Globalization 4.0: The Mark of Revelation 13:16-18

“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.”

Introduction

Revelation 13:16-18 is a familiar prophecy foretelling that one day people will have to “receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads” in order to be able to buy and sell.

Word meanings change with time. In order to understand the intended meaning of Old English language used in Revelation 13:16-18 by the translators of the King James Version (KJV), this work will be based upon the Textus Receptus. The Textus Receptus was a Hellenistic Greek based document used in developing the KJV translation.

This study shows that Revelation 13:16-18 could be fulfilled through the institution of a globally interoperable biometric identification system. It shows why such a system doesn’t necessarily have to include a global currency and a mark under or upon the skin. Under the final rule instituted by the fourth and final global beast kingdom, an authenticated individual will provide an image to the beast. This image will be used to authorize the person to conduct an economic transaction. (Revelation 13:14) The image they give to the beast will consist of biometrics including images of their face and or right hand. (Revelation 13:16)
The living truth of Revelation 13:16-18 matters to both God and man. God has promised that we can understand the prophecy. (Revelation 13:18; Proverbs 2:1-6). A person could be deceived into accepting the mark of the beast if its message isn’t properly understood. This message is written in response to that danger. It begins by analyzing the meaning of the phrase “receive a mark”.

**The meaning of “receive a mark”**

The words translated “receive a mark” in the KJV of Revelation 13:16 is the Greek phrase below:

“ινα δωση αυτοις χαραγμα”.

The conjunction ινα meaning in order that, so that, that, to the intent that, is translated “to” in Revelation 13:16. It connects the institution of the mark foretold in the beginning of the verse with the purpose of the mark described in end of the verse.

The verb δωση is translated receive. Δωση is the aorist active subjunctive third person singular form of the primary Greek verb δίδωμι.

The basic meaning of δωση is give. (Timothy Friberg, 2000) Strong’s Concordance, Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words and Thayer’s Greek Definitions also define δίδωμι as “to give”. In the context of persons within Revelation 13:16, the mark is given by a person in an inferior subordinate position to one in a superior, dominant position as an acknowledgment. (Timothy Friberg, 2000) In other words, this scripture is teaching that in marking themselves, people will be acknowledging their
personal submissive allegiance to the authority of Antichrist and the global beast government.

**Subjunctive mood**

In the Greek language of the New Testament, the subjunctive mood expresses a contingency; not a reality. This mood expresses a futuristic orientation. The contingency of the subjunctive mood can be expressed using the word might. The subjunctive mood of δωσῃ used in Revelation 13:16 expresses the contingency that people might give to themselves a mark.

**Aorist tense**

The aorist tense of δωση indicates that the action of the verb is an act rather than a process. The aorist tense tells us that “receiving” or accepting, holding and possessing the economic power of the mark will be an intelligent act of the will. It will be a deliberate moral decision; a one-time fall from grace like the disastrous plunge Eve made in the Garden of Eden. (Genesis 2) In her fall, Eve placed her desires before God’s desire for her. She indulged herself in something she considered attractive. She did this in spite of knowing that God had forbidden her to have it. Likewise, the mark will be attractive to people as a secure and cost efficient economic and identification tool. Multitudes are already being psychologically conditioned and spiritually readied to use the mark. Once someone chooses to give themselves a mark, however, its use within the fourth and final global beast kingdom will be habitual.

**Who is giving the mark?**

George Ricker Berry writes in the Greek to English Interlinear KJV New Testament that the beast rising out of the earth spoken of in Revelation 13:11-15 gives them a mark. Is the Berry interpretation correct or should we understand Revelation 13:16 to mean that the people give themselves a mark instituted by the beast out of the earth?
I contend that the correct interpretation of Revelation 13:16 is that the beast out of the earth institutes the mark and expects people to submit to the rule of law by accepting it. The grammatical analysis to follow supports this understanding.

**People give themselves a mark**

In Revelation 13:16, the verb διδώμι is written in the third person. The third person tells us the person that is being spoken about in the verse. This person is indicated by the Greek pronoun αὐτοῖς.

In Revelation 13:16, the literal translation of αὐτοῖς is “to them”. (Vine, 1997)

The personal possessive pronoun αὐτοῖς is dative plural masculine. The pronoun αὐτοῖς is plural. This communicates that the singular entity called the beast of the earth referred to in Revelation 13:11 isn’t giving all the mark. The plural pronoun αὐτοῖς is referring to all the various people listed in Revelation 13:16.

Through synthesizing the definitions of δώσῃ αὐτοῖς translated receive in the KJV we find that “receive a mark” could be translated that “all might give to themselves a mark”.

The underlying Greek Textus Receptus from which the KJV translations of Revelation 13:16, Revelation 14:9 and Revelation 20:4 were made don’t include the definite article “a” before the noun mark. This teaches that the focus of these scriptures isn’t on “a mark”. The article “a” exists for grammatical accuracy because mark is a noun. The focus of these verses is on the meaning of mark in the context of people giving to themselves a mark. This lack of focus on the mark itself teaches that the mark itself isn’t an inherently evil thing. The evil associated with people giving themselves a mark lies in the partnership represented between those giving themselves a mark, Antichrist and the blasphemous and idolatrous global beast kingdom. (Revelation 14:9; Revelation 16:2; Revelation 20:4)

Note that classic Bible commentators such as Gill and Robertson interpreted the meaning of “receive’ similarly.

