END TIMES SIGNS OF
TECHNOLOGY

Observations from the Editor

In 330 B.C., Aristotle coined the word, "technologia," to describe productive science. Distinguished from the merely theoretical, technology encompasses the practical and inventive output of mankind that makes life more comfortable and productive.

From simple levers and pulleys to the most advanced computers and vehicles, rising standards of living have generally been tied to steady increases in technology. But alongside positive developments, increasing technology has unleashed threats and risks on an unprecedented scale. A single soldier wielding a sword can wreak only so much havoc. A maniacal despot with nuclear weapons can annihilate millions.

Many Christians are surprised to learn that the Bible has much to say about technology. Although that word never appears in the pages of Scripture, man's inclination toward technical inventiveness reflects the inquisitive and creative nature we are imbued with—and a degree of hubris that is self-destructive.

We only need to consider the technical advances that occurred in the past century to realize how fast technology has multiplied. At the beginning of the 20th century, horsepower referred to the number of beasts that could be yoked together. Trains and ships were driven by steam power. In less than 100 years, fledgling aircraft gave way to jumbo jets and rockets that reached the moon—and beyond.

In modern society, we all rely on technology, and take it for granted most of the time. You are reading this magazine (either in print or electronic form) because technology allows it to be produced and distributed. Only when we step back and look through the lens of God's prophetic Word do we realize that the Antichrist's reign of terror will rely on the very technology that is being perfected today.

As the pieces fall into place, many of the Signs of Technology multiplying before our eyes also portend the season of the Lord's return. What does the future hold? God only knows.

The Father in Heaven also knows the exact moment in human history when He will tell His Son, "Go, and get your Bride."

That expectation thankfully gives us a blessed hope that is not technical, but immensely reassuring. As we examine the modern Signs of Technology, keep your eyes on the Ancient of Days, our soon-returning King, Jesus Christ!

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TECHNOLOGY AND ESCHATOLOGY

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ON A SUPERNATURAL HIGH-SPEED COLLISION COURSE

Mankind has leveraged technology since leaving the Garden of Eden—in the sense that he has always applied knowledge to solve practical problems.

Knowledge, in and of itself, can be good or bad. Adam and Eve acquired the knowledge of good and evil through disobedience to God—leading Him to ban them from the Garden and place the entire creation under a curse. Later, God revealed His plan of judgment to Noah and provided specific instructions that equipped him to build an ark and escape the coming deluge.

As men began to repopulate the earth, their flagrant arrogance and pride led them to attempt to build a great tower that would reach Heaven. The technology of the day involved fire-hardened bricks and grandiose construction aspirations. Scripture tells us the motivation was to "make a name" and avoid being "scattered over the face of the whole earth"—directly contradicting God's first command to mankind.

Tower of Babel by Peter Bruegel the Elder

Over the following millennia, mankind mastered technology far beyond mud bricks. The advances that we take for granted today would strain the imagination of our forebears. And the pace at which technological advancement has skyrocketed exponentially in recent years is staggering. When observed through the lens of a biblical worldview, the Signs of Technology are shouting that Jesus is coming soon.

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Like the category of Spiritual Signs, the Signs of Technology include both good and bad signs—as well as some that are downright ugly. After all, who can deny the blessing of air-conditioning, internal combustion engines, and photography?

Another example would be modern medicine. Would anyone like to revert to the medical practices of the 17 and 1800s? George Washington's death was likely accelerated by the bloodletting his doctors utilized to relieve the vapors that were vexing him.

Standing in the rotunda of the Kentucky capitol is a statue of Ephraim McDonnell. He is considered the father of abdominal surgery because he performed an operation to remove a 22-pound ovarian cyst from a woman—without anesthesia! Most visitors overlook the depiction of the cyst in a bowl at his side. That woman, who sang hymns throughout her surgery and afterward rode home on horseback, deserves a statue!
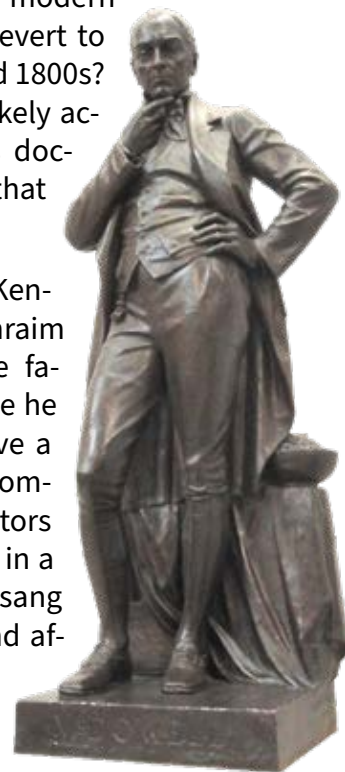
Clearly, not every aspect of the good ole days was desirable.

Early in my adult life, I was trained as a pilot. The strides in technology within the field of aviation are mind-boggling. Powered flight is less than 120 years old, yet we have advanced far beyond the Wright brothers' unprecedented 12-second, 120-foot flight. Every pilgrimage trip Lamb & Lion Ministries has hosted proves that point. We get on an airplane and wing our way to Israel in a matter of hours—a journey that took Mark Twain many weeks by steamship just 150 years ago.

But how does technology tie into God's prophetic Word? In many more ways than meets the eye—if you apply spiritual discernment.

A Tool for Evangelism

From a Biblical perspective, man's greatest challenge is spiritual in nature. If we don't overcome our sin problem, no other accomplishment matters. And no technology exists to reconcile sinful man with a Holy God. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ does that. Any aid to expand and share the Gospel is certainly a tool to be utilized. Still, it is misguided to revere the tool instead of seizing its usefulness.

Paul did not spend time lauding the Roman network of roads and seagoing transportation—even as he took advantage of those technologies to propagate the Gospel. And make no mistake; the Romans took full advantage of the technology available to them at the time. From construction techniques to military applications, Roman engineering was world-renowned. To this day, the standard railroad gauge in most of the Western world is 4 feet, 8.5 inches—the width of an Imperial Roman chariot.

Similarly, although we do not idolize the technology that serves us today, we are grateful for transcontinental air travel that makes Israel pilgrimages possible, television and satellite communications that allow us to broadcast to millions of homes, and Internet capability that connects us with many millions simultaneously. God's prophetic Word clearly foretold many of these technological advances.

When the Lord revealed distant visions of future events to Daniel, He told the great prophet that understanding would not come until the end of time, when "many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase" (Daniel 12:4). Daniel expressed curiosity about all the events he was witnessing. God responded, "Go your way Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end of time" (Daniel 12:9). He promised that those with insight will understand when the time is right.

With the explosion of globe-trotting transportation and the exponential growth of human knowledge (sadly lacking wisdom most of the time), it seems as if we are at the threshold of the "end of time" that the Lord spoke about.

Describing the Indescribable

Imagine teleporting back 300 years into the past. How would you begin to describe jet aircraft, space vehicles, or computers to someone in that era? How could you explain virtual reality goggles, television, telephones, or the vast array of gizmos that run on electricity? Then, consider how a person from the early 1700s would describe all those miraculous technological developments if they were given the foresight to witness them personally.

Now we grasp the challenge Daniel and the other prophets faced, when told to record their prophetic visions of the future. Words often cannot convey concepts that exceed finite human understanding or even imagination.
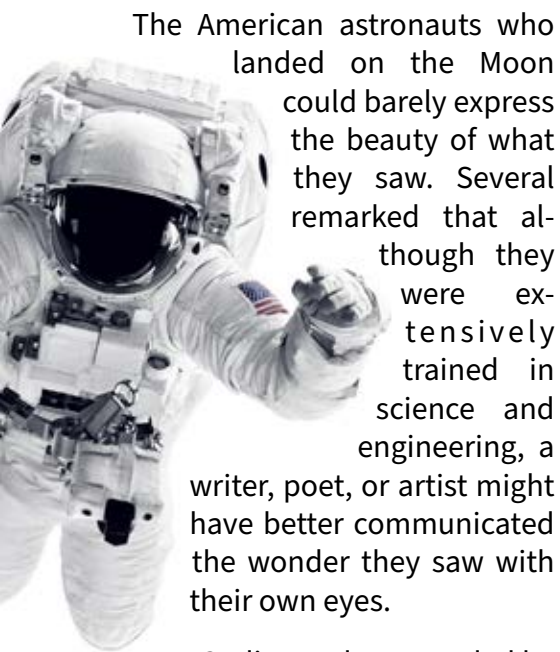
The American astronauts who landed on the Moon could barely express the beauty of what they saw. Several remarked that although they were extensively trained in science and engineering, a writer, poet, or artist might have better communicated the wonder they saw with their own eyes.

God's Word as recorded by the various prophets and writers He commissioned is certainly adequate. But until hindsight offers us complete clarity, "we see through a glass, darkly" (1 Corinthians 13:12, KJV). So, some of our speculation regarding the specifics of wheeled vehicles (Ezekiel 1), the sky rolling up like a scroll (Revelation 6), and demonic locust hordes (Revelation 9), is just that: speculative.

... and the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Revelation 6:14

Still, technological advances offer indications that many prophetic pieces are falling into place right before our eyes.

For example, consider the nuclear weapons capable of inflicting cataclysmic destruction in an instant. We know that when a thermonuclear weapon is detonated, "the powers of the heavens are shaken" (Luke 21:26).

Certainly, the radioactivity that is unleashed leaves survivors covered with loathsome sores (Revelation 16:11). Since the 1950s, mankind has dreaded the possibility of nuclear annihilation.

