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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer

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*From our “you can’t make this up” file: a new low for what passes for “the church”. Jim Daly is Prez and CEO of Focus on the Family.*

## Jim Daly Joins Muslim Sheikh and Robot Spiritual Guide at Ecumenical Culture Conference

*I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites. I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked. – Psalm 26:4-5*

What could better describe an “assembly of evildoers” than an ecumenical conference that includes Muslim Sheikhs, Native American pagans, and, I wish I were making this up, a man who will give a presentation on offering spiritual guidance to robots.

The Q Denver conference, in April 2016, will host a multitude of quasi-religious leaders as well as secular experts of various fields, to preach and teach on cultural issues. The website states,

As our culture changes, Christians have an incredible opportunity...we will explore what renewal and faithfulness might look like in society today...From the ideas and current issues shaping society to the truth that transforms the world, you will be informed and gain confidence that God is at work in his mission to renew all things...Education by thought leaders and stories from change-makers will inspire a hopeful way forward.

A thorough search for ‘Jesus’ on the conference’s website left me wanting. Among some of the topics to be presented at the conference include:

How Can We Teach Robots to be Ethical and Spiritual? – Kevin Kelly  
Do Black Lives Matter to Evangelicals? – Michelle Higgins  
How Do Cultural Platforms Advance God’s Purposes? – Kelly Clark  
How Can Middle East Partnerships be Forged? – Sheikh Mohammed  
How Is Cannabis Saving Lives? – Heather Jackson  
What do Games Teach us About Our Human Drive? – Yu-Kai Chou  
What is Gender Dysphoria and Why Does it Matter? – Mark Yarhouse  
How Can Corporations Benefit Faith? – Curt Richardson

Among the list of topics, I did not find either, “how does Jesus’ life, death, burial and resurrection give us hope in a broken world,” and, “how does the Word of God give us confidence that God is at work in his mission to renew all things?” In fact, there wasn’t a single topic listed that included the name of Jesus, yet, this conference purports to be a Christian event. Jim Daly, president of the sham ministry, Focus on the Family (FOTF), will be right in the middle of this. It really comes as no surprise, however, since FOTF

regularly compromises the Word of God. As a matter of fact, FOTF put out a pamphlet on how to have a safe abortion.

Daly will be presenting on the usual ecumenical topic of finding common ground. How Can We Find Common Ground When We Disagree? This is the typical mantra of the new religious-right culture warrior types that proclaim to be Christians, but continually compromise God's word by partnering with the lost to advance a moralised culture. FOTF, in particular, is very ecumenical, claiming it's "unchristlike" to consider the Roman Catholic Church apostate while hosting Catholic guests on the show.

Will Jim Daly, a self-described proclaimer of God's Word, actually preach God's word at this conference? Will he call the lost to repentance? Will he proclaim Christ's sacrifice as all-sufficient for conquering sin in our culture? Or will he leave the audience with the impression that "common ground" when we disagree is the solution for peace in our world?

For if he were to preach the Word, he will not leave the event unscathed. There is no common ground between God and sin—except Jesus Christ!

*"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household."*  
– Matthew 10:34-36

## **Now, on to the 'Piece Process' ---**

# Obama Administration: UN Resolution To Divide Israel Is Back In Play

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According to the Wall Street Journal, the White House is considering drastic measures to reboot the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Among those measures is a UN Security Council resolution that would set the parameters for a two state solution and that would recognize East Jerusalem as the official capital of a Palestinian state.

If Barack Obama makes this move, it will almost certainly be before the election in November. I had previously reported that France was ready to introduce a similar UN Security Council resolution back in September, but at that time the French backed off because they did not have full support from the Obama administration. But now that Obama is approaching the end of his term, he suddenly seems more willing to make a bold move.

Remember, this is not just some Internet rumor. This comes directly from an article that was just published in the Wall Street Journal that claims to have top White House officials as the source of this information. According to those anonymous officials, the Obama administration is now ready to potentially move forward with the kind of UN Security Council resolution that I mentioned above...

The strongest element on the list of options under consideration would be U.S. support for a Security Council resolution calling on both sides to compromise on key issues, something Israel had opposed and Washington has repeatedly vetoed in the past.

