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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

We’ve been talking about this first subject at Calvary Appleton since 2009 and most recently we updated it in 2016, with the rise of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. It was just a matter of time. This tech is absolutely essential in tracking all buying and selling in the last of the last days, along with those cryptocurrencies and the global ledger that goes with that. Prophecy just continues to roll right along. Do your homework! It’s so exciting to see it all unfold. Look up!

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Nearly Everything Is Chipped, Almost Everything Is Tracked

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If you weren't paranoid before, it may be time to start paying attention.

"They" are spying on everything you do, and are collecting information about every purchase, appliance, vehicle or place you make, do or interact with.

For the first time in history, we have arrived at a time when nearly everything is chipped, and almost everything is tracked.

It really is true, and it's no longer a conspiracy theory.

They are spying on everyone, collecting all the available data and tracking you, your family and everyone you know. All the time.

And worst of all, it does matter, it will be used against you - for revenue collection, social control, fines, fees and evidence if necessary - even if you haven't done anything wrong.

Is it any wonder why many states have made living off the grid illegal, and have attempted to get everyone on the grid?

Meanwhile, your interaction with other people will intercept data about you and your activities even if you don't carry a smart phone or wearables.

The extremes are already here. The murder case where police have sought data from an Alexa smart device is just the beginning of what is to come:

In what may ultimately lead to a precedent setting case and/or landmark court ruling, police in Arkansas have demanded that Amazon provide them with recordings made by an Amazon Echo device that was located in the home of murder suspect...

Many other attempts have been made to microchip people, while the cashless grid has already found widespread acceptance.

Former CIA director David Petraeus admitted to the tech community that the Internet of Things (IoT) was about to become one of the greatest assets in the spy community - as an endless pool of data could turn the tables on any 'persons of interest.'

In other words, maybe you. As Wired reported in 2012:

More and more personal and household devices are connecting to the internet, from your television to your car navigation systems to your light switches. CIA Director David Petraeus cannot wait to spy on you through them.

Earlier this month, Petraeus mused about the emergence of an "Internet of Things" -- that is, wired devices -- at a summit for In-Q-Tel, the CIA's venture capital firm.[...]

All those new online devices are a treasure trove of data if you're a "person of interest" to the spy community. Once upon a time, spies had to place a bug in your chandelier to hear your conversation. With the rise of the "smart home," you'd be sending tagged, geolocated data that a spy agency can intercept in real time ...

"Items of interest will be located, identified, monitored, and remotely controlled through technologies such as radio-frequency identification, sensor networks, tiny embedded servers, and energy harvesters -- all connected to the next-generation internet using abundant, low-cost, and high-power computing," Petraeus said.

More and more of these smart chips are being integrated into absolutely every imaginable device.

Unless you are investing in vintage equipment, you will be buying into this system, even with basic appliances. An alarming report in 2013 highlighted concerns over some Chinese-made irons and tea kettles that included wireless spy chips... for purposes unknown, since these devices are not "smart" gadgets with computer interfaces and high-dollar functionality.

via AndroidHeadlines.com:

To this date, Qualcomm has shipped over a billion of Internet of Things (IoT) chipsets, the San Diego-based semiconductor manufacturer revealed on Tuesday.

While speaking at the CES Unveiled press event yesterday, the company's Senior Vice President of Product Management Raj Talluri said that the firm is already serving all segments of the IoT industry, from smart TVs and thermostats to connected speakers, wearables, and home assistants. Talluri specifically pointed out that smartphones and tablets aren't included in the one billion figure.

Qualcomm's impressive shipment numbers are mostly driven by the company's presence in the wearable industry... numerous consumer electronics manufacturers are already implementing the cutting edge Snapdragon 835 chipset into their products...

The Internet of Things (IoT) will literally incorporate devices throughout consumer & home, retail, security and surveillance, IT and networking, transportation and industry, healthcare, energy

This digital tracking grid incorporates refrigerators, stoves and smart appliances to share data and "spy" on individuals in their own homes.

And people are just another track and traceable part of the system.

