

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"To Coin a Phase"

We like most Sunday's 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.

A cashless global economy was predicted by the apostle John when, in the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, he saw a mark on or in every human being by which they would be identified and transact all their business.

Here are just two recent developments moving us toward that cashless society.

A recent article asked the question, *Cash is Dead - Are Credit Cards Next?*

Excerpts:

The future of money has arrived, and it's called Coin.

It looks like a credit card. It's the size of a credit card. It swipes in credit card machines. But it holds the information of up to eight of your debit, credit, rewards, or gift cards. And you can switch between cards by simply pressing a button.

The new product, launched recently, promises to change the way consumers spend money in a secure and efficient way.

The key technology is a Bluetooth signal. To load information from your different cards, just swipe them on a card reader into your Apple or Android phone and take a picture of the card. If you're too far from your card - like, say, you leave it at the restaurant - your phone gets a notification. And the Coin's battery lasts up to two years.

The article went on to make the following observations:

In recent years, Americans have used less and less physical money when purchasing items.

According to a survey by Walker Sands, a Chicago-based public relations firm, nearly 1-in-5 consumers do not carry any cash on them. In total, more than 60 percent of consumers carry \$20 or less in cash. Surprisingly, about 1-in-20 people say they don't use cash and refuse to go to places that accept only physical currency.

And other surveys show a similar trend: According to a 2012 study by Javelin Strategy and Research, 27 percent of purchases in 2011 were made with cash. By 2017, the group expects that number to drop to 23 percent.

So, yes, we're headed toward a cashless society. But what about plastic credit cards, as well?

Consumers are starting to prefer digital options in payments: According to the same research from Walker Sands, 28 percent of consumers are more likely to use a digital gift card, rather than a plastic gift card.

Google Wallet, launched in 2011, allows users to store information for their debit cards, credit cards, reward cards, or gift cards on their mobile phone. For participating stores, someone can just tap their phone to a PayPass terminal to pay for a product. Google Wallet users can all send money through Gmail attachments. Additionally, Google announced last week that it was introducing prepaid debt cards that can be used in ATMs.

And in the same survey, 95 percent of people say they've purchased something from Amazon in the last year.

<http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/2013/November29/297.html#JtWOoRKEesHRMLUK.99>

With regard to having a unique personal identifier in or on you,

EyeVerify is a small Kansas City based security company. Its core product is biometric eyescan software for smartphones. Every person has a unique pattern of blood vessels in their eyes. These blood vessels contrast with the whites of the eyes so clearly that they can always be read, even when there's a lack of light. Those blood-vessel patterns can be photographed by phones and turned into unique data signatures which can be used to replace or supplement traditional passwords. "We turn a picture of your eye into a key that protects your digital identity," says EyeVerify CEO Toby Rush.

<http://www.fastcompany.com/3022104/tech-forecast/your-next-password-might-be-your-eye>

The future predicted by the Bible 2000 years ago is upon us. Add these advances in technology to things like the rebirth of Israel as a nation and the rise of Europe as a united super-power, and you see the stage being set for the Great Tribulation and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

We expect something to happen before that. Jesus and His disciples promised He would return at any moment to resurrect and rapture the church.

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