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Windows 10, Technology, and the Beast: Windows 10

Microsoft with Windows 10 has brought a new level to the game. What Windows eight failed to achieve, the new kid on the block takes technology, privacy, and intrusion to a new level. <u>Cnet covering the launch</u> of Windows 10 calls it "Microsoft's vision of the future" and a place that a "single user experience spans every piece of technology you touch".

However some 30 years ago a little known company today called <u>Quantum Computer Services</u> rose up from a failed start up. It later became known as AOL. It was in those early years of Microsoft, Windows 3, and AOL that I in earnest began the Technology field. The days were of 1200 KB internet and to call AOL you used a phone line that was not meant for such connections. There were no videos, no pictures, no fancy websites, but there were bulletin boards you could connect to. That was the early years and by 1993, an <u>AOL Press release states</u> "America Online Surpasses 500,000 Subscriber Mark". They were the early ballgame in the internet world. No online broadcasting, nothing like we have today.

It was in those days after Bill Gates began in 1983 that for the most part IBM compatibles were coming out. I had one built which cost \$3,400.00 dollars. A huge amount and the ability, memory, and function were a fraction of what I have today. Windows first came out with an early version, long before I was able to have Windows 3. Which in those years, was amazing software, and yes in those days we had to do some DOS. Its rival in 1985 was a Macintosh.

By Comdex 1985, <u>Microsoft had Windows 1.0</u> ready to show. It was a laughable product that was nothing more than a shell interface running on top of DOS. It was a curiosity at best, and nobody was buying it.

It could only tile its "windows," and there were no major programs that ran on it. It came with a crude clock, a miserable text editor, and a game called Reversi.

In 1986 an article by Erik Sandberg-Diment <u>appeared in the Nytimes</u> titled"Personal Computers Windows are Open at last." In it Sandberg describes the new Windows software:

Windows on a PC with 512K of memory is akin to pouring molasses in the Arctic. And the more windows you activate, the more sluggishly it performs.

The mess I put up with in those old IBM compatibles, slow dial connections, and even slower software with little or no memory is amazing. Yet back then, not many were actually getting into the tech portion of it. Even fewer would get online and no one thought of cell phones at that time. It would be years before Star Trek and Nimoy with Captain Kirk would bring technology to the screen. The rest is history. But in this, the whole of the personal computing was the substance of the individuals experience and ability in using his equipment and keeping it running. But we did not have to worry too much about intrusions, malware, adware, hackers, and such. The Windows program I had always crashed. I mean in the middle of the work, it would simply go dark; for no apparent reason. I spent more time restarting my computer and trying to regain lost work that I do today.

Today, though we have the top of line in technology; or so we think. We only think that until the next level of technology comes to us. We have Microsoft's answer to what ails us, get online, get in your computer, smartphone, tablet, phablet, or whatever you have and find happiness. Today in Windows 10 all the gadgets can be combined into one single Operating System. That is Windows 10 and it offers a fast browser called Edge; which in the long run needs work. It is not safe to browse and will not allow plugins like Norton to run on it. This would prevent browser hijacking or malware being put on your PC. But I am sure they will fix this with the September promise of allowing extensions in Edge. Then there is the improved security on your PC, where every file has a secure piece attached to it. Not everyone can just waltz in and gain access to those files. Plus they have added Cortana the digital assistant that brings a voice, personality, and ability to help you in your technology filled world.

Windows 10, Technology, and the Beast: Cortana making people used to a Computer based identity

I first met Cortana in my Windows smartphone, sometime before Windows 10 came out. I used it some, but found it a nuisance. It would not shut off and soon after putting the phone in my pocket I could hear Cortana. So I began putting the phone on the lock screen. I did not want to have to turn Cortana off every time I was done. I did train my voice to Cortana in my Smartphone then and again when I started up Cortana. But I have found that this technology is indeed helpful in searching the computer and the web. However, she is a bit overzealous. I do our Radio Shows and one night while broadcasting, I looked down in the tray where Cortana was. I thought I heard something in the background. There she was, Cortana typing away and had several sentences as I was talking. It was word for word.

The whole idea of Cortana was to get information without using the mouse. You can say "Hey Cortana", and she will answer. When I restart the PC, she is in the tray off to the left where she tells me "hello" and then asks what I need today! I have found her reminders very helpful.