Good luck avoiding it. You won't avoid these devices by accident, it will take a lot of work to remain anonymous and off the grid, as there are over 30 million plus surveillance cameras, one for every ten Americans.

The "mark of the beast" technology is coming into full force - whether or not they will succeed in implanting microchips into people remains to be seen, but a major attempt is in the works.

In the meantime, there is now information about every move you, or any piece of "inventory" makes inside the system.

This isn't just hypothetical talk.

This is the society that has been built.

Palestinian Embassy Opening in Vatican City on Eve of Evil International Decree

By Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz January 13, 2017

On Friday, just two days before 70 nations gather in Paris to vote on an anti-Israel decree, a new embassy for the Palestinian Authority will be inaugurated in Vatican City. This will be the first Palestinian embassy to be established in a European Union member nation.

PA President Mahmoud Abbas will meet with Pope Francis on Saturday. This will be the third time the two have met. When they met last year, Pope Francis referred to Abbas as "an angel of peace". When confronted, the Holy See explained that this was an error in translation and the Pope had actually intended to encourage Abbas to make peace with the Israelis. As head of the PA, Abbas has been accused of inciting violence against Jews. Abbas is also the chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) which was recognized by Israel and the US as a terror organization until 1991.

The Palestinian representative office in Vatican is one of 98 Palestinian diplomatic and consular representations abroad. The Palestinian representative office is one of 86 foreign representations in the Holy See (Vatican City), and one of 86 foreign representations in Vatican City. Israel does have an embassy in Vatican City, but the Vatican Embassy in Israel is in Tel Aviv. The Vatican has an embassy to Palestine located in East Jerusalem. The Vatican officially recognized a Palestinian State almost two years ago.

Answered prayers from Sunday:

ANALYSIS: PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE - MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

BYHERB KEINON 15 JANUARY 2017

The setting looked so impressive.

There in Paris, inside the French Foreign Ministry, tables were set for representatives of some 70 countries, including more than 30 foreign ministers.

Yes, another Middle East peace conference. Never mind that neither of the parties who are supposed to be making peace – the Israelis and the Palestinians – were present, another Paris peace conference was under way, nonetheless.

Over the years, there have been many Paris peace conferences.

There was the Paris Peace Conference in 1919 at the end of World War I; the Paris Peace Accords in 1973 that ended the Vietnam War; and the 1994 Paris Protocols, where the agreement governing economic relations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority were hammered out.

Those were bona fide international conferences that actually led to something tangible. Few expect the same to emerge from Sunday's event in Paris, especially given the fact that in five days there will a new president in the United States widely expected to object to this type of Middle East initiative so adamantly opposed by one of the concerned parties: Israel.

No, this conference is likely to be remembered along with some of the other international meetings in Paris, convened amid great fanfare, that led nowhere.

One such conference was the 2008 parley organized by then president Nicolas Sarkozy – the Union of the Mediterranean – that brought together leaders from some 40 countries around the Mediterranean, including former prime minister Ehud Olmert and Syrian President Bashar Assad, who stood on the very same stage without speaking or looking at each other.

That conference, widely viewed then as one of Sarkozy's vanity projects, led to nothing.

Sarkozy also was instrumental in establishing the Group of Friends of the Syrian People in 2012, which convened in a number of different locations, including Paris, to discuss the Syrian situation. That, too, has not been a resounding success.

Yet, the French were adamant in going ahead with Sunday's parley, even though they obviously know that – with the absence of Israel's participation and the emergence of the Trump administration in Washington – the likelihood of its success is very slim.

Why, then, go ahead with it at all? Firstly, because this is what the French do – they organize and hold international conferences.

Secondly, because the French feel a historic responsibility toward the Middle East – primarily toward Lebanon and Syria, but also toward Egypt and Israel. They do not see the Levant as a remote corner of the world, but rather a region to which they have strong historic ties and responsibilities.

Thirdly, because of domestic political considerations. And there are two distinct elements at play here.

French President Francois Hollande's left-wing government has been consistently criticized by the Left for not being leftwing enough. After Hollande came to Israel in 2013, he was criticized inside his party for cozying up too much to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

This conference shows the French Left that the government has not forsaken the plight of the Palestinians.