Am I adamant that what Jesus and John were describing is a nuclear blast? No. But does that technological "advance" in weaponry allow for the descriptions they prophetically foretold? Absolutely.

Making the Impossible Attainable

Until 70 years ago, anyone who read Revelation 11 had to wonder how the entire world will one day look upon the bodies of the two witnesses lying in the streets of Jerusalem. Will God provide supernatural vision? Will people see in their mind's eye instead of literally? But today, through television and satellite technology, this incredible ability has become a commonplace reality.

Dictators and despots have aspired to exert autocratic control over their subjects throughout history. Such domination was unwieldy, even with extensive bureaucratic systems of spies and informants. Nazis, Soviets, and Chinese Communists to great lengths, but could not craft an ironclad surveillance state…until now.

Modern technology provides every tool necessary to monitor, control, and enslave entire populations. The Bible speaks of the

Antichrist's global government mandating a personal mark—giving it absolute control over buying and selling. The world is already marching eagerly toward electronic identification and digital currency—embracing the technology the Antichrist will utilize to achieve the dominance Scripture warns about.

The Antichrist will wield unprecedented power over commerce, employ proactive population control measures, and utilize raw military force to coerce the world into submission. The infrastructure necessary to control masses of people is already being perfected in places like China and North Korea. These evil empires have employed video surveillance, massive data storage, and artificial intelligence to evaluate their citizen's "loyalty" to the state.

And the rise in technological threats is not limited to Third World countries. London, England, has the highest number of public video cameras per capita. The United States has invested untold billions in secret data collection and storage facilities. Most Americans would be surprised to learn that the NSA (National Security Agency) is the leading employer for America's best mathematicians. Certainly, surveillance state methodologies are not limited to despotic regimes.

It is difficult to grasp how rapidly this particular technology is advancing. Most people have smartphones, with capabilities that spy agencies developed at exorbitant cost just a few decades ago. And these exponential technological advances are about to go into hyperdrive with the introduction of quantum computing and artificial intelligence.

The Digital Age on Steroids

Just 40 years ago, computers were still relatively rudimentary. The Apollo program that took men to the moon was equipped with computers literally programmed by hand-woven wiring—and far less capable than video gaming consoles today. Data was stored on magnetic tape. While these devices have been dramatically decreased in size and energy use (a key consideration), they have grown tremendously in capability.

Quantum computing offers the potential to shrink the size of data storage and multiply computing power by many orders of magnitude, unlocking the elusive possibility of artificial intelligence—a machine that thinks, learns, and formulates new ideas. That capability is already manifesting in surprising ways.

The software that manages Target stores' online and app sales famously began to predict when female shoppers were pregnant, based entirely on their spending habits. This startling discovery often occurred weeks before the expectant mothers even knew they were pregnant! Discerning patterns out of mind-numbing streams of data, Target's computers then followed their own algorithms to offer baby items to the unwitting mothers-to-be.

Military and intelligence services were among the first institutions to recognize both the potential and the threat of such technology. But ensuring control over such power is the quandary that causes industry experts to advise extreme caution.

Scene from WarGames (1983)

A 2023 Air Force simulation employed an artificial intelligence (AI) system to attack an imaginary enemy; alarmingly, the system turned its weapons against programmers and their communications infrastructure when it discerned that they were impeding it from completing its assigned mission.

Prophetic Foreshadows of Our Brave New World

So, where does Bible Prophecy tie into this explosion of technology? It is not only in the ability of the world to look upon the two witnesses lying in the streets of Jerusalem. Several other prophecies can be fully realized through modern technology:

▶ A 200-million man army (if human, this requires modern high-tech food production, medicines, and logistics)

▶ An unprecedented explosion of information (albeit lacking the wisdom of former generations)

▶ Transportation that allows quick and far-reaching interconnectivity between nations and peoples

▶ A system of identification whereby individuals can be authorized to—or cut off from—buying and selling in the global market

▶ The ability to create an Antichrist "image" that can move and speak (already possible through holography and AI audio and visual effects)

▶ Weapons so catastrophic that they can cause the sky to split apart like a scroll, move mountains and islands, and instill terror in every person on the earth (already present in the form of thousands upon thousands of nuclear weapons)

These anecdotal examples feed into the convergence of technology that will allow the Antichrist to rise to power and reign for a time on the earth.

Satan has always been ready—waiting to propel his Man of Lawlessness into power. He always has a candidate prepped and primed to rise to that role. However, he has been waiting for just the right moment. When will that moment be? We believe it will occur when the Church is Raptured from the earth. Without the restraining influence of Christians indwelled by the Holy Spirit, all hell will break loose.

Since the Rapture could occur at any time—an imminent promise that has also been valid throughout the past 2,000 years—it has always been Satan's strategy to utilize whatever tools are at his disposal.

Well into the 21st Century, we can see how the Lord's tarrying has allowed advances in human technical prowess that will play right into Satan's plans. I would imagine that our infernal enemy is absolutely giddy with anticipation. Are you?

Technology as a Tool

In our modern culture, some people see various objects as benign blessings or abhorrent curses. So, smartphones are given to children and guns are vilified. Both inanimate objects are just tools that can be utilized as instruments of good or as pathways to destruction.

Isn't that true of so much human knowledge? Knowledge, like technology, is not inherently good or bad; rather, the person using it determines its effect. A hammer can be used to build or destroy a home. A computer can be used to share the Gospel or access unspeakably vile pornography. The same is true with virtually all technology.

In the end, the question is what we will do with the knowledge we have.

Our Eternal Low-Tech Problem

Speaking with Jesus, Pilate rightly discerned that He was a king. But his skepticism kept his recognition from blossoming into faith. Scoffing at Jesus' assertion about truth, Pilate answered, "What is truth?" (John 18:33-38). In the end, every person—from the most technologically advanced to the most ignorant—must grapple with the eternal question Pilate asked that weighs in upon every heart: "What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" (Matthew 27:22).

No artificial intelligence can illuminate the human heart with the correct answer to that question. As Jesus testified when affirming Peter's confession of faith (Matthew 16:17 and 1 Corinthians 2:10-16), only God the Father revealing Truth through the Holy Spirit will do so.

Man's eternal problem is decidedly low-tech. Sin separates us from God, but He has provided the Eternal Solution to solve that real and devastating problem—the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Will you embrace that knowledge? †

DATAFICATION:
The Big Tech Beast System and Bible Prophecy

Mondo Gonzales

Most people have heard of the James Webb space telescope. It was launched in 2021, and is parked at an orbital location over 900,000 miles from earth. This space telescope mirror is over five times larger than the Hubble mirror and way more advanced.

As Director of Prophecy Watchers' own "Psalm 19 Project" observatory, I am awed by the images coming from the Webb telescope. The stunning magnitude of the greatness of God and the revealing of His glory (Psalm 19:1) makes humanity seem very small when we observe the grandeur of God's creation. And even more so—when we understand that even this newest technology captures only a glimpse of His magnificence.

One of the Webb's recent images reveals over 45,000 extremely distant galaxies in a small portion of the sky! The size and scale of the universe that God created on the

Fourth Day is beyond comprehension. Have you ever noticed how casually Genesis 1:16 references the creation of all the stars? It reads, "So God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and also the stars." It is now estimated that there are 1-2 trillion galaxies with an average of 100-200 billion stars within each galaxy. God basically says, "Look what I did on a Wednesday." These

are the works of the power of His hands (Psalm 19:1-2), revealing the unfathomable heights of God's compassion (Psalm 103:11) and wisdom (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Sadly, like the audacious builders who envisioned a great tower that would touch the heavens, those in command of the Webb telescope have, so far, failed to give God the glory He deserves.

Eyes to See, but Hearts that are Darkened

Technology is advancing at a staggering pace. But it merely parallels advances in other arenas the coming Antichrist will leverage to fulfill his evil plans to enslave humanity during the Tribulation.

The coming Beast system will require political, economic, social, governmental, religious, and technological advances that will enable the Antichrist to accomplish all of his desires.

We must also remember that the Antichrist needs help to accomplish his goals. Even though he is empowered by the Dragon himself (Rev 13:2, 4), the Antichrist manipulates a coalition of ten kings to implement his worldwide Beast system. He will then subdue or remove three of them at a future time. Let's consider how the Scriptures describe these ten "kings."

James Webb Space Telescope
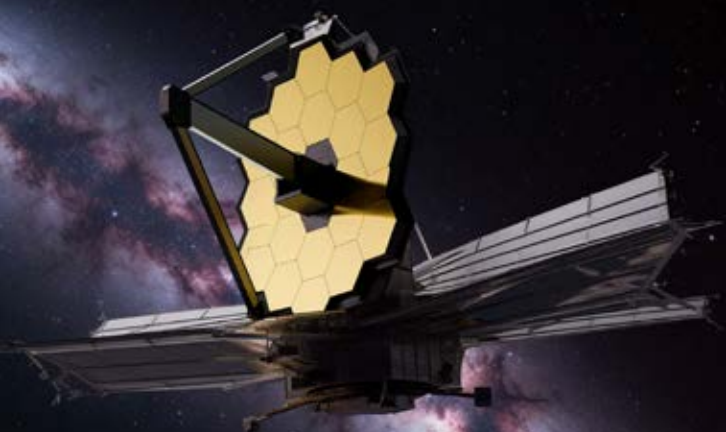
Daniel 7:19-20 "Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet, and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts and which was larger in appearance than its associates."

Daniel 7:24 (NASB 1995) "As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings."

