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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

## Beginning to Come to Pass

By Daymond Duck

May 27

The Book of Revelation begins with these words, “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw” (Rev. 1:1-2).

The Book of Revelation is:

- The Revelation of Jesus Christ.
- A list of things to show God’s servants.
- A list of things that **MUST** happen.
- A list of things that **MUST** happen shortly (in God’s timing).
- A list of things that an angel showed to John.
- The Book of Revelation is the Word of God.
- It is the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Here are five major signs in Revelation chapter 13 that **MUST** come to pass during the Tribulation Period:

One, a global power **MUST** come into being.

- 13:7 says, “Power was given him [to the Antichrist] over ALL kindreds, and tongues, and nations.”
- An unelected person **MUST** be given power over all nations.
- This is the New World Order; the Great Reset; the coming world government.

Two, a global false religion **MUST** come into being.

- 13:8 says, “And ALL that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”
- Every lost person **MUST** worship the Antichrist.

- This appears to be where the unbiblical global ethic is going (the LGBTQ agenda, the woke culture, abortion, etc.); the coming world religion; Mystery Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth.

Three, there MUST be a Global Population Reduction.

- 13:15 says, “And he [the False Prophet] had power to give life unto the image of the beast [a statue of the Antichrist], that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”
- This appears to be AI (Artificial Intelligence); a computerized talking statue that will reduce the population of the earth by ordering the death of ALL that refuse to obey their government and worship an idol.

Four, there MUST be a Global Marking System.

- 13:16 says, “And he causeth ALL, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.”
- There MUST be a global Mark that identifies (ID’s) the lost supporters of world government.
- This is probably where face scans and hand scans are going.
- The desire for a Mark to identify everyone that has been vaccinated appears to be a step in this direction.

Five, there MUST be a Global Economic System.

- 13:17 says, “And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”
- ALL must take the Mark, or they cannot buy and sell.
- Everyone MUST be required to support the government if they want to buy and sell.
- Replacing cash with a digital currency is the ultimate goal.

In Dan. Chapter 4, we read that God caused King Nebuchadnezzar to lose his mind.

- His hair grew like feathers.
- His nails grew like claws.
- He crawled around in a pasture like an animal on all fours.
- He grazed grass like an animal.
- His body stayed wet from the dew.
- This lasted for 7 years.

Why? So “the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men” (Dan. 4:17, 25, 32).

So, the living will know that:

- God is in control.
- God raises up leaders.
- God brings down leaders.
- God puts the leader He wants in charge.
- God even puts bad leaders in charge.

In response to a question about His Second Coming and the end of the age, Jesus said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

As the end of the age nears, there will be a generation that can see the signs beginning to come to pass (Matt. 24:32-33).

Our generation is seeing the five major signs in Revelation chapter 13 beginning to come to pass.

It is not a coincidence that these five major signs are shaping up.

It is the Revelation of Jesus Christ beginning to come to pass.

Here are more events that seem to indicate that Tribulation Period events are beginning to show up:

**One**, concerning the possibility of corruption in Washington: on May 19, 2023, former Pres. Trump's deputy National Security Adviser, K. T. McFarland, said the U.S. Dept of Justice (DOJ), FBI, and CIA are planning to rig the 2024 presidential election.

McFarland cited the Durham report, the 51 former CIA agents that signed a letter saying Hunter's laptop is Russian disinformation, the FBI's protection of Hillary, the FBI's protection of Hunter, the Congressional investigations, and more.

According to McFarland, these agencies have done it in the past, and they will do it again because they are terrified about what will happen if a Republican becomes president.

(My opinion: On more than one occasion, I have stated my belief that there is no telling what they will do to keep Trump out of office and bring in the New World Order. America is in trouble, and we know world government is coming.)

**Two**, concerning how divided America has become:

> In Fulton County, Georgia, District Attorney Fani Willis continues to indicate that she intends to bring charges against former Pres. Trump, attorney Rudy Giuliani, and sixteen Republicans for trying to overturn the 2020 presidential election.

> On May 17, 2023, it was reported that Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene has introduced legislation to impeach FBI Director Christopher Wray for using the FBI to intimidate, harass and trap U.S. citizens who are deemed to be enemies of Pres. Biden's policies and for shielding Hunter Biden from prosecution.

> On May 17, 2023, it was reported that Rep. Anna Paulina Luna has introduced legislation to expel Rep. Adam Schiff from Congress for constantly saying there is evidence that Pres. Trump colluded with the Russians, but the Durham investigation found that there is no evidence, and the story was made up by Hillary Clinton's campaign committee.

> On May 18, 2023, it was reported that Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene intends to try to impeach Pres. Biden because he is compromising the security of America by refusing to enforce U.S. immigration laws and secure the U.S. Border with Mexico.