- “that they give themselves” (Robertson’s Word Pictures)
- “that they might give themselves” (John Gill’s Exposition of the Entire Bible)
Before we can consider the possible means by which a person might give themselves a mark, we will examine the meaning of the word mark.

**The meaning of mark**

The noun mark is translated from the Greek noun χαραγμα pronounced charagma.

Thayer defines mark a stamp, an imprinted mark. Strong defines mark as a scratch or etching; that is, stamp as a badge of servitude.

Webster offers these corresponding definitions of the noun:

1. A visible line made by drawing one substance on another; as a mark made by chalk or charcoal, or a pen.

2. A line, groove or depression made by stamping or cutting; an incision; a channel or impression; as the mark of a chisel, of a stamp, of a rod or whip; the mark of the finger or foot.


4. Any visible effect of force or agency. There are scarce any marks left of a subterraneous fire.

5. Any apparent or intelligible effect; proof, evidence. The confusion of tongues was a mark of separation.

6. Notice taken. The laws stand like the forfeits in a barber's shop, as much for mock as mark.

7. Anything to which a missile weapon may be directed. France was a fairer mark to shoot at than Ireland.

8. Any object used as a guide, or to which the mind may be directed. The dome of the State house in Boston is a good mark for seamen.

9. Anything visible by which knowledge of something may be obtained; indication; as the marks of age in a horse. Civility is a mark of politeness or respect. Levity is a mark of weakness.

10. A character made by a person who cannot write his name, and intended as a substitute for it.
With so many definitions for mark available, further textual analysis will be required in order to arrive at a suitable interpretation of the meaning of mark.

Mark is used in the following eight verses in the Revelation.

- **Rev 13:16**: 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:
- **Rev 13:17**: 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.
- **Rev 14:9**: 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 his forehead, or in his hand,
- **Rev 14:11**: And the smoke of their torment asceneth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the **mark** of his name.
- **Rev 15:2**: And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his **mark**, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.
- **Rev 16:2**: And the first went, and poured out 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.
- **Rev 19:20**: And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the **mark** of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.
- **Rev 20:4**: And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his **mark** upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

From these verses we learn the following additional things regarding the physical act of giving the mark.

- A mark is given (received) in the “right hand”, or “in/upon” the “forehead”. (Revelation 13:16, Revelation 14:9; Revelation 20:4)
- People had (borne or possessed) the mark. They were able to buy and sell but suffered physically for worshipping the beast’s image. (Revelation 13:17, Revelation 16:2)

With this knowledge in mind, the next step in determining the meaning of mark will be to examine the meaning of the mark being given (received) in the
right hand, or in the forehead. (Revelation 13:16, Revelation 14:9; Revelation 20:4)

In Revelation 14:9 receive is translated from the verb λαμβάνει which is the present active indicative third person singular form of the Greek root verb λαμβάνω meaning to receive.

Receive can mean accept, to take, to get hold of, to be endowed with, or to believe in. (Webster, 1828) In the context of Revelation 14:9, the people referred to have given themselves a mark. This is best expressed by the verb Λαμβάνω meaning to take or receive, not διδωμι meaning to give. Revelation 13:16 is focused on the act of marking. Thus, διδωμι, meaning to give, is used. In Revelation 14:9 the focus is on those who have given themselves a mark. As a result, Λαμβάνω, meaning to take or receive was used.

To illustrate the difference between the two verbs λαμβάνω meaning to take or receive and διδωμι meaning to give, consider that we might express the state of a person who will bathe by saying “they will give themselves a bath” or we could say “they will take or receive a bath”. Both statements mean the person will bathe. The difference in these two phrases lies in the focus of the sentence and its context. “Give themselves a bath” focuses the attention of the reader on the person doing the bathing. “Take a bath” or “receive a bath” focuses the reader on the bathed person. Neither phrase is focused upon the bath itself.

In Revelation 20:4, ἔλαβον from the Greek root verb λαμβάνω is translated “had received”. ἔλαβον is used in John 1:12 in speaking about people who had accepted or taken Christ to themselves through faith in the true God. In Revelation 20:4 ἔλαβον speaks of those receiving the mark of the beast through faith in the false gods or idols of Antichrist, the god of forces (military power) and the fourth and final global beast kingdom. (Daniel 2:36-45; Daniel 7:19-28; Daniel 11: 36-45; Revelation 13:1-10)

Once a mark becomes the final global rule of law, human acceptability will be based upon the willingness to give one’s right hand or forehead to the authority of the global beast kingdom. The moral issue surrounding the mark in the real world is a control issue. God commands people to totally submit their bodies to Him placing themselves under his care and control. In opposition to God’s will, the fourth and final global beast kingdom will command people to submit themselves to its care and control. The mark is called the mark of the beast. This means that the mark is issued and its use is controlled by the beast. Those receiving it become “of the beast”.
Matthew 26:47 applies the words “of the” to Judas. Scripture says he was “one of the twelve”. If 2 trillion people have already received the mark when someone receives it, they would be said to be one “of the 2+ trillion” who have received the mark.

