



The Christian's Guide to the Coming
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Cashless Monetary System + RFID = Absolute Control!

Did you know that you will soon be living in a world where, there is no privacy, No checks, Coins or Paper Money? Money will be electronic digits stored in computers? Where there is an impenetrable wall between you and your wealth? Where all buying and selling must be approved by the government?

Over the years the Lord has given me many opportunities to preach on end time events. This book is a written form of a message that the Lord has allowed me to preach in churches and other venues, which I call, Steps Toward the Mark of the Beast.

The writing before you is the work of a pastor who makes no claim of being an expert in monetary or economic matters. This book is based on my observations, made in the light of God's Word, of the changes that are taking place in our monetary system.

These changes, I believe, will bring us to the point where it will soon be possible for a central power to control all buying and selling. The conclusions I have reached concerning this matter are based upon the prophecies that we are given in God's Word and the tendency of unregenerate man to use technological advancements for his own selfish purposes.

We also learn in God's Word that those things that are happening in the world have their roots in the spiritual side of God's creation. This means that the only way we can understand what is taking place around us is to look at them in the light of God's Word, the Bible. It is not God's intent, nor my intent, to frighten

believers as we look at what is happening, but rather that we might learn more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Lord desires to awaken any who are not aware of what is happening, and in so doing save the lost, and prepare the Christian for what will certainly soon come to pass.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John. (Revelation 1:1)

While I might err in some of the specifics of what I believe is going to happen, be sure that God's Word stands, and will be fulfilled exactly as He has as given it. The changes that are taking place in the world, and in particular the changes that are being made in our monetary system and in the area of inventory control, are being used to bring the world into a form of bondage that has never before been experienced.

While I have, with my very limited knowledge of economic matters, attempted to point out many of the ways this new economic system will be used to enslave mankind, I am sure that I have not scratched the surface.

Those who are working feverishly to develop and implement this system of absolute economic control have, no doubt, already thought of many ways that this new economic order can be used to centralize power and impose their will upon the people.

As we look at the changes that are taking place in the world's economic system, we must remember that our Lord has given us warnings in the scriptures not for the purpose of frightening us, but that we might believe upon Jesus Christ and be saved.

The primary purpose of the Scriptures is to bring us to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (John 20:30-31)

I hope that if you are not saved, you will soon believe on Jesus Christ. There is nothing more important. We also learn in God's Word that once we believe upon Jesus, we are not exempted from life's troubles. In fact, we find that as we live for Christ, we will suffer persecution for his name's sake.

While God does say that we will have troubles in this world, he also promises to guide, protect, and comfort us.

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. (2 Timothy 3:12)

These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:23)

Having believed on Jesus Christ, we receive instruction in righteousness and comfort from God's Word that will help us during the trials and tribulations of life.

Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

Who comforted us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounded by Christ.

And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation. (2 Corinthians 1:2-7)

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

My aim is that every believer who reads this book will draw nearer to our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that you will have a greater realization of the presence of Jesus in your life, that your love for him will increase daily, and that you will be strengthened and comforted in the days that lie ahead.

Chapter 1

How Did We Get Where We Are Today?

To understand how you came to be where you are today, you must look back your life and the choices you have made along the way. In the same way. in order for us to understand the how and why of the fundamental changes that are taking place in the world's economic system, we must retrace the steps that that have brought us to this point.

When we do this, we see that deliberate steps have been and are now being taken toward a completely cashless economic system and a method of inventory management that will be used to control the distribution of all goods and services.

If we look back at the steps that have been taken in the development of the world's present monetary system, we can see how we have come very suddenly to the place where we will soon have a new monetary system that will be used to control every individual's buying and selling.

We can also see that by controlling the individual's ability to buy and sell, that the world's economy and, therefore, the world itself can be controlled by a single entity. First we will consider how certain steps have been taken toward a cashless monetary system.

We will also see why this transition to a new system of commerce is being readily accepted by almost every segments of our economy including most people. Finally, we will look at why this system is being implemented, and the awful consequences that will follow.

Our present system of commerce has been developed over the centuries to meet the needs of individuals who need to buy and sell goods and services. There have been many changes in the way people have done business through the years, but these changes have usually come very slowly.

In recent years though, you and I have witnessed many changes in our system of commerce that have taken place in a very short period of time. Let's consider some of the changes that have taken place in the past so that we might understand what is happening now and what will happen in the future.

Solutions Needed: Buying and selling was originally a system of bartering in which goods and services were exchanged between individuals. This system proved to be very inconvenient in that it was far too cumbersome to be an efficient way to conduct trade.

For instance, if large quantities of an item were to be traded or if the item to be traded was heavy or bulky, transportation was a problem. A system of bartering is also a hindrance to those who produce goods that are perishable. It is necessary to quickly exchange perishable items for non--perishable goods, or convert them to a form of wealth that is storable.

A farmer, for instance, had to quickly exchange his perishable fruit or vegetables for non-perishable items which he could use or trade at a later time. These and other limitations of the barter system led to the idea of using certain desirable items as a primitive form of money.

This new method of trade involved using certain items, which were not perishable and which had some intrinsic value, as a medium of exchange. Primitive forms of money included sea shells, precious and semi-precious stones, bits of metal, or almost any other non-perishable item that would be desired by others.

The transition to a system of money, as primitive as it was, made trade much easier. Since the items which people began to use for money were usually smaller than the items produced by their labor, a person's wealth could now be converted to a form more portable than the items they had produced.

Since the items used as money were not perishable, a person's wealth could be more easily stored and transported. Converting perishable products to a storable form of money also enabled people to continue trading during times of the year when the perishable items they produced were out of season.

This allowed for year-round trading, a greater range of trade, and a wider variety of products that could be purchased. While the use of these primitive forms of money was a great improvement over the barter system, there was still room for improvement.

The Need for Standards: One of the problems with these primitive forms of money was that there were no standards to determine the actual worth of the various kinds of money that were being used. For example, metals that were used as money might vary greatly in weight or purity, therefore their exact worth might not be known.

The same problem arose if the item being used as money was a precious or semi-precious stone. Since there are differences in the quality and weight of similar stones, the value of each stone is different.

The problem of determining the worth of an item used as money becomes even more difficult when the item has value because of its beauty or desirability, apart from any practical use. This is a problem when items like sea shells, or art work, for example, are used as money.

The perceived value of these kinds of items varies from person to person, depending on the opinion of whoever is receiving these kinds of items as payment. To establish a more constant value of money, and therefore a more stable rate of exchange, it was necessary to standardize the form of money so that it would have a recognizable and relatively constant value.

By standardizing money, its value is sufficiently assured so it will have the confidence of both the buyer and seller. **Metals as Money:** Metals were an obvious choice as a material that could be used as money. Metals are not only non-perishable but very durable.

Since certain metals can be quite valuable, coins made from metals can be relatively small and easily stored. Coins are also more portable than most other items that had previously been used as money.

The physical properties of metals make the standardization of the value of coins a relatively easy task. Metals can be precisely weighed and measured for purity, assuring a consistent and recognizable value.

Since metals also have many other uses apart from their use as money, they have intrinsic value, which also lends a measure of stability to a monetary system that is based on metal coinage. Governments Step In: It wasn't long until governments saw the benefits of becoming the sole producers of coins.

Two of the advantages of governments controlling the production of coins were that they could guarantee the purity of the metals used in coins and the weight of the coins. Governments recognized that the standardization of weight and purity is necessary in order to stabilize the value of the coins that are produced.

This in turn stabilizes the economy and promotes trade. Another advantage of a government monopoly of the production of coins was that governments would be better able to better control the money supply, an important tool that can be used to help stabilize the economy.

By controlling the number of coins in circulation governments could ensure, to some degree, that the supply of money in relation to the amount of goods and services being offered in the marketplace was relatively constant. This would tend to prevent fluctuations in prices.

Metals are such an excellent choice to be used as money that, for most of man's history, coins made of precious metals have been the primary medium of exchange. However, as there are many advantages to using metals as money, some believe that there are many disadvantages as well.

One disadvantage of using metal coins as currency is the expense of producing the coins and, afterward, maintaining the supply of coins in circulation. The greatest expense in the production of coins made from silver or gold is the metal. Added to this are the considerable expenses of equipment and labor required to manufacture the coins.

Another undesirable aspect of using coins made of precious metals is that the number of coins that can be placed in circulation is limited by the finite supply of metals available to the government. This limits the growth of the economy.

Chapter 2

First Steps are Taken

Since banks make money by lending money, their opportunity to make a profit was limited by the finite supply of gold and silver. Once the coins that had been deposited with the bank were loaned out, no more loans could be made until more money was deposited or until money was received in payment on outstanding loans.

Bankers soon developed a scheme by which they could increase the amount of money that they had available for loans. The idea was to issue paper notes to depositors in exchange for their gold, silver, and other coins. There were several appealing features about this scheme.

First, the paper notes were much more convenient than metal coins. They weighed less than coins and they could be carried in ways that were less conspicuous than coins. They were just more convenient than coins.

Next, the paper notes which were issued by the banks were supposed to be equal in value to the amount of money that was deposited. This meant that the people could use the paper notes to buy and sell items in the same way that they had used gold and silver coins.

This created a false sense of value for the paper notes. Once the bankers had gained the people's confidence with this new form of currency, they began printing more notes than gold and silver held by the banks. This scheme provided bankers with an almost unlimited amount of money that could be loaned for profit.

Everything was fine, until people attempted to redeem their silver and gold coins with the paper notes they had received from the banks. When the banks ran out of gold and silver coins, the people who were still holding paper notes were left with worthless paper, and their real money was gone.

One Step Leads to Another

Governments, like banks, realized that they too could print more notes than the value of the gold and silver that they held in reserve, which enabled them to spend greater and greater amounts of money.

Yielding to the temptation of being able to spend more money than they actually had, governments began to issue notes which were supposed to be redeemable for gold or silver coins.

Again, the problem with this idea is that when people lost confidence in the paper money, they began to attempt to exchange their government issued paper notes for the gold and silver coins they were promised. Too late they found out that the government was unable to give them the silver or gold coins promised them.

The paper notes then became worthless. This has happened again and again in countries that have printed paper money without having the equivalent value of gold or silver in reserve. The more paper notes that are printed, the less the paper notes are worth.

Perhaps the most memorable collapse of such a system was in Germany following WW I, when so much paper money was created that it literally was not worth the paper on which it was printed. It seems that no matter how well regulated, every monetary system using paper currency that is not supported by an equal amount precious metal held in reserve will eventually collapse.

There are many instances of this happening throughout history. All that is necessary for a monetary collapse to take place is for the people to wake up one morning and realize that they have exchanged their wealth for worthless paper that has no real value.

More Steps Are Taken

It was in 1933 that the United States began to no longer honor the gold certificates that it had issued. All gold currency and gold certificates were to be surrendered to the Federal Reserve on or before April 28, 1933. Those who surrendered their gold and gold certificates were given paper Federal Reserve Notes that are backed by nothing of value.

After that date, gold coins could no longer be legally used as currency and gold certificates could not be exchanged for gold. We can see clearly how this action has had the effect of constantly eroding of the value of the dollar. Simply compare the purchasing power of a dollar in 1933 to the value of a dollar today.

In 1968 the Federal government ceased honoring the silver certificates that it had issued. Soon after, silver was replaced in newly minted coins with almost worthless base metals. Today the currency we use in the United States is in actuality worthless.

It has no intrinsic value whatsoever. The only value it has is in the minds of the people receive it at the time it is given to them. The Federal Reserve Notes we use are paper and redeemable for nothing. The coins we use are made of base metals that have almost no value at all.

One day people will realize this. When they do, there will be an economic collapse far worse than anything this country has ever seen. We will see later how such a collapse of the paper monetary systems of the United States might be the means by which the transition to a closed cashless monetary system will be completed.

Paper or Plastic?

In the last century, we were introduced to a new way to conduct business, without using cash or checks. Enter the credit card. Convenient, and more secure than cash, the credit card quickly gained acceptance with many.

Today, with our modern digital communications systems, purchases may be made quickly and conveniently using your credit or debit card. You can make purchases from almost any business in the world using a credit or debit card.

The Smart Card

In the last few years, advances in technology have transformed credit cards into multi-use financial transaction cards. The cards of today can be used not only to charge purchases, but also to immediately pay for them by debiting the amount of the purchase from one's bank account.

Embedding a microchip in a financial transaction card allows for the storage of personal and financial data, enabling the card to communicate with the merchant's scanning device and its associated computers. A card with a computer chip imbedded in it is referred to as a "smart card", since it has an electronic memory which can exchange data with computers.

In addition to storing personal and financial data, imbedding a memory chip in a financial transaction card also makes it possible to store actual monetary value in a card in the form of electronic data. This can be done by placing the smart card in a terminal and loading the desired amount of "money" to the card from a person's financial account.

The amount of a purchase can then be transferred directly from the smart card to a merchant with the cost of the purchase being deducted from the monetary value stored on the card. When the "money" stored on the smart card is depleted, the card can be easily reloaded from any compatible terminal by once again transferring the desired amount of "money" from the cardholder's financial account.

RFID (Radio Frequency Identification)

A more recent development in technology now enables credit and debit card users to use their cards without having to pass them through a card reader. The card holder simply "waves" the card near a terminal which reads the data stored on the card.

This relatively new feature is made possible by adding circuitry and a tiny antenna to the memory chip which is imbedded in the card. This technology is generally referred to as Radio Frequency Identification, or "RFID". New technology will soon enable credit and debit card users to make purchases without removing their card from their pocket or purse.

RFID chips are accessed for the storage or retrieval of data by using a low power radio signal. When pulsed by the radio signal, the chip responds and identifies itself by sending data to the scanner's radio receiver.

This data includes encoded personal identifiers which allow a merchant's terminal and associated computers to identify the card that is being used, and allows access to the customer's financial accounts for completing the desired transaction.

Acclimating Us to the Idea of Change

The popularity of credit and debit cards is a testimony to the fact that we truly are becoming acclimated to the idea of virtual money. Electronic "money" is truly the most portable, secure, and convenient currency yet. The advent of "e--money" has brought us to the place where we are in the midst of a fundamental change in the way we pay for goods and services.

We are very near the completion of a metamorphosis from the old system of coins, paper notes and checks, to the new digital electronic cashless monetary system. We are witnessing the birth of a totally new economic system.

Most people have become very comfortable in the brave new world of electronic commerce, and are accustomed to frequent changes in the way we do business, including changes in the design of money. We are told that the changes that have been made in the appearance of paper money are to thwart counterfeiting.

From time to time, proposals are made to modify or even completely change the design of our currency for various reasons. These changes may also serve another not so apparent purpose. I believe that these frequent changes in the appearance of money are being used to make us accustomed to the idea of currency being changed so we will be prepared to accept a change in the very nature of our currency.

These changes, I believe, are paving the way for acceptance of the cashless monetary system. Once we enter the new cashless society more changes will quickly follow and the people of the world will one day realize that the chains of our bondage have been forged not of steel, but of computer chips.

The next giant step towards the mark of the beast will be hailed by most, and embraced by all but a few. While many are taking the next step in the transition voluntarily, the final step into the cashless system will not be voluntary but mandatory.

Soon, a Giant Step will be Taken

Coins and paper currency are on their way out. This will happen sooner than most people realize. In the place of our present system of commerce there will be an electronic system using credits stored in computers for currency instead of coins and paper notes.

When the point is reached where only a relatively few people continue to do business by using cash, it will be necessary to take the final step, which will bring everyone into the completely cashless monetary system. I believe the next step could be taken in one of several ways.

One way is that the new electronic system of commerce will continue to be promoted by the government, banks, and businesses until it becomes the overwhelmingly most popular and, therefore the dominant form of currency.

At this point the last vestiges paper currency, coins, and checks will simply be phased out. When the final step is taken, a deadline would be set for everyone to surrender their coins and Federal Reserve notes for conversion to electronic credits.

This would be similar to what was done when the U.S. government required people to surrender their gold coins and gold certificates in exchange for Federal Reserve notes. While this scenario would cause a minimum of disruption, it requires a great deal of patience on the part of those who are working to implement the cashless system.

I'm not certain that they are willing to wait for the length of time that it would take for things to run their course. If, however, they are not willing to wait until nearly all of the people voluntarily accept the new cashless monetary system, then another sequence of events intended to complete the transition to the cashless society could be played out.

Another possibility is that the next step towards the mark of the beast will come as a result of a catastrophic event, such as war, a pandemic, terrorist attacks, or some other disaster that might harm or even destroy our present economic system. If such an event caused the American people to lose confidence in their currency, then out of necessity our present system would have to be replaced.

A more likely way that we will be brought into the completely cashless monetary system could be by a collapse of our present economic system that will leave our present currency completely worthless. Already we have considered the fact that our paper currency is supported by nothing, except the confidence of those who use it.