The article goes on to say that the parameters of an agreement for a two state solution would be based on the 1949 armistice line but would allow for land swaps so that many Jewish settlements that have been built since 1967 would not be swallowed up by the new Palestinian state.

The Palestinians would be required to recognize Israel as a Jewish state, and East Jerusalem would receive full UN Security Council recognition as the capital of a new Palestinian state. This is something that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has promised that he would never agree to.

But Barack Obama appears to be completely fed up with Netanyahu at this point, and that is why the White House is now strongly considering moving forward with a UN Security Council resolution. Needless to say, this would represent a dramatic change in policy from previous administrations. Here is more from the Wall Street Journal...

Mounting a push for a Security Council resolution would be a significant shift in U.S. policy and one the Israeli government has feared could marshal international sentiment in a way that could make it harder to resist making concessions. Such a move could further strain already tense relations between Messrs. Obama and Netanyahu, who have clashed over U.S. diplomacy with Iran and the administration's past attempts to forge a Middle East peace agreement.

Last year, the White House threatened to allow action at the U.N. to proceed without objection from the U.S. after Mr. Netanyahu said during his re-election campaign that he wouldn't support a two-state solution. The Israeli leader subsequently walked back his statement, and the White House didn't follow through with its threat.

Right now, 136 nations already formally recognize a Palestinian state. But a Palestinian state has never had full UN Security Council recognition because the United States has always blocked efforts in that direction.

Many people don't realize this, but if Obama throws his support behind such a resolution, it would be considered binding upon both the Israelis and the Palestinians. The following comes from Israel National News...

A Security Council resolution would be binding upon all parties, unlike General Assembly measures which are non-obligatory recommendations. Such a resolution would remain in force even after the president leaves office next January, effectively shaping the future of American policy in the region for Mr. Obama's successors.

The resolution would require Israel cease construction over the Green Line and would force Israel to recognize eastern Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine.

Needless to say, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would be absolutely furious if the Obama administration pushes forward with a UN Security Council resolution that would attempt to dictate a solution to the Israelis and the Palestinians.

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Perhaps this explains why Netanyahu just cancelled a meeting with Barack Obama at the White House later this month...

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has declined an offer to meet President Barack Obama at the White House later this month and canceled his trip to Washington, the White House said on

Monday, citing Israeli news reports.

Netanyahu's decision to nix his U.S. visit marked the latest episode in a fraught relationship with Obama that has yet to recover from their deep differences over last year's U.S.-led international nuclear deal with Iran, Israel's arch-foe.

Of course there are lots of reasons why Netanyahu would potentially be upset with Obama. In addition to the ridiculously bad Iran deal, we should also remember that Obama tried to help defeat Netanyahu during the last Israeli election, and the Wall Street Journal has reported that the Obama administration has been actively spying on Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders.

Barack Obama has stabbed Israel in the back over and over again, and so it would be absolutely no surprise if he decided to push for a UN Security Council resolution that would permanently divide the land of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

Unfortunately, such a move would have very serious implications for all of us. By dividing the land of Israel and the city of Jerusalem, Obama would be cursing our nation, and that is not something that any of us should want.

If Obama is going to do this, it will almost certainly happen before the election in November.

That means that we are looking at roughly an eight month time period.

Personally, because of how the UN schedule works, I would say that the most likely time for such a resolution to be introduced would be in September or October. But it is definitely possible that it could come sooner than that.

For a long time, Barack Obama has expressed a desire to see the establishment of a Palestinian state before he leaves office. Netanyahu has always been his nemesis in this regard, but now Obama seems determined to try to make something happen at the United Nations while he still has the power to do so.

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## New Iron Dome version can destroy tunnels

DEBKAFfile Exclusive Report March 11, 2016

Iran keeps its ballistic missiles in underground bunkers

Israel has started testing a secret new weapon for defeating the tunnel systems which the Palestinian Hamas and Hizballah are busy digging for surprise attacks against Israel. Western sources reported Friday, March 11, that the new weapon, dubbed the "Underground Iron Dome," can detect a tunnel, then send in a moving missile to blow it up.

US intelligence sources disclosed only that new weapon is equipped with seismic sensors to detect underground vibrations and map their location before destroying them.