Some people won’t receive the mark because of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and his commandments. (Revelation 20:4) Scripture doesn’t tell us if these believers don’t receive the mark because they refuse it or because they are ineligible for a mark because they are identified as Christians opposed to mark legislation.

The fourth and final global beast kingdom will institute and control the mark. (Revelation 13:16) Since people can’t buy or sell without a mark it can be considered to be linked with currency. (Revelation 13:17)

Scripture doesn’t explicitly state that the fourth and final global beast kingdom will use a one world currency. This popular idea could be correct, however, we need to be aware that Revelation 13:16-18 could be fulfilled through a global mark linked to more than one currency.

Revelation 13:15 states that people who won’t worship the image of the beast are killed. Revelation 20:4 says that people who won’t worship the beast or the image of the beast are killed.

Receiving the beast’s mark is equated with worshipping the beast’s image in Revelation 14:9-11; Revelation 16:2; Revelation 19:20 and Revelation 20:4. On the other hand, refusal to worship the beast and worship the image of the beast is equated with not receiving the mark. (Revelation 20:4)

The mark is a forbidden fruit for man to take for himself. (Revelation 13:17) In Revelation 16:2 and Revelation 19:20 people “had” or possessed the mark. Receive the mark can mean to hold, take or accept it. If anyone receives the mark they become guilty of worshipping the beast and its image. They will have set aside the commandment of God regarding the mark and have exchanged his will for their own. The image of the beast speaks or communicates to the global beast kingdom those that should be killed because they haven’t received a mark. (Revelation 13:15)

Worship the image of the beast means using the God forbidden mark to buy and sell within the financial system of the fourth and final global beast kingdom. The same Greek word translated image in Matthew 22:20 was used to describe Caesar’s visual representation or likeness on Roman money. Jesus
made it very clear that man can’t serve both God and money. (Matthew 6:24)
Man can’t serve God if they choose to give themselves a mark.

The mark is of the beast’s name. The fourth and final global beast kingdom described in Revelation 13:1-10 will have an image, mark, name and number. The number is of the name of the beast. (Revelation 15:2) The name of the beast is the authority of the beast. The authority or name of the beast authorizes people to buy and sell by or through the mark of the beast. The number of the beast referred to in Revelation 13:17-18 is a reference to the fact that all people will receive the mark of the beast or they will be killed. (Revelation 13:15-16) Those that receive the mark of the beast will be “of the number of the beast”. The Greek word αριθμος translated number is used in Luke 22:3 to say that “Judas Iscariot was of the number of the twelve”. Acts 6:7 refers to “the number of the disciples.” Romans 9:27 refers to “the number of the children of Israel”. Of the beasts and elders in Revelation 5:11 it was said that “the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.” Revelation 7:4 refers to “the number of them which were sealed.” Revelation 9:16 refers to the “number of the army of the horseman.”

The number of the beast is said to be “the number of “a man”” in Revelation 13:18.

The Greek text γαρ is translated in the KJV as: for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666. Six hundred threescore and six.

The Greek text of Revelation 13:18 above referring to the number of the beast translates literally reading left to right as “for of man it is and the number of his 666.” In modern English this would be expressed as “it is of man and his number 666”.

The number six isn’t explicitly stated in scripture to be the number of man but biblical study supports that belief. E.W. Bullinger’s exhaustive study of the use of the number six throughout the scriptures concludes the following after a comprehensive biblical study of the number six in scripture:

“If six is the number of secular or human perfection, then 66 is a more emphatic expression of the same fact, and 666 is the concentrated expression of it; 666 is therefore the trinity of human perfection; the perfection of imperfection; the culmination
of human pride in independence of God and opposition to His Christ”. (Bullinger, 1921)

How should we interpret the word man in Revelation 13:18?

Revelation 14:14 uses Υιος G5207 N-DSM ἀνθρωπου G444 N-GSM translated “Son of man” to describe Jesus. Jesus used the word ἀνθρωπου G444 N-GSM translated “Man” in Matthew 4:4. “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” uses man in reference to a human beings in general.

The same word ἀνθρωπου G444 N-GSM is used in Revelation 13:18 to describe the mark of the beast. The mark is said to be the number of “a man”. The article “a” however isn’t found in the Greek text underlying the KJV translation of Revelation 13:18. ἀνθρωπου G444 N-GSM could be translated as “it is the number of man” meaning that the number of the beast is the number of a human being in general. ἀνθρωπου G444 N-GSM refers to the inclusiveness of all human beings within the beast kingdom and the requirement that all human beings must possess the mark of the beast or be denied permission to buy, sell and live. (Revelation 13:15-16) It is also a reference to the identification purpose which the mark serves for all human beings within the fourth and final global beast kingdom.

The same Greek word ἀριθμος translated number is used in Revelation 20:8 describing the heathen mass of humanity whom Satan will gather to battle as “the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.” Here number describes an innumerable amount of sand representing the all inclusive number of people who will attempt to stand against God’s kingdom. The number of the beast is 666 representing the inclusive sum of all human beings who will belong to the fourth and final global beast kingdom.

Those possessing the mark will be “of the number of the beast”. If “John Doe” or “Jane Doe” receives the mark, they would become “of the number of the beast”. The number of the beast is 666 or all apostates making up the fourth and final global beast kingdom.

