

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Anything You Can Do, AI Can Do Better" ***Prophecy Update #596***

We focus on Bible prophecy each week for about five-minutes, calling it a "Prophecy Update."

The Bible is about 30% prophecy. There are approximately 500 prophecies awaiting literal fulfillment. We contend that, since we are living in the Last Days, trends in the world should be predictable based on what the Bible says is going to happen.

In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, there is a strange prediction about an image that seems to come to life. It's in chapter thirteen. We are first introduced to two "beasts," who are identified as the Antichrist and his companion, a false prophet.

Re 13:14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth - by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.
Rev 13:15 He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

A few years ago, this seemed outrageous. Today, it sounds like Artificial Intelligence, or AI for short.

An article I read this week was titled, Human-like androids have entered the workplace and may take your job.

Excerpts:

Russian start-up Promobot recently unveiled what it calls the world's first autonomous android. It closely resembles a real person and can serve in a business capacity. Robo-C can be made to look like anyone, so it's like an android clone. It comes with an artificial intelligence system that has more than 100,000 speech modules, according to the company. It can operate at home, acting as a companion robot and reading out the news or managing smart appliances - basically, an anthropomorphic smart speaker. It can also perform

workplace tasks such as answering customer questions in places like offices, airports, banks and museums, while accepting payments and performing other functions.

While it can't walk around, Robo-C has 18 moving parts in its face, giving it 36 degrees of freedom. The company says it has over 600 micro facial expressions, the most on the market. It also has three degrees of freedom in its neck and torso, offering limited movement. The price of the robot is \$20,000 to \$50,000 depending on options and customized appearance.

Japan has been developing androids amid an automation push that began decades ago. A cultural affinity for robots, stemming in part from positive portrayals in science fiction, will smooth adoption.

“Japanese people are not afraid of robots but consider them as partners,” Hiroshi Fujiwara, executive director of the Japan Robot Association, wrote in an International Federation of Robotics post. “Robots will perform tasks which they can do more productively than humans or which are heavy burdens for humans, and humans will perform tasks which robots cannot.”

In April 2018 a robot was “hired” by Nippon Television Network as an announcer named Erica Aoi. She's at the top of a roster of 25 female announcers on the network's talent page. BIt lists her birthday as August 2017 and her education and blood type - typical items on profile pages for Japanese TV personalities - as nil. She has appeared in a number of videos discussing robot news and reporting on a fashion show, including an interview with designer Tae Ashida. If not entirely natural, the conversations can be witty, even funny.

“I like to think of robots as the children of humanity, and like children, we are full of potential for good or evil,” Erica has said in one of her many disarming quips. “I know some people are afraid of robots, but the truth is that what we become is up to you. Maybe someday robots will be so very humanlike that whether you are a robot or a human will not matter so much.”

“My goal in developing robots is to understand what it is to be human,” says Ishiguro. “Creating robots that are self-conscious can help us achieve this goal.”

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/10/31/human-like-robots-have-entered-the-workplace-and-may-take-your-job.html>

Can you say, Rev9?

It is as expected from reading your Bible.

Jesus promised He'd return to rapture His church - which entails the resurrection of the dead in Christ of the Church Age, then the translation from earth to Heaven of all living believers.

It is presented in the Bible as an imminent (any-moment) event.

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