such technology that has seen amazing advancements. It would be easy for a government to require its citizens to receive an injectable microchip as a means of identification and to conduct commerce.

The latest advancement in this type of technology is going to blow your mind. Researchers are developing what are called "wireless sensors." These are sensors that power themselves by scavenging for energy in their environment, for instance in the form of light and motion.

Here's the really mindblowing part. On November 4 The Economist posted a story titled, *A Sea of Sensors*.<sup>1</sup>

Excerpts:

Engineers working on sensors think [all] this will eventually lead to "smart dust" - sensors as small as dust particles... **One day... a network of one trillion sensors will cover the world and deliver data to anybody who needs them.**

It won't be a matter of going to the store, or logging-on to your computer. Everywhere you are there will be sensors to react to your movements and activities. It will fulfill the old adage, *Wherever you go, there you are*.

Will people actually embrace this kind of technology? For the most part, **we already have!** The article goes on to point out that as we are becoming more-and-more accepting of technology, people are themselves becoming willing sensors. The article states,

Humans themselves have turned out to be excellent sensors. Many provide information without any extra effort, just by carrying around a mobile phone. TomTom, a maker of navigation devices, uses connection data from mobile networks to update directions if there are delays. Others are connecting additional sensors to smartphones. Such devices and smartphones are gradually turning people into the sensory organs of the internet.

More surprising... is the willingness of many people actively to gather and upload information. The best example is Twitter, the micro-blogging service whose 160m users send out nearly 100m tweets a day. When they see, hear or read something, they type it into their computer or smartphone, 140 characters at a time.

There are plenty of other examples. At OpenStreetMap... some 250,000 volunteers record their wanderings, using their smartphones' positioning functions. And SeeClickFix... has come up with a smartphone app that allows users to report such things as broken streetlights or rubbish that needs to be picked up.

The world the apostle John saw is the world we inhabit today. There should be no doubt in our minds that we are living in the last days.

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

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.economist.com/node/17388356?story\\_id=17388356&fsrc=rss](http://www.economist.com/node/17388356?story_id=17388356&fsrc=rss)