Our coins are manufactured from metals that have little, if any, value. Inflation has consumed most of the purchasing power of the dollar since it was divorced from the value of gold. Budget deficits, trade deficits and other pressures on our economy could cause an economic collapse at any time.

What better reason could be used to persuade the people to let go of the antiquated system of paper and coins? After a monetary collapse, all currency will be worthless, but...if you surrender your currency to the banks, it will be replaced with electronic credits that have value.

You will be given the opportunity to reclaim at least a portion of your lost wealth. We must be persuaded to let go of the old so we can embrace the new. We will see later that there will be quite a few strings attached to membership in the new economic order.

Chapter 3

As We Approach the "Final Step"...

There is one more step that must be taken to ensure maximum convenience and ultimate financial security. As convenient and secure as the cashless economic system will be, financial transaction cards can still be lost, stolen, or used by unauthorized individuals.

The remedy for these problems is that instead of issuing every person a financial transaction card that has an imbedded RFID chip, an RFID chip can be implanted in each person's body.

This will maximize convenience for the individual because once the RFID chip is implanted in their body, they will have immediate access to their financial accounts and all other information that has been stored in computers.

Since they will always carry their RFID chip in their body, it will be impossible for a person to leave their money or identification at home. The RFID chip that is implanted in a person's body cannot be misplaced, forgotten, or stolen.

It cannot be used by someone else. For these reasons the implanted RFID chip will also provide the ultimate in security. This brings us to the very real possibility that the implementation of this new economic system could be the fulfillment of Revelation Chapter 13 verses 16 and 17:

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

The Authorized or King James Version states that the mark will be in their right hand, or in their foreheads. This seems to indicate that the mark of the beast will be in a form that will be placed in, or implanted in, the body.

Perhaps the strongest scriptural indication that the mark of the beast could be a computer chip is that the English word mark in the Authorized Version is translated from the Greek word charagma. According to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, the Greek word charagma means a scratch or etching.

Two ways the complex miniaturized circuitry of computer chips is created is by etching away layers of silicon with chemicals, or by a plasma method. Since computer chips are small pieces of silicon that have been etched, either by chemical or by plasma etching, it certainly meets the definition of charagma.

RFID chips implanted in the body are certainly a way to mark humans. The Ultimate Weapon; A "Closed" Economic System I use the term "open system" to describe our present economic system in which we can take physical possession of our money.

Our present economic system is "open" to us so that we can withdraw our funds from financial accounts and use the money in private transactions, or we can simply keep our money ourselves without having to deal with any financial institutions.

However, we will soon see the transition to a cashless economic system completed, and this will be the end of our present open system. I refer to the coming cashless economic system as being a "closed" economic system because, while electronic credits may be moved from one account to another within the system, "money" cannot be removed from the system.

There will be a virtual wall erected between a person and their "money". A person will not be able to make withdrawals from their financial accounts and take physical possession of their "money" since "money" will consist only of electronic credits stored in the memories of computers.

The transfer of credits can only take place within the computers of the system, therefore all buying and selling must be done within the "closed system" where every transaction will be monitored and subject to approval.

Also, any individual who desires to buy or sell must do so through the system, and with each purchase or sale, a record of the transaction is created and added to the person's profile.

While we will be given many assurances concerning the privacy of our buying and selling, the truth is that all information about our financial transactions will be open to government agencies and those who market information to businesses. There will be no such thing as a truly private purchase or sale.

One way or another, we will soon find ourselves living in a world where physical money will be found only in the hands of collectors and in museums. All trade will be conducted electronically using virtual money.

We will no longer be able to conduct our business in an "open monetary system" as we do today, but we will find ourselves trapped in the globalists' "closed monetary system".

When the transition to the cashless society is complete, those who would control us by controlling our money and the world's economy will have put in place one half of their equation for absolute power over the masses.

Controlling the Supply Side of the Economy The other half of the Globalist's plan to completely control the world's economic system involves controlling the supply side of the economy.

While many steps have been taken to bring the world into a cashless monetary system, steps are also being taken to establish the system in which every item that is produced or offered for sale will be inventoried, marked, tracked and controlled.

The control of the supply side of the world's economy is absolutely necessary if global domination is to be achieved. Those who would rule over us realize that it is not enough to just control the ability of people to buy goods and services.

The selling of goods and services must also be monitored and controlled. It is necessary that all transactions be controlled to prevent the establishment of a black market that would enable people to conduct business apart from the

system. If people can buy and sell in a black market complete control cannot be achieved. Therefore, financial dealings outside the closed system cannot be tolerated.

How it will be Done

The barcode system of inventory control that has been used for many years has become obsolete because it is dependent upon human operators in order to function properly.

The barcode system requires human operators because each item must be physically handled so its own unique barcode can be optically scanned. Each item must be physically held within a certain distance of the optical scanner, and the barcode must be positioned at such an angle that can be read by the scanner.

These requirements of distance and position in relation to the scanner slow the scanning process, and this frequently causes errors. As we all know, an item that is being scanned sometimes must be passed in front of the scanner several times before the proper distance and angle are achieved and the barcode is detected.

At the time of this writing it appears as though the technology that will replace the barcode system of inventory control, and will eventually be used to control the supply side of the economy, is radio frequency identification, or RFID. Many of the shortcomings of the barcode system are overcome by RFID.

One of the more significant advantages of RFID technology over barcode technology is that it enables items to be scanned without having to bring them into close proximity to the scanner.

Instead of using a visible mark to identify an item, as is done with the barcode system, the RFID method of product identification uses a programmable microchip that responds to a radio frequency signal. The microchip can be attached to or imbedded in the item to be scanned.

Most of us have already encountered RFID technology in the form of the security tags that are attached to items in order to prevent shoplifting. These tags must be deactivated by a clerk or else it will activate an alarm when someone tries to leave the store with it.

Today, RFID chips are being used for many other purposes other than to simply activate an alarm. The RFID microchip can be programmed, not only to provide security, but to identify a specific item for inventory control and other purposes.

RFID micro chips can also contain a great deal of other information about the product as well. Some of the information stored in the chip could pertain to the place of manufacture, date of manufacture, expiration date of the product, serial number of the item or any other information that might be useful in sales or maintaining control of inventory.

If it becomes necessary to store more information about a particular item than can be stored in the RFID chip itself, the additional information can be stored in a computer and accessed using the identifiers which are stored in the RFID chip.

Another desirable feature of the RFID method is that since RF radiation passes through most materials, it does not require that an item be positioned at any particular angle in relation to the scanner as must be done with an optical scanner.

Since RFID technology utilizes radio waves to retrieve information, it allows the scanning of items from a considerable distance. These features of RFID enable the scanning and tracking not only of individual items, but also of many items at one time.

For instance, even though many items may be grouped together, for example in a single container, each individual item will respond to the radio frequency signal from the scanning device with its own unique identifying data.

The data contained in the signals sent by the RFID chips are received by the scanning device and processed by a computer, so inventorying and tracking of each item can be accomplished simultaneously and almost instantaneously.

Since every item in a group can be scanned simultaneously, it is possible to scan each item in a customer's shopping cart without having to remove items from the cart and placing them on the checkout stand. This eliminates the need for the clerk to handle each item.

In fact, RFID can eliminate the need for clerks and check out counters altogether. Clerks will not be needed to receive payment from customers because once the scan of merchandise has been done, the same RFID system can scan the customer's financial transaction card, debiting the amount of the purchase from the customer's account.

This all can be done without the customer having to remove their card from their pocket, or having to show any other form of identification. And of course, once people are required to have the chip implanted in their body, there will be no card to carry.

Check out counters will no longer be needed because scanners can be installed at every entrance and exit of a business. This will also allow for the tracking of customers who enter the store, whether or not they have made a purchase.

Upon completion of the transaction, the items that have been purchased will be automatically deleted from the store's inventory and, if necessary, reordered. At the same time, the customer's shopping history is updated to include these most recent purchases in his profile.

All of this will be done without the assistance of a clerk and in a matter of milliseconds. The customer will leave the store having paid for his purchase, not with cash, but with electronic credits -- and his privacy.

Such a system greatly increases the accuracy and speed of inventory control and at the same time reduces the number of employees required to operate the system. Fewer employees with more precise control of inventory plus increased efficiency equals more profit.

While at the present time the cost of RFID chips is too high to imbed or attach a chip to every item, many manufacturers and retailers are beginning to use RFID technology to identify and track expensive items or quantities of inexpensive goods.

Soon the demand for this technology will become so great that it will cause the price of the RFID chips to decrease to the point where it will be cost effective to use them to inventory and track every item that is manufactured or offered for sale.

Just as the transition to the cashless monetary system is nearly complete, the transition to the RFID method of inventory control is already well underway and will soon be completed.

Those who wish to rule the world know that by controlling the individual's wealth and their ability to buy is only one half of their power equation. The other half is absolute control of the ability to sell.

When the closed monetary system and an airtight system of monitoring and controlling the production and distribution of all goods and services are put in place, the world will be operating in a completely closed economic system.

No one will be able to buy or sell outside of this system. The world's economy and the individual's ability to buy or sell will one day be controlled by one person, the beast. At that time it will be required that everyone receive a mark in their right or in their forehead.

In that day the monetary system will be closed so that no one will have access to or be able to use their "money", except when they become part of and operate within the system.

With the closed economic system in place, the possibility of a viable underground economy will be all but eliminated. All buying and selling will be controlled by a central authority which will carefully monitor every transaction in order to ensure that everyone is operating within the closed economic system.

All exchanges of "money," goods, and services will be monitored and controlled by those who control the system. Since every item will eventually be identified with an RFID chip, it will also be impossible to transfer ownership of any other form of wealth.

Every purchase and every sale will be subject to approval by the government. Every purchaser and every seller will conduct their business under the watchful eye of the government.

What About Silver and Gold?

Some believe that if they convert a portion of their wealth to precious metals, then they can use the metals to purchase goods and services on the black market.

This might be possible for a short while immediately following the implementation of the cashless/ RFID system, but once all goods have been identified by RFID tagging, the transfer of ownership of any item must be approved by those who control the system.

If a person's possessions are inventoried by the government, and they do not everything that is in their profile, they would be suspected of aiding an enemy of the state who has been shut out of the system.

Precious metals will be worthless when it comes to buying food on the black market. This is because, as we will see later, food will be rationed in specific amounts to each individual.

This means that if an individual trades his ration of food for gold or silver, then he will have to go without food. Unless gold, silver, or other precious metal are surrendered to the system for conversion to credits that will remain within the system, it will be almost impossible to use metals to purchase items of any kind, even food.

Chapter 4

Businesses prefer a Cashless System

In order for an electronic monetary system to be successfully implemented, all sectors of the economy must either accept or be forced into the new cashless/RFID system.

When we consider the many advantages this new system brings to each sector, especially in regards to convenience, efficiency and security, it is easy to understand why almost everyone will gladly accept the coming cashless economic system without having to be forced into it.

Efficiency

The more efficient and secure a business can be in its operations and the more conveniences it can provide to its customers, the more profitable it will be. Here are just a few of the ways doing business will be made more convenient, efficient, and secure with the implementation of the cashless monetary system.

In our present monetary system the use of checks to make payment for a purchase creates a bottleneck, or slowdown, at the checkout counter. Minimizing this bottleneck requires the employment of a sufficient number of clerks who must deal one on one with the customers.

It is very important for a business to hire the exact number of clerks to do the job. If too many clerks are employed, the business wastes money that would otherwise be profit. If too few clerks are hired, customers will have to wait in long lines to make purchases, possibly causing a loss of business because of the inconvenience suffered by the customer.

Clerks must take steps to ensure that when a customer pays with a check that the check is good. This can be an involved and time consuming process. Many stores verify checks by computer.

Sometimes the clerk must manually check the name of the person presenting the check against a list of people who have passed bad checks in the past. The clerk must verify the identity of the person presenting the check, along with their phone number and address.

All of these steps that must be taken to ensure that the check is good not only cost the business money, but also inconveniences other customers who must wait in line while the clerk makes certain that the check is good.

Sometimes a business, even though it has taken steps to ensure that a check is good, will inadvertently accept a check that is fraudulent or written on an account that has insufficient funds.

When this happens the business must pursue collection of the funds, which often involves law enforcement and the courts, and can be very time consuming and expensive.

Problems With Cash

While dealing with customers on a cash basis presents fewer problems than accepting checks, there are still many problems inherent to doing business with cash. These problems include waiting for the customer to find the cash they wish to present for payment, and then time is spent as the clerk must count out the proper amount of change to be returned to the customer.

When the clerk doesn't have the proper change to give to the customer, then everyone in line must wait while change is brought to the clerk. These and other problems are created when cash is used and slow the pace at which business can be done.

The number of clerks needed to handle transactions with the customer is not only a great expense to the business from a payroll standpoint, but also because of the errors that are inevitably introduced into the system when clerks who, as all humans do, make mistakes.

It is a very time--consuming and, therefore, expensive process for businesses to locate and correct mistakes made by their employees as they handle and count currency and checks. Accounting for both cash and checks received by a business is something that must be done manually.

Money must be counted so a starting balance can be established at the beginning of each business day. At the end of each business day, all of the cash and checks received must be counted and entered into the accounting system where it must be balanced against the beginning balance.

A portion of the money and all of the checks received must, from time to time, be physically transported to a bank. This usually requires the services of an armed transport company.

All of these tasks which must be performed when a business receives cash and checks create delays in the flow of funds that are used by the business. Delays in depositing cash prevent businesses from immediately using the funds.

Waiting for checks to be processed by the banks causes an even greater delay for businesses, which prevents them from using their funds. Any delays in the use of money cause a loss of profits and costs businesses any interest that would otherwise be earned by their financial account.

Another consideration for businesses is that each time money is handled or transported it increases the vulnerability to theft or loss. The expenses associated with the handling, counting, and transporting of currency and checks are great.

The costs of handling and the delays between the time the money is received and the time it is available for use, must be passed on to the customer in the form of higher prices, or the expense reduces the profits of the company.

No Checks, No Cash, No Problem-The Cashless/RFID Solution

With the cashless system all the problems and expenses associated with accepting checks will be eliminated, because checks will no longer be used.

When payment is made using the cashless system, the person making the purchase will be instantly identified and the amount of the purchase will be checked against the customer's account balance to ensure they have sufficient funds to pay for the goods or services.

The sale will then be immediately approved or declined. Once these steps have been taken, the amount of the purchase is immediately transferred from the customer's account to the business's financial account.

No fraud, no problem with insufficient funds, and no time consuming waiting in line by other customers. All of the steps that are needed to complete the transaction will be done in a matter of microseconds.

By eliminating paper currency, coins, and checks, businesses will no longer have the expense of accounting for the cash and checks that come into, or are passed through the businesses. Businesses will no longer have to transport currency or checks to the bank.

This will allow for a much more efficient, more secure, and therefore more profitable use of their funds. There will no longer be any handling, manual counting, or transporting of currency because there will no longer be any form of physical currency.

All "money" will consist of electronic credits stored within and transferred between computers. All business transactions will then be a simple matter of computers instantly transferring credits from the customer's stored value card or financial account to the business's account.

Once the cashless system of electronically transferred credits has been fully implemented, clerks will no longer be needed to scan items being purchased or receive payments from customers.

By combining the cashless monetary system with the RFID system of inventory control, customer check out will be completely automated and check out time will be all but eliminated.

The items to be purchased by the customer will be automatically scanned by simply pushing their shopping cart through a check out lane or by passing through a scanner at the exit of the business.

Each item in the cart will be scanned, and the cost of the items will then be instantaneously debited from the financial account of the customer. This will greatly reduce the number of people employed by retail businesses.

It will be necessary to have only a few customer service employees whose only task will be to resolve problems that the customer might have with the system. The money saved in wages and benefits as employee positions are eliminated will result in greater profits for businesses and lower prices for the consumer.

The electronic transfer of funds also eliminates the expenses and security risks inherent to physically transporting currency and checks. No more transporting funds over streets and highways by armored vehicles.

Instead, electronic credits will be moved instantly and securely from computer to computer through communication systems. Since the cashless system will enable businesses to instantly transfer to their accounts payments received from customers, the funds received will be available for immediate use by the business, while beginning to accrue interest at the very moment of transfer.

Greater Security

Security is another area that will be improved once a totally cashless system is implemented. The more secure a company's assets are, the more profitable it will be. We will look at a few of the security concerns of businesses and how they will be alleviated by the transition to the cashless monetary system.

Shoplifting

Identifying every item in a business with an RFID chip and having scanners at every entrance and exit of a business will speed check out and all but eliminate shoplifting.