Western experts have been talking for years about a secret Israeli weapon capable of destroying Iran's Fordo nuclear facility, which is buried deep inside a mountain not far from the Shiite shrine city of Qom. They suggested that this hypothetical weapon could be slipped through the Fordo facility's vents, thread its way through the underground chambers and take down the illicit enrichment facility.

It was discussed again three years ago, when the Israeli Air Force on Aug. 23 2013 blew up the Popular Palestinian Front-General Command underground facility at Al-Naama on the South Lebanese coast, 15 km south of Beirut.

The PPF-GC leader Ahmed Jibril was then taking his orders from Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps. How this operation turned out was never revealed. But Western military sources saw it as a strong Israeli message to Tehran that its underground nuclear facilities were now vulnerable to attack. The secret Jibril command center was constructed in the 1970s by East German military engineers as one of most heavily fortified military sites in the Middle East.

As for the new weapon, the Pentagon spokesman Christopher Sherwood said that the US had allocated \$40 million for completing in 2016 the establishment of "anti-tunnel capabilities to detect, map and neutralize underground tunnels that threaten the US or Israel."

According to the spokesman, the main part of the development work (on the secret weapon) would be conducted in Israel in 2016. The US would receive prototypes and access to the test sites and hold the rights to any intellectual property.

The Israeli firms working on the anti-tunnel weapon are Elbit Systems and Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, which developed the Iron Dome.

Sherwood denied claims from Israeli defense quarters that the US had earmarked \$120 for developing the system, or that another \$80 million would be available – half in 2017 and half in 2018. DEBKAfile's military sources emphasize that the timeline implicit in those estimates doesn't necessarily represent the tempo of the Underground Iron Dome's development.

According to past experience, unfinished Israeli weapons have more than once been rushed to the battlefield to meet an emergency war situation. The Iron Dome is one example. This has the advantage of testing innovative systems in real operational conditions, with the result that improvements and adjustments can be introduced much faster than planned.

Our sources add: Both Palestinian Hamas and the pro-Iranian Hizballah are working overtime on tunnels for sneaking terrorists and commando fighters into Israel to attack IDF posts and civilian locations. During Israel's last counter-terror operation in the Gaza Strip, Hamas staged a deadly tunnel attack on the Israel side of the border and is planning repeats. Hizballah is training commando units for underground surprise incursions to capture parts of Galilee in northern Israel.

The Israeli government has spent more than \$250 million since 2004 on efforts to thwart tunnel construction under the Gaza border.

IDF Chief of Staff Gen. Gadi Eisenkot hinted at these efforts in February. "We are doing a lot, but many of [the things we do] are hidden from the public," he told a conference at Herzliya's Interdisciplinary Center. "We have dozens, if not a hundred, engineering vehicles on the Gaza border."

# China Still Has the World's Most Powerful Supercomputer

by Jonathan Vanian

China's Tianhe-2 machine once again leads the world as the most powerful supercomputer, according to researchers.

China leads the world once again when it comes to supercomputing.

The country's Tianhe-2 (or "Milky Way-2") supercomputer is the most powerful machine in the world, according to a list of the top 500 supercomputers compiled by researchers from institutions like the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

This makes for the sixth straight time China's supercomputer has topped the biannual list from the Top500 organization. The list also shows that China now has 109 of the world's 500 most powerful supercomputers, or almost three times more than in the last report six months ago.

Meanwhile, the United States has 200 supercomputers on the list, which the authors said is the "lowest number of systems installed in the U.S. since the list was started in 1993." The authors didn't address why this may be. But it could be related to the rise of cloud computing, in which organizations can buy computing resources on demand from companies like Amazon [AMZN 1.91%](#) and Microsoft [MSFT 1.96%](#). Companies and researchers no longer need to own a computer to be able to crunch large amounts of data.

Still, the U.S. aims to eventually lead the world in supercomputing. Last fall, IBM [IBM 1.55%](#) said it would develop two new supercomputers, dubbed Summit and Sierra, for the Energy Department that will be more powerful than China's Tianhe-2 machine. However, those supercomputers won't be ready until 2017.

Additionally, President Obama signed an executive order in July calling for the U.S. to create the world's most powerful supercomputer under the National Strategic Computing Initiative. The Energy Department, Defense Department, and the National Science Foundation will lead the push. There's no deadline for when the supercomputer will be complete, but initiative members are expected to give annual updates on their progress over the next five years.