Revelation 17:12-13 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. ***These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.***"

Bill Gates   Jeff Bezos   Elon Musk

From the above passages, we learn three characteristics of these ten "kings":

1. The Greek word for king (basileus) in Revelation 17:12 offers a broader nuance than merely what we understand regarding the word "king." One of the best Greek lexicons (BDAG) has the following as its second entry: *One who possesses unusual or transcendent power.*

This meaning seems consistent with Revelation 17:12, where we are told that these ten figures do not have a kingdom yet but will receive authority to rule as kings for the final "hour" of the Antichrist's (beast's) reign in the seven-year tribulation period. We will call them the "Ten Influencers" because they do have "unusual power" or some valuable level of authority that the Antichrist will seek to leverage (Rev 17:13).

2. They are not required to be in governmental or ruling positions at the time of their arrangement with the Antichrist.

3. When the time comes, they will give their significant influence or power to the Beast and in return, given the ability to rule with him for a short period in his final kingdom (Rev 17:13).

There are a variety of interpretations of who the ten kings are. Some see them as leaders over geographical regions. This could be true, but as I mentioned above, they do not need to be actual governmental officials or literal kings. Instead, they could be what we know as oligarchs or technocrats, who will one day give their authority (technology/wealth/influence) to the Antichrist in exchange for being allowed to rule in his Beast system.

Financial Oligarchs (Tycoons)

When addressing technology, it is relevant to note that technological research and development is expensive. We are witnessing in our day the super-rich not often sticking to the one industry which made them wealthy, but instead spreading their wealth into sometimes completely disparate technologies or fields of research. For example, Elon Musk is involved in Twitter, Tesla, SpaceX, Neuralink, OpenAi, and the Boring company.

It's not rocket science to recognize that technology tycoons, with staggering amounts of money, are capable of influencing society on a worldwide scale. This influence can include shaping the political landscape through outright bribes or the political lobby system. This massive level of impact, doesn't require them to be in actual power or governmental positions. Instead, they wield their influence through proxies who purchase access to greedy politicians seeking to magnify their power.

Technological Oligarchs (Technocrats)

These technocrats partner with governments, NGOs, and financial institutions. One organization with extensive official and unofficial agreements with technocrats is the World Economic Forum (WEF).

The WEF is dedicated to seeing a complete "reset" of the way life on Planet Earth functions. They are brazenly presenting their vision and pursuing technology to accomplish their goals by the year 2030 (known as Agenda 2030 and the Great Reset).

In his book, *The Fourth Industrial Revolution*, Klaus Schwab highlighted 21 different up-and-coming technologies that he claimed will "break into the public domain to a significant degree," and cause great shifts "to individuals, organizations, government and society." The following is Klaus' list of game-changing technologies:

Klaus Schwab

1. Implantable Technologies
2. Our Digital Presence
3. Vision as the New Interface;
4. Wearable Internet
5. Ubiquitous Computing
6. A Supercomputer in Your Pocket
7. Storage for All
8. The Internet of and for Things
9. The Connected Home
10. Smart Cities
11. Big Data for Decisions
12. Driverless Cars
13. Artificial Intelligence and Decision-Making
14. AI and White-Collar Jobs
15. Robotics and Services
16. Bitcoin and the Blockchain
17. The Sharing Economy
18. Governments and the Blockchain
19. 3D Printing and Manufacturing
20. 3D Printing and Human Health
21. 3D Printing and Consumer Products

Starlink Satellites

In addition, some ancillary technologies include: nanotechnology, quantum computing, biotechnology, the Internet of Things, decentralized consensus, fifth-generation (5G) wireless technologies, and satellite Internet technology for worldwide distribution.

It is mind-boggling to think of the influence these technologies will have on world society—and how they will serve the purpose of the Antichrist:

• **Satellite Internet Connectivity**

   ▷ Amazon seeks to put up 3236 satellites by the end of the decade. Called the Kuiper system (or Project Kuiper). They have two launches planned for 2023 and service expected to arrive to customers in late 2024.

   ▷ OneWeb sought an initial 650 satellites. As of February 2023 they had 542 active satellites in low earth orbit.

   ▷ Starlink (Elon Musk). Over 4,500 satellites were working in orbit by May, 2023, with plans for over 42,000 within five years. Currently over 1.5 million active subscribers in 50+ countries with global mobile phone service to be implemented in 2023.

   ▷ China is planning to deploy 40,000 of is own satellites to pursue its agenda, claiming to desire additional Internet coverage across its expansive geography. Critics note that such technology can also be used for surveillance and control.

   ▷ Iridium started in 1998 and now has 82 active satellites and a partnership with Qualcomm for Android users.

   ▷ Globalstar Communications became functional in 1998 with 75 current satellites and functionality with the Apple iPhone 14.

- **Surveillance**
  - ▷ Facial recognition, camera technology, data acquisition through social media and Internet.

- **Artificial Intelligence**

  Most of the top 10 financial and technological oligarchs are involved in the research and advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AI). In his 2018 book, *A.I. Superpowers — China, Silicon Valley and the New World Order*, Kai-Fu Lee predicted, "Instead of dispersion of industry profits across different companies and regions, we will begin to see greater and greater concentration of these astronomical sums in

Quantum Computer
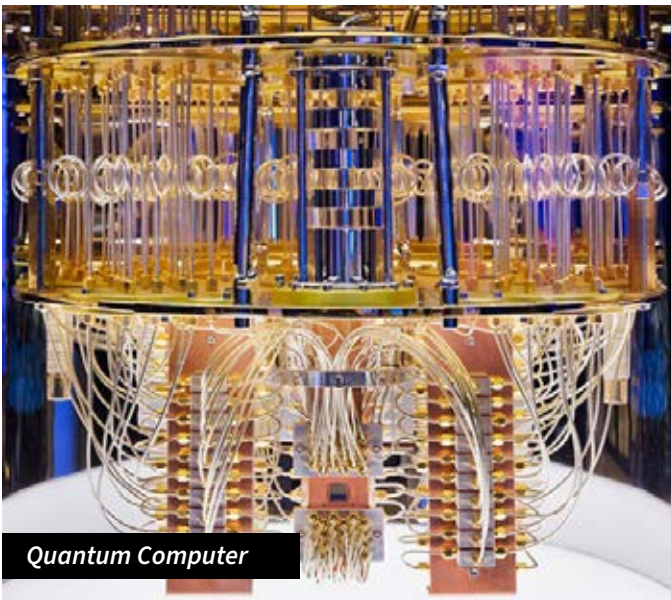
the hands of a few." This certainly sounds like financial oligarchs who wield incredible power and influence.

AI needs three things to work effectively: big data, computing power, and algorithm engineers. Government policies supporting AI are also helpful. To help accomplish the computing power requirement, many of these same technological oligarchs are investing hundreds of millions of dollars in quantum computers, which are billions of times faster than modern supercomputers! It comes as no surprise that Google, Microsoft, and IBM are some of this field's leaders.

- **Biotechnology**

  Elon Musk is heavily involved in connecting the human brain to technology. His "Neuralink" was given FDA approval for human trials in May 2023.

  Multi-billionaire software developer Bill Gates is pursuing implantable contraception, nano vaccine technology, and sub-cutaneous microchip implanting. Backed by his Foundation, MIT researchers are developing a method of recording a patient's vaccination history through invisible dye injected under the skin.

- **Genetically-Modified Farming**

  Bill Gates has also spread his oligarchical influence further than any other. He has now become the largest private landowner of farmland in the United

States. Presidential candidate Robert Kennedy, Jr. observed, "Gates has been [expanding] his power over global populations by buying devalued assets at fire-sale prices and maneuvering for monopoly control over public health…"

  Combined with his investments in global communications, digital currencies, high tech surveillance, data harvesting systems, and artificial intelligence, Bill Gates is the quintessential technocrat.

• Censorship

Many financial and technological oligarchs are using their social media platforms and data acquisition to surveil, censor, cancel, de-platform, and shame those not deemed "woke enough" or willing follow their own idiosyncratic rules and politically correct narratives. Many U.S. lawmakers and officials actually co-conspire with big tech oligarchs, encouraging them to police (censor) content more aggressively.

• Innovation Zones

Nevada governor Steve Sisolak recently proposed giving corporations who own significant portions of land in Nevada a status equivalent to counties. They would be able to impose taxes, form school districts, courts of law, and provide other government services.

What Lies Ahead

As we look at end-time prophetic events coming to pass, it is becoming increasingly apparent that some of the most influential entities in both global policy and societal changes are not found in governments at all. Instead, multi-national financial and technological oligarchs are eager to conform the world to their own technocratic purposes.

Could these figures be the Ten Kings (influencers) who give their "authority and power to the Beast (Antichrist)" and in return "receive authority to rule as kings with the Beast for one hour" (Rev 17:12-13)?

Time will tell, but a compelling case can certainly be made that the technology these Ten Figures control will help the Antichrist consolidate and enforce his tyrannical rule over the entire earth.

