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Calling the Bride

"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" – John 8:32

The fourteenth chapter of the book of Revelation contains a chilling warning for humanity. –

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

And the smoke of their torment ascends up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name (Rev. 14:9-11).

The previous chapter thirteen reveals the emergence of the last world empire and its PR man, the antichrist, who instigates the "marking" that God has warned will cause those who take it to come under His wrath.

And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

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.

Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six – 666 (Rev. 13:16-18).

Some Christians believe that they are immune from taking this mark because it is associated with the worship of the beast (Rev. 13:4,8). The claim is made that if they are worshipping Jesus, then they cannot be marked by the beast. That is true; if a believer is faithful to Jesus, then that believer will not submit to the antichrist and will refuse his mark. These ones we are told, are targets for elimination (Rev. 13:15).

We are shown that this beast empire is demonic in origin. It is similar in its construction to the depiction of the devil in Rev. 12:3. The "heads" (intelligences operating this system) are marked with the "the name of blasphemy" (Rev. 13:1). This system or empire is satanic and is openly opposed to God (Rev.13:6).

We are also shown that this beast operates through the use of deception (Rev. 13:14). In other words, the masses will not understand that this beast is inherently evil and the majority of the populace will be enamored of the "great wonders" the beast is able to produce (Rev. 13:13).

Because many Christians have access to the word of God, these ones have the advantage of being forewarned for their protection and preparation for the day when the signs the Bible gives concerning the beast are coming to pass. Therefore, it is important for all Christians to be aware of those signs and be wise enough to recognize when they are starting to make their appearance.

For the first time in history the technology exists that can literally embed a mark in someone that can allow them to buy or sell without cash.

Many years ago when I was visiting a church in New England, a member of the congregation told me about another member who had been in Arkansas. He was standing in line at a check out and the cashier asked the man in front of him how he would like to pay. The man replied, "With this" and he swiped his hand over the scanner.

Apparently the technology has been around for quite some time, even though when this event took place that technology was not being publicized. Today, many corporations are "marking" or embedding their employees with computer chips that are linked to their bank accounts enabling them to purchase items from the company vending machines and to replace the need for keys. These chips are the size of a grain of rice and are injected into the skin with a hypodermic needle in the space between the thumb and forefinger; the spot where Satanists tattoo their allegiance to Satan.

The Mark of the Beast

I think any Christian who is really astute, would take these events as a warning that we are approaching the fulfillment of the prophecy in Revelation's pages.

In spite of the similarities to the warnings in scripture, some Christians reject the chip implant as the mark of the beast, asserting that the chip cannot be the mark because it has nothing to do with "worship," which is the real mark. The marking to them is a spiritual mark, not a physical one, even though the scriptures states specifically that no one will be allowed to buy or sell without it. It has to be a literal mark. Worship or the willingness to worship the system that produces it precedes the actual literal marking. But, if a believer is serious about avoiding the consequences of being marked, which will be forced at some point in time, then anything that could be even remotely associated with the warnings in the Bible concerning the mark should be avoided, and at the very least viewed with caution.

These Christians also claim that getting a chip has nothing to do with denying Jesus, which would cause them to lose their salvation and come under God's wrath (Matthew 10:33). But allowing oneself to be unified with the beast by accepting the mark, is a denial of Jesus. The mark enables the one who accepts it to be linked to a Jesus denying system controlled by Satan.

In the initial stages of the emergence of this system, the demonic elements will be concealed, wrapped in an attractive packaging labeled "technology." While one may not be obviously worshipping the beast, many can be deceived by developing attachments to those computerized "wonders" that are based on the number of man's inventions - 666. Any minimum amount of research into the subject reveals how this number is related to modern technology, especially the computer's chip-sized offspring.

A Christian who allows himself to be branded digitally, even though he is not consciously worshipping the beast, is breaking God's commandment to not take the mark produced by this evil system. Anything that even slightly resembles a mark that can be linked to a bank account and can eventually be used to prevent buying and selling should be rejected.

Those who argue that the mark is only spiritual, when the technology exists today that can literally mark someone, connect them to their bank accounts and prevent them from functioning in society, is blatantly naïve. I suspect also, that many Christians who are in this camp are also experiencing elements of denial. In spite of the evidence, for some, the events in Revelation are seen as happening in some far distant future and will not concern them. But the principle behind the beast and his mark has been present in every generation; the Lord's people are never to compromise with evil no matter what form it takes. If someday an app containing the corporate name of the beast or the number of his name, is inserted into your smartphone, and it is the only means by which you can make a purchase, then it's time to toss your smartphone into the trash. If you can't do that, well, idolatry has many forms. What is idolatry? The worship of something else other than God.

The book of Daniel reveals that in the future iron will be mixed with clay (Daniel 2:33). The iron can represent the satanic being unified with human "clay." Currently there are attempts being made to literally merge humans with machines. This iron merging with clay science is called "transhumanism." Elon Musk's company has successfully implanted a computer chip in a pig's brain, a mark that could someday soon be

used to brand humans. The goal of that experiment is to eventually connect the human mind to the internet.

The devil is trying to duplicate himself as God through the use of technology. He is a created being and is not omnipresent, a characteristic that only belongs to God. But through the use of Wi-Fi that can be almost anywhere at the same time, the devil can attempt to mimic the Holy Spirit, by literally connecting people to the "internet of things."

Microsoft's "Mining Crypto Currency" patent is for a device that is designed to keep track of all the physical activity in the human body, which can also generate a crypto currency. The patent also includes a network that enables a human to receive instructions from that network, a computerized caricature of the Holy Spirit's ability to communicate with humans. The patent is published as WO/2020/060606.