If someone attempts to steal an item from a business, the stolen merchandise will be detected when the thief attempts to carry the stolen merchandise through the scanner at the exit of the business.

If the thief has their RFID financial transaction card with them, the price of the items would be debited from their financial account as they exit the business. The result would be that the thief would end up paying for the merchandise they attempted to steal.

If the system determines that they have insufficient funds in their account to pay for the merchandise, an alarm will sound and they will be identified as their card is scanned.

If they do not have their RFID financial transaction card on their person, the merchandise that they attempt to steal will be detected as they pass through the scanner and an alarm will alert the staff of the business that there has been an attempted theft.

Robbery and Theft

Losses due to the theft of funds are another area in which security will be improved almost to perfection. Robbery and theft of currency will become things of the past since there will no longer be any physical money that can be stolen.

This is because the currency of the cashless society will be virtual money which does not consist of paper or metal, but electronic ones and zeros that do not exist outside the memory banks of computers.

Counterfeit Currency

Another security risk which will be completely eliminated by the implementation of the cashless system is the loss suffered by businesses when they accept counterfeit money.

Despite many recent security improvements in the design of paper currency, counterfeiting continues to be a problem because high quality fraudulent money can now be produced with aid of modern computers and copiers.

With the cashless monetary system there is a wall between people and the currency that they use. The system of commerce which uses electronic credits instead of paper currency is a closed system that cannot be accessed by the counterfeiter.

Any increase in the money supply would be immediately detected by the system. Since the cashless monetary system can only be accessed by the individual or business for the transfer of funds within the system, the ability of anyone on the

consumer or business side of the system to inject fraudulent funds into the system is eliminated.

Human Error

Since money will no longer pass through the hands of employees and all counting will be done by computers, errors due to employees miscounting currency will no longer be a problem.

Losses due to currency or checks being misplaced, lost, or stolen will also be eliminated since checks and physical currency will no longer exist.

Losses Due to Disasters

Even though a business may make thousands of sales each day, no money will be stored at the place of business. All funds will be stored in the system's computers.

The fact that physical money will no longer exist also will prevent the loss of funds by fire, natural disaster, or any other peril that can destroy paper money or checks.

These are just some of the reasons retail businesses not only desire the cashless system of commerce but are presently converting to it as rapidly as they can.

Personnel and Payroll

While the cashless/RFID system of commerce provides an almost infinite number of advantages to businesses when dealing with their customers, it will also provide many improvements in the handling of payroll and personnel.

Attendance

To determine the number of hours worked by an hourly employee, a person, either the employee themselves or someone else, must create a record of the employee's attendance.

Some companies have time clocks and require employees to "clock in" and "clock out". Other companies use an honor system and have employees fill out a time card to document attendance.

The problem with these methods, and others that are presently used by business is that they are susceptible to human error and fraud. Errors can be made by the employee or the employer.

Once people are required to receive an implanted chip in their bodies, documenting employee attendance will be done by scanning each employee's RFID chip as they enter the workplace and when they leave.

A record will be made of the time the employee is actually present in the workplace. Another advantage for businesses is that an employee's time at their actual workstation can be documented as well.

By installing RFID scanners at every desk or workstation, the employer will have a record of the actual time the worker spends on the job and the time spent away from their workstation.

Employers will know if an employee exceeds the allotted time for breaks. Managers could verify an employee's presence at their workstation anytime they desire. This will enable employers to base pay on actual time at the work station.

The ability to know where every employee is at all times will be a tool that will allow businesses to better manage their workforce and to improve efficiencies.

Productivity and Quality Control

The amount and quality of work of each employee can be monitored in an RFID controlled environment. When the chip is scanned at the beginning of the work day, the employee will be logged in at their work station.

If the worker is performing a job in a manufacturing facility or has a production line job, then their work can be matched against number of products passing through the work station.

Also any errors or substandard products can be traced to a particular worker. This will enable employers to pay only for actual quality work performed rather than hours at the workplace.

Payroll

Once a system is in place that creates a perfect record of employee's presence on the job, paying the employee will be greatly simplified. No one will need to document employees' time on the job.

Calculations of salaries will be performed by computers. No checks will be printed or distributed since an employee's pay will be automatically transferred from the company's financial account to the employee's account.

In effect this system will allow for the elimination of whole payroll departments as we know them today. Fewer employees, more profits.

Security

By requiring everyone to have an implanted RFID chip, any unauthorized personnel who enter the workplace will be immediately detected, located and identified. If someone breaks into a business, not only will an alarm be given, but the identity of the intruder will be recorded as well.

This method would be far more reliable than the most modern digital camera systems that are available today. In order to thwart the cameras of security systems, the intruder needs only to wear a mask. The information on a person's RFID chip can still be retrieved even if a mask or disguise is worn.

A Gold Mine of Personal Information

Systems have already been put in place by some retailers to monitor the purchasing habits of their customers in order to increase profitability. While most people scarcely think about these information gathering systems, they are in fact precursors to the system that will be used to prevent unauthorized people from buying or selling during the reign of the beast.

In order to entice customers to surrender their personal information, many retailers offer discounts to customers who accept "preferred customer" cards. A customer who uses a "preferred customer" card receives discounts on certain purchases that are not available to customers who do not have a discount card.

The additional savings are not without conditions, which are not usually known by the user. When a customer applies for one of these cards, they are required to give certain information to the retailer in exchange for the privilege of using the card.

In addition to giving the retailer one's name, an applicant is often required to give their address, age, and sometimes other personal or financial information. Once a retailer has this information, they use it to track the card holder's purchases and create a profile of the person's purchasing habits.

Whenever a cardholder uses their card to receive the discounts that are being offered by the retailer, they are identified by the store's computer and a record of the items purchased is entered into the customer's computer file.

Other information that is collected includes the name and location of the store where the purchase was made, the price paid for each item, the date and time the purchase was made, and the method of payment used to make the purchase.

This personal information is surrendered by the customer every time they use their discount card. The retailer can then use the profile that is created to increase their profitability. The information is used to make decisions concerning which products and services they should provide to their customers.

The information can also be used to target individuals with specific types of advertising. The information that is gathered reveals a great deal about the preferences, and even the personal life of the customer.

For instance, files containing information about prescriptions and other items purchased at a pharmacy can reveal much about an individual's health. The file that is created about a person's purchasing habits would include a list of the kinds of publications a person reads which can give insight about their personality, religious and political beliefs.

The amount of money that is spent on certain items in a given time frame can be used to estimate a person's disposable income. These are but a few of the ways that information garnered from "preferred customer" cards can be used to find out even the most personal details of someone's life.

Businesses that offer such discount cards always promise that they will protect the customer's privacy. The truth is, there is no guarantee that the information will not be compromised. In fact, the customer's privacy is greatly compromised each time a "preferred customer" card is used.

One reason for this is, that since the customer's information is valuable to others businesses retailers regularly sell the information that they have gathered to other businesses.

Since this information is kept on file in the computers of the businesses that have gathered it and in the computers of those who have purchased it, there is always the possibility of unauthorized access and distribution of the information.

The information provided by customers when they apply for a discount card and when they make subsequent purchases using the card is indeed very valuable, and it is a hidden treasure for businesses.

Personal information is continually sought out by retailers and marketers who use and sell what in the past was your private information. The information gathering systems of today are the prototypes of the global system that will control all buying and selling when the anti-Christ comes to power.

One day soon we will see these systems perfected and merged into one seamless system of economic control, and then it will be used as a powerful weapon against all who refuse to submit to the beast.

A Revolution in Retail Vending

In today's marketplace, many products are delivered to consumers via vending machines. Vending machines are an almost autonomous point of sale. No clerks are needed to deal with customers since the machine itself receives payment, makes change, and delivers the product to the customer.

However, since the machines dispense products and receive coins and paper money for payment, they must be serviced regularly. Money must be removed from the vending machine and a sufficient amount of money must be kept in the machine to make change when necessary.

Conversion to the cashless monetary system will bring many improvements to the vending machine industry which will improve efficiency, profitability and security.

The cashless monetary system will totally transform the retail vending industry. First of all, vending machines will no longer have to be equipped with the complicated mechanisms which are now necessary to receive coins and paper currency and to give change.

Since the devices that handle the money are electro-mechanical and have many moving parts, they are subject to breakage, along with normal wear and tear. This necessitates the stocking of expensive replacement money changing mechanisms and the employment of technicians in order to ensure continuous operation.

Any time a vending machine is not operating, profits are lost. With the advent of the totally cashless monetary system, the complicated electro-mechanical money changers will be replaced with electronic scanners that have no moving parts.

This will reduce the frequency of failures and reduce the number of spare parts that must be kept on hand for repairs. Repairs and routine maintenance will be simplified too, since any problems with the electronic circuitry and the associated software can be identified using built in self diagnostics.

When malfunctions occur, they will be detected by the vending machine's computer, allowing service personnel to diagnose the problem from a remote location using a digital communications link.

The immediate detection of malfunctions would reduce costly downtime. Identifying the problem before traveling to the location of the machine enables the technician to bring the exact parts needed for repair of the machine and the proper tools to get the machine back in service.

This would help reduce the number of costly return trips to the maintenance shop and allow the technician to use the time saved to repair other machines. And of course, fewer service technicians would be needed.

Another way efficiencies will be improved is by the elimination of the manual collection and counting of the money received by the machines. When machines receive paper currency and coins for payment, employees of the vending companies must travel to each machine on a regular basis to collect money from the machines.

Employees must also restock coins in the machines, which are necessary to make change. With a communication link to each machine, it will no longer be necessary for employees to travel to the machines to collect money or to stock change.

The cashless payments received from customers will be instantly transferred to the financial account of the business that operates the machines. Since there will be no cash in the machines, thieves will have less incentive to break into them.

With a reduction in break-ins there will be fewer damaged machines. Some thefts might continue to occur as thieves break into machines to steal merchandise. Getting away with thefts of merchandise will become more difficult though, because the stolen items and the thief can be identified by RFID.

The restocking of machines will be much more efficient as well. At present, the restocking of merchandise involves employees traveling to each machine on a regular basis to manually check the amount of merchandise in the machines.

Since it is presently impossible for the person who services the route to know how much product remains in each machine, it is necessary for the employee to load and transport a large amount each product to be restocked.

With communication links to each vending machine and RFID chips in each item that is stocked in the machines, the distribution center can be notified by the machine itself when inventory levels have dropped below a predetermined level.

This will allow for the immediate restocking of the machine. If the supply of product in a machine is adequate, then that particular machine would be serviced later, thereby eliminating an unnecessary trip to its location.

The ability to do this would save employee time, and the expense of unnecessary travel. The inventory on hand in each machine could also be checked at any time from any remote location by simply contacting it through the communications link.

Since an employee will no longer have to travel to each machine collecting money and replenishing the supply of change in the money changer, fewer employees will be needed to service the machines.

Even changes in the price of the product being sold could also be made from the home office or any other location by utilizing the communications link between the home office and the machine.

Each of these changes that would take place as a result of converting to a cashless system would result in greater efficiency and therefore, more profits for the vending industry.

Why the Travel and Tourism Industry Will Accept the Cashless System

Easy Money

The travel and tourism industry, like all other businesses, has inefficiencies and security problems that can be greatly reduced, if not totally eliminated, by the cashless monetary system.

In a cashless world, the traveler would no longer have to carry cash or traveler's checks. A traveler's funds would be available to him almost anywhere in the world. This would mean fewer worries for the traveler concerning the conversion of traveler's checks to cash, or the possibility of theft or loss.

There would also be the elimination of problems in the exchange of funds for foreign currencies since a cashless system would allow for the creation of a single global currency.

Security

In a world concerned about terrorism and crime, better and more efficient ways to screen travelers are constantly being sought. Long lines, searches (including humiliating body searches), possible confiscation of items that might, in the opinion of the screener, be used as weapons, have dissuaded many from taking all but the most essential trips.

The growth of the travel industry has been, no doubt, somewhat retarded by the increase in security measures that have made travel much more difficult.

With the cashless/RFID system of commerce and personal identification, physical passports and other travel documents would be replaced with electronically accessed documents, in which would be stored data pertaining to the individual, including biometric data for identification, and his or her itinerary.

Who the traveler is, where he has visited, where he plans to go, what he has spent, will all be known by authorities and business by using a simple electronic scan. Radio frequency identification (RFID) chips, which can be imbedded in passports, tickets, etc., can be scanned from a distance, so that the documents do not need to be removed from a pocket, handbag, or briefcase.

By not having to remove a document for presentation much time would be saved, and the number of employees required to process travelers would be reduced. Of course, carrying these documents won't be necessary when the RFID chips are implanted in people's bodies.

Baggage and Traveler Linked

The use of RFID chips will also allow a great improvement in the area of baggage handling. By using RFID, airlines and other carriers, as well as security agencies, would be able to match travelers with their luggage when they check in and, with the proper scanning equipment, ensure that the passengers and their luggage are in fact on the same airplane or other conveyance.

This will prevent luggage from being lost and will reduce the opportunities for terrorists to smuggle explosives or other harmful substances on board. With such a system in place, the travel industry will be able to operate much more efficiently and security will be increased.

With many of the present inconveniences of dealing with security reduced or eliminated altogether, the traveler will have a more enjoyable experience. If travelers enjoy their trip, then they will be more likely to travel.

If people travel more, then the travel industry will make more money. It is easy to understand how the cashless system of commerce will be preferred by the traveler and the travel industry.

We have looked at only a few reasons why some segments of the business sector of our economy will accept the cashless/RFID system of commerce. The benefits of this system are very appealing to many who are in business, and will be accepted by nearly everyone.

Chapter 5

Banks Prefer a Cashless System

In this section we will consider some of the necessary tasks that must be performed by banks and other financial institutions as they handle money in the course of their business. We will also look at how these tasks will be made easier or eliminated altogether with the full implementation of the cashless system.

We will see too how with the "closed" cashless system, security for banks will be enhanced to a level of being almost absolute.

Problems With Cash and Checks

The counting and handling of paper money, coins, and checks is an essential and very time consuming part of every bank's business. Much work is involved when one must account for large sums of money.

Also, there are many security problems to be considered when financial institutions handle and transport physical currency. Counting the money a bank has on hand to make certain that all paper money, coins, and checks are accounted for must be done several times each business day.

It is necessary to know the exact amount of money the bank has on hand at the beginning and end of each business day. This requires the employment of a number of people to perform these tasks.

Smaller amounts of cash are counted manually, while larger sums of money are counted by machine. Machines are faster and generally more accurate in the counting of money.

The use of machines also can reduce the number of employees needed to perform the task. Machines though, are not without their own inherent problems. Among these are the initial expense of purchasing the machines and the cost of maintaining them over the time they are used.

Another problem with machines is that, while machines make fewer mistakes than people counting money, mistakes still occur. No matter how careful the employees are or how reliable a machine may be in performing the task counting money, there is always the possibility of a mistake when counting paper money and coins.

Then there is the task of moving large bundles or bags of money within the bank. This can be a difficult and sometimes strenuous job. The lifting of heavy bags of coins and bundles of paper money requires physical effort and can lead to job related injuries.

Job related injuries are a potential financial risk to banks or any other business. In the cashless system, the risk of on the job injuries due to employees handling money is completely eliminated, since there is no physical money to be counted, moved, or physically handled in any way.

A very real security concern is apparent when it is necessary to transfer coins and paper money to and from other banks and businesses. This is a task which has many risks, including accidents involving the carrier's vehicle, accidental loss of money, armed robbery, or even the murder or abduction of employees.

Since the moving of physical money from one place to another is inherently dangerous, most banks employ the services of armed couriers using armored vehicles. This, of course, is another expense for banks and businesses.

The Cashless Solution

Since electronic credits take up no physical space because they have no mass and since it can be moved almost instantaneously by communications systems, all of the aforementioned problems associated with counting, handling, moving, and storing physical money will be completely eliminated.

This means that once cash is replaced by electronic credits that will be stored in and moved by computers, profits will increase. The speed and accuracy of accounting will be improved, and at the same time, errors will be practically eliminated since manual counting of physical money will be replaced by calculations performed by computers.

At the same time the risks and expenses associated with the transfer of physical currency by courier will be eliminated because coins, paper money and checks will no longer be used in the new monetary system.

Instead of moving cash over the highways in armored vehicles, the transfer of funds will involve sending and receiving electronically encoded data, representing "money", to and from other financial institutions and businesses through communications systems.

Elimination of Theft Will Mean Greater Profits

Banking will enter a totally new dimension with the total implementation of the closed cashless system where "money" is nothing more than electronic ones and zeros stored in computers.

The new "money" will exist only in the memories of computers and therefore cannot be removed from the system. This new virtual money can only be transferred from one financial account to another. In this closed monetary system a person cannot take physical possession of "money".

One feature of our present open monetary system of currency is that there are actual coins and paper notes which enable us to take physical possession of our money.