And there are also cold electoral calculations at play, as well.

The Muslim electorate is a significant voting bloc in France, and for a large part of that bloc, the Palestinian issue remains very important. This conference is a way of showing them that the issue is also important for the Socialist Party. Keep in mind that the French will be going to the polls in just a few months to vote in a new president, so the Muslim voting bloc will be particularly significant.

Finally, the French are hosting this conference because there remain few vehicles in the world that lift up a country's international diplomatic stature – if only momentarily – than hosting a Middle East peace conference.

Paris has, over the last number of years, bet on all the wrong horses in the Middle East: Saddam Hussein in Iraq; Assad in Syria; Yasser Arafat in the Palestinian Authority; Hosni Mubarak in Egypt; and Rafik Hariri in Lebanon.

But hold a Middle East peace conference and maybe – just maybe – none of that will matter and some of that lost diplomatic prestige and luster can be regained.

Then again, maybe not.

Are You Vexed, Yet?

By Terry James

Biblical language when extracted from the King James Version has on occasion somewhat amused me. Like when it was said that David was “sore afraid” (1 Samuel 21:12, or when Saul was “sore afraid” (1 Samuel 28:20).

I once heard a comedian extrapolate on this term “sore afraid.” He said that when you are “sore afraid, you're “flat scared...”

David and Saul, in their situations had every right to be thus as have many other people in their various situations throughout God's Word—the Bible—as it recounted the dire situations in which those folks found themselves.

Now, I'm not meaning to be irreverent. I just find the language amusing, not the dire circumstances of David, Saul and the others. It was certainly no laughing matter to those who were sore afraid...

Another rather antiquated expression from the KJV amuses me, and again, I don't mean to be irreverent. I had better view the term in question with great reverence, because I can't think of a more relevant word for Bible-believing Christians of these increasingly troubled times.

The antiquated term to which I refer is wrapped up in the apostle Peter's description of Lot, who, of course, lived in Sodom at the time of that wicked city's impending Judgment from God. Peter tells of how the Lord looked down into Lot's situation...

“And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds) (2 Peter 2:7-8).

The first thing that stands out in this condemnation of the citizens of Sodom (and its twin sister city, Gomorrah) was that the conversation was “filthy.”

Lot was vexed: By the cesspool language that surrounded him.

There is a direct parallel today in this nation we call home, in that even professing Christians are caught-up in using the same “filthy” language that was obviously repugnant to the Lord then—and is undeniably so today. God changes not, His Word tells us. Certainly, the conversation that spews from the mouths of many of His professing children must grieve him greatly.

Here’s what James, the apostle has to say about this sinful language that must be a sorely vexing sound in the holy ears of our Heavenly Father.

“But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? Either a vine, figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom” (James 3: 8-13).

Vexing, too, is the deterioration of American culture and society. I wrote years ago for one of my books a chapter for which I gave the title, Days of Our Lives, as the World Turns. I found upon revisiting that chapter that much of what was written there is even more a part of the scene today. I share part of that here:

Powerful forces are at work beneath the relative tranquility that masks the true state of our nation and the world. Ours is a society that boils with turbulence beneath a veneer of sophistication. It is a society mirrored by television soap operas and hedonistic movies, which have in turn mesmerized much of the American public. Life has indeed imitated art, while year after year morals have degenerated and the very concept of morality has been turned upside-down and inside out. We are a people given a thrill-a-minute fix to satisfy our insatiable cravings for instant gratification. We are a people all the while descending deeper and deeper into depravity.

Gleam and glitter and unparalleled technological gadgetry have procured for the American public hours upon hours of time for pleasure seeking, and it is more than abundantly obvious, for mischief making. While it is true that the moguls of science provide great benefits for human health, wealth, and achievement within the sphere of human potential, to see the direction in which all of this is truly sweeping us, one has only to consider any given local evening news broadcast. We are not as a society every day and in every way getting better and better, like the New Age evolutionary thinkers would have us believe. Feeding our voracious appetites for more exciting thrills and greater pleasures has served only to generate phenomenal growth in criminal activity.