Is the marking done “in” the skin or “upon” the skin?

People will give themselves a mark either “in their right hand” or “in their foreheads”. (Revelation 13:16; Revelation 14:9; Revelation 19:20; Revelation 20:4)
The Greek preposition ἐπί is translated “in” in Revelation 13:16 and Revelation 14:9. Revelation 20:4, however, uses ἐπί to say that people had the mark “upon” their foreheads.

According to Thayer, ἐπί can have the following definitions:

1) Upon, on, at, by, before
2) Of position, on, at, by, over, against
3) To, over, on, at, across, against

Since the KJV translates the Greek preposition ἐπί as “in” and “upon”, isn’t it presumptuous to teach that the mark of the beast must be a skin implant, etching, cutting, branding, or tattoo? I believe that the difference between translation of ἐπί in Revelation 20:4 and Revelation 13:16 indicates that ἐπί should be interpreted to mean something entirely different from whether the marking is “in the skin” or “upon the skin”. The mark can’t be both in and upon the skin so the intended meaning of the Greek preposition ἐπί must be considered further.

Consider that in addition to Thayer teaching that ἐπί can be defined as by, Noah Webster stated that the preposition “in” signifies “by or through” as in “In thee shall all nations be blessed. I am glorified in them”. (Webster, 1828)

Is “by or through” how we should interpret the meaning of “in” within Revelation 13:16 and “upon” in Revelation 20:4?

To correctly answer this question correctly we must understand that the context of a scripture should govern its interpretation. The context of Revelation 13:16 is the economic purpose of a mark within the global beast kingdom. As in Revelation 20:4, Revelation 13:16 isn’t concerned with the
physical nature of a mark. The context of both verses is that a mark facilitates a God forbidden economic exchange within the fourth and final global beast kingdom. People can't participate in the economic process within the fourth and final global beast kingdom without the mark of the beast.

For it is written:

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)

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Revelation 20:4)

If we interpret επι as meaning “by” or “through” in Revelation 13:16, this verse could be understood as follows:

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to give themselves a mark by or through their right hand or by or through their foreheads:

Likewise, Revelation 20:4 would then be understood in the following way:

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither its image, neither had given themselves a mark by or through their foreheads, or by or through their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

The use of the prepositions “by or through” communicates that a person gives themselves a mark by offering personal body parts in exchange for the right to buy or sell. In context, a mark serves as an essential link in the process of currency exchange since people can't conduct legal economic transactions within the global beast kingdom without it.

**The meaning of forehead**

What is meant by forehead in Revelation 13:16, Revelation 14:9, 19:20 and Revelation 20:4?

Forehead(s) is used six places in Revelation as shown below.
Rev 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their **foreheads**.

Rev 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their **foreheads**.

Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their **foreheads**.

Rev 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their **foreheads**.

The word is used twice in the context of the beast’s mark.

Rev 13:16 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**:

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their **foreheads**, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Four of these verses use the noun figuratively in the context of authenticating that a person genuinely belongs to and serves the one true living God. This figurative seal (σφραγίζω) is possessed by all that are of God according to John 6:27, 2 Corinthians 1:22, Ephesians 1:13 and 4:30. The forehead seal, invisible to man but possibly visible to God and his angels, functions as a mark of ownership. By or through this mark a person will indicate they are owned by Antichrist and the fourth and final global beast kingdom.

Do Revelation 13:16 and Revelation 20:4 use forehead in a figurative sense also?

Scripture should be interpreted literally unless it specifies that the language is figurative or a literal interpretation contradicts other scripture or is senseless. Scripture doesn’t indicate that forehead should be interpreted figuratively in these verses. A mark serves as a physical means of someone receiving authorization to conduct an economic transaction within the final global economic system. Since the mark is literally a physical mark, it follows that forehead refers to a literal forehead.

Some word meanings in the English language have changed since the completion of the 1611 KJV translation. Forehead is defined today as the part of the face above the eyes. Should we interpret the meaning of the Greek noun
μέτωπον which was translated forehead some 400 years ago to mean the same thing today?

According to Vine, μέτωπον originates from meta meaning with and óps meaning eye. Strong defines μέτωπον as face or forehead. Thayer defines μέτωπον as the space between the eyes. Kittel defines μέτωπον as the forehead or brow. Webster defines μέτωπον as the part of the face which extends from the hair on the top of the head to the eyes. These definitions teach that the word forehead includes more than simply the popular modern definition stated in The New International Webster's Collegiate Dictionary of the English Language as “the part of the face above the eyes”. From the origin of the Greek noun and these various definitions the word forehead could refer to the face of a person including their eyes and their associated iris.

**Meaning of the right hand**

What is meant by the words “right hand” in Revelation 13:16?

Rev 13:16 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:

The phrase της G3588 T-GSF χειρος G5495 N-GSF αυτων G846 P-GPM της G3588 T-GSF δεξιας G1188 A-GSF reads literally left to right in Greek as “the hand of them the right”

- της G3588 T-GSF genitive singular article meaning “the”
- αυτων G846 P-GPM genitive plural personal possessive pronoun meaning “of them”.
- της G3588 T-GSF genitive singular article meaning “the”
- δεξιας G1188 A-GSF genitive singular feminine adjective meaning right modifying the genitive singular feminine noun χειρος G5495 N-GSF meaning hand.