**Three**, concerning corruption in the FBI: on May 18, 2023, a former FBI agent, Steve Friend, told a Congressional committee the FBI manipulated data on the Jan. 6, 2021, demonstrations at the White House to create the impression that domestic terrorism is a nationwide problem in the U.S.

According to Friend, the FBI “has refocused counterterrorism from legitimate foreign actors to political opponents within our borders.”

As I understand it, Friend was saying the FBI is now putting less focus on prosecuting terrorists that are coming into the U.S. from other nations (especially across our border with Mexico) and more focus on prosecuting U.S. citizens as terrorists for disagreeing with the Biden administration.

According to the article I read:

- There is mounting evidence that the FBI may have been involved in inciting the Jan. 6, 2021, demonstrations.
- The FBI participated in trying to shut down the Hunter Biden story.
- The FBI participated in censoring people and companies that have posted unfavorable information on social media and the Internet.
- The FBI participated in the lie Hillary Clinton’s campaign committee made up about Trump colluding with the Russians.

(More: On May 23, 2023, it was reported that an IRS whistleblower has come forward saying that the IRS is participating in a coverup of Hunter Biden’s finances. So, the FBI and the IRS are both being accused of wrongdoing. Hunter reportedly flew in a private jet to a court hearing to tell the judge he is too poor to pay more child support.)

**Four**, concerning corruption in the FBI: on May 19, 2023, it was reported that Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, said a report filed by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISA) shows that the FBI improperly used warrantless searches more than 278,000 times between Jan. 6, 2021, and the year ending Nov. 2021.

More than 278,000 improper searches of mostly ordinary citizens who oppose abortion, the gay agenda, vote conservative, etc., in 11 months (about 800 a day) is not an occasional mistake by a poorly trained FBI agent; it is an FBI agency deliberately running amok under the direction of a bad leader that should be held accountable.

**Five**, concerning a loss of respect for America: on May 19, 2023, in response to more U.S. sanctions on Russia, the Russian government banned 500 U.S. citizens (former Pres. Obama, at least three U.S. Senators, 45 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, several members of the U.S. military, several members of the media, and others) from entering Russia.

Russia declared that it was banning these people because the U.S. government is persecuting U.S. citizens for protesting Biden’s certification as president on Jan. 6, 2021.

It is Vladimir Putin’s position that the J6 protestors were people that went to Congress with political demands, not a crowd of robbers and rioters that should be thrown into jail on dubious charges.

**Six**, concerning a normalization agreement between Saudi Arabia and Israel: on May 17, 2023, it was reported that two U.S. officials said:

- The Biden administration is pushing for a Saudi-Israeli peace deal in the next six to seven months.

- A Saudi-Israeli peace deal would lead to normalization agreements with other Arab nations.
- A Saudi Israeli peace deal will include a “Palestinian component” that Israel will have to agree to.
- It is unclear how far Israel will go to secure a peace agreement in the Middle East.

(More: On May 22, 2023, it was reported that Israeli Prime Min. Netanyahu and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) have talked to each other on the phone about normalization, but there was no progress.)

(More: On May 23, 2023, it was reported that MBS is demanding that the U.S. enter into a military alliance with Saudi Arabia, the U.S. agrees to a Saudi civilian nuclear program, and that a peace agreement includes the Two-State Solution between Israel and the PA before he normalizes relations with Israel.)

(My opinion: At some point in time, there will be a breakthrough, and a covenant will be drafted that divides the Promised Land. The covenant will be for seven years of peace, it will be confirmed by a global leader who is the Antichrist, and his confirmation will mark the beginning of the Tribulation Period. The fact that the U.S. is pushing for a peace treaty and the two leaders are talking to each other about it could ultimately lead to a breakthrough that God will not accept (Dan. 9:27; Joel 3:2; I Thess. 5:3.)

**Seven**, concerning the Battle of Gog and Magog: on May 22, 2023, it was reported satellite pictures and videos show that Iran is building a new underground nuclear site that will be too deep for typical U.S. or Israeli bunker-buster bombs to destroy.

Considering that Iran is continuing its quest to build nuclear weapons, this increases the need for an attack on Iran (which could lead to the Battle of Gog and Magog).

(Note: On May 23, 2023, Amir Tsarfati reported that Israel appears to be preparing for a pre-emptive strike against Hezbollah in Lebanon. Hezbollah is an Iranian puppet.)

**Eight**, concerning a falling away from the faith at the end of the age: on May 17, 2023, it was reported that more than 3,200 congregations have disaffiliated with the United Methodist Church since 2019 over the denomination’s acceptance of same-sex marriage and ordination of non-celibate LGBTQ clergy.

Thousands of members have chosen to leave the denomination because others have chosen to ignore the Bible on these issues (and the same thing has happened in other denominations).