Those who perceive themselves to be the have “nots, ravenously desire those material things which the American propagandists flash before their lusting eyes. Because Big Brother government has, in effect, destroyed work ethic through give-away welfare programs, but can in no way give this dependent class the shimmering lifestyle it lusts after. The rip in the fabric of society worsens daily as the ungovernable elements engage in the only occupation they believe can secure for them the thrills and pleasures they seek [the crime that grips our inner-cities, in particular.]

Can there be any doubt that conditions and activities which God's Word predicts will be prevalent while the end of the age approaches are now being played out before our very eyes? The similarities between the biblical descriptions and the reports we witness on our nightly newscasts are stunningly evident. Man's atrocities against his fellow man are pandemic. Stories of debased human behavior are so numerous that those items, which would have formerly been front page headlines now are relegated to pages farther back because even more heinous stories overshadow them. Jesus Himself prophesied about the generation that would inhabit planet Earth at the time of His Second Advent:

"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:37).

Jesus Christ, who is God Himself, gave with that reference based upon Scripture recorded in the past, and Scripture He knew was yet to be recorded—an unmistakable characterization of the generation alive at the time of His Second Advent...

Like was written about the days of Lot, we can say with conviction that it is all truly vexing. Christ's call to His church must indeed be near!

3D Printed Drone Swarms Could Give U.S. Army On-Demand Eyes In The Sky

by Nicholas West

3D-printed military drones have been explored for several years, with some successes reported. In May of 2013, Robo Raven was announced which incorporated 3D-printed components to produce independently flapping wings.

This development was followed shortly after by the Department of Defense funding a project at the University of Virginia for what would become the first fully 3D-printed military-grade drone, called The Razor.

At the time of the announcement, it was expected that a full drone could be produced in approximately 30 hours at a price per unit of around \$800.

Now, several years later, the military is seeking to combine advancements in 3D printing with a trend toward drone miniaturization into a project that will offer the capability for soldiers in the battlespace to produce their own quadcopter drones within 24 hours.

The Army Research Laboratory, as part of the Army Expeditionary Warrior Experiments, tested the prototype - a quadcopter they are calling ODSUAS - and reported a successful test with speeds up to 55 mph.

A Defense One report highlights the plans, which also could eventually incorporate advancements in artificial intelligence to produce autonomous swarms of these mini-drones.

A new project by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory and Georgia Technical Institute just might help. It aims to give soldiers the ability to 3D-print swarms of mini-drones to specific specifications within 24 hours. Its creators call this approach "aggregate derivative approach to product design," or ADAPT.

"A soldier with a mission need uses a computer terminal to rapidly design a suitable drone," says a post by project chief engineer Zacarhy Fisher.

"That design is then manufactured using automated processes such as laser cutting and 3D printing. The solution is sent back to the soldier and is deployed."

Fisher says the drone itself could be fabricated in less than a day, with total turnaround time of less than three days....

The trick is to limit the number of potential build options around one of the four different tasks a soldier might need a small drone for. Previous research from Georgia Tech has identified those as perimeter surveillance and defense, reconnaissance for inside buildings, reconnaissance for inside caves, and jungle reconnaissance. Depending on the mission type, you know if you need a video camera, target designator, light detection and ranging and other pieces.

The authors describe the basic approach as inspired by Lego.

"The on-demand approach is succinctly explained via an analogy to Lego," they write. "Lego bricks contain a number of modular parts that can be constructed into different models depending on what outcome is desired.

Instructions are provided to help the user build different systems out of the same set of components." At the beginning of December, the researchers performed a demonstration on several of the drones at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. Future capabilities could include combining 3D printing, drones, and artificial intelligence, an of research being led by Kyrre Glette at the University of Oslo, who in 2014 demonstrated the first steps in program to allow robots to 3D-print themselves.

It is this final scenario which tends to worry even ardent supporters of technology and military development. A swarm of robots that can self-replicate and make decisions about surveillance and targeting without human input conjures up every warning we have ever received from the annals of science fiction.

Now that science fiction is become a clearer reality with each passing day, we would be wise to no longer dismiss those cautionary tales.