Της G3588 T-GSF χειρος G5495 N-GSF αυτων G846 P-GPM της G3588 T-GSF δεξιας G1188 A-GSF is translated “their right hand” in Revelation 13:16 of the KJV.

The phrase δεξιας G1188 A-GSF χειρος G5495 N-GSF translated “right hand” is also used found in Matthew 5:30; Luke 6:6; Acts 3:7 and Revelation 1:16-17.

Mat 5:30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.
Luk 6:6  And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

Act 3:7  And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Rev 1:16  And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

Rev 1:17  And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

These verses refer to a literal right hand.

The noun hand and hands is used in the context of the mark of the beast in Revelation 14:9 and Revelation 20:4 without the modifying adjective right.

Rev 14:9  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 his forehead, or in his hand,

Rev 20:4  And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, nor had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

These verses would give no cause to believe that the mark involves anything other than a literal right hand.

The scripture doesn’t tell us whether vein patterns on either side of the right hand or right hand prints or another hand biometric will become the final biometric identifier.

We do know that it is written in Revelation 13:16-17 that a mandatory global system will be instituted requiring that all people give to themselves an identification mark by their right hand or face. This mark will be used to authenticate their unique identity as a safe, secure, supportive, and set apart citizen of the global beast kingdom thereby authorizing them to participate in economic exchange.

Biometric Identification technology exists which could be used in the future in order to fulfill Revelation 13:16-18. This type of technology wouldn’t require a mark to be implanted under or imprinted upon the skin.
Biometrics from 2010 and beyond

Biometric Identification is an emerging technology being used in various security and management applications. The use of biometric techniques allows the alleged identity of a person to be authenticated or verified against personal biometrics such as their fingerprints, face, iris, hand veins, palm or hand. Biometrics also facilitates the capture and analysis of all data associated with an individuals and groups.

Biometric technology is already used by tens of millions globally in spite of the fact that its growth has been hampered a bit because of fears concerning how it could be misused to wrongfully control people. Regrettably, in spite of this apprehension, the consensus opinion among leading biometric strategists is that eventually biometrics will be everywhere present and considered mainstream. (The Future of Biometrics, 2009)

Major trends driving the projected growth of biometrics include the following:

- globalization and developing economies
- borderless economies
- central role of digital identity
- inevitability of eGovernment
- spread of mobile communication devices
- population and workplace mobility
- internet based “cloud computing”

(The Future of Biometrics, 2009)

The growth of the biometric technology industry is being fueled by the duo of fear and greed. Specifically, the fear of terror attacks and the lust for corporate profit and individual return on investment are fostering its growth. The general population continues to be manipulated by governments and media mouthpieces to embrace the technology as a means to identify and isolate those they define as potential terrorists. Corporations and institutions are embracing it for the additional reasons of efficiency and prosperity.
The following links reveals the concentrated efforts of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security focused upon biometrically identifying the people of the U.S.


http://projects.washingtonpost.com/top-secret-america/articles/monitoring-america/

The European Smart Security Industry will exceed 5 billion microcontroller based Smart Secure Devices in 2010 up about 18% compared to 2009. (Eurosmart, 2010)

Acuity Market Intelligence, a Colorado based technology strategy company, predicts a compound annual growth rate of nearly 20% for biometric technology through 2017. (Biometrics, 2010)

As the graph below illustrates, financial investment in biometrics is growing and yielding lucrative financial returns.
A glimpse of an active interoperable global identification system can be viewed at the first link below. The article explains how The Biometrics Identity Management Agency is leading U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) activities to program, integrate, and synchronize biometric technologies and capabilities to operate and maintain DoD’s authoritative biometric database to support the U.S. National Security Strategy.


The DoD operates a world-wide biometric enterprise. The global biometric database is maintained at the Biometric Fusion Center in West Virginia as these links reveal.


The links below show how the DoD has been using biometric tools and systems to ID the people of Iraq and Afghanistan as part of the global war on terror.


http://harpers.org/archive/2007/08/hbc-90000905

http://ir.l1id.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=229238
The next group of links below concern India’s Aadhaar UID card number project. This project issues every resident of India a unique identification number. The project requires residents to give their facial image, iris and hand images in order to authenticate their identity. The UID can be used for access to goods and services in areas like food service, telecommunications, education, health care, banking and financial services. ID Technology for this project has been provided by the Stamford, CT based global identity management company L-1 Identity Solutions owned by Safran group.

http://www.iaadhaar.com/enrollment-camp/
http://ir.l1id.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=492777
http://ir.l1id.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=509971
Morpho of the Safran group has delivered over 100 million biometric documents world-wide managing transactions related to border crossing, air travel, social security systems, visas, healthcare system cards like the Vitale card in France, Secure Identity Module (SIM) cards for phone networks and buying and selling using bank cards. The following link reports this information.


Mexico has begun issuing its citizens national biometric ID cards including facial and iris scans as the links below reveal.


An Identity Ecosystem is at the core of the 2010 POTUS National Strategy for Trusted Transactions in Cyberspace (NSTIC) proposing biometric authentication methods.


There is also a push from the U.S. Senate to introduce a National Biometric Worker ID card as this article explains.


Believe it or not, the Democratic Party has discussed a biometric social security card named BELIEVE.


