IT MIGHT BE TODAY

Survey Says

I read or listen to the news with a Christian worldview and, especially, an ear for how things are corroborating centuries old Bible prophecies regarding the last days. Each week I present my findings as a Prophecy Update.

One of the most prevalent prophetic trends involves the use of technologies by which you can be personally identified by something *in* you or *on* you. It's of interest to us because some two thousand years ago the apostle John, while exiled for his faith in Jesus on the Island of Patmos, described a system of identification and commerce that would rely on something in or on your hand or forehead.

Ours is the first generation in human history to see this kind of thing becoming not just possible but actually in use. Used to be we wondered how the antichrist would be able to force everyone to submit to this kind of identification. Now we are starting to understand it will be voluntary!

On June 10, <u>retailtimes.com</u> posted an article titled, *Biometric* payments are top option for security-concious shoppers, survey finds.

Excerpts:

Paying for goods and services through fingerprint, palm and iris scanners is the most popular future technology choice for security-conscious shoppers, according to new research from WorldPay, a global leader in payments processing.

One in two people surveyed (49%) stated they would like to have biometric payments, such as fingerprint, palm or iris scanners, far outweighing the popularity of emerging mobile technology options. Thirty per cent would like to use PIN based smartphone payments, 25% online wallets, and 23% are keen to use SMS payments. Paying through social media was the least popular choice, with only 12% expressing they would like to use it.

Ron Kalifa, deputy chairman at WorldPay, said: "Retailers can help drive mass adoption of new payment technologies by challenging existing shopping behaviors and most importantly, making a compelling case for new payment methods that consumers will understand and buy into.

"It's interesting to see the public considering options such as biometric payments, a science that they may have seen in sci-fi films or on TV, which suggests familiarity and visibility of new payment technologies is crucial in moving usage from tech savvy enthusiasts to the wider public. Our research showed that three in four of us shop on auto pilot using cash, card and by paying online, so the industry needs to take greater steps to challenge these behaviors."

http://retailtimes.co.uk/biometric-payments-are-top-option-for-security-concious-shoppers-survey-finds/#

One prophecy site I frequent commented on the article by saying, "no need to force 666; consumers are ready for biometric payments now."

I'm not saying these technologies are the dreaded mark of the beast; in fact, I can safely say they are not. The mark of the beast is the swearing of allegiance to the antichrist when he assumes control of the identity-commerce system. If you don't swear to him, he will cut off your ability to buy or sell anything.

I am saying that the world John saw and prophesied about is possible for the first time in human history. You can be identified and could transact all your business by way of these technologies.

Before the antichrist is revealed, Jesus Christ will have returned to resurrect and rapture His church.

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