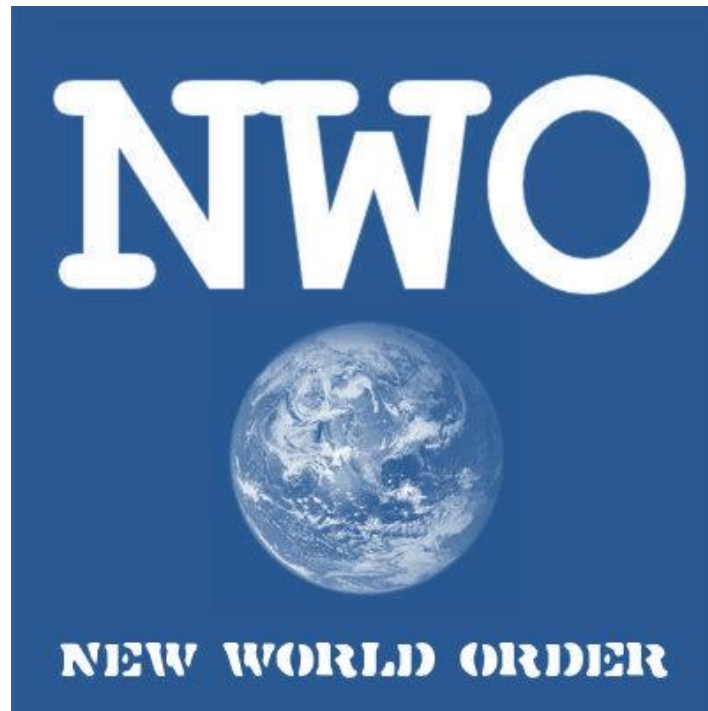




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## THE NEW WORLD ORDER AND THE BIBLE

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For the last 80 years or so, Western leaders have announced the implementation of a “New World Order.” Does the Bible predict and detail features of this global system of control and what should Christians do about it? Consider, first of all, what some Western leaders have said about the New World Order:

“National Socialism will use its own revolution for establishing of a New World Order.” - Adolph Hitler

“Each of us has the hope to build a New World Order.” -Richard Nixon

“We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order.” - David Rockefeller

“We are moving toward a New World Order, the world of communism. We shall never turn off that road.” - Mikhail Gorbachev

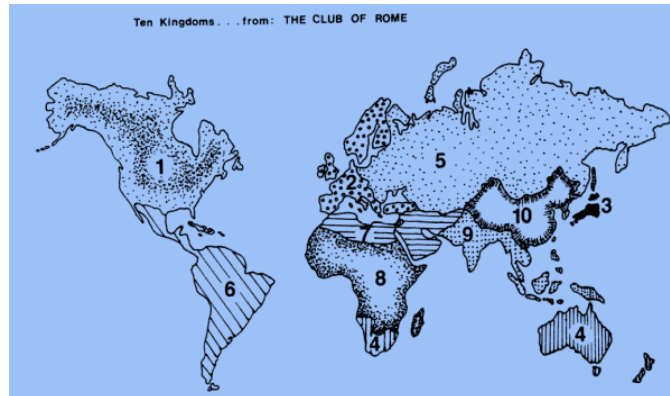
“We have before us the opportunity to forge, for ourselves and for future generations, a New World Order. A world where the rule of law, not the law of the jungle, rules all nations. When we are successful - and we will be - we have a real chance at this New World Order. An order in which a

credible United Nations can use its peacekeeping forces to fulfill the promise and vision of its founders.”  
- George H.W. Bush

“We must move as quickly as possible to a one-world government; a one-world religion; under a one-world leader.” - Robert Mueller

In this article, I would like to survey some of the features of this “New World Order” and search the Scriptures to see if these features are predicted in the prophetic Word of God.

## REGIONALIZATION



The Bible predicts that, in the end-times, the world will be divided into ten kingdoms. We read, for example, in Revelation 17:12, 13, 17:

“And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. these have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast . . . For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.”

Building on the imagery of Daniel 7:19, 20, the ten horns represent kings or kingdoms that pledge their fealty to the Beast, the Antichrist, who will, for a brief time, bring in a world government. So, it appears that the transitional phase leading toward one world government, will be through the development of kingdoms or regional governments. Do we see that happening in our day? I believe we do.

Quoting from the Club of Rome report entitled, “Regionalized and Adaptive Model of . . . The Global World System” (September 17, 1973): “THE WORLD SYSTEM IS REPRESENTED in terms of interacting regions with provisions made to investigate any individual country or subregion in the context of regional and global development. Presently the world system is represented BY TEN REGIONS: NORTH AMERICA, WESTERN EUROPE, EASTERN EUROPE, JAPAN, REST OF DEVELOPED WORLD, LATIN AMERICA, MIDDLE EAST, REST OF AFRICA, SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST ASIA”

## WORLDWIDE CASHLESS SOCIETY



Another feature of the New World Order predicted in the Bible has to do with the emergence of a worldwide cashless society. The Bible predicts that, for the first time in human history, buying and selling will no longer take place via local currencies. Instead, a worldwide digital system of commerce will develop that will eliminate cash transactions. The Bible predicts this development in Revelation 13:15-17:

“And he (the false prophet - v 11) had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 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.”