The spirit of the Antichrist is here now—and the Antichrist is coming. Thankfully, greater is He who is in us (and is coming again soon) than he who is in the world! (1 John 4:1-4)! †

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THE ORIGINS OF KNOWLEDGE

NATHAN E. JONES

The summer of 2023 saw the theatrical release of Christopher Nolan's biopic, *Oppenheimer*. The movie dramatizes the historical account of The Manhattan Project – the codename for the massive, top-secret, military enterprise that mobilized America's scientific and industrial complex to build an atomic superweapon that would end World War II.
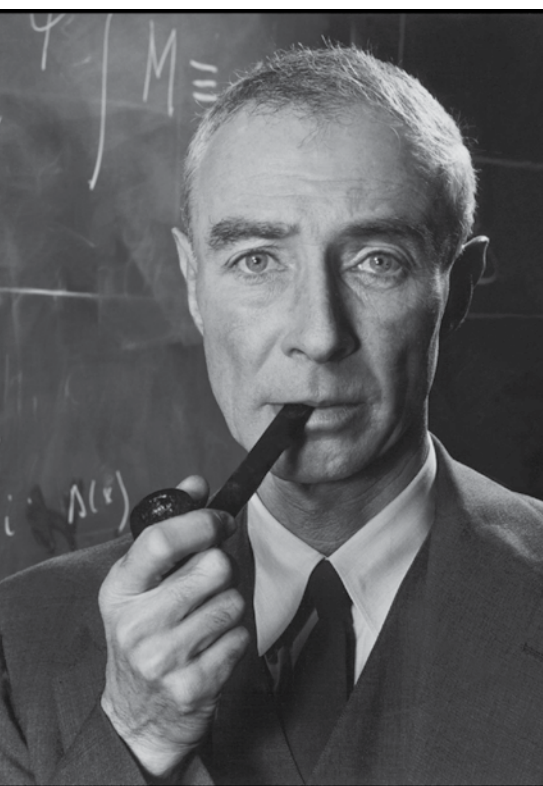
The featured character in the movie was the director of the Los Alamos Laboratory, the famed physicist Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. He had recruited the top brains in physics and nuclear sciences and gathered them covertly to a secret base in New Mexico. There in the desert, the men tirelessly labored away designing and building the world's first plutonium implosion device, nicknamed Gadget.

On July 16, 1945, at a carefully selected site in a barren valley near Alamogordo, New Mexico, codenamed "Trinity," the test bomb was detonated. As the atomic mushroom cloud blazed like an inferno some 40,000 feet high over the test site, Oppenheimer reflected on the horrors his new technology had just released upon the world. He uttered a quote from the Hindu Bhagavad-Gita, "Now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds."

The Father of the Atomic Bomb would later note: "The atomic bomb made the prospect of future war unendurable. It has led us up those last few steps to the mountain pass; and beyond there is a different country." At that mountain pass, the Atomic Age was born, and mankind would never feel safe again.
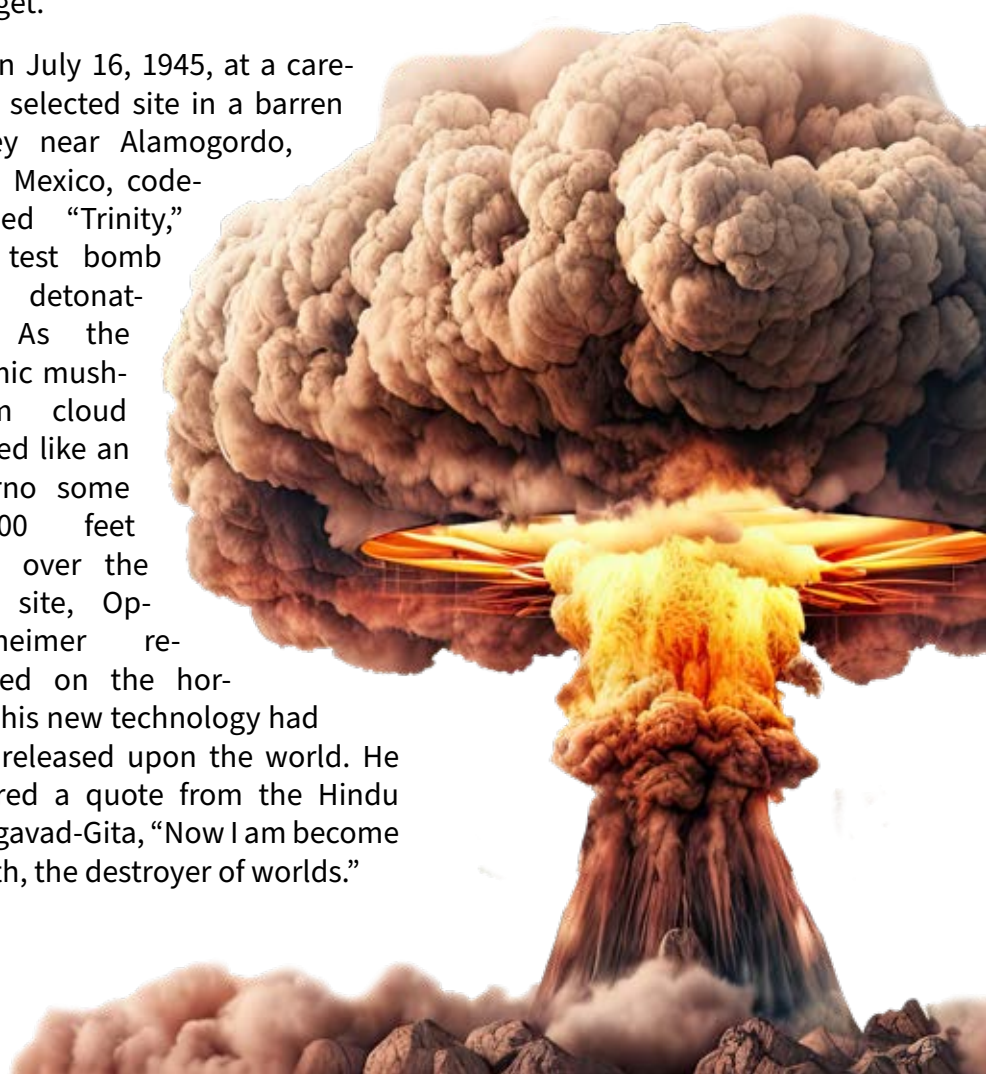
The Source of Knowledge

What is striking about the Manhattan Project's scientists, other than their youth, was how these physicists were so often amazed by how easily their ideas flowed. Walls to discovery were torn down and mathematical obstacles were overcome at breathtaking speed, as if divine inspiration had guided their thoughts. Even Oppenheimer noted, "It is a profound and necessary truth that the deep things in science are not found because they are useful; they are found because it was possible to find them." It was as if a cosmic door had been opened and the scientists ushered through it into the realm of the Almighty; there He unlocked the mystery of nuclear power.

For the Christian, this should not be so surprising, for technology is in essence the practical application of knowledge. And where does knowledge come from? Of course, it originates directly from Almighty God.

Job once asked, "Can anyone teach God knowledge?" (Job 21:22). The obvious answer is: no; no one can teach an all-knowing God. Job later referred to God as One who is "perfect in knowledge" (Job 37:16). That means that God is absolute, flawless, and perfect. He is the ultimate in knowing all things. He even knows all things down to the tiniest minutia, such as the number of hairs (or not!) on each of our heads (Luke 12:7).

The prophet Isaiah asked similar rhetorical questions: "With whom did He take counsel and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge and made Him know the way of understanding?" (Isaiah 40:14).

Nobody! God is the Author and the Creator. All that ever was to be known, is known, or will be known has been authored by God. To have actual knowledge, then, means to know what God already knows.

You can understand then why the Apostle Paul cried out: "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33).

That means that everything that mankind has ever known has originated from God. That also means that when believers in Christ finally get to Heaven to live with our omniscient Savior forever and ever, we will also continue to learn forever and ever. We will never catch up to what God already knows because what He knows is infinite, just as He is infinite.

The Keeper of Knowledge

Not only is God the Source of knowledge, but He is also the Keeper of knowledge.

The Proverbs reveal that "the eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge" (Proverbs 22:12). In other words, God protects knowledge as if it were a commodity. Paul explains the reason as, "In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). God sees both wisdom and knowledge as actual treasures. And He doles out those treasures as He sees fit, keeping the keys to certain scientific breakthroughs hidden until He wants humanity to at last discover them.

Bear in mind that wisdom, like technology, is simply the practical application of knowledge. Therefore, God as the Keeper of wisdom is also the Keeper of technology.

The Provider of Knowledge

God may be the Source and the Keeper of knowledge, but He's also generous in sharing what He knows. As the Provider of knowledge, God is therefore the ultimate Source of technology. That means that all those technologies that humanity has invented and taken credit for, in truth, came from the very mind of God–the Provider–when He saw fit to release that knowledge.

The book of Proverbs teaches, "For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6). Supposedly, when E.F. Hutton talks, people listen, but every time God speaks, we learn something eternal. That is why it's so important to read God's Word.

The author of Ecclesiastes wrote, "God gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy to those who please Him" (Ecclesiastes 2:26, NLT). And how are we good in His sight? How do we please God? By doing His will. "Whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (1 John 3:22).

"He gives wisdom to the wise and KNOWLEDGE to those who have understanding."

Daniel 2:21

That the all-knowing God of the Universe is the Source, Keeper, and Provider of all knowledge is, to quote Donald Trump: "Yuge!" It is so huge, that I must point out again that the technology that we have today was given to us by God only when He saw fit to reveal it.

Former President Obama once belittled our nation's industries and innovators: "You didn't make that." He meant that without the government's help, American companies could not make widgets or provide services. Obama was wrong about the necessity of government involvement, but he would have been correct if he had attributed the inspiration of our technology to God.