You can ask Cortana how it is. Ask what it's doing. Ask it the meaning of life, the universe and everything. And then you can ask the questions again to see more responses. Ask it to sing you a song; if you're lucky enough to be using the US English version, you'll hear a snippet recorded by Cortana's voice actress Jen Taylor — the same lady that voiced Halo's Cortana AI.

But what we have today is the rise of the Computer based identity. This is where we become familiar with an image on the virtual reality of the PC. You see the PC is not real, it is digital, created, and with a click of a mouse everything can be wiped out. But it is that image which will become real to you and as with many things, Television, internet, and smartphones; it is bringing you into another world. When I wrote my first book I wanted a real book, with real pages, and something I could hold.

On Windows 10: I have Cortana again and she is ever present.

When I pick it up or any book up, now that is real! I have written E-books and have read them, but they are not real; unless you print them off. Needless to say, we convince ourselves that what we are seeing is real. Websites, chatrooms, and other online social avenues become a non-reality, reality. That is, the whole makeup of the website or chatroom is based on code which when you place it in a certain manner; it will seem real. I do websites. I create graphics. I take real pictures of real things I have seen that the technology makes them into this non touchable reality. We can touch pictures, but they are just a picture. But with Cortana, and the virtual reality ability, like the Microsoft Halo lens; non reality becomes reality and it is a hit with kids and adults alike. Yet it is surreal, not real at all; but yet it exists. We have heard of this before, in scripture and were warned. One day this digital Computer based identity will indeed find a way to become real. Will it be a Halo lens reality, a Halogram, or what?

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- (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.

The word 'image' above in Revelation 13 means 'likeness, profile, representation, resemblance'. All of which is what a 'halogram' is. What the websites and even your computer is made up of. Besides the real part you can touch, the computer, smartphone, keyboard, mouse, screen, ect; there is so much you cannot touch. You can touch the touchscreen but the image, which makes up your PC or Tablet or phone, is unreal. It is a mere image of something real.

While Cortana is not that image of the beast, the real image of the beast could be distant cousin waiting in the technology field years away. The Beast of Revelation 13 and the Son of perdition of 2 Thessalonians are real human beings that are directly descended from the pit. There is no doubt in my mind that when this dark one shows up and is finally revealed he will bring to the table a new level of technology that man has never seen. It will allow the beast to be so much more. But we will talk about that in a later section on the beast which follows this. Simply put, technology today allows man, companies, and nations to be all present all the time. Just pick up the smartphone, tablet, or get on your PC and find them. While God is Omni-present, i.e. "all present, everywhere, at once", man is not. Neither is the devil, nor his demons. But with this technology the beast can be all present everywhere at once and that is precisely what he will use to deceive a gullible generation brought up to think that surreal world of the internet is neat. What he will do is turn it into a nightmare world of his own making where he can come and go a will, in the world; all at once. Yes, even in the comfort of your own home, he will be present. You will see him and he will see you! Welcome to the end of the World!

Windows 10, Technology, and the Beast: Technology, you cannot fool it, it knows all about you!

In this world of Windows 10, the Mac, or of any digital technology; you cannot fool it. It cannot lie, it does not know evil or good. It only knows what you program it. If it is told you are a fool, a liar, and needs to be watched; it will simply record all you write and say. It will track your every move. The gullibility and inconsistencies of the technology is governed by the men who control it. As well, so are its goals. Google for years has known this. I can say over all these years, the one company that has made money hand over fist is Google. They know the technology and how to use it. Today, for instance if I want to find some special heirloom seeds on the net or just go to one of my purveyors I have bought some from, it is tracked. If I find a nice package of Yellow Heirloom tomatoes and buy it, within a few minutes of that, as I am surfing all ads that follow me around on the net will be to buy or find that Yellow Heirloom seed. I know you as well have had ads follow you around.

When you go to Walmart, Safeway, Target, Smith's, or some other store to purchase anything; most of the companies want you to have a convenient card. That card will give you a discount they say. Major oil companies do the same thing, so do other companies. But what it does is track your every move. It knows when you bought that Dark chocolate, salted caramel, almond Ice cream. Nothing to hide here; they already knew about it. From phone calls to the internet to everyday commerce; everything is tracked. Technology has come a long way and you cannot fool it, it knows everything about you.

