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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

World leaders propel Abraham Accords forward at Rome summit

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World Leaders, ambassadors, diplomats, entrepreneurs, lawmakers, academics, and clergy from over thirty countries converge on Rome for the First Annual Abraham Accords Global Leadership Summit. Credit: Courtesy.

(December 9, 2022 / JNS) World leaders, entrepreneurs, lawmakers, academics and clergy from over 30 countries converged in Rome on Wednesday for the First Annual Abraham Accords Global Leadership Summit, an event that focused on new ways to increase peace and tolerance. The summit celebrated the seismic change that the Abraham Accords, which normalized relations between Israel and several Arab countries, have brought to the Middle East and North Africa.

Delegates from the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and Israel shared their insights with policy-shapers from around the globe.

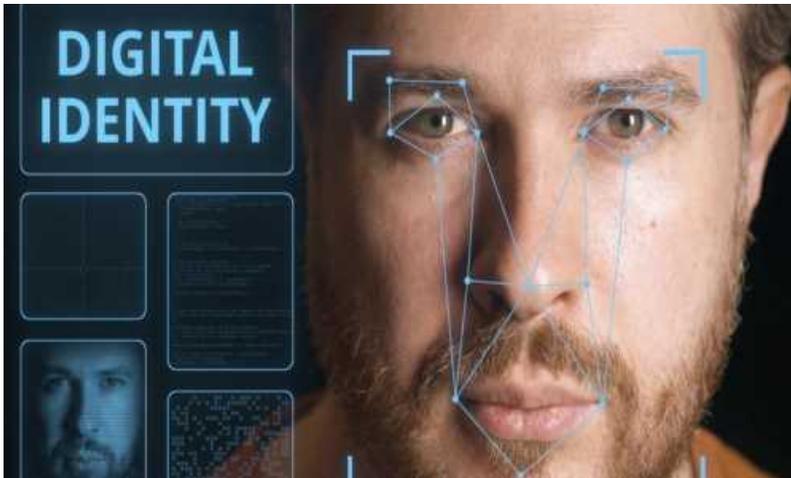
The summit culminated with the adoption of the Abrahamic Values Pledge, which states, "We are united by our shared Abraham values that have sustained our societies for thousands of years. We take immense pride in our mutual responsibility for one another."

"While our shared humanity is constantly challenged by trends that question the traditional values shared by all Abrahamic religions, our deep-rooted heritage has enabled us to build a vibrant and well-knit society that is both entrepreneurial and innovative in its nature," it continues. "The spirit of the Abraham Accords has allowed our communities to reap the fruits of peace and flourish in an ever-evolving socio-economic environment and has underscored the importance of the following foundational pillars: Tolerance, coexistence and diversity; Religion and family; Economic Peace."

"We hereby commit to take responsibility to further educate our communities in the fundamental significance of the traditional Abrahamic values, and the importance of our shared humanity that has flourished for thousands of years," it concludes.

Digital ID Will Merge Your Identity & Reputation Into Trust Scores

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identity is trust." But what does that even mean?

One current definition of trust is that it is "a confident relationship with the unknown."

According to Mastercard:

"Digital identity is a collage of up-to-date digital data that defines an individual, dynamic, multipurpose, and reusable, a system for verifying information to establish eligibility to access a service, perform a task, or receive a benefit, resulting from a dynamic network of distributed, data sources (such as financial institutions, mobile network providers, governments) that verifies identity in real time."

"Trust Scores" or reputational scores are aspects of having a digital identity that haven't been discussed much. By default, everyone who accepts a digital identity, whether decentralised or not, will receive a Trust Score.

With the introduction of trusted digital identities, social credit systems are reaching the West.

The tagline of many digital identity advertisements is "At the heart of all digital

Digital identity solutions are being rolled out under the title "Trusted Digital Identity", which enables people, businesses, and governments to have confidence in digital interactions.

At both ends of the interaction, digital identity is about establishing confidence and trust. Both parties must be confident that the other party is who they claim to be. Both require trust in the system that mediates the interaction.

WHAT IS A TRUST SCORE?

When a new customer registers for a digital identity (officially called onboarding) such as mobile identity provider Prove, they enter their mobile number.

Using mobile networks, Prove's mobile authentication checks if the activity is coming from the expected device using the mobile number.

By checking the following: Mobile Network, Device Status, Prepaid Sim, Sim Velocity, Device and Sim Tenure and finally Port Date, Prove's Trust Score determines the dynamic contextual and behavioural risk level of the mobile number.

Trust Scores range from 0-1000, with a higher number indicating a higher Trust Score. Scores over 630 are considered 'high', and scores below 300 are considered 'low'.

A Trust Score risk model examines phone intelligence signals such as phone tenure (SIM tenure, device tenure), line attributes (active number, number porting, mobile status, available network status, and line type), account activity (change event occurrence velocity), and device activity (device ownership tenure) to determine risk level.

A new customer's identity is also verified by verifying their mobile number with parameters such as their name, address, date of birth, and email address.

