



It Might Be Today

HANDY SCAN

Every week we bring you what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

The most infamous of all prophecies is the dreaded Mark of the Beast. The Mark of the Beast involves a person knowingly, willingly swearing his or her allegiance to the world leader we call the antichrist in the middle of the yet future Great Tribulation. It's not something that will sneak-up on anyone.

When the antichrist demands allegiance he will usurp a technology that can identify a person simply by the 'mark' on their hand or forehead. All transactions, both personal and commercial, will involve that 'mark,' so it will be easy for the antichrist to track any resistance once he takes over the system.

The latest mark-of-the-beast technology news comes from Bangor, Maine. On Christmas Day the Bangor Daily News posted an article titled, *University of Maine using hand scanners at dining halls to deter sharing of ID cards.*¹

Excerpts:

Hand scanners are now commonly used for students to gain entry to... dining halls as a way to foil the costly sharing of student identification cards.

¹ <http://bangordailynews.com/2011/12/25/news/bangor/umaine-using-hand-scanners-at-dining-halls-to-deter-sharing-of-id-cards/>

The hand scanners... are mandatory for all students with an unlimited meal plan. Within the next few years the university plans to require their use by all students who eat at the dining halls.

“The scanners use safe infrared technology to scan your palm,” according to the MaineCard Service Center on the University of Maine website. “A **vein map of your palm** is created via black lines that are converted through an encrypted algorithm and connected to your MaineCard ID number.”

Meanwhile IBM is developing technology “that views facial definitions, eye scans, voice files and even DNA as personal safeguards to a far more extreme extent than now. The company wants to replace words and numbers with security based on your biological makeup, and create unique DNA based profiles that will serve as your ‘password’ for a variety of tasks. These could include going to an ATM, logging in to your computer, and perhaps going as far as signing in to individual online services like Facebook or Twitter.”²

All the way back in the first century the apostle John saw the world we are living in, the future that is now here, in which some sort of “mark” *on* or *in* our bodies would identify and track us.

I remind you that although we follow the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, we are not waiting for any prophecy to be fulfilled. Jesus promised to return to resurrect and rapture the church as an imminent event. By that we mean the certainty that He may come at any moment and the fact that no prophesied event stands between the believer and that hour.

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

² <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/igeneration/passwords-to-become-fossils-by-2017/14138>