In April, 2010 L-1 Identity Solutions and The World Bank formalized a collaborative relationship to improve the methods used in developing countries to deliver social and economic services to citizens. This partnership is part of the World Bank eTransform Initiative (ETI). Efforts will focus on areas such as electronic Identification (eID), e-Procurement, e-Health and e-Education. The World Bank funds many e-government and e-ID projects around the world as this link shows.

http://ir.l1id.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=462879
Frank McCosker of Microsoft, left, and Mohsen Khalil of the World Bank sign an agreement April 23 as part of the eTransform Initiative. Photo by: World Bank (Miller, 2010)

Another leader running the race to mark the world is the Puerto Rican based holding company named Hoyos. Hoyos is an advanced Identity Management Technology Solutions Company focused on developing next-generation systems for the global access control and identity market as this link shows.

http://www.hoyos.com/portals/0/HoyosOverviewPresentation.pdf

Jeff Carter, a former Bank of America executive turned chief business development officer at the Hoyos owned biometrics firm Global Rainmakers, says that “the fraud-fighting and identification technology of iris scanning will become commonplace 10 years from now”. (Cuna Technology Council, 2010)

Hoyos/Global Rainmakers identity management technology products are used at the Pentagon, Air Force bases, the U.S.-Mexico Border and various financial institutions. At its Charlotte, NC headquarters, Bank of America deploys scanning technology to process thousands of humans daily. (Cuna Technology Council, 2010)

The following links provide an overview of the diverse scope of Hoyos deployable scanning technology.

http://www.hoyos.com/Portals/0/Gallery/Videos/player.swf?url=/Portals/0/Gallery/Videos/hbox.fly

http://www.hoyos.com/Portals/0/Gallery/Videos/player.swf?url=/Portals/0/Gallery/Videos/hbox_mini_clip.fly

http://www.hoyos.com/Portals/0/Gallery/Videos/player.swf?url=/Portals/0/Gallery/Videos/hboxv_clip.fly


http://www.hoyos.com/InformationCenter/NewsEvents/HPR11082010A.aspx
Another biometric application within these United States is The Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). TWIC is a vital biometric security credential; a visual identification badge. To obtain a TWIC, an individual must provide biographic and biometric information such as fingerprints, sit for a digital photograph and successfully pass a security threat assessment conducted by TSA.

The following people are ineligible to receive a TWIC.

- Anyone found by a civilian or military court to lack mental capacity or anyone that has been involuntarily committed to a mental health facility.

- Anyone convicted or pled guilty of sedition or conspiracy to commit sedition, espionage or conspiracy to commit espionage, treason or conspiracy to commit treason; a federal crime of terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2332(g) or a comparable State law or various felonies listed at the following link.

http://twicinformation.tsa.dhs.gov/twicinfo/_communication/TWIC%20Applicant%20Certification%20Form.pdf

TWIC was established by the U.S. Congress through the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA). It’s administered by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Coast Guard. A TWIC ensures that certified individuals have unescorted access to secure areas of ports, vessels, outer continental shelf facilities and all credentialed merchant mariners. Over 1 million Coast Guard-credentialed merchant mariners, longshoremen, port facility employees, long shore workers, truck drivers, and others requiring unescorted access to secure areas of maritime facilities and vessels regulated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) are required to have a TWIC. Over 1.6 million TWIC’s have been issued as of 12/16/2010.

http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/twic/program_info.shtm

http://twicinformation.tsa.dhs.gov/twicinfo/faqs.jsp

The next link contains a video that reveals the involvement of National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in evaluating and enhancing biometric scanning technologies.

http://www.itl.nist.gov/iad/894.03/

**Hand ID systems**

Fingerprint ID systems currently dominate the biometric market holding a 35% share of the biometric market. (Third Factor News And Insight Into Biometric Identification and Authentication, 2010)
Biometric technology exists that can identify people based upon the blood vein patterns located on either side of the hand or by their hand prints. The links below illustrate this method.


http://www.fujitsu.com/global/services/solutions/biometrics/?custom01=df

http://www.matchoncard.com/what-is-moc/

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksFcpxTbcJQ

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eHDz0r7rOc&NR=1

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Us8rsEu1cm8&feature=related

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJA5sqWEha8&feature=related

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0E9GBV4JKo&feature=related

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-df8A1gk890&feature=related

**Facial ID systems**
The following video links provide an informative look at some of the facial recognition technology that has been developed.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLhqgmoBpT0&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FtADNr72Y0&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgEwBmGcE-s&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azXK8O_1WYE&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2fjcmPII30&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pR7GDrkM93g&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9ASclqEb9k&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-tdzuGj4-8&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNGFISxAzEA&feature=related

Other Facial recognition biometric systems can be found at the following link:
http://www.facerec.com/products.html

The following video links provide an informative look at some of the iris recognition technology that has been developed.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_VEyEHmUqE

**Conclusion**

As the video link below reveals, automated biometric identification systems are currently operational. In spite of their attractive advantages, however, biometric systems carry with them the potential to make the devilish dream of a marked world a dark Orwellian nightmare for one world.