At the end, the process compares against data sources such as phone intelligence signals and Consumer Reporting Agencies like Credit Reporting Agencies, Banks, Utilities, Telcos, and Mobile Network Operators.

In summary, there are three steps: Mobile Auth, Trust Score, and Identity Verification.

Identity validation has traditionally been a yes or no decision, whereas new digital identity systems use Trust Scores, which act as identity quotients.

When one needs to fly across the globe during a trip, you most likely share identity with several organizations, leaving you vulnerable to identity theft.

Furthermore, not all organizations have systems to validate the authenticity of the documents provided, so Earth ID allows you to share specific information securely.

The level of a Trust Score allows organizations to make better decisions whether at the airport check-in, security, car rental, or even at the hotel.

The score goes up if other people have had a positive experience with a given user. The opposite is true if prior partners have not enjoyed their interactions.

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The WEF calls it a 'life score': They wrote in "Trust in 2030 - from institutions to individuals":

"By 2030, we'll see, for example, credit scoring expanding into 'life scoring'. Identity and reputation will be digitized and analyzed in minute detail, shaping a future where a personal 'trust score' will be the norm, with all the benefits and drawbacks that might bring."

The WEF say that:

"It's already underway in China, where, in a pilot scheme, citizens are being given a Social Citizen Score based on individual actions. Their simple everyday choices - from their shopping selections or patterns of bill payment to their choice of friend - all go towards influencing that score, whether the person is aware of it or not."

"Fair or unfair, the results will be on permanent record."

Adding: "It's easy to imagine a similar system becoming universal."

Fujitsu is also developing a blockchain-based Decentralized Identity (DID) platform to boost trust in digital transactions.

Fujitsu say they will convert those Trust scores into a simple graph, making it easy for people to assess the trustworthiness of another party before performing an exchange.

Each digital identity and transaction comes with a Trust Score by default.

As part of these digital identity systems, citizens are given an individual score based on their behaviors and actions, with non-state approved behavior potentially preventing citizens from doing basic tasks like buying a ticket if their trust score is too low.

Digital Identity and Attributes Trust Framework is what it is called. Framework for trust. The framework paves the way for a digital identity trust framework.

Matt Warman MP, Minister for Digital Infrastructure said:

"It has become increasingly important in this digital age to be able to establish trust, particularly online. This is the foundation thriving markets are built on. Having an agreed digital identity that you can use easily and universally will be the cornerstone of future economies."

"I want the trust framework to help facilitate a clear understanding between people using identity products, the organizations relying on the service and the service providers, letting each party know data is being used appropriately and kept safe." - he added.

According to Mastercard its about:

"A world where trust can be easily established, and people can be easily recognized in order to gain access to the services or experiences they desire."

With Onfido, another digital identity provider, again they run identity record checks, watch-list checks, and automated ongoing monitoring using a library of trusted sources of data.

Watchlist Checks? Yes Onfido's solution is "constantly drawing from multiple sanctions, politically exposed persons (PEPs), and other data sources."

The trust scores will be checked and recorded using AI and machine learning and permanently recorded on the blockchain. No recourse or complaint procedure is available.

We have heard the word Trust associated with digital identity and vaccine passports, but where else?

Remember the Trust Stamp program which was launched in late 2018? As part of the GAVI-Mastercard initiative "Wellness Pass", Trust Stamp's advanced digital identification technology was integrated.

The Trust Stamp was funded by Bill Gates and implemented by Mastercard and GAVI to link your biometric digital identity to your vaccination records. People who do not wish to be vaccinated may be locked out of the system based on their trust score.

MOVING FORWARD:

The Government of India's DigiYatra programme will facilitate paperless travel and eliminate multiple identity checks at the airport, enabling seamless and hassle-free travel. It is a Biometric Enabled Seamless Travel Experience (BEST) based on Facial Recognition Technology.

Since the DigiYatra Biometric Boarding System is integrated with the identity document, passengers will no longer need to show their tickets / boarding passes and their physical Identity cards at the checkpoints of the Airport.

Each passenger will need less than three seconds at each touchpoint, which will make the boarding process significantly faster and more seamless.

"Their face would act as their documents, like ID proof, Vaccine proof and act as boarding pass. At each checkpoint your trust score is examined by biometric face scans."

There is a lot of talk about reducing identity fraud, but what happens if you have a low trust score, what happens when you are refused services based on your trusted digital identity score? What happens if you become the victim of identity fraud and are no longer able to access so-called vital trusted services?

The default configuration of digital identity networks creates a threat like Matrix ID that brings together data such as risk associated with the identity, what is normal behavior and what is unusual behavior, and aims to create a trust score.

Trust ratings will most likely be a reincarnation or a revamped version of the Chinese Social Credit System. There will be a merger between digital identity and new social credit systems.

We are on the road to Beijing, and we should all be apprehensive.

China sends 71 warplanes, 7 ships toward Taiwan in 24 hours

Sun, December 25, 2022

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — China's military sent 71 planes and seven ships toward Taiwan in a 24-hour display of force directed at the self-ruled island, Taiwan's Defense Ministry said Monday, after China expressed anger at Taiwan-related provisions in a U.S. annual defense spending bill.