This aspect of the open system ensures a measure of independence and privacy for individuals who want to conduct their financial dealings apart from the banks. A negative aspect of this feature is that the physical money we use in our present system of commerce can be stolen.

With the implementation of the cashless closed monetary system, robberies and other forms of theft will become a thing of the past. The elimination of theft is a benefit of the cashless system brought about by the fact that there are no coins or paper money for the thief to steal.

Since "money" will be stored in computers and cannot be removed from the closed monetary system, thieves will not be able to take physical possession of or remove "money" from the bank.

The dangers associated with armed robberies will also be eliminated. For instance, there will be no murders or taking of hostages during armed robberies since there will no longer be money that can be physically taken.

The cashless system will also prove to be a deterrent to those who would attempt other forms of theft, such as embezzlement. Since "money" cannot be removed from the closed monetary system, but can only be moved about within the system, any unauthorized movement of "money" will be instantly detected and easily traced.

Since "money" cannot be removed from the closed computer system, banks will enjoy near perfect security.

More Control Equals More Profits

In addition to the benefits of having fewer employees, improving efficiency and achieving near perfect security, there is also at least one other huge incentive for banks to adopt the cashless closed system of banking.

Since banks make money with money, the more money a bank can control, the more profit it can make. Presently there are untold millions, if not billions of dollars of currency in circulation that are not under the control of any bank.

This wealth is now in the open monetary system. This money is in circulation, in pockets, piggy banks, dresser drawers, and who knows how many other places. In order for one to be able to buy and sell in the coming cashless society, all money that is held by an individual must be deposited into the system.

Once the transition to the cashless system is completed, the money that has not been surrendered to the banks for conversion to electronic credits will be worthless.

This means that all of the wealth that is now held by individuals will then be controlled by the banks and other financial institutions.

Surrender or Else

Before the transition to the cashless system can be completed, a deadline must be set for individuals who possess coins or paper money to surrender them to banks for conversion to electronic credits.

Once the deadline passes, any currency still held by individuals will become worthless. Fearing the very real threat of losing not only their money but all that they have, people will flock to the banks to surrender their wealth to this system.

They will realize that if they do not become part of this new economic order, they will no longer be able to buy or sell. Once all money is brought into the "closed" monetary system it will be controlled and utilized by the banking industry to make greater profits.

Banks will be the conduit through which every financial transaction, whether small or great, must pass. This will also enable them to make huge profits by charging a small processing fee for every purchase made.

Information is Money

With the closed monetary system in place, banks will have an exact record of every person's spending. Every detail of each transaction will be recorded, including who bought what, where it was bought, when it was bought, and for how much.

Once this valuable information has been collected, it will then be marketed to businesses which can use it as a marketing tool or for any other purpose that they believe will increase their profits.

Of course, we will once again be assured that our privacy will not be compromised and that all of this personal information will be kept away from those who might misuse it.

Fewer Loan Defaults, More Profits

The primary business of banks is to loan money. When a borrower fails to repay a loan, the bank's profits suffer. There are several ways that the cashless system will enable banks to reduce losses due to delinquent loans.

For the first time ever, banks will have a complete record of every person's financial history, down to the last penny. With this information, banks will be able to reduce the default rate of the loans they make because with the information

collected and stored by the closed monetary system, the loan approval process will become an exact science. No one will be able to deceive a loan officer about their financial history or their ability to repay a loan.

A loan applicant's total income will be known to the loan officer because a record of all of one's "money", whether it is income, expenditures or savings, will be stored in the memory of the closed monetary system.

Another way that banks will be able to increase the profitability of loans will be to use the closed monetary system to force repayment of loans and thereby reduce losses caused by nonpayment.

Whose Money is It Anyway?

Already many people have their paychecks or other income deposited directly into their financial account and have loan payments or other bill payments made by electronic fund transfer.

Once this closed system is fully implemented, all deposits and payments will be done electronically. Individuals will no longer be the first to have access to their "money". Banks will be the first to have access to the credits deposited in a person's accounts.

This means that as soon as funds are transferred to a person's financial account, the bank can automatically transfer the amount of any loan payment to the banks' account. In the case of bills that are due, the credits will be immediately transferred to the account of the creditor, utility, the government, etc.

All payments to creditors will be transferred prior to an individual gaining access to their funds. Instead of the person who has earned the "money" having first access to their "money", they will be the last.

This practice will ensure the repayment of debts, as long as a person has an income. This means that a person will not be able to "walk away" from a loan or mortgage they do not want to pay.

These are a few of the ways banks can make use of the cashless "closed" monetary system to improve efficiency, security, and overall profitability. No doubt there are many other ways the banks and other financial institutions will be able to utilize the closed monetary system to maximize their profits.

Chapter 6

Healthcare - the RFID System

One of the most complicated systems with which we must deal is the healthcare industry. With the requirements of insurance companies and ever increasing government regulation of healthcare, we have seen exponential growth in the amount of information that is gathered and kept on file.

The healthcare industry is perhaps more encumbered by required documentation than any other segment of our economy.

Not only do those who work in healthcare have to adhere to the financial accounting procedures that are common to all businesses, but they must also create and maintain every patient's health record, file insurance claims, maintain records of their dealings with insurance companies, and keep an almost infinite number of files on all that they do in order to satisfy the requirements of the law.

The cashless/RFID will simplify this ever burgeoning task of record keeping and at the same time reduce the number of errors in the treatment of patients. One of the first applications of RFID in the practice of medicine is in the very important area of patient identification.

An implanted RFID chip in the patient enables the medical facility to ensure that the person who is being treated is who they claim to be. Presently some medical facilities keep a photograph of the patient in their file.

This is done to prevent insurance fraud. Without a photo of the patient in their file and a photo ID, it is possible for uninsured people to seek medical care using someone else's insurance card.

If everyone was required to have a chip implanted in their body, then it could be used as the primary form of patient identification. A person would always have it with them, and it could not be loaned to someone else.

This would eliminate the fraud that is committed when an uninsured person seeks treatment under another person's healthcare insurance. Of course, the obvious problem with requiring every person to have an implanted chip is that without the chip, medical treatment will be denied.

Another very important benefit that would come from a medical RFID system is that it would prevent mistakes in the treatment of patients who have the same or similar names. As a pastor who visits the sick who are hospitalized, I have seen rosters of patients where two people have the same name.

When these patients are treated by the same doctors and nurses, errors in treatment can occur. Since patient identification in the new cashless/RFID system will be verified by the data stored in a central database and retrieved by scanning each person's implanted chip, mistakes due to misidentification will be reduced if not totally eliminated. When it comes to identifying people in the new cashless/RFID control system, a person's name will become irrelevant.

Mistakes in treating patients that are caused by other kinds of human error will be greatly reduced as well. With the RFID system in place it will no longer be necessary for hospitals to put bracelets (which can be removed or misread) on patients, since each person would arrive at the hospital carrying their own unique identifier in the form of an implanted chip.

When a treatment is to be administered, the patient's identity will be confirmed by scanning their chip and the computer will show the nurse or the physician the person's record, which will confirm the patient's identification and the treatment that is to be administered.

In the case of medication, once the patient's implanted chip has been scanned, then the RFID chip that identifies the medication can be scanned and the computer will ensure that the medication is a match for the particular patient. The computer would then also be able to verify if the medication is being given at the proper interval, and in the correct dosage.

Of course one of the most obvious benefits of the RFID system in a medical setting is that since a patient can be instantly identified, their medical records can be quickly accessed in an emergency situation.

This can be done even if the patient is unconscious and therefore unable to assist medical personnel. Identification of the patient can be made and their medical records accessed if the patient has no other form of identification with them, because the chip will be carried in their body.

Identifying the patient can be done away from a hospital setting by the emergency response personnel who are at the scene, as long as there is a scanner available. By scanning the patient's implanted chip and utilizing a communications link with the hospital or trauma center, the patient's identity can be established and their medical records can be accessed by the emergency room physician.

This will enable the physician to have all the information needed to make the best possible decision in an emergency situation. For instance, the information that is accessed will reveal if the patient has any pre-existing medical conditions that must be considered.

Taking into consideration the unique health history of the patient, the physician can then order the best treatment to be administered by the emergency response personnel. By having quick access to a patient's medical records even before the patient is transported, the emergency room staff can better prepare for the patient's arrival.

Arrangements can be made for special care or medications that might be required by a particular patient. With today's satellite communications systems, a person's identification can be established and their medical, personal, insurance and financial records can be accessed from anywhere in the world by scanning chip that is implanted in their body.

Another benefit to using implanted microchips as the primary means of establishing personal identification is that, just as it can be used to positively identify the living, it can also be used to identify the dead. Sometimes identifying those who are deceased can be a very difficult task, especially when there is a disaster that claims the lives of many victims.

Some methods that are used today to identify the dead are DNA matching, fingerprinting, dental and medical records. These methods require time and a great deal of expertise on the part of those who perform the procedures, and therefore can be very expensive.

Using RFID technology, the implanted chip can be scanned to immediately establish the identity of one who is deceased. If scanning is not enough to get a positive ID, then computer files containing information about DNA, finger prints, medical and dental records, along with other identifiers can also be quickly retrieved.

This would aid in the identification of bodies that are burned, decomposed or otherwise rendered unidentifiable by ordinary means. Of course, the ability to control who receives healthcare will be another weapon that will be used to force people into the new economic order and eventually to worship the beast.

If someone refuses to yield to the edicts to those who control the cashless/RFID system, they will be denied treatment for their medical condition. Satan has known for a long time how to afflict people in an attempt to turn them against God.

And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for this life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. (Job Chapter 2: 4--5)

Satan certainly will use this system to deny medical care to all who refuse to accept the mark of the beast. Like Job though, those who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ will find that His grace is sufficient, even in the worst of times.

Chapter 7

Consumers and the Cashless System

As we go about our daily routines, most people are unaware that the transition to a new economic system is not only underway, but nearing its completion. While great changes in our monetary system took place in the last century, the changes came gradually, and for that reason they have been accepted by nearly everyone.

Also, few people are aware of the technological advances that have been made in the area of inventory control which is creating a system that will control the distribution and sale of every item that is produced.

These gradual changes in the way we do business have brought us to the point where almost everyone feels comfortable using cashless means to buy and sell.

Credit and debit cards are used by most people, and many people now use electronic fund transfers in their financial dealings whenever possible. Direct deposit of funds and automatic bank drafts offer a convenient and more secure alternative to checks.

Cash is used in fewer and fewer transactions. Indeed, we are much closer to the closed cashless /RFID system than most people realize. To successfully persuade the world to take the last few steps into the closed cashless economy, even more people must be convinced that the new cashless / RFID system is better than our present system of commerce.

Indeed, there are many benefits to such a system, and these will be continually pointed out to the public. The use of cash and checks is gradually being phased out as more and more people begin to see the electronic alternative as a convenient way to do business. Like water, people tend to seek the path of least resistance.

The convenience factor will make acceptance of the cashless system seem almost irresistible. The plan is to continue winning the hearts and minds of the people so that when the time comes to make the next step toward the mark of the beast, they will gladly exchange their coins and paper currency in favor of the more modern, convenient and secure cashless monetary system.

Convenience

Any idea or invention that makes life easier is certain to be a success. One of the strongest selling points that can be made for any product or idea is that it is more convenient than existing products or methods.

The average person has yet to fully consider the convenience that will be afforded them by the new cashless/ RFID economic system. Those who are planning its implementation have carefully considered this point and will use it as a selling point to persuade many to accept the new monetary system.

People have already experienced some degree of greater convenience in their financial dealings as they begin to use automatic deposit, automatic debiting for the payment of bills, and credit and debit cards to make purchases.

As we move towards the day when we will live in a completely cashless society, more and more people are going to embrace this system of commerce because of its convenience.

We are going to look at some of the ways that this new way of doing business is going to be much more secure and convenient than our present system of commerce. Most of these things we already know, but we need to bring them to remembrance so we can better understand what is happening.

Once we have considered these points, it will not be difficult to understand why most people will gladly embrace the cashless / RFID monetary system.

Identification, Licenses and Other Documentation

Almost everyday, and sometimes several times a day, we find it necessary to present some form of identification just to get along in today's society. Proving who we are in today's world can be a complicated, and sometimes annoying, task.

Depending on what we are attempting to do, we might have to produce any one of several forms of identification or licenses. Writing checks, driving, traveling, seeking employment, obtaining medical treatment, dealing with government agencies, etc., all require some form of identification.

Keeping up with and having to use multiple forms of identification can be very inconvenient.

Your Government Assigned Number

Over the past few generations, the American people have accepted the practice of being assigned a number as a means of personal identification. A social security number is now issued at birth to every person born in the United States.

While the Social Security number that is issued to us by the government is not the mark of the beast, it is a step toward the mark of the beast in that it has been used to acclimate us to the idea of using a number for identification.

The social security number is required identification for employment and for many of our financial dealings, as well as all of our dealings with the government. Those of us who are older remember being promised that the social security number we were issued would never be used as a form of identification.

In fact, the social security card that I was issued has the following words printed on the front of it; "FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND TAX PURPOSES -- NOT FOR IDENTIFICATION".

Of course, this promise was broken when the rule was changed, and the social security card became the form of identification required not only for dealing with the government but also in much of the private sector as well.

For identification purposes the name that we were given by our parents has been replaced by numbers that have been assigned to us by the government and businesses. When we are born, we are issued a birth certificate.

If we want to get married, we must get a license from the state. To drive, we must have a license. To hunt or fish, we must have a valid license. To operate an aircraft, a person needs a license from the Federal government. If we travel abroad, we must apply for a passport from the Federal government.

Those who serve in or who are retired from the military must have an ID card. In most states that allow it, a person must have a license to carry a concealed weapon. Insurance companies give us cards that we use to gain access to healthcare.

We are given another insurance card to prove that we have automobile insurance. It seems that in this "Land of the free" we need an ID or a license to do almost anything. Almost everyone has several kinds of identification to take care of the necessary business of life, which can not only be confusing, but also very inconvenient.

There are quite a few problems with having so many kinds of identification, licenses, or documents. Just keeping up with all the required forms of ID can be troublesome. Quite a bit of space is taken up in a wallet or purse by the IDs and documents that must be carried by a person.

Other forms of identification or licenses that are only needed from time to time must be kept in a secure place to prevent loss or theft and so they can be retrieved for use when needed.

In addition to the inconvenience of carrying many licenses and forms of identification, there are also the problems of possible loss or theft of these physical documents.

Thefts, unauthorized use, and the forgery of our ID and other documents are possible when these documents are in the form of paper or plastic. It is sometimes very difficult to replace licenses and identity documents quickly.

To replace lost licenses or documents one must travel to the office of the issuing agency or attempt to deal with the agency through the mail. Forms must be filled out, identification presented, and fees paid before the documents can be replaced.

Meanwhile, the person who has lost their ID or other document must try to conduct their business without the documents, which can be difficult, if not impossible. We also have many other important documents that we do not carry with us, but must be kept in such a way that they are secure, and can be easily accessed when needed.

One Chip Access to All ID and Documents

The answer to the problems of having to carry, protect, and keep up with various forms of identification and other important documents is to convert them into an electronic form, store them in a computer's memory, and then provide a secure, convenient way to instantly access the documents from any remote location.

A single smart card can be conveniently carried and would allow instant access to any of the stored forms of identification, licenses, or other documents. Such a system would make identification easier, faster and more secure. It would also provide instant access to other important documents that are not normally carried on one's person (for example, birth certificate, marriage license, deeds, medical records, and so on).

The inconvenience of carrying multiple forms of ID and licenses and the possibility of loss or theft of important documents will be greatly reduced by a smart card ID system, though not completely eliminated. Theft or loss can still be a problem with the smart card ID.

Just like the individual documents a person may carry for identification, smart card can be lost or stolen. The person whose financial/smart card ID is lost or stolen will not be able to buy or sell until their card is replaced.

Though their documentation will still be on file in the database, they will not be able to access it without their smart card. It is easier, though, to replace a lost or stolen smart card than to replace lost or stolen paper documents.

Replacement of a lost or stolen smart card could be done online by using identity verifiers such as a password, a pin number, or even biometric identifiers, to ensure that the person applying for the replacement card is the proper person.

While the smart card offers improved security, and is more convenient than paper documentation, it is still not perfect since it can be lost or stolen like the documents it replaces. There is, however, a solution to this shortcoming of the financial/RFID smart card technology.

A "Better Way"

Over the last few years technology has been developed that allows RFID computer chips to be implanted under the skin, making it unnecessary to carry a smart card.

Like the smart card, the implantable chip will solve security problems and eliminate the inconveniences associated with carrying multiple forms of identification, various licenses, and other kinds of documentation.