**Nine**, my last article (titled Completely Irrelevant) says, “On May 10, 2023, it was announced that the European Union’s main executive body has given the government of Netherlands permission to force half the farmers in Holland to sell their land to the government because the government wants to take their land out of production and seize their cattle to reduce air pollution. Have you got that? The government is planning to use the climate change scam to take control of about one-third of Holland (half of 70% = 35%), idle the land, and get rid of the cattle.”

On May 17, 2023, Pres. Biden’s climate czar, John Kerry, addressed the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture’s AIM for Climate Summit.

According to Kerry, one of the most well-known, disrespected, unpatriotic politicians in America, agriculture production is responsible for one-third of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions, and a reduction in emissions must be put front and center in America’s quest to defeat global warming.

As I see it, a deliberate one-third reduction in food production will cause food shortages, soaring prices, famine, multitudes of deaths, and it will have a negligible impact on the unproven scare tactic called global warming.

I believe we can already see some of this beginning to happen.

**Ten**, concerning the World Health Organization (WHO) Assembly meeting in Geneva: in an article that was posted on May 24, 2023, Leo Hohmann wrote that Michele Bachmann was present, and she had this to say:

Two documents are under consideration that will shift a large amount of power from sovereign nations to the UN WHO Director General when he declares a health emergency or a potential health emergency.

The two documents are:

- 300 amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHRs).
- The Global Pandemic Treaty (Biden calls it The Global Pandemic Accords because he wants to avoid a vote in the U.S. Senate).

As of the date of Hohmann's article, May 24, 2023, Bachmann said there had been no opposition to anything in the documents, there had been a lot of support for the documents, and the U.S. delegate had spoken in support of the documents.

According to Bachman, this is what will likely happen:

- Both documents will clear the current WHO Assembly meeting and be passed on to the UN General Assembly for discussion and changes in Sept. 2023.
- The UN General Assembly will present recommended changes to the UN in Jan. 2024; if there are any recommended changes, they will be voted on, and there can be no changes after that vote.
- Both documents will go back to the WHO in Feb. 2024 to discuss what that organization hopes to do after they take a final vote.
- The WHO will take a final vote on both documents in May 2024.

This is a complicated process, but if all of these hurdles are passed as expected, there will be no going back.

**Finally**, are you Rapture Ready?

If you want to be rapture ready and go to heaven, you must be born again (John 3:3). God loves you, and if you have not done so, sincerely admit that you are a sinner; believe that Jesus is the virgin-born, sinless Son of God who died for the sins of the world, was buried, and raised from the dead; ask Him to forgive your sins, cleanse you, come into your heart and be your Saviour; then tell someone that you have done this.



# Ai is the Illusion of a Soulless Society

**It's easy to fool people who no longer know what's real.**

May 26

Daniel Greenfield

The development of generative AI tools that can spit out everything from paintings to essays is the next step in frictionless technology disrupting our society. The frictionless illusion is all around us. It tells us that the complex matters of delivery services, supply chains and transportation have been reduced to an app and a few swipes on a smartphone.

In the frictionless utopia, food is delivered to your door through an app, meat is cloned in a lab and human relationships are achieved by swiping right. Electric cars magically just work, without any pollution or moving parts, much like wind turbines and solar panels. Where the achievements of the past, like splitting the atom or building a national highway system, depended on mastering complexities, postmodern technology promises to eliminate them.,

To understand how massive scams like Theranos or FTX could take place, you have to live in an imaginary matrix of impossibilities where new ideas eliminate complexity rather than multiplying it. Any engineer could tell you that it works the other way around, and that simplicity is inherently deceptive, and yet the public keeps being sold on the frictionless illusion.

Then when the app turns out not to be hooked up to anything and there's no money in the bank, the illusion falls apart and an incomprehensible panic sets in because we have mistaken the interfaces for the processes. But the panic only goes on long enough for a new set of shiny frictionless objects promising to simplify reality to be rolled out as substitutes for the old.

Cryptocurrency and the metaverse have imploded, but in their place is the promise of AI.

Among so much else, AI offers seductively frictionless art and literature. The hype, some of it authored by ChatGPT, boasts that chabots will eliminate millions of white collar jobs. That's no doubt true. But what that really means is that American white collar workers will be replaced not by some omnipotent artificial intelligence, but by the low-paid third-world workers training it.

In the 18th century, crowds were wowed by the Mechanical Turk: a machine that seemed able to play chess. In reality, there was a man inside the machine making the moves. ChatGPT isn't an omnipotent intelligence: it's Kenyan workers maintaining the illusion by training it for the princely sum of [\\$1.32 an hour](#). OpenAI is no less of a dystopian hall of mirrors than its tech industry predecessors who put conventional nerds like Bill Gates or Mark Zuckerberg out front while much of the actual work was carried out by anonymous Asian and Indian workers on visas or abroad who provided the intelligence that made the software tools seem smart.

