

It Might Be Today

End Times Roll Call

Bible prophecies are coming true before our very eyes. That's why 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.

Around two thousand years ago the apostle John, exiled on the Island of Patmos, saw a future time in which people would be identified by what he called a "mark" on their hand or forehead. It may once have seemed fanciful, even impossible, but it is now being implemented in various forms.

For example. A May 9 article was posted on an educational website titled, *End is in sight for roll calls as schools face the future.*¹

Excerpts:

An Irish software firm has brought the traditional school attendance register into the computer age.

Two [Irish] schools have already adopted the latest face-recognition technology to monitor attendance and timekeeping among thousands of pupils, and other schools are planning to introduce the system [in] September.

Students simply look at a device when they arrive at school and, within seconds, they are scanned, identified and their attendance is registered.

Face-recognition software is now widely used as an ID system, but this is the first time it has been adopted by schools in [Ireland].

The apostle John also indicated that all of your interactions with government and merchants would become cashless and involve some sort of personal identifier. We see this happening more-and-more. On May 16 Wired.com posted an article titled, *Visa Digital Wallet Accelerates Mobile-*

¹ <http://www.independent.ie/education/latest-news/end-is-in-sight-for-roll-calls--as-schools-face-the-future-2641123.html>

*Payments Race.*² They are turning your cell phone into your wallet to conduct cashless transactions.

Excerpts:

Visa... has announced plans for a digital wallet based on Near Field Communication, or NFC, technology.

Visa's announcement accelerates the all-out race over digital payments. Major companies, from financial institutions to telecom giants to internet firms, all recognize the opportunity associated with the realization of a long-standing dream: the ability for consumers to pay for purchases simply by waving their phone near a cash register.

In addition to point-of-sale digital payments, the new Visa system promises greatly simplified, one-click web shopping, as well as an open platform that will let users consolidate accounts from a variety of financial institutions, according to the company.

I think we all fear that the government *could* and *would* use technology against its citizens - all in the name of protecting us. Thus it was chilling to read the following:

Wired News reported that Photon-X, Inc. recently received an Air Force contract to develop... a camera... that tracks facial movements biometrically in order to build a psychological profile of the individual under surveillance. With one snap, the company claims, its sensor can build a three-dimensional image of a person's face: the cornerstone of a distinctive "bio-signature" that can be used to track that person anywhere. With a few frames more, the device can capture that face's unique facial muscle motions, and turn those movements into a "behaviormetric" profile that's even more accurate.³

The things the Bible spoke of long before any science fiction writer even imagined them are now becoming commonplace. It's not a question of **if** everyone will have a mark in the hand or forehead, but **when**.

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.

² <http://www.wired.com/epicenter/2011/05/visa-digital-wallet-nfc/>

³ <http://www.prisonplanet.com/new-behaviometrics-technology-allows-government-to-know-what-youre-thinking.html>

Are you rapture-ready? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up.
Ready or not, Jesus is coming!