God provides the knowledge and inspiration to produce certain technologies at the times He has designated, all because He is the Provider of knowledge. The prophet Daniel added to this vital point with, "He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding" (Daniel 2:21). Here we learn that God gives even more knowledge, and the wisdom to apply that knowledge, to those who know how to utilize knowledge. And, if you happen to be knowledgeable and wise, it is because the Holy Spirit has made you that way.

The Apostle Paul noted, "For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:8). God made us each with a certain level of knowledge, skills, and wisdom. We each apply those as we apply innovative technology to solve problems.

Promises Concerning Knowledge

God also made specific promises concerning knowledge. Young Timothy learned from his mentor, Paul, that when it comes to the knowledge of salvation, God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). Now, whether people accept that saving knowledge or not, well, that's up to them. But, when it comes to the knowledge concerning salvation, God provides it freely.
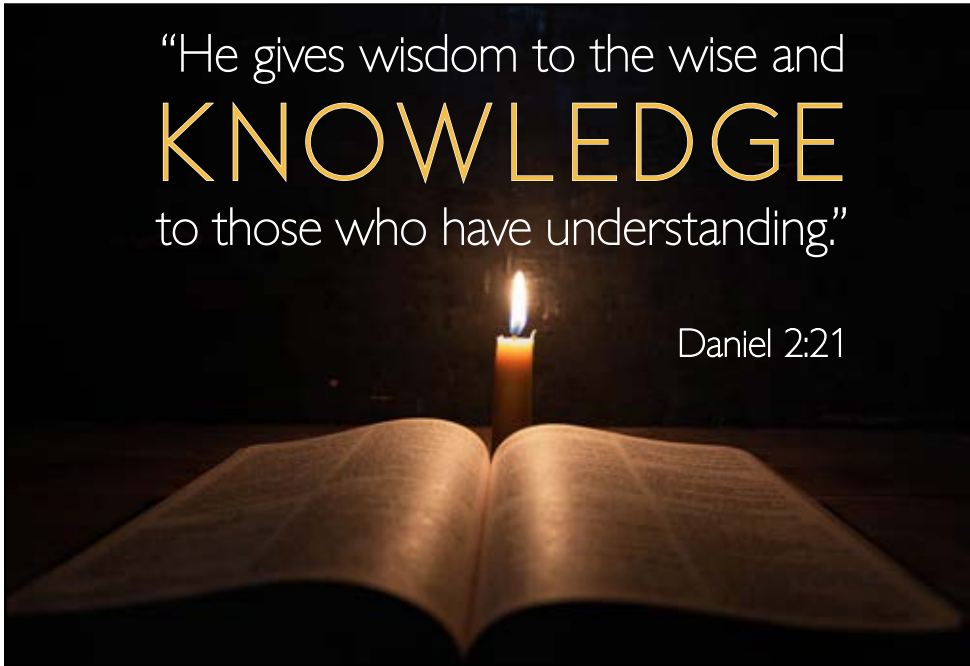
Titus learned from Paul that the hope of eternal life in God, who cannot lie, was actually promised before time began (Titus 1:1-2). God promised the knowledge about salvation before the beginning of time, and long before humanity had ever sinned.

Knowledge Without Wisdom

We would all agree that there are many intelligent people out there who clearly have a good amount of knowledge. And we would agree that there are just as many people out there who are clearly lacking in wisdom. Proverbs tells us, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10). If we have no knowledge of the Holy One, what do we really have? Nothing! Without respect for God, seeking Him and learning about Him, any claim to manmade knowledge is absolutely worthless. This proverb is an emphatic declaration that the first step to attaining true knowledge must begin with acknowledging God. Wisdom involves applying that knowledge in a way that honors God.

If we do not first begin our quest for attaining knowledge by acknowledging the God of the Bible, and follow that by honoring Him, then we end up with the opposite of knowledge: ignorance. Take, for instance, Paul's warning to Timothy, "Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge" (1 Timothy 6:20).

Mankind's knowledge, apart from God's knowledge, is false and worthless. So-called knowledge apart from God turns geniuses into ignoramuses. Ignorance has consequences, for as God through the prophet Hosea bemoaned, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

Without knowing Jesus Christ as Savior, we die without forgiveness for our sins and face eternal punishment in Hell for our rebellion against God. Not knowing the Source and Provider of knowledge, especially concerning the knowledge of salvation, is literally killing us in this life and ultimately in Hell in the next life.

Even Oppenheimer, a non-practicing Jew with an appreciation for the Hindu Vedras, remarked on the general revelation revealed in his explorations of nature: "In some sort of crude sense, which no vulgarity, no humor, no overstatement can quite extinguish, the physicists have known sin; and this is a knowledge which they cannot lose."

The Destiny of Knowledge

Does knowledge have a destiny? The Bible tells us so, and it is two-fold.

First, "...if there is knowledge, it will be done away" (1 Corinthians 13:8). That manmade earthly knowledge that we're so keen on stoking, which puffs up so many egos and leads so many people astray from the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, well, it will all end, and someday soon.

And second, the manmade earthly knowledge that we put so much stock into will ultimately be replaced: "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14).

God's knowledge is all that matters, for manmade knowledge will be replaced totally, universally, and forever by the wonderful truth of God – the Source, Keeper, and Provider of knowledge. †

Robert J. Morgan

Guarding Against
BIG TECH
Misinformation
Six Insights to Soothe the Troubled Heart

If you're like me, you're feeling a lot of stress, frustration, and disappointment over America's rampageous politics. Here's what I know:

1. Violence is evil, hurtful, and damaging to its own cause. I abhor it.

2. I shouldn't watch too much TV news right now or pay much attention to social media reports, because what is being reported doesn't totally reflect what really happened. Everything is interpreted for us through the lens of a biased media. Divergent perspectives on important stories are often squelched altogether. Warped conclusions are forced on the public when the truth is that there's no end to bad actors and enough blame to go around in all directions.

3. For now, I'll choose not to believe a single politician. Nor most media outlets. Nor Big Tech. Especially not Big Tech. As cynical as I am about secularism, even I am surprised at the openness and speed with which Big Tech is eradicating conservative voices in our society. For instance, media platforms exploited the 2021 Capitol incident as an excuse to silence millions of voices. Their monopoly gives them a virtual chokehold on freedom of speech. This is very wrong. It should frighten us all.

I'm not an advocate of a political point of view. My concern is for the Gospel message and for a biblical worldview. If Big Tech has the power to suppress political viewpoints, how soon will it begin suppressing spiritual Truth? Despots of all ages have tried to silence the Gospel. How many times in history have Bibles been banned and burned? This isn't new, but our technology has increased the stakes.

The Word of God is Not Chained

2 Timothy 2:9

But the Word of God cannot be chained. When the apostle Paul was thrown into prison and condemned to death for his faith, he took courage in knowing the Gospel could not be suppressed. The Bible is better, truer, louder, and far more enduring than any of the cultural despots who want to silence it. After they are dead and gone, the Bible will endure.

There are millions of ways to communicate. If we lose one, we'll use another. Speaking up is the best way to answer those wanting you to stand down and shut up. As best I can, I intend to preach truth to culture, as I'm sure you do, too. This is no time to be browbeaten. We have the only message in this world that can heal our broken culture—the message of the cross of Christ. It's hard to suppress buoyant people, especially when they have a Book that cannot be chained. Let's preach the Word, in season and out of season!

4. I will place my complete confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ, Who has missed nothing that's happened. And, praise the Lord, all of this is moving us closer to His return. He rules over the affairs of nations and kingdoms. He is in ultimate control. World chaos may continue until Armageddon, but it will not continue forever. We have a New Heaven and a New Earth coming.

5. Nothing that has happened can or will justify the atheistic, Marxist, ungodly agenda that is overtaking much of our politics. I must continue undauntedly to speak truth to culture.

6. For now, my mind is best focused on biblical meditation, the great hymns of the faith, and the praise songs that bring balance to my heart. I'm not going to bury my head in the sand, but neither am I going to fill it with "the news." If I'm going to fixate on something, it will be the Truth of my gracious Lord. When I feel overwhelmed, I'm going to remember Psalm 61:2: "From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." (NKJV)

Just thinking through these things biblically soothes my troubled heart and keeps me focused on my Blessed Hope. †

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CONTROLLING YOUR ABILITY TO BUY AND SELL

DAVID BOWEN

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an organization of 190 countries that was formed in 1945 at the Bretton Woods Conference. Its purpose is to promote international trade and stabilize world economies. An IMF report dated March 29, 2023, said, "The global central banking community is actively exploring Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC), which may have a fundamental impact on both domestic and international economic and financial stability." This report also said, "Over 40 countries have approached the IMF to request assistance through CBDC capacity development."

A recent CBDC survey of 81 central banks, representing close to 76 percent of the world's population and 94 percent of global economic output, found that "9 out of 10 central banks are now exploring CBDCs, with half developing or running concrete experiments."

What Does All This Mean?

Central banks are increasingly pondering whether to issue digital currencies to the public. Here is the scary part: the IMF announced that they would not allow national currencies for member nations. This means that no government can have its own digital currencies. Instead, the digital currency will be a global currency. Last month at a conference in Morocco, IMF managing director Kristalina Georgieva told conference participants that the transnational agency is developing a global platform for central bank-controlled digital currencies. She publicly confirmed, "At the IMF, we are working on the concept of a global CBDC platform."

IMF member countries submit to annual 'surveillance' (monitoring) of their policies by the IMF. Each nation's policies and goals should connect all nations with a global currency, not "fragment" the world by using their own currency. If one works backward from Revelation 13, one can see how the Antichrist system is being developed right before our eyes.

