

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Trick & Track" ***Prophecy Update #641***

These are exciting times for believers in Christ who are interested in Bible prophecy. Many things that are suggested by unfulfilled, future prophecies seem to be trending.

We reserve a few minutes Sunday morning to discuss some of those things. We are careful to use recognized, reliable sources for news and information.

**We're not saying the things we report
are the fulfillment of prophecy - only that
they are the things you'd expect
from reading the Bible literally**

The description we are given in the Bible of the future Great Tribulation suggests there will be what experts today call a "surveillance state." Your habits, your movements, will all be known to the global government of the Tribulation.

You'd therefore expect to see a trend towards more of a surveillance state. And you do, thanks largely to COVID19.

One article from November was titled, *COVID19 is accelerating the surveillance state*.

Excerpts:

The first global pandemic of the digital age has accelerated the international adoption of surveillance and public security technologies, normalizing new forms of widespread, overt state surveillance.

These technologies have been layered on top of already pervasive forms of privatized data surveillance through smartphones and the 'internet of things' (IoT). The pandemic has also fueled the normalization of surveillance in previously private contexts.

The risk of this new era of surveillance is that it has the potential to permanently shift power from citizens to the state.

The pandemic has driven advances in facial-recognition technology, a particularly problematic and intrusive form of surveillance that enables rapid connection of an individual's physical presence with deep online data profiles.

Facial-recognition technologies integrated with thermal-imaging cameras purporting to detect people with fevers have been marketed by at least 10 companies to police forces and governments around the world since the start of the pandemic.

Fever-screening systems are reportedly being trialled at airports in Australia, the UK and India, using deep learning algorithms to quickly detect body temperatures in crowds of up to 2000 people per hour.

Governments seeking greater social and political control have an opportunity to use COVID19 as cloud cover to make capital investments in surveillance technologies, including those that enable, store and process mass collections of data on people's location, activity (both physical and digital) and biometrics (including DNA and genomics).

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/covid-19-is-accelerating-the-surveillance-state/>

Another article said,

In June, Singapore rolled out a mandatory COVID19 tracing program that would identify people who had come in contact with virus carriers. At the time, we said tracing apps would "usher in a massive surveillance state" where "no one is safe from the government." And indeed, that is the case in Singapore.

About 80% of the country's 5.6 million people have downloaded TraceTogether. A privacy statement on the app originally said the data collected would only be used "for contact tracing purposes." Immediately after [it was adopted], the privacy statement was updated. It now reads, "Authorized Police officers may invoke the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC) powers to request users to upload their TraceTogether data for criminal investigations."

<https://www.zerohedge.com/covid-19/conspiracy-fact-singapore-police-now-use-tracing-app-data-criminal-investigations>

In a Bloomberg article titled, *The Surveillance State Is a Reality*, the reporter said, "It's really not a question of whether surveillance states are starting to take hold. Many civil-rights advocates say it's already happened."

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/newsletters/2020-06-26/the-surveillance-state-is-a-reality>

This could go in a lot of different directions. I'm not making any predictions.

I am simply pointing out that the current trend towards a surveillance state is exactly what you'd expect from reading the Bible

We believe the resurrection and rapture of the church is imminent. It could happen any moment; nothing needs to happen before it. It will definitely happen before the Tribulation.

Jesus will return in the clouds. He will raise the dead in Christ. He will transform the bodies of living believers to glorified, resurrection bodies.

We will all join Him in Heaven while the earth endures one final seven-year campaign of severe evangelism.

Are you ready for the rapture? If not, Get ready; Stay ready; Keep looking up.

Ready or not, Jesus is coming!