Is biometrics really leading the world into a dark matrix of slavery? If you have doubts that the interlocking web of 1984 is busy binding up the unchained liberty of 1776, take a few minutes to peruse the mainstream news pictures and stories provided at the link below. This mainstream news feature offers us a feel of the destructive cancer that has been rapidly spreading within “the land
of the free and the home of the brave” since the planned system perturbation of September 11, 2001.

http://projects.washingtonpost.com/top-secret-america/

Outside U.S. borders, Biometric ID is now being used in various security applications such as domestic and international borders, financial transactions, facility access, payroll, and computer applications. The global ID system of the fourth and final global beast kingdom is now being refined putting Globalization 4.0 right at our door.

Meanwhile back at the American church, many teachings on the mark of the beast continue to mislead people. They haven’t been birthed through the present interaction of the Holy Spirit with the biblical text. This false teaching is being parroted by a generation of professing believers instructed by distracted 501-c3 church leaders. These teachers have been misled by pop evangelical prophecy experts and outdated bible commentaries. The error parroted for decades by the majority of bible teachers is easily believed by a generation programmed by educational psychology and counterfeit images of Christ.

A dangerous mark of the beast-like precedent requiring people to offer their bodies to public authority in exchange for public service is now being established through the un-constitutional and antichristian policies and actions of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The link below provides a telling testimony concerning the TSA/DHS psychological conditioning and abuse that is now occurring in our airports.
Requiring people to offer their bodies for naked photographing or groping of their private parts in exchange for authorization to fly presents an eerie omen revealing the influence of the spirit of Antichrist. Under the antichristian spirit there are no restrictions besides restrictions on liberty and truth. Nearly ten years later, “911” lives on as the psycho-political catalyst behind the un-Constitutional, antichristian assault on human freedom taking place in the TSA debacle.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has proposed biometric security checkpoints that would speed up waiting times for low-risk travelers at airports according to the USA Today article link below. The Hegelian Dialectic of problem-reaction-solution appears to be evident here as the powers at play make timely use of the TSA debacle in justifying their planned solution of biometric ID in U.S. airports.


A few weeks ago I received a disconcerting email from a SC pastor insisting that God doesn’t care about things like biometric technology.

The beliefs of this pastor are troubling because the growing desire for security fueling the rapid growth of biometric technology industries is the result of the trauma based mind control explosive demolitions of the Twin Towers and Building 7 that occurred on 9/11/2001.
If you still trust the official government conspiracy theory, take a look at the rapidly growing list of knowledgeable people from various professional fields who question the legitimacy of the 911 Commission Report findings.

http://www.militaryofficersfor911truth.org/

http://www.ae911truth.org/

http://pilotsfor911truth.org/

http://firefightersfor911truth.org/

http://mediafor911truth.org/

http://stj911.org/index.html

http://pl911truth.com/

http://www.io911truth.com/

http://l911t.com/

http://v911t.org/

Sadly, the elite programmed “evangelical bible believing church” lacks moral representation on the list of Religious Leaders for 911 Truth found on the link below.

http://rl911truth.org/

As a result of the spread of demonic fear resulting from 911, many are willing to foolishly sacrifice their legal Constitutional Rights, personal freedoms, morality and dignity in fruitless faith that the power of the U.S. Federal Government will protect them from future explosions.

Is the pastor from South Carolina correct? Shouldn’t the church care about how identification systems might be used to fulfill the prophecy of the mark?

In a broad sense, staying abreast of the world’s progress towards global marking is obedience to Jesus Christ’s command to watch and pray so that we can escape unnecessary adversity and be prepared for his return. (Matthew 24:42; Mark 14:38; Luke 21:36; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:6; 2 Timothy 4:5; 1 Peter 4:7; Revelation 3:3)

Informed and discerning people are equipped to wisely expose the potential dangers that emerging identification technology poses to human freedom. The
informed can help others shun support of legislators and legislation that would mandate potentially enslaving identification technologies. Eventually the mark prophecy will be fulfilled, however, through godly living, prayer and speaking truth to power; who knows, maybe this “endgame” can be delayed for many years to come.

The scriptures pronounce a curse upon people that vainly trust in their own ability to provide and protect themselves. (Jeremiah 17:5; Psalms 60: 11; Psalm 108:12; Psalm 146:3) God desires that people be delivered from evil and live in peace and quiet holiness. (Matthew 6:13; 1 Timothy 2:2) Protective technology and the human desire for safety aren’t inherently wrong. The good shepherd wants to provide the blessings of protection to people through the faithful prayers and true hope of his people in the omnipotent and omniscient power of their God. (Jeremiah 17:7) He’s angered, however, when people misplace their trust in a technological idol that can and will be used by corrupt powers to illegally spy, enslave, manipulate and extinguish human freedom and life. God does care about protecting his people from things like personally invasive identification technology that threatens human health and freedom! People that work or heavily invest in businesses involved in the growing field of identification technologies; as well as leaders of church and state funded by those profiting off identification technologies, are likely to find it too costly financially to agree on this point.