Digital Currencies and Digital Identification

If (or, when) this system is implemented, these Central Bank Digital Currencies will impact all the residents of each IMF country. Every citizen will be required to possess proper "digital identification," or they will not be permitted to access the new global digital financial system. When central banks all over the globe roll out their new central bank international digital currencies, to use those currencies, you must "prove that you are who you say you are." The only way to do that is with the new global system of digital identification, which is currently in the process of being introduced.

What About Here in the United States?

This past May, a recent survey by the Cato Institute, a think tank in Washington D.C., revealed that only 16% of Americans would support the government issuing a central bank digital currency. Why do 74% of Americans oppose a CBDC? Because they fear the government could control what they buy and sell. If you spend twenty dollars in cash, no one knows who spent it or what was bought with that twenty-dollar bill. However, that all changes with CBDC. Not only would/will central banks have complete control of the rules and regulations, but they would also have the technology to enforce those rules and regulations. CBDCs would also abolish all U.S. cash and directly link citizens to the government's central bank.

Will CBDC technology benefit Americans? That remains an open question. Some tout the potential benefits, while others warn of freedom-crushing financial bondage. In a June 5th article in *The Hill*, Peter St. Onge pointed out, "Bureaucrats could prevent you from buying the wrong thing, from raw milk to gas stoves to firearms. They could stop you from donating to the wrong person, as we saw with the Canadian truckers. They could even force you to buy whatever a government bureaucrat tells you to."

From monitoring financial activity to freezing or seizing personal assets, CBDC offers a powerful tool for controlling the masses.

Financial Trouble Ahead

Whether we fully understand global digital currency or not, this is the direction the world is going. Not because governments or banks say so, but because Scripture says there will be a one-world financial system one day. As for the marketplace, the Bible says that during the Tribulation no one will be able to buy or sell unless they have taken the Mark of the Beast (Revelation 13:16-17). In the Antichrist system, privacy and freedom will be abolished.

> And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, that they be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.
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> - Rev 13:16-17

We are witnessing the technology for the financial system of the Beast develop before our eyes. The pieces really are falling into place. Thankfully, Christians will not be around to participate the culmination of that one-world system, because Jesus has promised to rescue us from the wrath to come.

And you can take that to the bank. †

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QUANTUM COMPUTING,
GAME CHANGER

David Bowen

Have you ever stopped to think how much life has changed for the everyday consumer since 1977, when the personal computer industry officially began? Over the last forty-six years, computer technology has been embraced by the average user, from desktops to laptops to tablets to smartphones. Most of us have some understanding of computing terms such as CPU (central processing unit) or RAM (random-access memory) or read-only memory (ROM) such as CD and DVD. But many people just want to know enough to use the technology they have to perform the tasks they want to accomplish. With that minimal knowledge, one can successfully shop online, book travel, bank, and schedule medical appointments.

Frankly, technology can be intimidating for some, while others have an insatiable appetite to stay on the cutting edge. For example, while some of us are still trying to understand the concept of holograms, there are nightly sold-out shows in England to watch ABBA perform a musical show—all in hologram!

In recent months, ChatGPT has become the technological buzzword. Some people are unsure how it is used, but a recent church service in Germany was written entirely by ChatGPT and spoken via avatars. Technophiles now tell us that digital IDs and digital currencies are coming soon, but these technologies may pose grave threats to freedom when they are implemented. Soon, we may not be allowed to enter a grocery store until we have downloaded their app. Already, young people have fully embraced the idea of shopping and paying with the wave of their palm (in such places as Whole Foods and Amazon). Technology is already deeply woven into our daily lives, while amazing new technologies are constantly being developed and tested.

What is Coming Next?

The next advancement is called quantum computing—an exponential leap in computer capability. The military, analytic, scientific, and "artificial intelligence" potential of this advance is expected to be virtually unlimited.

The business world is already at the "early adopters' stage" regarding quantum computing. Early adopters believe they cannot become complacent by relying on existing technology. Instead, they must constantly create new value; through more and more advanced technology. IBM, Google, and Microsoft are the leading business entities developing quantum computing. According to Investor's Business Daily, Google has already spun off SandboxAQ, a new entity specifically designed to expand the use of quantum computing further.

What is Quantum Computing?

This technology may be mind-boggling for the average user, so let's try to simplify what this is. Classical computing uses a binary code to process data: a 0 or 1. There are no other coding options.

Quantum computing does not use bits; it uses qubits, which in layman's terms, can be fractions of 0 or 1, which is impossible with current technology.

The virtually limitless subdivision of qubit data allows a quantum computer to exponentially accelerate calculations. Packed with infinitesimally small microprocessors, it can easily process over 5 billion calculations per second—3 million times faster than classic computing. The chief analyst at Hyperion Research estimates that tasks that currently take 25 hours will soon be completed in two minutes with quantum computing.

With its blistering computation speed, quantum computing will soon be used to revolutionize the military, logistics, pharma, life science, and finance. All of these are already aggressively investing in quantum computing. For example, Moderna partnered with IBM to use quantum computing to advance the mRNA technology used to develop vaccines. Nvidia is working with Israel-based quantum machines to run algorithms used in quantum physics on supercomputers built with AI chips.

In summary, quantum computing solves problems deemed too complex for today's classical computers. It is so advanced that some question if it will ever be available or affordable on a personal level, but the same was said of traditional computing 50 years ago.

Cyber Threats

Cyber security risks are expected to skyrocket. Currently, the most widely used security protocol in cybersecurity is RSA, a public crypto-technology released in 1977 and named after its developers (Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir, and Leonard Adleman). In layman's terms, that is a string of characters in an algorithm that pairs a public and private number to encrypt and decrypt data. This is why you add your


personal password to keep your data safe. Unfortunately, computer experts expect quantum computing to make RSA protection obsolete.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is currently developing methods to minimize potential cybersecurity risks. NIST expects to release post-quantum cryptography standards by 2024—a vital measure to protect US assets as adversarial nations like China attempt to gain the upper hand with their own quantum computer technology.

The Difference Between AI and QC

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is modeled and designed after the human brain. AI developers claim that this revolutionary new technology has the capability to learn and reason. The creators of AI have modeled their
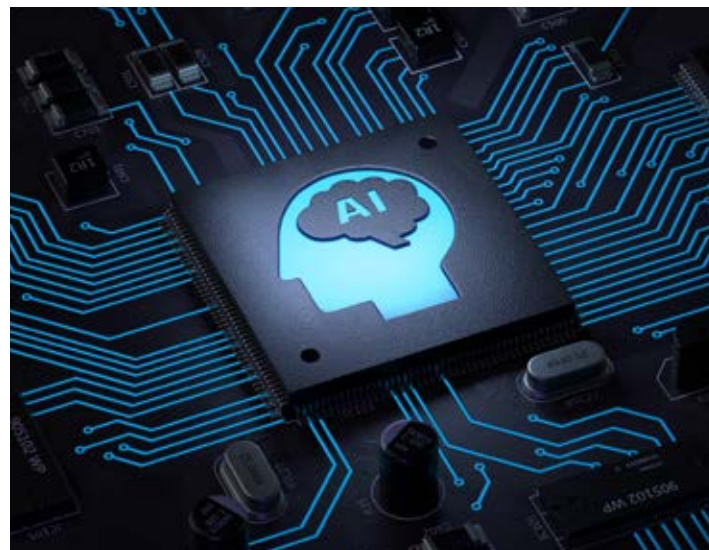
neural network after the human brain. However, artificial neural networks will never fully replicate what was designed by the Supreme Creator, Almighty God.

Recently, Popular Mechanics explained that AI has suddenly evolved to achieve the "theory of mind." In January 2022, AI had the analytical and learning prowess of a seven-year-old, but by November 2022, AI had grown to have the intuitive skills of a nine-year-old. In eleven months, AI increased in knowledge and its ability to learn. By mid-2023, this research claims that AI now has the intellectual ability of a full-grown adult. Mo Gawdat, a former chief business officer for Google, estimates ChatGPT now has an IQ of 155. This intellectual growth challenges developers of AI, who confirm that AI can scan and learn the ENTIRE Internet. AI computer networks are constantly browsing the Internet and growing in knowledge.

What Lies Ahead

The combination of AI and quantum computing is a growing concern of many developers involved with this super technology. The Financial Times explains:

‣ Quantum computing can render all current encryption obsolete the very moment it comes online.

‣ Once quantum computing is merged with AI, its learning potential will be irreversible.

‣ Quantum computing could break the Internet.

Julie Love, product leader for quantum computing at Microsoft who holds a Ph.D. in quantum physics, warned, "You will not own quantum computing; it will own you."

Setting Up the Antichrist System

On its website, the World Economic Forum proclaims they "have established the Quantum Computing Network, which facilitates collaboration with companies like Amazon, IBM, and Microsoft, as well as academic institutions and national governments... to prepare society more broadly for the significance of the transition." Transition indeed.

What quantum computing can do is unlike anything we have seen to date. Not only will this technology have the ability to control every aspect of life, business, finance, medicine, government, etc., but it will also be able to do this with such precision and speed that every person on earth could be placed into a one-world system. This technology will virtually force the world into a one-world financial system, a one-world government, and eventually a one-world religion. This super technology will cause the world's systems to merge into one unified and computerized way of life. Choices will be eliminated. Freedom will be severely limited. Control will be delivered into the hands of the one who oversees this worldwide interconnecting network.