Since the RFID chip that provides identification for a person and access to their financial accounts would be implanted beneath their skin, the problems of loss and theft are completely eliminated.

A person will no longer be inconvenienced by leaving their smart card at home, since the chip will literally be part of him or her. As with the smart card, a person with a chip implanted in his or her body would no longer have to carry any ID, license, or any other documentation.

A person's identity will be established instantaneously, with almost absolute certainty, when the implanted chip is scanned. Shopping will simply be a matter of placing the items to be purchased in a shopping cart and walking out of the store.

Payment for the goods will be made when the customer passes through the scanner at the store's exit. Licenses and other documentation will be instantly available. If a person's driver's license or automobile registration must be

checked by law enforcement, a simple scan of the chip will provide the officer with the desired information. The same can be done to check a person's legal status.

Does a person have any outstanding warrants? Is this person in our country legally? Other information can be accessed as well. What is a person's medical history or condition? Where has this person been? What purchases have they made?

An almost infinite amount of information can be retrieved about an individual once this system is in place. All these things will be done utilizing the same technology and computer systems that are being put in place to operate the closed monetary/RFID system.

Big Brother's super computers will create a file for every person. Information stored in a person's file will include name, date of birth, address, and physical description. A person's unique biometric identifiers will also be stored in their computer file.

Among these could be the person's finger prints, digital photographs of the face, iris scans and even a person's DNA profile. All income, the sources of that income, purchases, activities, and who knows what else, will be also stored in a person's file.

The information that is stored in a person's file will be instantly accessed whenever a person's implantable chip is scanned, and scanners will be everywhere.

Several years ago, some state governments began collecting biometric identifiers, such as fingerprints and digital photos, of driver's license applicants and those who applied for state issued ID cards.

This program, which was financed by the federal government, was supposedly an effort to use modern technology to fight crime and eliminate driver's license fraud.

Biometric identifiers, along with other information, are used by law enforcement and other government agencies to establish a person's identity to the point of absolute certainty. The information that is, and will be, stored about individuals goes far beyond that which is needed for identification purposes.

Personal Security and Convenience

There are also other ways in which the implanted RFID chip will provide security and convenience. If a person has an RFID chip implanted in their body they will be able to replace old fashioned key operated locks with locking devices that are operated by the unique code of their RFID chip.

This would mean that they no longer will have to carry keys or key cards, which can be lost or stolen. Door locks, safes, automobile doors, and ignition switches are just a few of the security devices that can be operated by an implanted RFID chip.

Burglars would find that it would be almost impossible to steal from someone's home if the home was protected by an RFID security system. The home would be constantly scanned by an on-site scanner.

Once everyone is required to have an implanted RFID chip, a security system of this kind would detect any unauthorized person entering the home, and would identify them as well. Personal convenience will be enhanced too since electrical devices could be made to operate when an RFID is detected.

This would allow for devices such as lighting, heating and air conditioning, garage doors, or almost any other electrical device to be operated without a person having to manually push a button or flip a switch.

Financial Convenience and Security

By scanning an RFID chip that has been implanted in a person, access is gained to all of the information that previously had to be carried on one's person, or retrieved manually, whether from a file cabinet or a computer.

All financial accounts and other stored information will be accessed with a single scan. Buying and selling will be much easier in the cashless society since transactions will be completed with a single scan of a person's implanted chip.

As has already been mentioned, shopping will be more convenient as the scanning of items that are purchased will also be accomplished with a single scan. No more fumbling with a billfold or checkbook.

No swiping a credit or debit card through a card reader. We will soon move beyond the smart card to a financial instrument that cannot be lost, stolen, or even left at home. Consumers will also feel as though there is greater security by having a record of every purchase and financial transaction.

More Convenient Healthcare

Patients will no longer be required to show an ID to medical personnel, since the biometric identifiers that are accessed by the implanted chip are unique to the individual and therefore provide positive identification.

There will be no need for people need to carry any insurance cards, including those used to access healthcare. By scanning a patient's implanted chip, any physician or other medical professional can retrieve a person's medical records in a matter of seconds.

A patient won't have to endure answering repetitious, and sometimes embarrassing, questions when seeking medical assistance. All necessary information will be downloaded from the person's medical file, which will be stored in the government's computers.

The attending physician will know the complete medical history of the patient and all the medications or treatments that are being administered by any other physician.

The patient who has a chronic medical condition can lay aside their necklace or bracelet that informs medical personnel of their health problem because it will no longer be needed.

Medical, insurance, and identification information will be instantly available to ambulance, emergency room, and other medical personnel by scanning the patient's implanted computer chip.

The Avant-Garde

If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: (Revelation 13 : 9--10)

In recent years we have seen how some people pull out all the stops to follow the latest technological trend or to be among the first to acquire the latest electronic gadget. There are those whose goal in life is to be "the first on the block".

Appealing to peoples' vanity, the new closed cashless economic system is hailed as a wonderful technological advance that should be welcomed by all forward thinking people.

This creates the idea in the minds of some that if they move quickly to accept this modern way of doing business, they are smarter or in some way better than the average person.

Some who want to be the vanguard in implementing these technological advances have already taken the plunge into the new economic order by receiving the chip implant.

These who are the first to embrace this new economic system are portrayed as being on the cutting edge of technology. These are leading the way, and others will follow. No one wants to be thought of as being "behind the times".

As time goes on many will follow the Pied Piper's tunes of "Everyone else is doing it", "After all, if it's new it must be better", "

You don't want to be left behind", and last, but not least, "Well, you certainly don't want to be old-fashioned". Just as when we were children, peer pressure can influence some people to do things that they would not do otherwise.

For over seventy years parents have asked their children, "If everyone jumped off the Empire State Building, would you?" Well, when it comes to embracing the closed cashless / RFID economic system and enjoying its many benefits, at the expense of liberty, privacy, and yes, even their very soul, many will answer "yes."

Few Will Speak Out Against the System

Any threats to liberty that might be pointed out will be minimized, and we will be told that there is no need for concern. We will be assured that not only is there no threat to our privacy, but our privacy and security will actually be enhanced by this new system.

While Big Brother brings us into complete economic slavery, we will be told that we are moving into a new age of economic freedom. Don't worry, be happy. After all, the smartest minds of our generation have considered all the possibilities, and any perceived problems are slight and certainly outweighed by the many benefits of this new cashless / RFID system.

If anyone expresses concern and begins to warn others of the dangers of the closed economic system, they will be called a kook, a conspiracy theorist, or a religious fanatic. As time goes on, those who refuse to stop speaking out against it will not only be looked upon as eccentric, but as troublemakers and enemies of the state.

Every possible means will be employed to discredit or silence those who oppose the transition to the new system of commerce. To oppose the system is to oppose those who will gain greater wealth and power, which they will use to enslave the people of the earth. To speak out against this system is a very dangerous thing to do.

Chapter 8

Your Government - the RFID System and You

Of all who are working to bring our nation into a cashless monetary system, the desire to do this is greatest in the hearts of those who would rule over us and the world. These who dream of absolute power over the masses realize that in order to achieve their goal, it is necessary to have absolute control of the world's economic system.

Tyrants know that if they can effectively separate every individual from his or her wealth, requiring the approval of the system for every financial transaction, that they can control the world. They have been, and are, continually working to develop and implement this system.

While banks, businesses, and others will gain financially from an electronic cashless monetary system, government will exponentially increase its power over the people. The people who wield power within government are those who are most able to effect this fundamental change in the way the world does business.

This is because it will be those in government who will determine, by law, the type of system that will be used to control buying and selling and the form of currency that will be used. Let us consider a few of the reasons why those who desire power over others want to implement a system of trade that they can control completely.

“Government” Money

Since government does not produce wealth, it must take the money it needs to operate by taxing those who produce wealth; that is, those who work. The innumerable layers of taxes that have been heaped on the American worker have caused him to render unto Caesar much of his hard earned wealth.

Not only is the worker's income taxed by the federal government, but in most cases he must pay taxes on his income to the state and sometimes even to the local government. Property taxes must be paid regularly if he wants to keep his property.

Other taxes are imbedded in the cost of the goods and services and are paid by the consumer when an item is purchased. Then there are sales taxes that must be paid to state or local governments when an item is purchased.

All taxes are paid to the government, and while few people know it, all taxes come out of the pockets of those who produce wealth -- again the workers. While we like to think of ourselves as "the land of the free", the truth is that there is almost nothing we can do that isn't either taxed, or regulated in some way by some level of government.

The Income Tax and Power

The income tax system as it now exists is one of the most burdensome, corrupt, confusing, and oppressive methods of taxation ever devised by man. One reason for this is that the system is used not only for the collection of money to operate the government, but it is also a mechanism by which those who are in power may increase their power.

It is so complex that it is understood by no one. It is easily manipulated by those who write the laws and has been used by politicians to reward friends and punish enemies. Over the years, it has metastasized so that its tentacles now reach into every part of our lives, and the farther it reaches the more it controls.

From time to time many have suggested, and some have worked very hard, to replace this monstrosity with tax systems that would be simpler and less intrusive. All of these attempts have failed.

The reason every attempt to replace the graduated income tax with some other form of taxation has failed can be summed up with one word: power. The graduated income tax gives those who control it the power to control every segment of the economy and thereby the ability to control every part of our society and even the behavior of individuals.

At this time a wonderfully simple and much fairer method of taxation, called the "Fair Tax", has been proposed. It is probably the best thought out, and fairest form of taxation yet offered. Even though it would enable our economy to grow by leaps and bounds and would increase our liberty and privacy, it too will fail to be adopted because it would reduce the power of those who use the present system of taxation to oppress and control the people.

Under our present system of taxation, every part of a person's life is open to the government. The requirements of reporting income and expenditures for tax purposes creates a record of a company's or an individual's life. The government requires that any and all information that is demanded by the tax collecting agencies be supplied to them.

This information gives the government the ability to examine not only a person's financial dealings but their personal and political lives as well. With the present system, there are various tax rates, deductions, exemptions, and tax credits, enabling those who write the tax laws to exert forces upon the economy, society in general, organizations, and even the individual.

Sometimes this is done in order to force industry and individuals to make decisions based upon tax considerations rather than what would otherwise be best for the business or the individual. The power to reward friends and punish enemies is perhaps the most misused power derived from this complicated and easily manipulated system.

Many favors can be bestowed upon those who support the right party, politician, or program. Much misery and even financial ruin can be visited upon those who don't. For this reason, all proposals to replace our present tax system with a fairer and simpler tax will fail, and we will be stuck with an oppressive graduated income tax.

Nothing short of a complete collapse of government will cause a change in our form of taxation.

The Collection of Taxes

In order to make certain that people don't spend their earnings before they meet their tax obligations, employers are required to withhold a portion of each employee's earnings. The money that is withheld from the employee's earnings is sent by the employer to the government's tax--collecting agencies.

This enables the tax--collecting agencies to claim their share of a person's earnings before the person gets possession of their earnings.

Problems Collecting Taxes

When it comes to the payment of taxes, companies and persons who are self employed operate under a different set of rules. The rules under which a company, or someone who is self employed are based somewhat on the honor system.

This system requires them to pay taxes each quarter based on their estimated income for that quarter. This gives them access to their money before the tax--collecting agencies of the government. This arrangement means that the government must rely on the honest reporting of income by companies and those who are self-employed.

It also gives the dishonest taxpayer opportunity to conceal income. This is especially so when the business is conducted on a cash basis. Ever since there have been taxes, there have been those who evade the payment of taxes. Government has had to implement enforcement measures to ensure that it collects the amount of money it demands of the people.

Those who are charged with collecting taxes are always seeking better and more efficient ways to collect the revenue they believe should be paid to the government. If the government becomes lax in the collection of taxes, then few, if any, people would pay taxes.

The age old problem for governments when it comes to tax collection is that with cash or some other medium of exchange that allows individuals to deal directly with others, transactions are easily concealed from the government. Many people attempt to conceal profits from the tax--collecting agencies of the government by simply failing to report income.

Also, by its very nature, income derived from illegal activities is not reported, unless it is reported as having come from some other activity that is legal. The fact that there is a great amount of economic activity concealed from the government creates problems in the area of tax collection.

To minimize tax fraud, the tax collecting agencies must develop accounting procedures and investigative methods that will ensure all income is reported. This is a very complicated and costly undertaking, since it requires the creation a huge bureaucracy which must try to monitor all economic activity.

If tax--collecting agencies had a way of knowing about every transfer of money or goods from one entity to another, tax fraud would be eliminated. This would result in a huge windfall of money for the government as a result of increased collections.

Tax evasion, though, can never be entirely eliminated as long as our present economic system is in place, because financial transactions can still be conducted privately by the use of cash, or the transfer of other items of value.

No Place to Hide Wealth

Once the cashless monetary system is in place, hidden cash transactions will no longer be possible because cash will no longer exist. All financial activity will take place within the computers of the new electronic economic system. Every financial transaction, no matter how small, whether it involves funds credited to, or debited from a person's account, will be known by the government.

All income and expenditures will be carefully monitored and examined by the government's computers. The tax--collecting agencies will know all there is to know about every company's or individual's financial dealings. They will know the sources of all income.

They will also know when, how, and where all money is spent. This will ensure that taxes are paid on all income. Such a system will enable governments to subject everyone to a continual financial strip search.

Instant Tax Collection

Since all currency will consist of electronic credits that cannot be removed from the system, the tax--collecting agencies will no longer have to depend on voluntary reporting of income by companies or those who are self-employed. The government will not have to rely on the honesty of those who are reporting income.

Tax--collecting agencies, by the use of computers, will be able to immediately calculate for themselves the amount of tax owed by companies and the self-employed. This will be done by comparing revenues to expenditures. Once the amount of tax owed is determined, the amount will be automatically debited from the financial account of the person or business.

This will enable the government to claim the taxes that it determines are owed on a more frequent basis than the present quarterly system. Tax payments will be transferred from the taxpayer's account to the government as frequently as the tax--collecting agencies desire.

This means that the government will be able to confiscate money on a daily basis instead of quarterly, if this is the desire of those who collect taxes. This will prevent a company or an individual from coming up short when taxes are due. These features of the cashless system will eliminate the problem of delinquent tax payments. It will also eliminate tax evasion.

Maintaining the Money Supply

Manufacturing paper currency and coins is a very expensive task. Physical currency must be designed and manufactured in such a way as to make counterfeiting as difficult as possible. It must also be manufactured in sufficient quantities to supply the demand of the economy.

Since physical money wears out with usage, recalling and replacing worn currency is a continual process. Distribution of money once it is created is expensive in that it must be transported, and security must be provided as it is moved from the treasury to the banks.

Since much of our economy's business is already transacted electronically, only a portion of the money that is presently in circulation actually exists as paper currency and coinage. Those who control the monetary system know that elimination of all paper money and coins is necessary in order to obtain the power they desire.

This transition is already well underway. First of all, the creation of electronic credits is much easier and faster than creating physical money. Creating electronic credits and adding them to the money supply is a very simple task that could be accomplished with a few keystrokes on a computer's keyboard or by a program that will make automatic adjustments to the money supply.

It does not involve the purchase of expensive paper, inks, or metal as does the creation of physical money. It does not require complicated and expensive printing presses or dies. It also eliminates the lag between the decision to adjust the money supply and the actual adjustment.

Electronic currency is not subject to wear and tear so it never needs to be replaced. While physical money must be transported from place to place, electronic currency is moved instantaneously to any place on earth through communication networks.

By eliminating paper currency and coins and replacing them with electronic currency, the huge expense of creating and maintaining the physical money supply will be eliminated.

Controlling the Economy through Wage and Price Controls

Since all commerce will be conducted within the closed electronic monetary system, wages, the prices of all goods and services, as well as the profit margins of companies could be set at particular levels or within certain ranges. In the past we have seen attempts to control prices.

Energy and rent are examples. Although this practice has been proven to be flawed, there are still many who subscribe to the notion that the pressures of supply and demand can be regulated in this way.

With a closed monetary system, controlling wages and prices will be very easy, and the temptation to use this power to attempt to control inflation and other economic pressures will be too great to resist.

Since all transfers of funds must be approved by the system, any wage, price, or profit margin that is deemed too high will result in the transaction either being refused or automatically adjusted to be within the allowed limits.

This will be the end of free enterprise and will eventually reduce the availability of goods and services.

Cashless Monetary System + RFID = Absolute Control

The “Holy Grail” of tyrants is to have the ability to force the populous to comply with every command. This goal will be attained when absolute control of all buying and selling is achieved by the convergence of the closed cashless monetary system and the RFID system of inventory control.

This will be done by interfacing these two systems so they will perform as one system. To accomplish this goal requires that the transition to a cashless monetary system be completed, and for all items produced or offered for sale to be identified with RFID chips.