The Bible shows us that Jesus will return after the beast and his marking expedition have come into their fullness. In Jesus' parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-13), He returns for His church, but He rejects those who were able to go and buy. Obviously these ones who thought they were worshipping Jesus, had disobeyed the Lord's commandment and allowed themselves to be unified with the devil's organization.

They had allowed the truth of the gospel to dwindle in their lamps, and while they never overtly denied their faith in Jesus specifically, they had permitted their faith to be compromised. They no longer felt the need to assert that Jesus is the only way, accepting the beast's mantra that all religions are valid. They never saw themselves as obviously worshipping the beast, after all, they were waiting for Jesus, they were professed Christians. And they had obviously never made the connection that the mark they took that enabled them to buy, was the mark that the Bible had warned them about. There was no point in their minds to deny themselves the necessities of life over the wonders of being able to purchase goods through the use of the beasts' technical marvels.

They were wrong. There's a very good reason why Jesus labeled these ones as "foolish."

God warns, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). That knowledge of course, is God's word. And His word is designed to prepare us for a time in the future that just might be tomorrow.

A Christian who heeds God's word, will remain alert, and will reject anything that even faintly resembles the devil's attempts to unify himself with humanity.

Altering God's Word

On March 20, 1969, Dr. Lawrence Dunegan attended a lecture at a meeting of the Pittsburg Pediatric Society. The lecture was given by Dr. Richard Day, who was at that time, professor of Pediatrics at Mount Sinai Medical School in New York. He was formerly the Medical Director of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. He died in 1989. Dr. Dunegan was a former student of Dr. Day at the University of Pittsburgh.

On October 10, 1991, Dr. Dunegan was interviewed by Randy Engel of the U.S. Coalition for Life, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. In this interview, Dr. Dunegan recalled what he heard at that lecture which had very little to do with pediatrics. The speaker, Dr. Day, began to predict future events based on his knowledge of the organization of which he was a member. That organization was aggressively working to orchestrate a "New World Order." Most students of God's Word understand that this one world government is prophesied in the Bible and also in the Apocrypha in II Esdras.

Dr. Day said he could speak about these things because "everything is in place and nobody can stop us now." He went on to describe his organization's agenda and today we are seeing much of what he predicted coming to fruition. One of the things he described was their plans to create a one world religion, eliminate Christianity and change the Bible. The following are quotes from Dr. Dunegan. -

"Another area of discussion was Religion. This is an avowed atheist speaking. He said, 'Religion is not necessarily bad. A lot of people seem to need religion, with its mysteries and rituals - so they will have religion. But the major religions of today have to be changed because they are not compatible with the changes to come. The old religions will have to go especially Christianity. Once the Roman Catholic Church is brought down, the rest of Christianity will follow easily. Then a new religion can be accepted for use all over the world. It will incorporate something from all of the old ones to make it easier for people to accept, and feel at home. Most people won't be too concerned with religion. They will realize that they don't need it. In order to do this, the Bible will be changed. It will be rewritten to fit the new religion. Gradually, key words will be replaced with new words having various shades of meaning. Then the meaning attached to the new word can be close to the old word - and as time goes on, other shades of meaning of that word can be emphasized, and then gradually that word replaced with another word.'

Dr. Donegan, continues. "I don't know if I'm making that clear, but the idea is that everything in Scripture need not be rewritten, just key words replaced by other words. The variability in meaning attached to any word can be used as a tool to change the entire meaning of Scripture, and therefore make it acceptable to this new religion. Most people won't know the difference; and this was another one of the times where he said, 'the few who do notice the difference won't be enough to matter.'"

We can see now why there is such an influx of new Bible translations, and why the King James Version is often the subject of so much criticism. Of course it would be, it was given to us way before the one world agenda had come into existence. The King James translation of course is not perfect, no Bible translation really is. But in view of the attempts to change the meaning of God's word through these new translations, we would do well to keep the King James as a valued reference.

This new world order will be allowed by God to come to its horrific fulfillment as prophesied in Revelation 13. It is a Biblical principle that God permits evil to come to its fullness before He destroys it (Genesis 15:16). Like the tower of Babylon, this evil kingdom will only be permitted to rise so far before the sky quakes and Jesus descends with His multitudes to remove the wicked and create His New World Order (Revelation 19). We can take comfort and be encouraged by the fact that Jesus' victory has been predetermined by God, everything is in place and no evil will ever be able to stop it.

Jesus Holds the Future

And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne - Revelation 5:7

It was a profound moment. The Apostle John had been transported to heaven and he saw the book that he was about to write in the hand of the Father. Then an angel proclaims, "Who is worthy to open the book and to loose its seals" - and reveal it secrets? And no one was found worthy and John wept much, until he was comforted by an elder who reminded him that Jesus had prevailed and was worthy to open the seals.

Then John watched the Lamb of God take the book from the Father and Jesus held it in His hand; this book that foretold the future of mankind and planet earth.

And John heard every creature in heaven and earth erupt into glorious praise to God and Jesus for the Messiah's victory; for He alone had overcome and redeemed those who believe from death and only He was worthy to hold the secrets of the future in His hand.

It should comfort us that this One who holds the future and knows every detail of its outcome, also holds us. And though we face an uncertain future, we can trust Jesus with the outcome. And following the example illustrated for us in these verses, we too can praise our Father and His Son.

John wept, but when he was reminded of the victory that comforts us all, I'm sure he too, lifted his voice in praise.

Sometimes we have to be reminded also; that whatever we must endure for Jesus' sake, because He has prevailed, we have prevailed too; and we follow the example set before us in heaven. We lift our souls by singing praise through the storm to the One who carries us above the waters of this life to the victory He has procured for His children.