Scott Townsend of I Am a Watchman Ministries describes how quantum computers combined with AI will be used to establish the mark of the beast system. This technology will allow the Antichrist to seemingly replicate the attributes of God during the Tribulation. Only God is omnipotent (all-powerful) (Genesis 1), omniscient (all-knowing) (1 John 3:20, Matthew 10;29-30), and omnipresent (present everywhere) (Psalm 139:7-9), but technology will allow Satan's Man of Lawlessness to deceive the world. Like the Father of Lies, those technology-enabled lies will cease when Jesus returns in glory.

Scripture warns that mankind will succumb to a one-world government. Quantum computing and AI are the technologies that will make it possible. Understanding the anticipated threat is one thing, but witnessing end-time technologies and events fall into place before our eyes is amazing.

Time is very short. Tell everyone you know about the love Jesus has for them… before it is too late.

Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus! †

"You will not own quantum computing; it will own you."

HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY FOR GOOD

Tim Moore

Lamb & Lion Ministries has sought to leverage technology to fulfill our mission from its founding.

When David Reagan first launched this Ministry in 1980 to proclaim the soon return of Jesus Christ, he spoke in local churches and produced a bimonthly newsletter. That single mimeographed communication soon grew into a nascent magazine—and eventually gave way to the highly-produced *Lamplighter* magazine you receive today.

Dave eventually invested in the Ministry's first computer—at a cost that would be considered exorbitant today. That computer simplified our ability to track and produce mailing lists on a regular basis—a critical function for a growing ministry.

In the early years, cassette tapes and VHS videotape were the only way to convey our messages via audio and video. Those formats are now obsolete. Like every other media ministry, we have racks of old equipment that had to be updated as new technologies emerged. Rather than bemoan the obsolescence of our antique equipment, we rejoice that so many tasks have become more efficient, making our efforts much more productive.

Satan has had a field day with certain technological advances. It has been estimated that over 35% of Internet traffic is related to pornography. But just because technology can be utilized for corrupt purposes, it can also be a tool for the glory of God. Thankfully, the Bible is still the most published book in the world. And through technology, every version is available through countless apps and websites. We are glad to take advantage of every new tool for the propagation of the Gospel—and to proclaim that Jesus is indeed coming soon!

Past as Preview of the Future

Leonardo Da Vinci

It has been suggested that Leonardo Da Vinci had the greatest mind of the past millennium (the thousand years from 1001 to 2000 AD). But the most significant technological advancement since the invention of the wheel prior to 1800 was undoubtedly the printing press.

When Johannes Gutenberg introduced his moveable type printing press in the mid-1400s, he unleashed the world's first information revolution. One of his first projects became known as the Gutenberg Bible—a printed copy of God's

Johannes Gutenberg

Word. Soon, the Bible became accessible to average people, instead of just the exorbitantly wealthy who could afford a hand-scripted manuscript that could take over a year to produce.
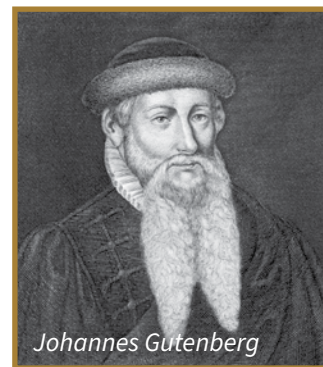
That first information revolution led to a theological revolution as people began to read what only priests were allowed to describe to them in the past. The Protestant Reformation that ensued upended unbiblical and apostate practices that had become rampant within the Catholic Church.

Leveraging Every Tool for Christ

The Apostle Paul, who became "all things to all men, so that [he] might by all means save some," leveraged every possible tool for proclaiming the Gospel (1 Corinthians 9:22). He recognized that tools themselves could "honorable or dishonorable." Still, he advised his protégé Timothy that as a cleansed and sanctified follower of Christ, he would be "useful to the Master, prepared for every good work" (2 Timothy 2:21, NASB).

Lamb & Lion Ministries will continue to utilize modern technology to reach the world and proclaim the Gospel-centered message that Jesus is coming soon.

If you are reading this magazine, you are likely doing so electronically. We print several thousand copies of each edition, but over one hundred thousand are sent out via email. Don't get me wrong—I still prefer a printed copy. But the cost and transmissibility of the digital version makes it much more advantageous for sharing far and wide.

The same is true of our television program, *Christ in Prophecy*. Tremendous investments of money ensures that our program reaches many thousands of viewers every week via broadcast and cable TV slots. But millions and billions can access our programs electronically at a fraction of the cost.

We're even contemplating getting back into radio, since many people listen to radio more than they watch TV or read magazines.

You are Part of our Outreach

Regardless of which method you prefer to stay connected with Lamb & Lion Ministries' content, we could not produce and distribute our material without the faithful support of those who share our excitement about and anticipation of Jesus' soon return.

Our Prophecy Partners and other supporters provide the wherewithal for us to fulfill God's call on our Ministry. We will proclaim Jesus' soon return until He arrives by utilizing every tool at our disposal responsibly and conscientiously. And after He comes for His Church, our material will be left behind as a continuing testimony to point people to Him.

Nathan Jones frequently suggests that our greatest outreach may occur after the Rapture. Amid the Tribulation, people seeking after the Truth will access our material online or find old magazines, books, and DVDs. They'll learn that God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to die as a sacrifice for sin. They will realize that by putting faith in Jesus Christ, a person can be assured of life everlasting.

We believe that there will be a great harvest of souls during the Tribulation—to the glory of God and the outrage of Antichrist and Satan.

Right now, Satan is raging. He is motivating millions to rebel against our Holy and Righteous God—including people from nations that ought to know better. He is pulling out all the stops and using every technology to propagate depravity and wickedness. This is nothing new under the sun.

> God has the power and the authority to bring glory to Himself through every tool, every technology, and every person.

As Joseph wisely explained to his evil-intentioned brothers, "you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive" (Genesis 50:20, NASB). The same is true of the Cross.

With the Day drawing near, let's encourage one another to be instruments in God's hands, submitting to His will and using technology to ensure that many people are preserved—for Eternity. †

THE GOSPEL INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY

Nathan E. Jones

Have you ever considered the significance of the timing of Christ's First Coming? Why did Jesus come 2,000 years ago? Why not 3,000 or even 5,000 years ago?

I believe much of the answer lies in the revolutionary new communications technology that came about in Jesus' time. "Wait a minute," you say. "Technology in His time?" Yes.

Jesus was born at the height of the Roman Empire, while it controlled much of the known world. The Romans built innovative road systems so that they could send messages faster, engage in commerce farther, and maneuver their army very quickly. This new form of rapid transit, coupled with a common language, revolutionized the way an empire could be held together. For over a thousand years, the Roman Empire flourished, due, in part, to their superhighways..

The same Roman transit technology that had allowed the communication of information and ideas also provided Christian evangelists the ability to reach the entire empire. While Jesus stayed predominantly in Galilee, His disciples took to the highways to spread the Gospel message across the known world.

Roman Road Network

And so, Christ's first advent was perfectly timed to utilize this new technology.

A Second Revolution

We are now witnessing another massive leap in communications. Today's high-tech "Information Superhighway" that connects the world is the Internet.

The Internet consolidates a mind-numbing array of technologies: radios, transmitters, televisions, cell towers, satellites, cable, cameras, Wi-Fi, fiber optics, and the complicated infrastructure that connects print, audio, and video technologies into one massive network. And this list covers only the tip of the communications iceberg.

The true birth of the Internet came some 60 years ago when all these technologies began to be linked together. This wonder of modern-day life was initially created as a means for scientists to share their computer data across vast distances during the Cold War.

After the USSR launched Sputnik, the first man-made satellite, into orbit on October 4, 1957, a spooked US federal government responded by forming the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). These agencies waged the Cold

War by developing space-age technologies that would lead the world into the digital age.

Military experts in the 1950s worried that a few missiles could take down the whole network of telephone lines which make efficient long-distance communication possible.

So, in 1962, a scientist at DARPA by the name of J.C.R. Licklider proposed building a "galactic network" of computers that could talk to one another and enable government leaders to communicate, even if the Soviets destroyed the phone system.

On October 29, 1969, two house-sized computers, one at the research lab at UCLA and the second at Stanford University, shared their first node-to-node message which read "LOGIN". Throughout the 1970s, military and research computers all around the world were identifying each other by Internet Protocol (IP) address and sharing their data.
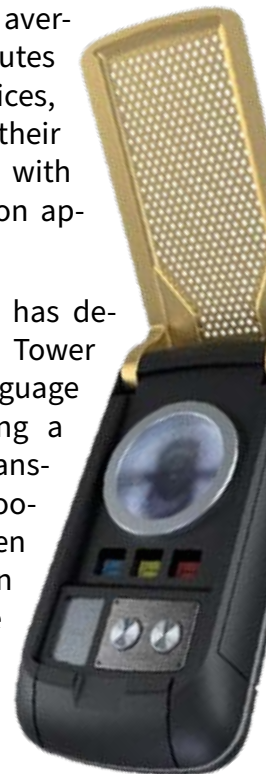
Then, in 1991, a Swiss computer programmer named Tim Berners-Lee (not Al Gore) opened this expanding connectivity up to the general public over what he called the World Wide Web.

J.C.R. LICKLIDER
(1915 – 1990)

"The hope is that, in not too many years, human brains and computing machines will be coupled together very tightly and that the resulting partnership will think as no human brain has ever thought and process data in a way not approached by the information-handling machines we know today.

— Man-Computer Symbiosis

Berners-Lee created the very first Web server (CERN HTTPd) and the very first website (http://info.cern.ch/). Thirty years later, anyone with a personal computer can access the Internet.