This will mean that in order for an item to be sold or for ownership of an item to be transferred from one person to another, it must contain a chip and the item must be registered with a database that is controlled by the government.

This will be done to eliminate any possibility of a black market that might circumvent the closed monetary system of trade. Once this system becomes operational, buying and selling apart from the closed monetary system will become impossible.

Bartering will also be impossible, since ownership of items will be recorded within the system. Money laundering will also become extremely difficult, if not impossible.

The reason for this will be that since the government will have an inventory of all items produced and all items possessed by individuals, they cannot be sold unless they are deleted from the inventory of one person’s possessions and added to another person’s inventory.

If an item does not have an RFID chip registering it with the inventory system, it cannot be sold. This will be because when credits are to be transferred from one person’s financial account to another person’s financial account, there must be a corresponding transfer of goods which takes place at the time of sale.

Even items offered for private sale must first be tagged with an RFID chip and then registered with the government’s inventory system before there will be an authorization of payment to the seller. Unless these steps are performed, the item cannot be sold.

With the closed cashless system in place, those who control the system can implement any law or program they desire. It will be a simple matter to use the closed monetary system as the engine of social and political change, and as the weapon for enforcement.

If a particular activity is deemed to be good by the powers that be, then it will be permitted, or even encouraged. This will be done by allowing the approved activity through the use funds stored within the system.

If an activity is determined to be inappropriate, for example certain religious or political activities, then the funds that are needed by the individual or group to engage in these activities will be denied.

All expenditures, and therefore every activity, will not only be monitored, but must also meet the approval of the authorities who will control the closed cashless monetary system.

Once the closed monetary and RFID systems are completed and interfaced one with the other, those who would rule the world will have absolute economic power over us, and with this power they will force compliance with their edicts.

The cashless/RFID system will enable the ruling elite to do this without a large military or police force.

Selling Point: The Cashless/RFID System Will Reduce Crime

The fact that all financial activity must be conducted within the closed cashless system, including all transactions related to illegal activities, will be a powerful weapon for law enforcement agencies.

Criminals will find that they cannot conduct their business out of the sight of law enforcement any longer, since computers will enable the government to identify and then eliminate their illegal activities.

Since all buying and selling will be done through the closed cashless monetary system, all income and purchases will be monitored for any suspicious activity.

A negative factor of this is, while the monitoring of everyone's financial activity can be a very powerful investigative tool which can be used to solve crimes, it can also cause innocent persons to be suspected of crimes they did not commit.

For example, if a person purchases a firearm of a particular type and caliber they could become a person of interest in a criminal investigation, if a similar firearm was used in the commission of a crime.

If someone happened to purchase certain household chemicals for cleaning that could also be used as an ingredient in making poisons or explosives, then he or she might be put under surveillance as a possible terrorist.

Suppose someone happened to make a purchase at a business near a crime scene at about the same time a crime was committed. They might be suspected of a crime they did not commit.

An almost infinite amount of information could be gathered about an individual simply by analyzing their financial data, and it is frightening to consider how this information could be used against them.

The cashless/RFID monetary system can also be used to do much more than just monitor the financial transactions of individuals. It will also be used to track individuals who are under surveillance, or who are accused of a crime.

Of course a person's identity and location will be revealed whenever they make a purchase, but their location will also be immediately known any time they are within range of any scanner.

As RFID technology is improved, the ability of scanners to detect RFID chips at greater distances will also be improved. The scanning of RFID chips at greater distances will greatly enhance the ability to track people as more RFID scanners are installed in all public places.

In addition to having scanners in businesses and public areas, there will be scanners in every home. There will be no need for authorities to surreptitiously plant scanners in homes, since every home will already have a scanner for making purchases over the phone or internet.

Since people will not have money as they do today to make private purchases, scanners will be installed in every home which will enable people to access their financial accounts in order to transact their personal business.

These scanners could be either continuously activated or remotely activated by government agencies to monitor the identity of any individual who is within range of a home scanner.

By using home scanners they will be able to determine how many people are present at a given location, who they are, when they arrived, and when they left. Such a network of scanners would be virtually inescapable.

Prior to the requirement of receiving an implanted chip, someone who attempts to evade the system of scanners by leaving their financial transaction card at home will still be tracked.

After the network of scanners is in place, the files of all the purchases a person has ever made can be loaded into the tracking system's computers. Since all the items a person will have purchased will contain RFID chips, which will be installed at the time the items are manufactured, a person can still be tracked by scanners wherever they go.

This will be done by scanning the RFID chips embedded in their clothing or other items they have with them. Since the RFID chips in the items possessed by the subject contain a specific code identifying the items, it will also be possible to have a description of the clothing they are wearing at any given time, and to know what other items are being carried by the person.

Of course, once the implantable chip is required, identifying or tracking an individual will just be a matter of scanning the chip that is in the person's body.

Electronic Lockdown

In our present monetary system, a person who is accused of a crime can find their financial accounts either frozen, or seized by the government. When this is done, the accused can still function economically, though in a reduced capacity.

Until now there have always been ways to operate outside the banking system. A few of the ways this can be done are by using cash that is not deposited into the system, by working for cash, by borrowing money from friends or relatives, or by stealing cash from others.

These alternatives for financial survival will be completely eliminated under the cashless system. A person will not have physical possession of any currency, because in the cashless system there will be no physical money as we know it today and currency will exist only as electronic credits within computers.

All of the money a person has will be deposited in the closed system; it cannot be withdrawn. All of a person's funds can be frozen or confiscated by law enforcement, and it will be impossible to obtain funds from any other source.

A person who finds themselves in this situation will be an economic non--entity. Without the proper electronic documentation, it will be impossible for a person to find employment. They will not be able to buy or sell.

Since they will not have access to or be able to open a financial account of any sort, they will not be able to secure funds needed to live.

Selling Point: "Victory" in the War on Drugs and Other Illegal Activities

The reason the law enforcement will be able to stop the trafficking in illegal drugs and other illegal activities is that the cashless monetary system will enable government to deny payment from one individual to another for any unapproved sale or activity.

Money, which will be in the form of electronic credits, must be transferred from the buyer's financial account to the seller's account in order to conduct business, legal or otherwise.

It will be very difficult to conceal any type of illegal activity when every exchange of currency will take place under the ever watchful eye of the government.

In the example of illegal drug sales, the buyer will not have the ability to pay the supplier for the drugs. If payment cannot be made, then there is no profit to be made from illegal drugs.

If there is no profit to be made, then the dealers and suppliers must find another way to make a living. This same principle will impede all manner of illegal activity.

Selling Point: Universal ID Will Benefit Children

When a child is born in a hospital in the United States, it is mandatory that the child be registered and receive a Social Security number before the parents are allowed to remove the child from the hospital.

It is but a small step from this requirement that has already been implemented to mandating that every child be implanted with an RFID chip at birth.

One of the reasons that will be given to convince the public that this is a good idea is that an implanted chip would be useful in ensuring that the child receives proper healthcare. For example, a quick scan could make sure that the child's vaccinations are up to date.

It will also enable quick access to a child's medical records in an emergency situation. Another reason that will be given to promote the idea of implanting a chip in every child at birth is to prevent kidnappings.

RFID tags are already used by some hospitals to prevent the removal of babies from the nursery area. If someone attempts to take a child from the maternity area they must pass through a door that is equipped with a scanner, and an alarm sounds.

This system helps prevent kidnappings in a hospital setting. But what about protecting the child when it leaves the hospital? How about requiring the implantation of an RFID chip in every child before the parents are allowed to take the child home?

By doing this, the child would be protected from kidnapping the rest of its life. Any time a child that has been kidnapped is near a scanner, and scanners will be almost everywhere, the child's implanted chip would be detected and law enforcement would be immediately notified.

Selling Point: Immigration and Border Control

One of the so called hot button issues in America today is the control of our nation's borders. People from all over the world have sought to come to the United States throughout our nation's history.

This is good for our country, as long as those who come do so legally. The problem is that many who come to America today are not willing to follow the law. Instead of applying for legal entrance into the United States, they choose to sneak into the country and take advantage of our open society.

Not all who enter into the United States illegally are here to work at an honest job. Some are here to further their careers as criminals. Thieves, drug dealers, terrorists, sexual predators, and others who do great harm to our country enter illegally because they know that they cannot pass a background check if they were to apply to come here legally.

Our present system of border control is inadequate to stop criminals and other undesirable people from entering our country. Today a person who manages to get inside the borders of our country can establish themselves financially by purchasing forged paper documents.

The underground industry of creating false documents for illegal aliens has grown quite large and is very profitable for those who are willing to supply the demand.

Once an illegal alien has a forged birth certificate or social security card, they can then apply for a driver's license and other forms of documentation that are widely accepted by financial institutions and government agencies with which we all must deal.

One way that those who are in the United States illegally obtain employment is to use a social security number that has been issued to someone else. Many people have discovered that someone has been using their social security number to work and to obtain benefits.

Sometimes the honest taxpayer is contacted by the Internal Revenue Service and made to explain why they have not claimed the income that was earned by someone else.

Still others who are in our country illegally choose not to seek documentation. Those who wish to remain anonymous do so to avoid the payment of taxes and the other responsibilities of living in this country.

These illegal workers are hired by dishonest employers who pay them less than the free market would otherwise demand, which depresses wages for honest workers, making it impossible for them to compete for the available jobs.

Honest, law abiding employers find themselves at an extreme disadvantage, first of all because they can be easily deceived by someone who is in our country illegally. One way this happens is when the illegal alien assumes the identity of a citizen or someone who is here legally as a documented worker.

If the honest employer submits the stolen name and social security number of the applicant to the government for approval, it will come back as being legitimate. This problem is easily solved by requiring that everyone who is in our country receive an implantable chip.

If this is done, then every person will have their government approved identification with them at all times. When someone applies for employment, they cannot claim to be someone else because their true identity will be revealed when their chip is scanned. If they do not have a chip, they cannot be paid.

Another disadvantage for the honest employer in today's economic system is that the dishonest employer is able to pay his workers less. This is because the business that is using illegal workers does not have the expense of adhering to the employment laws and regulations that are imposed upon the honest business person.

They do not provide the illegal workers with workman's compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, employer social security matching or other required benefits that must be provided to those who are working legally.

The employer who hires illegal alien workers does not have to shoulder the considerable expense of record keeping that must be done if they obeyed the law and hired law abiding workers.

When the transition is made from a smart card system of identification to the implantable chip, it will be impossible for someone to steal another person's identity, or to share an identity with someone else. Our nation's borders will be more secure with this system than if we built fences along the borders, or hired more Border Patrol agents.

Our borders would be more secure because even though illegal aliens may succeed in physically entering the United States, they will be shut out of our economic system. There would be a “virtual” fence around our monetary system which could not be crossed by someone who enters our country illegally.

When the cashless monetary/RFID system is in place it will be impossible for someone who has entered the country illegally to obtain the electronic documentation needed to earn a living and participate in our financial system.

It will also be impossible to remain anonymous and work outside the system. Unless an individual has the properly assigned electronic identification, which will be obtainable only through a government agency, they cannot receive monetary payments or make purchases.

Someone who is in the country illegally will not be able to work for pay, nor will they be able to buy anything, even those things that are necessary to live. In the cashless system, monetary credits cannot be transferred from an employer to an employee unless the employee has a financial account within the cashless system.

Since the monetary system is cashless, there is no money that can be paid “under the table” to someone who is not part of the system. When all items have been marked with an RFID chip, bartering for labor will also be impossible.

Another problem those in government must deal with concerns those who enter the country legally but then stay longer than their visa permits. In the cashless/RFID system, one’s authorization to buy and sell in our economy could be revoked automatically when the visa expires.

This would eliminate the problem of those who would stay in our country illegally. If a person cannot earn a living or buy the basic necessities of life, they will be forced to return to their country of origin. They will be compelled to leave not by laws, the police, or by the Border Patrol, but by economic necessity.

Selling Point: Elimination of Voter Fraud

It seems as if every time we have an election we hear allegations of voting irregularities. Sometimes we hear that some are not allowed to vote because they do not have proper identification.

Sometimes people vote more than one time by using someone else’s identity or by registering more than once with assumed names. These problems will be resolved because poll officers will be able to confirm every voter’s actual identification by scanning their implanted chip.

There are no doubt innumerable applications of the cashless/RFID system that will be used by the government that we have not considered. If there are other ways this system can be used to increase the power of those who would enslave us, they will use them.

Chapter 9

RFID and the Control of Food

And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. (Revelation 6: 5--6)

While many of the implications of the new closed economic system and how it will be used to achieve global dominance are obvious, the most ominous aspect of this system is that food supplies will be completely controlled and food will be used as a weapon.

The most basic necessity of physical life is food. To control food is to control life itself. To be able to provide or withhold food to individuals or groups of people is to wield the ultimate weapon. Revelation chapter 6, verses 5 and 6 seem to indicate that there is coming a time when food will be very expensive and rationed to individuals on a daily basis.

Food will be used by those in power to reward friends, and to punish or eliminate enemies. Most people will accept this new economic system because of convenience, or because it seems to be necessary.

Those who do not accept this system of economic slavery will face unbelievable pressure to make them comply. No doubt food will be a very powerful weapon that will be used against all nonconformists, whether they are individuals, or whole nations.

Not only will food will be used as the ultimate weapon to bring holdouts into the closed economic system, but it will also be used as a means to enforce the laws of the ruling elite.

One oft--repeated reason we are given to justify the inventorying, monitoring, and control of the food supply is that it is necessary in order to maintain a safe food supply.

This is the "reason" that is given by the United States government for the implementation of what is presently called a "voluntary" program to track all livestock animals in the U.S. This program is called the "United States National Animal Identification Plan", or USAIP.

The USAIP is to be implemented in three phases. The first part of this plan, or Phase I, calls for "premises identification". This purpose of this part of the plan is to identify all the places where animals are raised or processed.

Phase II is the part of the plan that requires animals to be identified by numbers issued by the government. These numbers identify individual animals and the group or lot to which they belong.

The purpose of Phase II is to track animals or groups of animals that normally would be transported as a group. The final part of the plan, or Phase III, ties up the loose ends of the system by requiring all processing plants and other segments of the handling and distribution system to be in compliance with the program.

While we are assured at the present time that the USAIP is a voluntary program on the federal level, it is easy to see how this program will one day be mandatory.

More than likely, all livestock animals will eventually be required to be tagged with ear tags containing RFID transponders or to have RFID transponders implanted in their bodies.

Any one who raises livestock of any kind for market is now required to register their premises and livestock with the USAIP, or they will not be allowed to sell their livestock in certain markets.

Before long, even those who raise livestock for their own use or consumption will also be required to register their animals with the USAIP system of animal tracking. The purpose of this will be, supposedly, to assure that their animals will not adversely affect the food supply.

One of the reasons given by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for participating in the National Animal Identification System is to, "protect your access to the markets". Some foreign markets are already restricted to those who do not have a traceability program in place.

While the livestock producer may not be "required", at this time, to participate in the USAID program, he will not be able to sell his livestock unless both his farm and livestock are registered with the program.

Of course, once the government begins controlling who may sell livestock, it is but a small step for them to begin controlling who may buy food and other products that are derived from animals.

It is easy to see how refusal to register livestock could play a part in the coming persecution of Christians. Some Christians will see this program as a step toward the mark of the beast and will refuse to comply with the requirements to register their farm and their animals.

Those who refuse to register their livestock will not be allowed to sell their products. If they continue to try to operate outside the system they will, no doubt, be accused of endangering public health and will face heavy fines and even prison.

The goal is that all food, not just livestock, will be brought under the control of this ever expanding tracking system which will monitor all production, processing, and distribution of every edible substance.

The United States is following the lead of the European Union, which has had a system of monitoring and controlling livestock and food production for years. The European Union has already imposed a system of controlling the production, processing, and distribution of all food and food ingredients upon the citizens of their member states.

Once again, the cry for food safety is used to justify the implementation of their mandatory inventory and tracking system (they call it "traceability") of all food. This program went into effect January 1, 2005. A portion of the regulations pertaining to traceability reads as follows;

Section 2 of Article 18 of EU Traceability Guidelines 2005:

Food and feed business operators shall be able to identify any person from whom they have been supplied with a food, feed, a food producing animal, or any substance intended to be, or is expected to be, incorporated into a food or a feed.

To this end, such operators shall have in place systems and procedures which allow for this information to be made available to the competent authorities on demand.

Section 21 reads:

Food and feed business operators systems and procedures to identify the other businesses to which their products have been supplied. this information shall be made available to the competent authorities on demand.

These two sections of the European Union's food law require that all food producers keep detailed records concerning the origins of the food they buy and the names of those who acquire their food products.

