

It Might Be Today

Biometric Bullies

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.

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.

In numerous updates we've discussed the various technologies that now exist which could easily fulfill this prophecy. RFID (radio frequency identification), GPS, injectable microchips, and electronic tattoos are just a few of the things we've mentioned.

Today I want to talk about biometrics. Biometrics consists of methods for uniquely recognizing you based upon one or more intrinsic physical or behavioral trait. Examples of physical traits include, but are not limited to fingerprints, facial recognition, DNA, palm prints, hand geometry, iris recognition (which has largely replaced retina), and even odor and scent recognition.

In August 2008 the National Science & Technology Council published a report titled, *Biometrics in Government Post-9/11: Advancing Science, Enhancing Operations*.¹ It shows you the direction we're definitely heading, the path we are on, regarding biometrics.

¹ <http://www.biometrics.gov/Documents/Biometrics%20in%20Government%20Post%209-11.pdf>

The report is essentially a timeline of developments the government has been implementing. Let me just give you the conclusion.

The US government studied and worked with biometrics long before 9/11, but the technology has experienced **rapid growth** and attention in the ensuing years by agencies and high-level coordination bodies. Working closely with the private sector and international partners over the past seven years, federal agencies have advanced the scientific basis of the technology and its mutual co-existence with fundamental privacy principles, rapidly implemented operational systems to meet immediate needs, and laid the foundation for maximizing the appropriate use of biometrics in future identity management applications.

The technological and operational growth of biometrics since 9/11... has been unprecedented in the technology's history.

You see in this report how an event like 9/11 can fast-track the utilization of technology that might otherwise be seen as too creepy.

Fast forward from that 2008 report to the very latest development in biometrics. Fox News, on their new app, *The Daily*, on Saturday February 26, reported that our government is preparing to scan your DNA at airports for increased security. The article was called *Genetic Patdown*.²

Excerpts:

Airport scanners already get under your clothes, but federal officials aren't stopping there. They want to get inside your genes, too.

This summer, the US Department of Homeland Security plans to begin testing a portable DNA scanner, *The Daily* has learned.

The device, which has not yet been unveiled but reportedly resembles a desktop printer, is expected to make genetic tests far more common... As the technology is commercialized, some experts believe it will make its way into everyday medical and law enforcement situations.

With nothing more than a swab of saliva, security officials can use the device to obtain genetic intel in less than an hour.

"This can be done in real time, with no technical expertise," Richard Selden, the executive chairman of NetBio, the company that devised the scanners, told *The Daily*.

² <http://www.thedaily.com/page/2011/02/26/news-tsa-scanner-1-2/>

“DNA information has the potential to become part of the fabric of day-to-day life, and this facilitates that process.”

Really? The fabric of everyday life? Well that is what you’d expect from your literal reading of the Bible.

The invasive personal identification 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!