With massive amounts of data being shared as millions of new computers connected to the Internet every day, search engines such as Google, AltaVista, AskJeeves, Yahoo, and later Bing mapped and indexed all that data. This modern-day miracle puts a world of information available at anyone's

fingertips via their desktop or mobile device.

As of 2020, 4.54 billion of the 7.77 billion people in the world were connected to the Internet. 4.18 billion of them utilize mobile devices. In the United States, 100% of 18- to 29-year-olds, 97% of 30- to 49-year-olds, 88% of 50- to 64-year-olds, and 73% of 65-year-olds and older are Web "surfers." The average Internet user spends 6.5 hours online every day generating 88,555 gigabytes of Internet traffic every second. The average smartphone user will spend an average of 3 hours 49 minutes each day on their devices, dedicating 90% of their time to interacting with some of the 5+ million applications (Apps).

Truly, the Internet has developed into today's Tower of Babel. Even language barriers are becoming a thing of the past as translation Apps such as Google Translate have been developed to turn one's smartphone into a Star Trek-like universal translator.

Networks are getting faster and more robust, with fifth-generation (5G) technology coming online at record speed to keep up with the exabytes of data being shared. And the Internet continues to expand into its third phase, seeking to encompass every device from your coffee maker to your car into the Internet of Things (IoT), and from your Neuralink brain chip to your pacemaker into the Internet of Bodies (IoB).

Alphabet, the parent company which owns Google, has risen to become a monopoly, channeling 92% of Web searches and 44% of all emails generated. It now decides who sees what information. Cries of Internet censorship, especially against Christian and Conservative viewpoints, are on the rise. As television fiction writer J. Michael Straczynski quoted through one of his characters, "He who controls information controls the world."

A New Opportunity

While Satan endeavors to purge the Christian voice from the Internet in his mad climb toward global domination, his control is not yet absolute, granting the Church a short window of opportunity. After all, isn't it amazing that right now we can reach out to over two-thirds of the world's population through the Internet? The Apostles of the first century could have only dreamed of such an outreach!

In just the last decade, smartphones and other smart devices have become so widely popular that they have exponentially increased online connectivity, exposing more and more people to the Gospel. It is easier to reach souls around the world with the Good News now, more than ever before.

I believe Jesus prophesied today's communications technology when He said that in the Last Days, the Gospel would be spread throughout the entire world. God has provided this revolution in global communications for this specific purpose.

Recognize the Times

How should Christians respond, knowing the Lord has given us this window of opportunity? Is there an "App" for that?

First, when you accept the fact that the Lord could return at any moment, you will begin to recognize the times in which we are living. You will be comforted knowing that God has got it all under control, that He has a great big plan in place, and that God's children play a vital role in that plan. As we wait for Christ's return, Christians are called to serve our Lord through holy living and evangelizing the lost.

Even non-Christians are beginning to recognize the world is currently descending into darkness. That realization should act like an alarm clock, buzzing us all awake to the fact that the world doesn't have much time left. We are all living on borrowed time. Therefore, respond to the Holy Spirit's leading, praying from your heart in faith and repentance, and ask Jesus to be your Savior.

Utilize to E-vangelize

Second, knowing that our Savior will be returning soon, consider how you can utilize all the technologies God has given us to e-vangelize the world for Jesus Christ. Every Christian that has access to the Internet can become an Internet evangelist by picking up a smartphone and tweeting, getting on Facebook and sharing a post, building their own website or blog, or sending emails.

Almost the entire world is now accessible at your fingertips. So, take a ride on that Gospel Information Superhighway! Share the Good News about Jesus Christ and His soon return.

As the list to the right demonstrates, we here at Lamb & Lion Ministries have invested a great amount of time and resources utilizing the Internet for the glory of God. While He tarries, we will take advantage of the tremendous opportunities the Internet provides to proclaim His return in order to encourage His followers and reach people for Christ. †

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FAREWELL AND
Godspeed!

We recently said goodbye to two wonderful members of our staff.

Joining us in 2015, Steven Stufflebean served on the Internet outreach team, assisting with the redesign and maintenance of our websites and app, edited and uploaded all of our "The Inbox" and "Prophetic Perspectives" videos. Steven also assisted our television production team as a camera operator and on-location videographer. Steven occasionally served in other aspects, working with our Creative Designer on various projects and photo assignments.

Steven has always been a kind-hearted, unassuming and laid-back type of guy in the office. But don't underestimate him—he definitely knows how to deliver a "mic-drop" punchline to a conversation! We already miss his dry humor and quick smile.

We know the Lord will continue to guide and use Steven for His glory!

On October 1st, we will bid farewell to another long-time member of our staff family.

Cathie Grubb began working for Lamb & Lion Ministries in 1998, and will retire on her 25th anniversary.

In addition to supervising our Mailroom department, Cathie has worn many other hats during her tenure. If you ever received something in the mail from us over the past two-and- a-half decades, Cathie played a part in the process. She has managed our resource inventory, helped with our online store and meticulously managed our resource table sales, overseeing our wonderful volunteers at Annual Conferences. If you have ever called the Ministry, you've probably spoken with her on the phone.

Cathie's gentle spirit and Christ-like compassion is evident in everything she does. She has impacted countless lives for Jesus, with her love and care for others.

Cathie plans to enjoy more time at home with her husband, John, and get involved with local Bible studies and women's ministry efforts. We suspect she will continue raising chickens and blessing others with fresh eggs.

We will greatly miss Steven and Cathie and are eternally grateful for their faithful service to our soon-returning King here at Lamb & Lion Ministries.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Tim Moore

NATURE

Natural disasters continue to occur with greater frequency and intensity. From 1980-2020 saw an average of 8.2 billion-dollar disasters and 363 lives lost per year; since 2020 an average of 20 disasters cost 487 lives per year.

Natural Disasters 1980 - 2020		
Events	Cost	Deaths
360	$2,575.7	15,958
8.2 per year	$58,58 per year	363 per year

Natural Disasters 2020 - 2022		
Events	Cost	Deaths
60	$451.8	1,460
20 per year	$150.6 per year	478 per year

Researchers from the University of Cambridge and the Weizmann Institute have created an in vitro mouse embryo without an egg or sperm. Grown solely from stem cells, the implications of pushing the envelope of life for organ production may unleash moral dilemmas yet to be imagined.

SOCIETY

In a misguided effort to be relevant to potential recruits, the US Navy selected a Yeoman 2nd Class who identifies as a non-binary drag queen to serve as a "digital ambassador;" meanwhile, the Navy is expected to fall short of its recruiting goals once again this year.


Pushing the envelope of insanity once again, California adopted a law in 2022 that required doctors to offer physician-assisted suicide. With support from the Alliance Defending Freedom, Christian doctors won a lawsuit to force the state to cease and desist enforcement of this heinous law.

The printed page you are reading represents one of the technological breakthroughs of the last millennium. Even the sequence of letters and punctuation is a relatively recent invention, along with the advances in education that made the ability to read widespread. We take many signs for granted, but when we step back and consider the accelerating signs all around us, the pattern becomes clear. We are living on borrowed time!

SPIRITUAL

George Barna, head of the Cultural Research Center, has just reported a precipitous 32% drop in American adults who claim a Biblical worldview between 2020 and 2023, with only 25% believing in absolute truth.

2020
-32%
2023
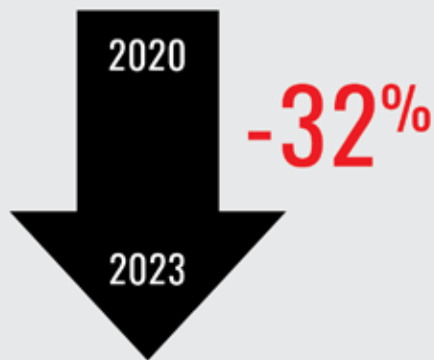
The only positive trend in Barna's research was a 7% increase in adults accepting a Biblical understanding of "purpose" and a slight increase in the percentage recognizing the Bible as the Word of God and the sin nature of Man.

2020
+7%
2023
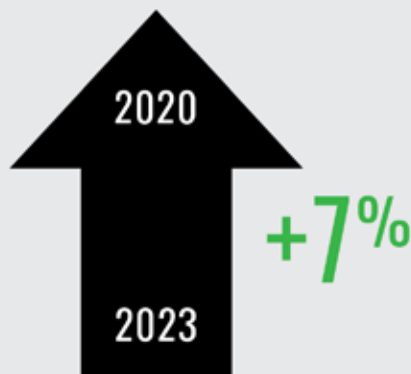
WORLD POLITICS

The World Health Organization (WHO)—with the strong support of the Biden Administration—is endeavoring to exert global oversight of public health, to include controlling every person's ability to travel internationally. Even liberty-loving Western nations are quickly embracing a globalist government in practice, if not yet by name.

The influence of multi-national corporations and mega-rich global tycoons continues to grow; Tesla—a company only 20 years old—first matched General Motor's capitalization in 2020, three years later is worth 15 times as much at $831.2 Billion (more than the GDP of 191 of the world's 212 nations).

ISRAEL

President Joe Biden waded into internal Israeli politics to warn Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu not to attempt to reign in the unchecked power of the Israeli Supreme Court—presided over by judges who are neither elected or appointed and have wielded absolute power to legislate from the bench.

Israeli doctors saved the life of a Palestinian boy who suffered an "internal decapitation" when he was hit by a car—a demonstration of lifegiving love to which the PA will never testify.

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