Apostasy occurs when the love of money usurps authority over truth based love of God and man. Even the faithful and informed student of biblical prophecy must resist the temptation to invest in technologies, businesses and nations that present direct and indirect dangers to human health and freedom. Because of what God has shown me about the world’s future from scripture and inside sources, I’ve had to forsake investment opportunities over the past decade that would have generated hundreds of thousands of dollars or more of personal profit by now. If a person has money to invest, it’s not difficult to make money if you exercise earthly wisdom rather than heavenly wisdom. (James 3:13-4:10) Difficulty arises, however, when someone forsakes things that most professing Christians wouldn’t forego because God has enlightened them with heavenly wisdom on an issue. A person is able to make costly financial decisions because their faith in a lasting heavenly reward from their God overcomes the natural human desire for financial security in this vanishing life. (Revelation 22:12; Hebrews 10:32-39; Hebrews 11:24-12:11; Colossians 3:24; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15)
As the advent of a mandatory global marking system draws nearer and nearer, true faith and hope is being misplaced in false political Christ’s and the myth that the Lord Jesus Christ will “rapture” his church from earth before Antichrist and the mark are revealed. The growth of emerging identification technologies and interoperable human identification systems proves that people so fear death and discomfort that they are willing to sacrifice the natural desire for freedom to a military-industrial complex that has historically proven does not have the best interests of God or people in mind.

The Lord Christ warned us that such powerful deceivableness and strong delusion, or mass psychosis, would deceive many. (Mark 13:22; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12) He also warned us that his church would almost be deceived by it all. (Matthew 24:24)
Jesus stated that his return would occur after great tribulation. (Matthew 24:29-31) Many saints will be killed during this season of death. (Daniel 11:36-12:3; Revelation 7:9-17; Revelation 6:8-11) The saints include Gentile believers. (Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Philippians 1:1)

Jesus and his apostles taught that his return would be signaled by the sound of the seventh and last trump which would be sounded by the seventh angel of God. (Matthew 24:29-31; 1 Corinthians 15:50-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 8-11)
It’s basic humanness, not paranoia or lack of faith that makes a true believer dread the advent of the mark of the global beast government. I contend that it’s inhumane, as some do, to make light of the reality of the evil of the last day’s mark and the intense human suffering that will accompany it. The prophet Amos has this word to the inhumane walking amidst the church:

"Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! To what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?" (Amos 5:18-20)

Jesus prayed that the suffering facing him in the process of his crucifixion might be avoided. (Matthew 26:36-44; Mark 14:32-41; Luke 22:39-46) Even the Son of God, God in human flesh, desired, if possible, to avoid the extreme emotional and physical agony of a torturous death.

True Christians will dread the mark and its associated evils just as their Lord Jesus dreaded the execution he was to endure for them. Yet, like their Savior, believers will endure their cross when the mark is implemented. They will overcome the beast government by refusing to submit to the evil mark of the beast. Jesus their Lord will keep them from the evil. (John 17:15; Revelation 3:10-13) Like Christ, they will be supernaturally strengthened by angels in prayer. (Mark 1:13; Matthew 4:11; Psalm 91:11; Luke 22:39-46) They will be encouraged by the joy set before them; the anticipation of being raptured to meet their Lord in the air at his one and only second coming. (Hebrews 6:13-
Most American Christians fear believe the same lies about 9/11, fear the same false flag terror, invest in the same military-industrial complex, and believe in the same war racket as the deceived world does.

We need the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of our understanding to the spiritual blindness of the 501-c3 American church and to the fate of those who will be deceived into receiving the mark of the beast. We need this desperately in order that we can be motivated in love to intercede to God in prayer. Intercession is needed for awakening in the church and the salvation of the lost before the mark arrives and God’s wrath is poured out on Babylon!
How can the church intercede for the deceived, however, when her entire body from mouth to toe is spellbound by the same deceiving spirits as the world?

Do we realize that receiving the mark of the beast means that the deluded damned will be able to buy and sell for, at most, about seven years in exchange for their eternal souls! After that, if they have survived God’s precursor judgments and the physical consequences of marking themselves, the Lord Jesus Christ will return to destroy all the powerful leaders and submissive citizens of the fourth and final global beast kingdom. Yes, world lovers will actually choose to be enslaved for seven years or less to an abominable global government that has convinced them that marking themselves will provide global security, peace and prosperity. (Daniel 9:27; Revelation 13:11-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12; Revelation 19:11-21; 1 Corinthians 15:24-25; Isaiah 11:4; Micah 4; Daniel 2:40-45; Daniel 7:7-11, 23-27; Daniel 8:23-25; Joel 2-3; Zechariah 14)

Spiritual sleepwalkers will tout biometric ID systems for the increased security, convenience and productivity they promise the world. Snared into believing that the promised ends of peace, security and prosperity justify the unbiblical means required to secure these benefits, the blind masses will refuse to repent of their faith in the god of forces; the extraordinary military power of the global beast government as well as their undying twisted belief that the destructive evils and treacherous injustices of the global beast government were morally good. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-12; Revelation 13:4; Daniel 11:36-12:4; Revelation 9:13-21; Isaiah 10-14:27; Joel 1:14-2:11)

Jesus warned us that the institution of the mark of the beast will come upon the entire world as a snare. A snare is instrument for catching animals, particularly fowls, by the leg. It consists of a cord or string with slip-knots, in which the leg is entangled. (Webster, 1828) God warns us that the population of the world will be tricked into an ensnaring trap; lured into the fastening noose of the mark of the beast by the global beast kingdom. (Luke 21:34-36)

**Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.** (Luke 21:37)
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