

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Knowledge on Steroids" ***Prophecy Update #730***

Christians are encouraged to look for "the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). We are encouraged to look ahead to *tomorrow*, living with the awareness Jesus could come *today*.

One of the ways we look ahead to tomorrow is to consider the hundreds of unfulfilled prophecies in the Bible. We can expect the world to be moving in the direction predicted for the End Times.

We reserve a few minutes Sunday morning to suggest news, or trends, that seem to be predicted by our futurist reading of the Bible.

To avoid sensationalism, we are careful to use recognized, reliable sources for news.

We're not saying the things we report are the fulfillment of prophecy. We're saying that they are the things you'd expect to be happening in the build-up to the future seven year Great Tribulation.

An angel told Daniel, "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase" (12:4).

Futurists read that, and expect knowledge to rapidly increase in the Last Days. One post I read this week explained how researchers track the increase:

Have you ever heard of the "Knowledge Doubling Curve?" First described by Buckminster Fuller in 1982, this curve notes that, until 1900, human knowledge doubled approximately every century. By the middle of the twentieth century, knowledge was doubling every 25 years. As of 2013, human knowledge was doubling every 13 months on average. **Now, human knowledge is almost doubling every day.**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is sort of the poster robot for the increase in knowledge. Fujitsu says in a brochure, "Artificial Intelligence is hugely powerful - there is a real possibility that it is the most powerful technology we have ever created."

Here are a few random quotes:

- AI has the potential to produce art, music, poetry, plays, and even video games. It's now possible for machines to learn from their experiences and make decisions based on them. They can even create new information about their surroundings that wasn't present before. The fact that these capabilities are now being exhibited in machines suggests that "artificial" intelligence is approaching a somewhat ill-defined idea of what constitutes "real" intellect.
- AI singularity refers to an event where the AIs in our lives either become self aware, or reach an ability for continuous improvement so powerful that it will evolve beyond our control. Scientists like to predict when singularity may occur. It is sooner than later.
- An Artificial Super Intelligence (ASI) system would be able to surpass all human capabilities. This would include decision making, making rational decisions, and even includes things like making better art and building emotional relationships.

Is knowledge increasing, as we expect from Daniel? Yes.

We are witnessing the stage-setting for the seven year Great Tribulation that is described in the last book of the Bible.

We will not be on Earth during that terrible Time of Jacob's Trouble. The resurrection and rapture of the church are imminent. It could happen any moment; nothing needs to happen before it.

Jesus will come, in the clouds, and raise the dead believers of the Church Age. He will transform the bodies of living believers to glorified, resurrection bodies.

We will 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!