

It Might Be Today

Reading, Writing & RFID

The daily news and the trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible. We like to highlight some of the things that are happening and present them to you as a weekly Prophecy Update.

I want to talk about the latest ‘mark-of-the-beast’ trends in the news.

When the apostle John wrote the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the first century he made it clear that in the end times, and especially during the future seven-year Great Tribulation, everyone would have some sort of ‘mark’ on them by which they would be identified and conduct all their business. At the mid-point of the Tribulation the man we know best as the Antichrist will use that technology to control his subjects. He will demand that people swear allegiance to him or he will cut them off from all buying and selling.

The technology itself is not the mark! It is this swearing of allegiance that is the ‘mark,’ but it involves sophisticated technology by which everyone has a personal identifier that allows them to function in society.

In numerous updates we’ve discussed the technologies that now exist which could easily fulfill this prophecy. The problem for some of us is that we can’t foresee how it is that folks will become tagged or chipped on a large scale. It seems too much an invasion of privacy.

I’ve often speculated that it would begin with our children in an effort to know where they are in order to keep them safeguarded.

Along those lines, **it is interesting that many children are already being tracked.**

The latest story is out of Anaheim CA. On February 17 the Orange County Register posted a story on their website titled, *Kids Who Skip School Are Tracked By GPS*.¹

Excerpts:

Frustrated by students habitually skipping class, police and school officials in Anaheim are turning to GPS tracking to ensure they come to class. The Anaheim Union High School District is the first in California to test Global Positioning System technology as part of a six-week pilot program that began last week, officials said.

Seventh- and eighth-graders with four unexcused absences or more this school year are assigned to carry a handheld GPS device, about the size of a cell phone.

Each morning on schooldays, they get an automated phone call reminding them that they need to get to school on time. Then, five times a day, they are required to enter a code that tracks their locations - as they leave for school, when they arrive at school, at lunchtime, when they leave school and at 8 p.m.

It has [already] been well received in places like San Antonio and Baltimore. Where the GPS technology has been implemented, average attendance among the chronically truant jumped from 77% up to 95% during the six-week program.

GPS isn't the only method being utilized. Going back to January 30 you can find a story on the RFID Weblog titled, *Indian Students RFID Tagged*.²

(RFID stands for Radio Frequency Identification and refers to a passive 'tag,' like a microchip, that can be read by a remote scanner).

Excerpts:

Hundreds of Indian students enrolled at Tri-Valley University in California are nervously waiting the outcome of the court ruling on their immigration status... Tri-Valley University has been accused of being part of misuse [of] visas and [of] money laundering to grant students ineligible immigration status.

Due to this, some students have been tagged with RFID (radio frequency identification) labels, to monitor their movements.

¹ <http://www.ocregister.com/news/school-288730-students-program.html?nstrack=sid:1108969lmet:102lcat:1009031lorder:1>

² http://www.rfid-weblog.com/58929511/indian_students_rfid_tagged.php

This tracking of students by RFID or GPS is not new. You can find articles on it going back at least to 2003. It's becoming more-and-more prevalent and accepted.

As it is elsewhere, in other applications. On February 11 MedHealth.com reported that 'Smart Hospitals,' which are those utilizing RFID technology, are being showcased at a symposium as the way of the future. The author writes, "[it just shows you] how far hospitals have advanced in terms of connectivity and tracking of all types of equipment, *as well as patients themselves*."³

Here is another amazing use of RFID that is hard to argue with.

[A] system, called PERCEPT, uses... RFID tags placed throughout a building as audio landmarks. When a visually impaired person tunes into these electronic signposts with an RFID reading device, the system provides verbal instructions through... headphones.⁴

The technology the apostle John saw 2000 years ago is here now.

The technology is **not** the mark, but you can certainly see how it, or something even more advanced, will be utilized by the Antichrist in the future.

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!

³ <http://medhealth.tmcnet.com/topics/mobile-connected-health/articles/143903-connected-health-using-rfid-showcasing-smart-hospitals-himss.htm>

⁴ <http://www.physorg.com/news/2010-12-scientists-rfid-devices-visitors-unfamiliar.html>