Today we hardly use cash. The wife and I went to buy some Colorado Peaches from the truck sitting in a parking lot here locally. We inquired of what they had and were prepared to stand in line and wait our turn to buy what we wanted. Yet we discussed some small items with one of the attendants who were packing up things. He clearly stated that they only took cash. I had seen a small sign that said no "credit cards", and then pursued the matter with the wife and man talking with us. I had cash but not enough. So we left to get more cash and by the time we got back, they were closed.

I remember my Dad years ago came to visit us. He and mom stayed in a nice big, newly built motel locally. I went with him when he was checking out and as we stood there to pay the bill, the girl look at us amazed. "Cash", she said, "We do not take cash"! My dad stood there in unbelief, "but that is all I pay with is Cash"! "Sorry, the clerk said, but I do not know how to take cash here"! Pretty soon the manager arrived and the clerk was right. We gave the cash to the manager who proceeded to give us a receipt and change for the bills my Dad gave her.

The point to this is that scripture again has warned us of this. The time of this happening has crept up on us. It will be easy to control the money and the buying and selling of things with the technology of digital means that we have. In fact, most everything we do and have is either purchased or kept by this means. Do you pay online? Do you buy gas and use a card? Do you go out to eat? I could go on and on, but today from the major banking institutions to those of us in society; every one of us use something digital and as each day passes, we are more dependent on it than ever. Money passes between banks, nations, and people digitally.

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Now I firmly believe what we see today is not the final form of what is coming in the aforementioned scripture. The mark, the name of the beast or the number of his name; while many theologians argue and discuss what it means; I do not. I have talked to many people warning them about what is coming and suffice it to say when the subject of the mark comes up, I hear almost the same answer. "Oh yes I heard about that, don't worry about me, I believe in Jesus; no mark for this kid".

Yes, the devils believe and they are not saved. But in America especially, it seems; we use the word believe and link it to Jesus and say "I will be okay"! The fact is, you cannot "believe" and then "live like the devil"

and expect congratulations at the Pearly Gates when you get there. The fact is, I believe this; many will be mistaken and will in fact end up with the mark. The mark is unequivocally linked to buying and selling. That means with a flip of a switch, a check of a digital box by your name and all your account info, money, and means to live by will be gone. Today, look what happens if your Checking account is off or hijacked! The day is coming you will either do as you are told or presto, change; all you have will be gone. That is and what will happen in the end of days with the Beast who will cause, to make you to have you do something; this something is to receive the mark. Then you will buy and sell. Here he will use technology, like what we have today; but I believe again a deeper level of ability that we have never seen before. He will use this to persuade you, convince you, this is in the best interest of everyone; No one wants you to go without. All you will need is a special digital mark, which either has his image, his name, or the number of his name.

Guess what? In Windows 10, you can gain access by "your image", "your pin", or "your password". There is also voice commands and using your iris as another means to uniquely identify you that is used today. I can use a voice command to say "Hey Cortana" and she will answer!

Windows 10, Technology, and the Beast: The PC is not so personal anymore

In the beginning the Pc I had was costly and the technology was the best we had at the time. Yet it was light years behind what I have today. My knowledge then was limited, today I know much more. That is why I can tech out problems on my websites, PC, and software programs. The computer was a place to be able to write, plan, become entertained, and in short have life become a little better for it. It was a private place, it was my PC. In the early years I never worried much about hackers, malware, or some other virus. I had never heard of Norton or MacAfee. It replaced the typewriter and could also print. In later years we could publish through our PC.

But today, the PC you have is dependent. To keep it updated you need updates and those come from Windows 10, Norton, Dell, Apple, and other companies whose devices or software you own. You make your way on the internet and have to watch out for malicious sites filled with adware, malware, or porn. In Windows 10, you have updates; I have had four by now. What is in those updates I have no idea. I have to trust Microsoft that what they are updating will do me and my PC good. Yet for years now I have talked about what is coming. That is, it would take little effort at all for a company to upload a micro device or bug in your computer. It could record all you do, say, and visit online. But also it could literally take over your computer and leave you with no use of it at all. It could as well be a tool for the Beast to use.