Records are to be kept by the farmer, processor, distributor, retailer, and so on. While the EU does not yet require food items to be tracked by RFID, it will be required eventually. A single standardized method of record keeping will prove to be more efficient and less cumbersome than the several methods which are now being used.

Of course, no law or program is effective unless it is enforced. The European Union is taking steps to ensure compliance with its programs by setting up a system of spy satellites.

According to an article published in the London Daily Telegraph, satellites are being put in place by the EU "to ensure nations and private individuals are obeying its policies." The purpose of these satellites will include, "watching for agricultural and fisheries fraud and boosting 'internal security'."

No doubt "agricultural fraud" will include farmers who grow more crops than are permitted under the government--controlled allotment system and perhaps even the individual who is so bold as to have an unregistered garden.

Offenses considered "fisheries fraud" will be crimes such as fishermen catching what is considered too many fish in a certain area or within a certain period of time. It could become a criminal offense for someone to become a serious fisherman in order to feed himself or his family.

Even raising fish in a private pond will be closely regulated by the food police. Everyone must be brought to the point where they are completely dependent upon government and government alone, so they can be controlled.

One can only wonder who is going to be considered a threat to "internal security". Individuals who are seen as a threat to the state are going to be monitored by these satellites of Big Brother.

More than likely, any behavior that is observed by satellite and is perceived to be contrary to the new social order will bring the wrath of the Beast system upon the offender.

We are told that these food control programs and monitoring systems are essential to ensure that our food supply is safe. The idea is that by inventorying and tracking livestock we can trace outbreaks of animal--borne disease and prevent its spread among animals and people.

The tracking of other food items will allow for the timely recall of dangerous or contaminated foods. What is obvious is that this same system of food tracking can also be used as an important part of a food rationing system.

Such a system could be used to distribute food to people based on need or to force compliance with government policies. One argument will probably be for the redistribution of food supplies so that the poor will have enough to eat. "We're doing it for the children".

We will be told that by implementing this food control system we can eliminate the age old scourges of hunger and starvation. We can ensure that the distribution of food will be done in a fair and equitable manner.

It is not difficult, though, to imagine those who are now redistributing our monetary wealth for their own political purposes doing the same with the food supply. Once all food is inventoried and becomes traceable, it will be a relatively simple matter to allocate to every person on Earth a "balanced diet" of a specific nutritional value and a minimum and maximum caloric value.

The rationing could be done on a daily basis to be certain that no one will have enough food to trade or to give to someone else. A marvelous by--product of this noble plan is that we could also eliminate obesity and improve the general health of the over--eaters who live in the more prosperous nations.

A case for reducing the amount of food allocated to certain individuals can be made by pointing out that many health problems are caused by eating too much fat, too much sugar, too much junk food, or by just eating too much. We'll all be healthier and happier if Big Brother controls our diets.

Since government has taken control of healthcare through the many programs that it has imposed upon us, it can be said that controlling the kinds and the amounts of the food we consume must be done for economic reasons as well.

There will be some who will argue that unless we reduce the number of illnesses that are caused by poor eating habits, our healthcare system might be jeopardized. We will be given a multitude of "reasons" why government control of the food supply is necessary.

It must be remembered, though, that this system of food control can also be used to deny food to any group or individual who refuses to conform to the new economic and political order.

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. (Daniel 7:7)

Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. (Daniel 7:23)

Since we all must purchase food, clothing, shelter and other necessities of life in order to survive, it is easy to see how the power to control all buying and selling will be used as a weapon to exert tremendous pressure on those who refuse or even hesitate to become a part of this new economic system.

The very real threat of being denied the basic necessities of life will cause many to submit to the system and the oppressive laws that will be implemented. To refuse to become part of the system will mean becoming an economic non--entity trying to survive without being able to purchase the most basic necessities of life.

“...behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly;”

Any person who refuses to obey the edicts of the ruling elite, or whole groups of people who hold a common belief that is considered to be a threat to those who hold power, can be shut out of the closed economic system.

The cashless/RFID economic system will be the means by which the globalists will gain complete control of the economic and political systems of the world. Anyone who resists their takeover will be denied access to their wealth and to the marketplace, making it impossible for them to buy or sell.

In addition to being denied food, those who are considered enemies of the state, or non--conformists will also be denied access to medical care. They will be not be treated by a doctor or hospital, and it will be impossible to purchase medication.

If such a person finds a doctor who will agree to see them, the physician will not be able to access the person's medical records, which will be stored in a closely guarded data base.

Merchants and manufacturers who do not become part of the system will not be able to buy goods or raw materials. They will not be able to offer their products for sale if they are not part of the cashless/RFID system because they will not be able to receive payment for the goods or services they provide.

Businesses won't be able to pay employees unless they have access to their funds, which will be held captive within the closed economic system. They will be compelled to conform and operate within the rules and laws of those who control the closed monetary system.

To refuse means being cut off from being able to buy or sell. Such a closed economic system will be used to reward those who submit to the ruling authorities and punish those who do not.

Those who speak out against the system will be considered enemies of the state and will be declared economic non-entities by the state. To resist the power of the state will bring deprivation for them, their families, and all who are associated with them.

As with Individuals, So Too With Whole Nations

This unprecedented power to control all buying and selling will also be used to bring entire nations under the control of the beast. If a country resists the pressure to submit to those who hold the power in the new economic system, then that country will not be permitted to trade with the other nations that do become part of it.

If a country does not use the new system of electronic credits, then it will not have a currency to use in its trade with other countries. Like the individuals who refuse to become part of this new economic system, whole countries will be forced into submission.

Throughout history, tyrants have attempted to use military force and police power to conquer the world. The reason these previous attempts of world domination have failed is that the people who were conquered could not be effectively controlled.

There can never be enough soldiers and police to watch every person. However, where military and police forces have failed in the past, the ultimate weapon of complete economic control will succeed.

Chapter 10

Why Refuse the Mark?

Many people will take the mark of the beast. Some will do so willingly to show their allegiance to the beast, while others will take the mark out of a feeling of necessity; after all, it will be impossible to buy or sell without the mark. Many will say, "I have to take the mark, or else I will die."

The Lord Jesus Christ tells us that there we must deny ourselves if we are to follow him. He also tells us that there are some who will think that they are saving their lives, but they will lose their lives.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matthew 16:24--26)

In the not-too-distant future, no one will be able to buy food, shelter, clothing, or any other necessity without receiving the mark of the beast And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads;

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. (Revelation 13:16--18)

There are however, many places in God's Word that warn us that there are terrible consequences for taking the mark. These include facing God's wrath for all eternity.

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in the 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 ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosever receiveth the mark of his name. (Revelation 19:9--11)

Those who reject God's mercy that has come to us in Jesus Christ will face the wrath of God. Those who reject Jesus Christ during the reign of the Beast will be deceived and receive the mark of the beast.

If a person receives the mark of the beast, they will face the full "wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture." The phrase "without mixture" means undiluted or full strength.

Before the final judgment, the wrath of God will be poured out upon all who receive the mark of the Beast while they are still here upon the Earth. And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

And the first went, and poured his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image. (Revelation 16:1--2)

I don't know the medical cause of the "noisome and grievous sore" that will come upon all those who receive the mark of the beast, but I wonder if the sores could be the result of the almost constant exposure to radio frequency energy once the cashless/RFID system is put in place?

Scanners will be almost everywhere, businesses, hospitals, airports, homes, all government buildings, and who knows where else? Every time a person is near a scanner, radio frequency radiation will penetrate their body, and if they have an implanted chip, a small amount of that energy will be reflected back through their flesh to be picked up by the scanner.

The energy that is reflected by an RFID chip contains not only the primary frequency that it received from the scanner, but also harmonics, or multiples, of that frequency. What effect will the energy that is reflected by the implanted chip have upon the human body?

Could this almost constant exposure to radio frequency radiation cause cancer or some other kind of sore that will be the "noisome and grievous" sore mentioned in Revelation Chapter 16?

Chapter 11

Behind the Scenes of the Cashless System

Most people haven't given much, if any, thought as to why we are becoming a cashless society. Those who do usually conclude that these changes are taking place as the result of technological advance that are going to make our lives easier.

Without a doubt, man is a creature that desires convenience. Whenever we can, we will almost always choose the easiest path. The convenience of a cashless system is certainly the primary reason that it is being accepted by all segments of our economy and by most people.

However, convenience is not the reason why these changes are taking place. To understand why we are moving towards a cashless society, we must look to the Bible. In God's Word, He shows us many things that cannot be known except God himself reveal them to us.

In the book of Revelation we find the reason why we are seeing the implementation of the cashless/RFID economic system.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 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 hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six. (Revelation 13:16--18)

When we look at history and current events in the light of prophetic passages found in God's Word, we can see the reason why our present system of commerce is being set aside and a new economic system is being implemented.

In God's Word we learn that the steps that are taking us into the cashless society have not happened as the result of a series of random events or because of a natural evolution in the way we do business.

Each of the steps that have been taken is a part of the carefully crafted plan which is being orchestrated by Satan. Upon its completion, this plan will bring the people of the world who have not accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior to the place where they will worship Satan as God.

The transition from our present economic system to the closed cashless/RFID economic system is an essential part of Satan's plan and one of the final steps toward his goal of being worshipped as God.

We read about Satan's rebellion and his desire to become God in the Bible. God has revealed these things to us in Isaiah chapter 14 and other prophetic passages. And just as Satan has set a goal for himself to become God, he has been working diligently behind the scenes of history to reach it.

The Rebellion

In the Old Testament, God reveals to us what happened in the past that has set in motion the series of events which have brought the place to the place where the world is ready to accept a closed cashless/RFID system of commerce.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:

I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most high. (Isaiah 14:12-14)

We read in these verses how Lucifer (Satan) has rebelled against God, and has purposed to overthrow God and take His place. Ever since he rebelled against God, Satan has been working very diligently on many fronts, using lies and deception to reach his goal of having people worship him as God.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has also revealed to us that there is a great spiritual warfare that has been underway ever since Satan rebelled. Whether we believe it or not, this conflict continues even today. Whether we like it or not, each one of us is caught up in this conflict.

While it is certain that the Lord Jesus Christ is the victor over Satan in this war, Satan will continue his rebellion until the return of Jesus Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who knows the end of all things, has also shown us in His Word that Satan will achieve his goal of being worshipped as God for a brief period of time, but he will be cast down by Jesus when He returns at the beginning of the "Day of Christ".

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped;

so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thessalonians 2:1--12)

One day Satan, who "opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped", will bring his plan to fruition where, "he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." Our Lord Jesus Christ is allowing Satan to carry out his plan, but will one day destroy him.

Why Is God Allowing Satan to Deceive the World? The fact is, according to God's Word, that those who reject God's love and mercy by refusing to believe on Jesus Christ will be deceived by Satan's lie and be damned. We can believe Satan's lies, or we can believe the Truth. Jesus Christ is the Truth;

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me. (John 14:6)

When God presents us with the Truth, we must decide if we are going to believe Him. God will not force us to believe the Truth. However, it is not without consequence if we refuse to believe. ...because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thessalonians 2:10a--12) If a person rejects the truth, then they will believe Satan's lies.

In this present world, at this very moment, "the mystery of iniquity doth already work...", as we have already read in verse 7 of 2 Thessalonians chapter 2. The deception is underway. Satan has already deceived many with his lies.

Most people do not realize what is happening because having rejected God's Word, they do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Those who refuse to believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ will one day will believe the ultimate lie when Satan presents himself to the world as God.

This delusion is sent by God upon all who reject His offer of mercy by refusing to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. The deception is so strong and so convincing that unless a person repents of their unbelief and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, he or she will be deceived.

There is no middle ground. We must believe God, or we will believe the Devil's lie. In Matthew chapter 24 Jesus warns us in several verses about these deceptions that will come in the last days. In verse 24, he emphasizes how only those who believe the Truth (Jesus Christ) will not be deceived,

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (Matthew 24:24) The Lord assures us in this verse that it is not possible for the elect (those who believe in Jesus Christ) to be deceived.

The only way you and I or anyone else can be delivered from these lies of Satan is to know the Truth. The Truth is Jesus. God has revealed this to us as we have read in the Gospel of John chapter 14 verse 6.

Satan Pulls Out All the Stops

One of the most powerful weapons that Satan will bring out of his arsenal in the latter part of the last days will be complete control of this world's economic system. God reveals to us that there is coming a time when no one will be able to buy or sell unless they submit to and worship Satan.

This weapon will be used by Satan in his effort to force those who resist his lies to worship him as their God.

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Until our generation, it has been impossible for any one person or government to completely control the world's economic system. With the advent of computers and RFID technology, we are seeing a network being put in place that can monitor and control every financial transaction.

This same system will eventually be used to monitor and control the distribution of all goods and services, including the world's food supply. One day this financial network will be controlled by one person, the one who the Bible calls the beast.

Chapter 12

How Did We Get In Such A Mess...

God, in His mercy, has revealed to us that in this spiritual war that has been raging throughout history, Satan has launched and continues a terrible and unrelenting attack on mankind. Satan's power is not equal to God's power, therefore he cannot directly attack or overcome God. Instead he attacks man, whom God has made.

In the book of Genesis we have God's record of how these attacks began. Since God loved Adam, He warned him not to eat the fruit of a particular tree. Adam was about to learn the hard way that God's warnings and prohibitions are always for our benefit and blessing.

And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (Genesis 2:15--17)

Satan's first attack was launched against Eve. The weapon he used against her was his lie. Eve had to decide, just as you and I must, whether she was going to believe God or the lie of the Devil.

She chose to believe the lie instead of God's Word. Believing the Devil's lie, she ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and then gave to Adam to eat. Though he knew the truth, Adam chose to believe the lie too.

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (Genesis 3:1--6)

When Adam believed the lie of Satan instead of God's Word, he sinned against God. The consequences of Adam's sin have been innumerable and catastrophic beyond our comprehension.

In the natural side of God's creation death, pain, sorrow, and every other misery known by man entered into the world by Adam's sin. All of God's creation, which had been placed under man's dominion, was defiled.

The greatest loss suffered by Adam and all mankind however, is spiritual. Adam's sin separated him and all his descendants, including you and me, from God. Man's greatest joy and blessing in the garden, his communion with God, was ended.

How Does Adam's Sin Affect Me? By disobeying God, Adam, the common ancestor of us all, sinned. Since no children had been born to Adam and Eve at that time, the whole human race was still in Adam.

This means that you and I were in Adam at the time he sinned. Since we were in Adam when he sinned, we have all received his sinful nature as an inherited trait. Not only do we have Adam's sinful nature, but we have yielded to our sinful nature, and each one of us has committed many sins against God.

While the first attack was against our common ancestors, Adam and Eve, Satan's attacks continue until this day against all the descendants of Adam. Every time we choose to not to believe God, we sin. While we like to think of ourselves as being good, God knows we are all sinners. As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. (Romans 3:10--12) For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

The sinful nature that we have has been exploited by Satan in his attempt to destroy us. Satan regularly succeeds in turning our desire away from God, and toward the things of this world. The farther we go into sin, the farther we go away from God and true peace and happiness.

If we refuse to believe on Jesus (the Truth), we will die in our sinful and rebellious condition. The consequence of dying in this unrepentant condition is to spend eternity in the lake of fire, which is often referred to as hell.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:15) Having separated us from God by sin, and by continually bombarding us with lies, Satan is preparing mankind to accept him as God.

One day Satan will offer himself as God to man, and all who refuse to believe on Jesus Christ will believe his lie and worship him. In love, God has revealed to us in his Word, that we have sinned against Him.

The fact that God reveals our sin to us in His Word is why we feel uncomfortable when we hear the Word of God preached or when we read it for ourselves. By God's Word we learn that God hates sin, and why shouldn't He?

It is because of sin that death, sickness, heartache, and every other plague has come upon us. Worse than these, it is sin that separates us from God. The reason God points out our sin to us is not to make us feel miserable, but to awaken us to our condition and bring us to the place where we will seek Him and forgiveness for our sins.

The Bible does not just point out our sins but also tells us that our Creator has come into the world in which we live and has done everything necessary for us to be forgiven of our sins and reconciled to Him.

While we have all failed and sinned against God, the good news is that there is one person who has been born into this world who has never sinned, Jesus Christ. Since he has never sinned, Jesus is the only one who can pay for our sins.

Chapter 13

Wonderful News From God

When we consider our spiritual condition (our sinful nature, and the sins that we have committed against God), we might feel as though our situation is hopeless. It is true that if we were left to ourselves we would be without hope. The good news is that God, who loves us more than we can comprehend, deals with us according to His great mercy and not according to what we deserve.

Though the Bible declares it plainly, and it has been preached millions of times in the last two thousand years, relatively few people know that our Creator came into this world as the person Jesus Christ to save us from the penalty and the power of our sins.

