

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Batteries Included"

If these are the last days, and if Bible prophecy is to be taken literally, then we ought to be able to look at the news and the trends in the world and see corroboration of the prophecies that are still awaiting fulfillment.

In the final chapter of the Book of Daniel there is a prophecy that in the last days knowledge will be growing at an exponential rate.

That is certainly true of the age in which we live:

Buckminster Fuller created the "Knowledge Doubling Curve"; he noticed that until 1900 human knowledge doubled approximately every century. By the end of World War II knowledge was doubling every 25 years. Today... on average human knowledge is doubling every 13 months. According to IBM, [soon] the doubling of knowledge [will occur] every 12 hours.

<http://www.industrytap.com/knowledge-doubling-every-12-months-soon-to-be-every-12-hours/3950>

One area of knowledge we are particularly interested in is technology, because we read in the Revelation of Jesus Christ that, in the last days, there will be some system by which everyone on earth will be identified by a mark of some kind, either *in* or *on* their body, and we suspect it will involve microchip ping or some such technology.

Not only will this identify them - everyone will need this mark in order to conduct daily business.

This mark will eventually be utilized by the coming world leader the Bible identifies as the antichrist. In the middle of the future 7-year Great Tribulation he will demand everyone swear allegiance to him. Anyone who does not swear their allegiance will not be able to buy or sell anything; they will be cut-off from normal life altogether.

The technology that the antichrist utilizes is *not* "the mark of the beast" you read about in the Bible. The "mark of the beast" is his demand that a person swears allegiance to him. No one will take the mark without making a willful decision.

Since these are the last days, you'd expect technology to be advancing rapidly in the area of personal identifiers that allow us to conduct business. Here are just a couple of things I read about this week.

A UK news source, the Daily Mail, posted an article titled, *Will your next phone be powered by your HEARTBEAT? Scientists reveal implantable battery that can charge from the movement of our organs.*

Excerpts:

Forget carrying around a charger - your next mobile device could be powered by the beating of your heart, researchers have revealed.

A team of US and Chinese researchers has revealed a tiny implantable battery they have used to power a pacemaker. It converts the constant movement of organs such as the heart, lungs and diaphragm into energy.

It the future, they say, it could be used to power a range of gadgets.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2544882/Will-phone-powered-HEARTBEAT-Scientists-reveal-implantable-battery-charge-organs.html#ixzz2roXsysTS>

Reacting to the development, one commentator said the following:

Those who study Bible prophecy have long wondered how the "Mark of the Beast" described in Revelation 13 might be possible from a technological perspective.

Medical biometrics may be paving the way for further consumer type advances. With continued security breaches of credit cards it is not hard to imagine people desiring a more biometrically secure method to purchase and store information.

In another article the Daily Mail described an app that allows you to unlock your phone with your ear.

Excerpts:

U.S. based company Descartes Biometrics claims their 'biometric authentication application' is a 'robust and reliable mobile device security solution.'

The company also claims that a person's ear print is as unique as their fingerprint.

The article went on to talk about advances using your eye:

Biometric experts at New York-based firm EyeLock have already created a dongle fitted with an iris scanner that, they claim, could replace all passwords for your electrical devices.

The Myris device can register up to five different users. Each user begins by scanning their eyes to take an image of their respective irises. These unique images are then translated into an encrypted code.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2544708/Forget-fingerprints-This-app-lets-unlock-phone-EAR.html#ixzz2roZxLKJy>

It's pretty obvious that we are already heading in to the time when each of us will utilize a personal identifier *in* us or *on* us. It is laying the groundwork for the future system that will be active and in place when the antichrist comes to power.

We trust the prophecies and the promises of God. One of those is that Jesus will return imminently to resurrect the dead believers of the church age, and that when He does He will also rapture living believers off of the earth. We will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and be transported to Heaven.

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