Windows 10, Technology, and the Beast: The Beast is omnipresent

Moreover, say one night you are sleeping and hear something in the living room. You get up and find something to use as a weapon, but have nothing. Suddenly you hear your name being called. It is a nice, loving, and pleasant voice. This disarms you and you go to investigate. As you step into the hallway a light is coming from the living room. You enter the room, and in the middle between the couch and large size bookshelf you have is standing a figure. He stands with his arms open. An aura of glittering light surrounds him and you can clearly see who it is. You immediately recognize him. He is the one many call the "Prophet"; others call him "God" because of the miracles he does. He even called fire down from heaven, just like Elijah. He has come to make himself known to you. You had heard in the news that the "Great One" as he calls himself clearly stands against Jesus Christ and His Father. He condemns them as false, while he says he is the true God or "Great One"! The news also said on the third Tuesday of this very month he would appear to all who want the truth, at once, in one night. You had forgotten and run to the calendar on the wall to check the date. Yes, it is tonight you think and then laugh and turn around his eyes are on and follow you as you walk. Yes, he is clearly here with me. I want to know the truth, He must be God.

What I describe is a new level of technology. Not just a Hologram or Halo lens. You will not need a lens or any other device; that is, except a Computer, smartphone, smart watch, or tablet or other device that is digital. What you did not know was that a program, very small and undetectable by anyone or any software was placed in your computer. It was placed on a microchip deep in your computer and linked so that not even your computer knew it was there. It was programed to show you what you just seen. The image, voice, and ability of what you saw was digital, it is unreal, but yet real and was broadcast worldwide in one night. You can talk to it but not touch it. He appears in Spirit to all, for his Spirit is "Omnipresent" he says. I am God and God is a Spirit. So he convinces you that he is who he says. You talk to him, he answers you; his eyes follow you, his mouth will only respond after you have spoken. He looks, talks, and is at that moment in your life; very real! What decision you make on this night will determine your eternal state. Now of these things which I write, some technology like Microsoft's Halo Lens and other virtual reality games are on the leading edge of what I believe will come when the beast arrives. But his level of technology is and will be deeper and more sophisticated than any human can imagine. But this technology has made him, for this night, "Omnipresent", just like the real God whom he knows exists but also has given the world a delusion so they will believe a lie. All because the world rejected the "love of the Truth", which is that "God so loved the World that he gave his only begotten son to die for your sins."

2Th 2:10-12

- (10) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- (11) And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, that they should **believe a lie**:
- (12) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Rev 13:6-8

- (6) And he opened <u>his mouth in blasphemy against God</u>, to <u>blaspheme his name</u>, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.
- (7) And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
- (8) And <u>all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him</u>, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Now what I describe is not prophecy. It contains prophecies, but it is biblical scriptural truths and then taking technology and look at a very real event and how that event may play out with our technology. But make no mistake; the use of technology is but one part of his delusion. The fact is, he will have an accomplice who will do signs and wonders. He will be the chief one in the working of this lie all at the behest and guidance of the beast. He will direct the technology and the lie; doing these miracles which will be performed by demons. He is the other beast who comes up out of the earth. Scripture says of him that he will "Deceive them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles" that he does.

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(18) 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.

We find that out of the Dragon, [the devil]; the Beast [the Dark one, Anti-Christ], and the False prophet come three unclean spirits, which are devils or demons or some other supernatural evil spirit. These are the sources behind the miracles, which testify to the world that the signs they are seeing are from the true and living god; when they are not!

Rev 16:13-14

- (13) And I saw <u>three unclean spirits like frogs</u> *come* out of the <u>mouth of the dragon</u>, and out of the <u>mouth of the beast</u>, and out of the <u>mouth of the false prophet</u>.
- (14) For they are the <u>spirits of devils, working miracles</u>, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Windows 10, Technology, and the Beast: Conclusion

I do not for a minute suggest that Microsoft is the Anti-Christ or an evil empire. It may be an evil empire, but then again they just be a company who does technology really well at times. There is no doubt in the beginning Windows was a far cry from Windows 10. But then again Bill Gates started this whole thing back in 1983. By the time they hit the Windows 8 line, many had departed from the Microsoft brand. Many never used I.E. browser much. And in all, the thinking was that the company needed a makeover.

Well with Windows 10, the new level of technology and the more complete sophistication of this brand were revealed. But it also gave us a look into tomorrow. What we see in this may frighten you or peak your interest. But one thing is for sure, one day the Beast will come.

I believe the Beast is in the world right now. You probably have seen him and never knew his real identity. But he is there, none the less.

But one thing is true in this scenario, he will use technology! This technology is of numbers and of such is man, for the number of man is according to scripture. This is number is known and we are warned about it. How he may use it works directly into and can be intertwined in the digital technology which makes up todays modern world.

Shalom,

Thanks for reading this Digital edition of Windows 10, Technology, and the Beast

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