The fact that Jesus is God is stated plainly in many places in the Bible, including the Gospel of John, 2 Corinthians, and the Gospel of Matthew;

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. (John 1:1--2) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:19)

When we read about the baptism of Jesus, we are told of the voice that spake from Heaven. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:16--17)

It is important to note that the translation of verse 17 in the Authorized King James Version is correct when it says that the voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Some translations have substituted the word "with" for the word "in".

This is significant because by saying "in whom I am well pleased" God is revealing to us the great truth that He is in Jesus Christ. Jesus also revealed the fact that he is the eternal God when He spoke to a group of Jews. Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. (John 8:58)

By saying "Before Abraham was, I am," Jesus knew that the Jews to whom he was speaking would know that he was not only claiming to be eternal, but he was also claiming to be the same God who had spoken to Moses from the burning bush.

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM : and he said,

Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. (Exodus 3:13--14) Jesus Himself tells us the same thing in the Gospel of John when Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and hath seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet thou hast not yet known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? (John 14:7--9)

Not only do these and other passages in the New Testament declare that Jesus is God come in the flesh, but it was prophesied in the Old Testament time and time again that God would come and dwell among men.

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

The name "Immanuel" is interpreted in Matthew Chapter 1, verse 23 as "God with us". For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6--7)

The fact that our Lord uses many names to refer to himself is very important because no one name can fully reveal all there is to know about Jesus. In Isaiah chapter 9 verse 6 we find five names of our Lord Jesus Christ, two of which reveal to us that God was in Christ.

One of the names of our Lord is "The mighty God". The other name is "The everlasting Father". So in these passages, and others in both the Old and New Testaments, it is revealed to us that Jesus Christ is God come to Earth in a human body.

The Purpose of His Coming

Why has God come to Earth as Jesus Christ? We learn the purpose of our Lord's coming by reading God's Word: Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Matthew ;18--21)

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28) For the Son of man is not come to destroy mens lives, but to save them. (Luke 9:56a)

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. (Luke 19:10) In these and many other passages in God's Word, it is revealed to us that Jesus Christ came into this world to give himself as a sacrifice for us in order to save us from our sins. How did he do this?

His Perfect Life

Where Adam and all of us have failed, Jesus Christ has succeeded. For we have not an high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points was like as we are, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15)

Notice that though Jesus was tempted to sin, as all of us are, he did not sin. He lived a perfect life, which qualified him to be the perfect sacrifice to pay for our sins. Truly he is without spot or blemish.

His Work Is Finished

Jesus longed to finish the work of saving us from our sins. Jesus saith unto them, my meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. (John 4:34) To do the will of God was, for Jesus, to meet God's standard of sinless perfection, then to go to the cross offering himself as the perfect sacrifice to pay for our sins.

Jesus, the Perfect Sacrifice

God requires a perfect sacrifice to pay for the sins we have committed. The problem is, we are sinners. We have nothing that is perfect to give to God to pay for our sins. The good news is that Jesus has done what we cannot do and what no other person has ever done.

He has lived a perfect life under God's law. God came into this world and lived under His own law, fulfilling it by keeping both the ceremonial and moral law perfectly. He meets god's requirement of absolute perfection.

In the Gospel of John we see Jesus on the cross.

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

And when Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. (John 19:28--30) "It is finished". Jesus Himself has finished the work that neither we nor anyone else could do. The work to save us never needs to be done again, because Jesus has done it perfectly.

The Proof

We know Jesus Christ has saved us and is who He claims to be by His resurrection. Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the Gospel of God, (which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: (Romans 1:1--4) To be resurrected is more than being raised from the dead.

It is being raised from the dead never to die again. The Scriptures record instances of some who were raised from the dead by the power of God, but they all had to die again. Jesus Christ will never die again, because being God and without sin, death has no power over Him.

This is the proof God has given us that Jesus Christ is His only begotten Son and that by believing on Him we too will be raised from death by the power of God never to die again. We have yet to fully comprehend the love of God, or all the power of God's work that has been done for us in Jesus Christ.

God's requirement of perfect obedience, which Adam and all mankind have failed to meet, has been achieved by our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of what Jesus has done, it is now possible for us to have all our sins forgiven and to be reconciled to God. We can now have our communion with God restored.

Since Jesus has met God's requirement of perfection, and we haven't, what are we to do if we want to be saved? This is the most important question ever asked. This is the one question that should be asked by every person. We should not rest until we find the answer.

There is nothing more important than our soul. We find that God has given us the answer to this question throughout His Word. One place this question is answered is the book of Acts. Paul and Silas were asked this all important question by a jailer in the city of Philippi.

Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. (Acts 16:29--31)

We see in this and other passages that in order for us to be saved, we must believe on Jesus Christ. We have a Creator who loves us and has shown His love towards us by giving himself for us. Forgiveness of sin and everlasting life are given to all who believe and call upon Jesus Christ.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Romans 10:9) Notice that verse 9 says, "...thou shalt be saved". Not "maybe" or "perhaps", but "shalt".

When you believe on Jesus Christ, it is an absolute certainty that your sins are forgiven and that God has given you eternal life. It is a certainty because it is God who says he has forgiven you and given you eternal life. He has done the work, not us. We have failed, he has succeeded.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)

Verse 13 says "whosoever". Charles Spurgeon said that this verse gave him more assurance of being saved than any other in the Bible. He said that if God had worded this verse "If Charles Haddon Spurgeon shall call upon the name of the Lord he shall be saved",

He would have wondered if he was saved or not. He said he would doubt if he was saved because there might be another Charles Haddon Spurgeon, and God might have been speaking of the other Charles Haddon Spurgeon. He said that he knew that he was saved because "whosoever" included him.

You can rejoice today because when God says "whosoever", He includes You...

Chapter 14

Preparation For The Coming Day

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Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. (John 8:58) By saying "Before Abraham was, I am," Jesus knew that the Jews to whom he was speaking would know that he was not only claiming to be eternal, but he was also claiming to be the same God who had spoken to Moses from the burning bush.

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM : and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. (Exodus 3:13--14) Jesus Himself tells us the same thing in the Gospel of John when Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and hath seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet thou hast not yet known me, Philip?

he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? (John 14:7--9) Not only do these and other passages in the New Testament declare that Jesus is God come in the flesh, but it was prophesied in the Old Testament time and time again that God would come and dwell among men.

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14) The name "Immanuel" is interpreted in Matthew Chapter 1, verse 23 as "God with us".

Knowing that the Lord Jesus Christ has warned us about these and other things that are going to happen, we ought to begin to prepare ourselves for the days that lay ahead. Since what is happening in the world has its root causes in the spiritual realm, most of the preparations we need to make are spiritual in nature.

While I cannot specifically recommend preparations that should be made for physical survival, because every person's natural situation is different, I do hope to provide guidance for spiritual well being.

If we will seek the Lord's will for our lives and then wholly submit ourselves to Him, we will be led by the Spirit in all things, spiritual and natural, and our Lord will provide. I cannot emphasize too strongly the necessity and urgency of spiritual preparation.

The Lord Jesus, who loves us more than any of us can comprehend, has revealed to us certain things that are going to take place in the future. We have been given these Divine revelations so that when these events begin to take place we will not be taken by surprise and also that we won't be fearful as we see these things taking place.

The unbelievers will be surprised and terrified as these prophecies are fulfilled and when Jesus returns. We know that these are some of the reasons that God has revealed these things to us because of what is written in the Word of God.

But of the times and the seasons, Brethren, children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. Who died for us, that, whether we wake, or sleep, we should live together with him.

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. (1 Thessalonians 5:1--11)The prophecies that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us in his Word must, and certainly will, come to pass. Knowing this, we should prepare for that which we know is coming.

Be SURE You Are Saved. The most essential preparation that every person needs to make is to be saved. Unless we are saved from the sins that we have committed, we will be deceived and face the wrath of God. To be saved we must be saved God's way.

To be saved God's way means that we must be saved by God. Jesus is God's way to be saved. The Bible has been given to us by God so that we might know these things and come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The Bible also assures us that once we have believed on Jesus Christ, we are saved and we have eternal life.

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (John 20:30--31)

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. (1 John 5:13)The Bible also tells us that Jesus is the only way we can come to God.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not wither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:5--6)If you have not believed on Jesus Christ and asked him to save you, no other preparations you make will matter.

II. Be Careful, Do Not Be Deceived Every false religion in the world teaches that we must do something to make ourselves deserving of salvation. These religions teach that to come to God or to achieve some state of blessedness, we must do good works to become worthy of God's acceptance. These beliefs base our reconciliation to God, either completely or in part, on the works that we do.

God has revealed to us in His Word that we must look to him, and him alone, in order to be saved. The Bible tells us that while we may and should do the works that the Lord commands us to do, salvation does not come as a result of our works. Salvation cannot be earned by trying to keep God's law, but is the gift of God. Then what is the purpose of God's law?

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:19--20) We learn that the law is not the way of salvation, but that it is to teach us that we all have sinned and need to be saved by God.

If the law is not the way of salvation, how then can we be saved and be made righteous before God?

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. (Galatians 3:24) The Bible tells us that while we cannot make ourselves righteous, God will make us righteous if we believe on Jesus Christ.

But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God: Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. (Romans 3:21--26)

Study God's Word daily and, with God's help, your faith will be increased and you will have a greater assurance of salvation. Since Jesus has done everything necessary for you to be saved, you can be certain that you are saved if you have asked Him to save you.

God has provided salvation for us in Jesus Christ not because we are good, but because He is good. III. Receive Peace and Strength for the Difficult Times Ahead. When we study and meditate upon the Word of God (the Bible likens this to feeding our souls), our faith is increased and we have a clearer understanding of who Jesus is and His plan.

We also find necessary peace and strength from God for each day and for the days to come. In the Old Testament book of Daniel, the prophet Daniel was allowed by God to see events that will take place immediately before the return of Jesus Christ.

These visions were so overwhelming that they sapped Daniel's physical strength and left him unable to speak. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days. And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? For as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me. Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee; be strong, yea, be strong.

And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me. (Daniel 10:14--19)

Daniel needed peace for his heart and soul after seeing the vision of the events that will take place in the latter days. Daniel also needed physical strength after beholding these things.

God provided the peace and strength Daniel needed by speaking to him. You and I need peace and strength from God every day. God gives us all that we need for life in this world, including that which we need for our spirit and soul.

Life can be hard, even tough at times, and like Daniel, sometimes we are overwhelmed. The God who has created us knows this. One great token of His love for us is that He has provided an inexhaustible supply of peace and strength for us in His Word.

Just as God spoke to Daniel to give him peace and strength, God speaks to us. God speaks to us through His Word, the Bible. God's Word is powerful (see Hebrews chapter 4 verse 12) and, like God Himself, it is spirit and life.

It is the spirit that quickened; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (John 6:--63)The Bible speaks to our hearts and is the wellspring of all wisdom because its author is God.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16--17)

We receive peace and strength from God as we study. Meditate upon the Word, and begin by faith to live as God wants you to. Now, if Daniel needed peace and strength from God as he was overwhelmed by the vision of the last days, how much more will we need God's peace and strength if Daniel's visions come to pass in our day?

And if these things that were seen by Daniel are not fulfilled in our day, will we not be much better off as we face life's trials by feeding upon the Word and receiving a greater revelation of Jesus Christ?

IV. Act While we are not saved by the works that we do, once we are saved we are given opportunities to serve in the Kingdom of God. If we prepare ourselves spiritually, by studying the Word, applying it to our hearts and the way that we live, we can recognize and make the most of those opportunities..

All of the commands that our Lord has given us that are essential for our spiritual growth and happiness. One such command that is often ignored by Christians to their own hurt is that we should meet together.

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is: but exhorting one another: and so much more, as ye see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24--25)

The spiritual growth of many Christians has been stunted, and even stopped altogether, because they have failed to faithfully keep this particular command of God.

As a pastor I have heard many say, "I don't believe that you have to go to Church to go to Heaven." O Christian, do you not know that your happiness is directly proportional to your trust in our Lord and obedience to His Word?

How can you receive the manifold blessings of God that are bestowed through the gifts of the Spirit, if you do not meet and fellowship with those upon whom these gifts are bestowed? These gifts have been given to your brothers and sisters for your benefit.

How can you use the gifts of the Spirit, which God has given you for the edification and blessing of His Church, if you do not meet with your brothers and sisters in Christ?

We need to carefully consider the effect of our words and deeds upon our brothers and sisters in Christ. We must ensure that we use every opportunity that our Lord Jesus Christ gives us to provoke one another unto love and good works.

We must meet with others who are part of the body of Christ. It is necessary that we exhort one another to be faithful to our Lord. As we look at world events in the light of God's Word, we see that the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is getting closer every day.

This reminds us that the Word says, "so much more as ye see the day approaching." This means that we ought to be increasing in love and good works, assembling ourselves together and exhorting one another.

The Lord Jesus Christ is 100 percent faithful and will do everything he has said. As we read the Word, we will find that our fears are diminished, and our confidence in our Lord increases.

When we put into practice the teachings of our Lord, we become more than hearers of the Word, we become doers also. It is then that we experience an exponential increase in understanding and in opportunities to serve our Lord.

The most important and immediate need that you and every other person has is to be saved. Once we have believed on Jesus Christ, being born again, we need to grow spiritually.

The spiritual preparations for life today and the days that lie ahead are the most important preparations we must make. Spiritual growth can only take place if we study God's Word, apply His teachings to our hearts, and then put them into practice in our daily lives.

But what about preparing for our physical needs? What about food and shelter? What about all of the other physical needs that I have?

V. God, not the World, Will Supply Physical Needs Remember the words of our Lord Jesus, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (Matthew 6:25--34)

In these verses Jesus promises to supply our physical needs if we seek “first the kingdom of God.” In other words, Jesus is telling us that our first priority ought to be the spiritual rather than the natural, or physical. I

f we seek Jesus first, and submit ourselves to Him in all things, He will provide that which we need. We must also remember, though, that He promises to supply all our needs, not all our desires.

And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. (1 Timothy 6:8) One of our greatest problems in our hearts is that we sometimes desire things that we either don't need, or that God knows would be harmful to us. This is why God doesn't always say “yes” to our requests.

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. (1 John 5:14--15)

Certainly there is no request too great for our Lord to grant, but he loves us so much that He will not grant our request when we ask amiss. Even when we ask sincerely for something that we believe to be for the best, we must confess that we don't know all the possible ramifications of our request.

We have limited understanding, so God gives us the benefit of His omniscience. This is why we should ask, and sincerely desire that, “Thy will be done” when we pray. What could be better than our Lord's will being done in all things?

After all, his will is perfect. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, can provide for us in innumerable ways, even supernaturally, if necessary. Consider how he provided for the prophet Elijah:

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me I pray thee a morsel of bread in thine hand.

And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and thy son.

For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. (1 Kings 17:1--16)

God has recorded in this passage how he miraculously provided for his prophet during the three-and-a-half year drought. Our Lord can certainly do the same for His people today, if it is his will. There are many other instances recorded in God's Word of how He has provided for His people. God also works through what many consider ordinary ways to provide for us.

In fact, all the blessings and provisions we now enjoy come from him come either by miracles or by what we consider ordinary means. These ordinary means which are used by God are really no less miraculous than the miracles that God uses.

God enabled Joseph to interpret dreams that God had given Pharaoh concerning a fourteen year period in which there would be seven years of plenty, followed by seven years of famine.

Behold there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land.

And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous. And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine. (Genesis 41:29--36)

We see in God's dealings with Joseph that He warned Pharaoh of the coming famine and also gave great wisdom to Joseph to lay aside a portion of the food that was produced during the time of great plenty. In His Word, God has warned me of a time that is coming that is going to be worse than the droughts and famines of the Old Testament.

These days could soon be upon us. Now you might be asking, "Well Pastor, what do I do in my situation? Do I just go from day to day like Elijah, trusting God as He leads me? Or do I lay up provisions during this time of plenty, like Joseph?"

This is why spiritual preparations are essential, and we need to make them first. How can you know what God is saying to you, and what He would have you to do, if you have not studied His Word?

If you do not come before God's throne of grace regularly in prayer, how can you be on speaking terms with Him? If you are not applying God's word to your heart and the way that you live now, how will you be able to follow His leading in the days that are ahead? Do you expect to hear God's voice and for Him to reveal

His will to you if you do not know what He says in His Word? Should you be surprised if God does not speak to you if you do not speak to Him in prayer? Why should God lead you then, if you do not follow him now?

Let us purpose to seek the Lord Jesus Christ with all our hearts, and then, having prepared spiritually, we will be ready to make preparations for the physical needs that we have. Let us live by faith today and everyday, looking to our Lord Jesus for everything we need, whether spiritual or physical. Remember, if we walk with Jesus today, we won't have to run to catch up tomorrow.

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