The machine has never actually replaced the man. All it's done is shove the man deeper inside a cubicle or in a distant land while a sophisticated society gawks at a new Mechanical Turk.

Every frictionless prophecy turns out to be a clean lie hiding an ugly reality. Recycling begins as a perpetual loop of three arrows on a blue or green bin, but actually ends with 8-year-old boys climbing over mountains of garbage in Africa.

Phone delivery and ride apps connect to illegal aliens doing gig work, and content moderation at Facebook and YouTube is handled by Filipino women viewing thousands of images and videos of graphic violence and pornography an hour in exchange for what to us is spare change.

Because there's always someone inside the Mechanical Turk. And the system is not run to the standards of whatever lies come from the girls in PR or the geeks in black turtlenecks out front, but to the third world workers who are actually hiding inside the metaphorical guts of the system.

GIGO or Garbage In, Garbage Out, is a binding principle for a reason. What goes in these is mountains of our data. Generative AI hoovered up the individual work of millions of writers, artists and just ordinary people, and then with some third-world fine-tuning, spits out a randomized imitation whose sole function is to fool us into thinking it's original content.

These models feed the essential frictionless myth that work can begin with an idea and end with a product while entirely evading the process. It's a seductive postmodern idea that is at the heart of so much progressive folly. Art is not an idea and it's not a product, it's a process. The value of anything derives not from what it looks like, but the work that someone put into it.

Modern society has mostly forgotten that. It's why America's manufacturing was outsourced and gutted, flooded by 'Made in China' garbage whose sole virtue is that it imitates actual products. Consumers buy pricey German knives made in China only to see them dull in less than a year, they buy fake leather shoes that crumble in even less time, and tools that instantly rust.

Any product is only as good as its process. Without the process, a product is only an illusion.

And that's true of culture as well. WGA writers are striking in Hollywood because they know that in the industry at its current state, ChatGPT can easily replace them and is already doing so. There's more content than ever in the streaming wars and it's also more disposable than ever. Viewers who notice that every movie and show seems to be the same aren't wrong. They're all made in assembly line processes using formulaic tools and driven by politics and effects. Outwardly they offer an illusion of being set in different times and places, with different characters, but they are actually just reskinned versions of each other. Does it really matter then if a human writer automates his writing with a Save the Cat formula or ChatGPT does it for him?

Generative AI works so well because so much of our writing has become rote. Its models can easily mimic the rote work that lawyers, doctors and bureaucrats do, and the rote photoshopped fan art that Midjourney produces so well and the generic internet content that ChatGPT models.



AI can replace humans to the extent that they allow their work to be driven by digital tools and impulses, by the need to conform it to a technological model, rather than a creative soul. Much as in the industrial revolution, machines make better machines than people do, but people cannot be replaced by machines as long as they retain the humanity of their work.

The frictionless impulse is the work of men (and a few women) who believe in a singularity in which man and machine will unite to become one. This foolish posthuman delusion could only be entertained by people who have forgotten what it is to live a human life. And it could only gain currency in a society that has lost its religious and cultural bearings. And thus its humanity.

Such a society comes to think that men and women can swap roles and even biologies, that children should be killed if they are unwanted and that everything we are is reducible to DNA strands and social standards. Rather than humanizing society, progressives have mechanized it. And the culture of a mechanical society can easily be duplicated by generative AI, even if all that it's doing is using hidden humans to pull the digital levers so the Mechanical Turk fools us.

AI is not a threat, it's a symptom of a soulless society that has forgotten the value of art and even more importantly of the striving impulses of labor. Art is not found in the glimmer of an idea or a page that rolls out of a printer, but in the creative human struggle to make something. Everyone has ideas and most images have been infinitely duplicable for well over a century. Art happens in the soul. So do all the things that make life meaningful and give mankind purpose.

The frictionless society makes the private public, simplifies it, demystifies it, industrializes it and in the process loses its soul. Human relationships and the family collapse even as they are deconstructed. Religion, philosophy and art cease to exist. Everything appears to be at our fingertips and yet nothing seems to be. On the surface everything appears to be sleek and shiny, but underneath is a swamp of slave labor and filth into which it is all collapsing.

Everything is supposed to just work and yet nothing actually works when we need it to.

Beneath the frictionless world of apps and AI, there's no food in the stores, no products in the supply chain and so many of the things people once took for granted, no longer work. Mistaking the interface for the process is an economic, cultural and moral disaster that is destroying us.

Progressivism depends on the illusion of a golden chariot of a new age sweeping across the sky. In the frictionless future, there will be no work, no dirt, no pollution and no process. Everything will just happen. But the only thing that's happening is the end of our humanity.