As far as the top vendors in the top 500 list, the authors said that Hewlett Packard (Now, Hewlett Packard Enterprise) [HPE 2.70%](#) is the leader with 156 supercomputers. Supercomputer maker Cray followed with 69 machines and IBM with 45.

## 'Tech Tats' Are Temporary Tattoos for the Casual Biohacker

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Before we move from wearables into the bloody business of embedding actual machines into our skin, we'll have to take baby steps. Maybe think about breaching the sanctity of your epidermis a little bit at a time with some temporary electronic tattoos?

Mobile development company Chaotic Moon is pitching this idea for Tech Tats, a collection of biosensors sitting on your skin. The idea is less like laying a circuit board onto your hand, and more like having a slightly more protrusive tattoo with a bunch of chips on it.

On the tattoo, an ATiny85 microcontroller stores and receives data from temperature sensors via

electroconductive paint. There's also room on there for an ambient light sensor that illuminates LEDs when it's dark. And unlike a fitness tracker, you can mount it on places other than your wrist. The tech tattoos could be used to monitor a child's vitals after a surgery, or provide a less public (or more, if you choose) display of fitness tracking.

The Tat can transfer health data from the micro-controller to an app on your mobile device. Lamm said while that's done over Bluetooth Low Energy, the same wireless protocol that powers devices like the Amazon Dash button.

Tech Tats could also theoretically be used to authorize payments in a similar fashion to Apple Pay.

"This would be implemented by securely storing data on a skin mounted micro controller and transferring the data when the user specifies based on a gesture or fingerprint on a tap to pay style device," Lamm explained in an email. Think of it as bio-NFC—instead of tapping your phone on a pay terminal, you'd gesture and payment info would be handed off to the terminal from the controller. This is different from the usual PIN or fingerprint payment authorization you'd use via Apple Pay.

While the company didn't mention a price for the tats, expect it to be accessible. The company said it might even opt for a Band-Aid-like package that will allow users to buy them in bulk. So if the idea of sticking magnets and RFID chips under your skin makes you uneasy, Tech Tats might just be the thing to ease you into the wild world of biohacking that won't break your bank.

## Forget fingerprints, ears are so next season in biometrics

10 MAR 2016 by Nick Booth

We've had our fingers, voices and irises scanned, but there's now a new biometric en vogue – ears.

NEC, the inventor of this new personal identification technology, says it has an accuracy rating of 99%.

It measures the unique effect your ears have on sound. By identifying how sound resonance is changed by the unique pattern of each person's ears, security systems can now distinguish accurately between millions of individuals.

In case you're wondering what the effect of modifications to your ear shape are, don't worry. Those oversized ear rings and studs and the severe boxing ring pummelings you've imposed on yourself won't affect the accuracy of the system. The new system works by measuring how sound is determined by the shape of human ear cavities to distinguish individuals.

The advantages of the new system are that it is more natural. It does not require particular actions, such as scanning a part of the body over an authentication device, which makes it easier to conduct continuous authentication, according to a statement from Shigeki Yamagata, general manager, Information and Media Processing Laboratories, NEC Corporation.

The system works everywhere, even when the user is moving and working.

For those not already sold on the idea, here's the technical details of how it works. For a few hundred milliseconds, an earphone with a built-in microphone generates acoustic signals from the earphone speaker.

It then receives the signals transmitted within the ear through the microphone. During this process, the soundwaves transmitted are changed by the time they are received back. This varies from ear to ear.

The data on the measurement of those changes created by each ear gives every person their unique digital signature.

The change measurement is made using a synchronous addition method, which adds and obtains the average of the waveforms of the multiple signals received. This is used to eliminate noise from the received signals. The system then calculates how the sound resonates within the ear – i.e. the acoustics of each ear.

All this happens within a second.

NEC tests have shown that there are two main sets of sound data that can be used for recognition. Firstly, there are the signal components that travel through the external ear canal and are reflected by the tympanic membrane. Secondly, there are signal components that pass through the tympanic membrane and are reflected within the inner parts of the ear.

NEC plans to commercialise the technology around 2018.

A wide range of applications is planned, including fraud and identity theft prevention. It will help to secure critical infrastructure and take the risk out of wireless communications and telephone calls, NEC says.