



It Might Be Today

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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.

Some of the most amazing prophecies in all the Bible were given to, and recorded by, Daniel in the sixth century BC. In the last chapter of his book, the angel Gabriel said to Daniel,

Daniel 12:4 "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."

Some interpret the words "knowledge shall increase" to mean that our knowledge of prophetic truths, like the ones given to Daniel, would increase once we were in the end times.

While not disagreeing with that interpretation, others add that it will be a sign of the end times that human "knowledge" in general "shall increase."

According to one author, "the Hebrew word for *increase* implies not only an addition of knowledge but a multiplication, or a [general human] knowledge that is increasing exponentially."

Is knowledge increasing exponentially? According to estimates, by 1900 it had taken 150 years to double all human knowledge. Today it takes only 1-2 years and by 2020 knowledge will double **every 72 days**.

I saw a chart the other day. It listed the following statistics:

- Every 60 seconds there are 11 million conversations on Instant Messengers
- Every 60 seconds 2.6million CD's with 1,820 terabytes of data are created
- Every 60 seconds 38 tons of e-waste is generated
- And every 60 seconds 1100 acres of land is farmed in Farmville

In the United States the number of cell phone subscribers increased from 340,000 in 1985 to 180 million in 2004 to 327 million in 2011.

As we enter 2012, worldwide there are about 1 billion mobile phones that can be connected to the Internet. In 5 years there will be 100 billion devices and other objects connected to the Internet and to what is being called "the Internet of Things." Essentially every 'thing' will be embedded with a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag that will be readable on your cell phone that is equipped with Near Field Communication (NFC).

What does that mean? Listen to this scenario.¹

You're walking down the street. Along the way, you open your cell phone to camera mode. As you move along, your camera view receives Near Field Communication (NFC) transmission icons [embedded in things] and places them over your neighbor's image overlaying his Facebook status, education history and his Friends list and Newsfeed. Similarly, Starbucks senses your NFC broadcast and sends you a text advertising its double latte special because it knows you've spent \$42.60 on similar products in the last twelve months. You lift your camera, point it towards Starbucks and it calculates you have a 7-minute wait with 4 customers waiting for their lattes. Any number of other people, locations or other objects you pass transfer a sea of NFC signals about that object.

If this sounds like science fiction, think again. It's already available or being tested in China, South Africa, Germany, France, Britain and two dozen other countries. ATT, Verizon, MasterCard, Visa and Spain-based Telefónica are shipping units as fast as they can become available. Facebook, Google, WikiTude and dozens of start-up software companies are providing the cell phone apps.

Your interface to read these sensors will be your cell phone via an almost unimaginable technology called Augmented Reality, or AR for short. WikiTude, Facebook and Google will be transformed allowing you to use your cell camera to enter a world of objects, augmented by informational icons. To enter this world you simply look through your

¹ <http://www.omegaletter.com/articles/articles.asp?ArticleID=7193>

camera lens and all the images have search links about that object superimposed on your live camera image.

Human knowledge is increasing exponentially for the first time in history. I submit to you that these **are** the end times Daniel was told about some 2600 years ago.

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!