



## It Might Be Today

### I've Got You Under My Skin

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.

The most renowned of all end times prophecies is the mark of the beast. It's something - a mark, perhaps a tattoo - *on* or *in* the hand or forehead by which everyone will be identified and transact all their business. During the future Great Tribulation, in the very middle of those seven years, the antichrist utilizes the system of identification and commerce to know who has sworn allegiance to him. All who do not will be subject to his persecution.

If we were in the last days you'd expect to be hearing about and reading about ways this mark could be implemented.

The website CanadianManufacturing.com on May 9 posted a story titled, *Autodesk Research tests "under-skin" interfaces.*<sup>1</sup>

Excerpts:

At the Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI) in Austin Texas this week, Autodesk Research presented its findings on the logistics and challenges of sub-dermal user interfaces - that is **electronic input and feedback devices implanted beneath a user's skin.**

Autodesk Research looked at creating an interface that always stays with the user. As electronics like smart phones have become smaller, more portable and more multi-

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.canadianmanufacturing.com/design-engineering/cad-cam/autodesk-research-tests-%E2%80%9Cunder-skin%E2%80%9D-interfaces-63379>

functional, users have become increasingly dependent on them as an extension of themselves. The logical continuation then would be to integrate them, or parts of their interface, into the user himself so they are available at all times.

[They] tested the feasibility of typical input and feedback devices when surgically implanted. In addition, the team's research looked into the challenge of communication with external devices and keeping the implant powered.

For input, they tested a button, pressure sensor and tap sensor, as well as capacitive and brightness sensors, to detect hover above the skin and a microphone for sound input. For output, an LED light, vibration motor and speaker were tested along with an inductive charging mat for as a way to charge a battery and a Bluetooth chip for data transfer.

The team then implanted the devices into the forearm of a cadaver to see if they worked (e.g. LED light shined through skin; microphone recorded sound; bluetooth transmitted data, etc). In addition, test subjects were fitted with a prosthetic latex skin covering a series of input/output sensors on their forearms. They were then asked to perform a series of tasks in and around down town Toronto, while interacting with the "implanted" device.

According to the study, all the devices were functional, potentially paving the way to more elaborate devices in the future.

Sherry Turkle, a sociologist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, commented, "In general, the trend has been that people are more and more willing to incorporate bits of the machine world into themselves."

The future the apostle John prophesied... ***Is here!***

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.

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