China's military harassment of Taiwan, which it claims is its own territory, has intensified in recent years, and the Communist Party's People's Liberation Army has sent planes or ships toward the island on a near-daily basis.

Between 6 a.m. Sunday and 6 a.m. Monday, 47 of the Chinese planes crossed the median of the Taiwan Strait, an unofficial boundary once tacitly accepted by both sides, according to Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense.

Among the planes China sent towards Taiwan were 18 J-16 fighter jets, 11 J-1 fighters, 6 Su-30 fighters and drones.

Taiwan said it monitored the Chinese moves through its land-based missile systems, as well as on its own navy vessels.

"This is a firm response to the current U.S.-Taiwan escalation and provocation," said Shi Yi, the spokesman for the PLA's Eastern Theater Command, in a statement on Sunday night. It announced that the PLA was holding joint combat patrols and joint strike drills in the waters around Taiwan.

Shi was referring to the U.S. defense spending bill, which calls China a strategic challenge. With regard to the Indo-Pacific region, the legislation authorizes increased security cooperation with Taiwan and requires expanded cooperation with India on emerging defense technologies, readiness and logistics.

In Washington, an official of the White House National Security Council said China's military activity near Taiwan was "destabilizing, risks miscalculations, and undermines regional peace and stability."

The official, who was not authorized to be identified and commented on condition of anonymity, said: "The United States has an abiding interest in peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. We will continue to assist Taiwan in maintaining a sufficient self-defense capability in line with our long-standing commitments and consistent with our one-China policy."

China's military has often used large military exercises as a demonstration of force in response to U.S. government actions in support of Taiwan.

It conducted large live-fire military exercises in August in response to U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan. Beijing views visits from foreign governments to the island as de facto recognition of the island as independent and a challenge to China's claim of sovereignty.

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Days Of Noah: The Entire World Is Shaking Its Fist At God

By [Tim Moore](#) December 27, 2022



Jesus said that in the end days the world would return to being like the days of Noah. We have certainly arrived because we are thwarting

God's design at every turn. What do I mean by that?

Today, I want to talk about God's admission that in the end days the world would become like the days of Noah. That reference comes from Matthew 24:37. We recognize that Jesus is saying that in the end days men will be evil and evil will be multiplied all over the earth. We can also recognize that in the days of Noah that everyone except Noah and his family was in complete rebellion against God.

Let's look back to the beginning of human history, even before the era of Noah, and look at how God laid out His plan for mankind, particularly His unveiling of the distinctions between Himself and His creation, meaning the created order. We could go all the way back to Genesis 1:1 where it says, "*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*". The Lord Himself provided this distinction between God as the Creator and the created order.

Moving forward into Genesis 1:26-28, He declared a distinction between humanity and the animal kingdom. He said, "*Let's make man in our own image... and let him have dominion over all the rest of the animal kingdom.*"

Then God created woman to be a helpmate for man (Gen. 2:18). And so, man and woman were created to be co-equal in the eyes of God, both made in the image of God, but distinct in terms of their biological sexes. In terms of relationships, God established marriage as a union between one man and one woman. It would serve to be a distinct relationship different from all of the other relationships that man would have. Men and women have relationships with their pets and animals.

They have relationships with friends. They have relationships with groups. But, there is something special about a man and woman coming together in marriage as ordained by God.

And yet, in our day, we have come to find ourselves living in the days of Noah in terms of an immoral world and degraded society. People are rejecting God as Creator saying there's no outside entity that created all of the known universe. They are rejecting man as being special and apart from all of the animal kingdom. Too many times today we hear people claim that man is just an animal. They deny that mankind has been made in the image of God.

Worst of all, we now have many people hell-bent on destroying the idea of man and woman being two distinct sexes — two biological kinds created by God. Men and women are complementary to one another but unique and separate.

Added to that lie, there's a whole wave of people who have denigrated the institution of marriage. True, that has been happening for many years, but now our society has almost totally denied God's establishment of the ordination of marriage as a union of a man and a woman.

Folks, our society has devolved back to Romans 1! The entire world is shaking its fist at God and rebelling, just as fallen humanity did back in the days of Noah.

Weigh these four distinctions I've just gone through:

1. God as distinct and separate from His created order.
2. Man as distinct and separate from all of the other creatures that God created.
3. Man and woman as separate and distinct from one another; complimentary and created in the image of God, and yet separate and distinct.
4. That special relationship ordained by God of a man and woman coming together in marriage to be unified for the obvious purpose of producing children.

Those are the established distinctions of God, and we would be wise to heed them even in our day and age. I know our culture is going to push back. The secular culture is shaking its fist at God and in complete rebellion. But, those who know God — those who have eyes to see and ears to hear and are discerning — have to determine to stand on the Word of God and recognize and appreciate those distinctions. We should be praising our all-loving Heavenly Father for the distinctions He has made. May He be praised and glorified in your life today.