Notice what is implied in this passage. First, participation in this worldwide cashless society has doxological implications. In other words, participation in this system involves worshiping the Beast. Second, participation in this cashless system of commerce involves a mark upon the hand or upon the forehead. Is such a system under development in modern times? I believe it is. With the advent of computer technology, we have seen the rapid successive development of Electronic Funds Transfer, the invention of smart cards, the use of biometrics and widespread surveillance and tracking by radio frequency identification (RFID) chips. These technologies lead us, step-by-step, toward the prophesied economic system of the Antichrist and the final Mark of the Beast. We are gradually being weaned away from the use of paper money and coins, as the cashless system is being developed that will soon replace the familiar tools of commerce used throughout human history.

Let's drill down a bit more as it relates to the “mark of the beast” in Revelation 13:16, 17. The Greek word for “mark” in verse 16, *charagma*, means a “stamp or an imprinted mark” or a “mark providing undeniable identification” and a symbol “giving irrefutable connection between parties.” The Mark of the Beast on the hand or forehead is thus a seal of ownership, and those who get the final Mark are branding themselves and showing their allegiance to the Beast, while at the same time signifying their absolute rebellion against God.

In our day, personal identification is becoming standard via hand (fingerprints) and eye (iris) scanning, which amazingly correlates to the two locations predicted for the final mark. Since smart cards have now incorporated such biometric data to facilitate fingerprinting, hand, and iris scanning, it appears

logical that the mark will be associated with the process of biometric scanning and personal identification. The question is whether the smart card will still be used in this forthcoming system or will the card be made obsolete by the Mark? In other words, will the Mark of the Beast be a replacement for smart card technology or will it be an adjunct to it?

The fulfillment of the final Mark could be a digital ID microchip that is implanted just under the skin, and thus it could become the number used in conjunction with smart card technology to validate identities. Alternatively, the Mark could actually be a Smart Card microprocessor combined with an RFID chip that is placed under the skin on the hand or forehead, and thus it would completely eliminate the need for a smart card. In this case, the Mark would contain an ID number and the name of the individual, which would be validated through a biometric scan. Amazingly, in this scenario, the Mark of the Beast would become all three components: the mark, the name of the Beast, and the number of his name all rolled into one, as predicted in Revelation 13:17.

While microchipping of pets has become commonplace in America, we are now seeing this practice migrate to humans. *MIT Technology Review* published an article on August 17, 2018 entitled, "This company embeds microchips in its employees, and they love it."

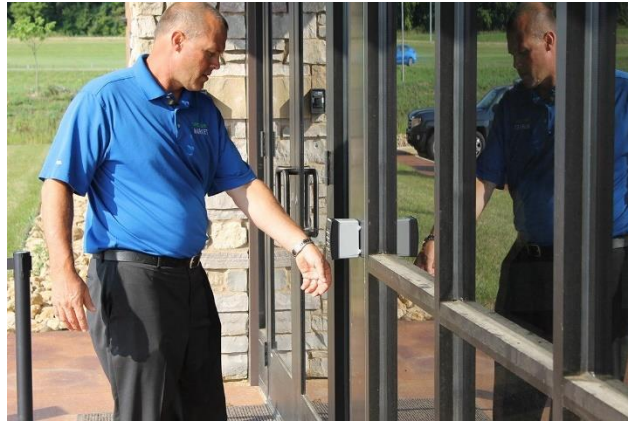
"When Patrick McMullan wants a Diet Dr Pepper while he's at work, he pays for it with a wave of his hand. McMullan has a microchip implanted between his thumb and forefinger, and the vending machine immediately deducts money from his account. At his office, he's one of dozens of employees who have been doing likewise for a year now.

"McMullan is president of Three Square Market, a technology company that provides self-service mini-markets to hospitals, hotels, and company break rooms. Last August, he became one of roughly 50 employees at its headquarters in River Falls, Wisconsin, who volunteers to have a chip injected into their hand.

"The idea came about in early 2017, he says, when he was on a business trip to Sweden - a country where some people are getting subcutaneous microchips.

"The chips he and his employees got are about the size of a very large grain of rice. They're intended to make it a little easier to do things like get into the office, log on to computers, and buy food and drinks in the company cafeteria. Like many RFID chips, they are passive - they don't have batteries, and instead get their power from an RFID reader when it requests data from the chip (McMullan's chip includes identifying information to grant him access to the building, as well as some basic medical information, for instance).

"A year into their experiment, McMullan and a few employees say they are still using the chips regularly at work for all the activities they started out with last summer. Since then, an additional 30 employees have gotten the chips, which means that roughly 80 of the company's now 250 employees, or nearly a third, are walking, talking cyborgs. 'You get used to it; it's easy,' McMullan says."



## ONE-WORLD RELIGION



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Another feature of the New World Order is the development of a one-world religion that is united against Christ. We read of this in Revelation 17:1-5:

“And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither, I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters; With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication; And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

The Bible teaches that, during the Tribulation, there will be a consolidation of all the non-Christian religions into one religion, known as MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT. This consolidation will be under the control of the False Prophet. We learn from Revelation 13 that the False Prophet is associated with and subordinate to the first Beast (Rev 13:1), the Antichrist, who is the political leader of the Tribulation period. The False Prophet appears in the middle of the Tribulation period, at which time the Antichrist assumes worldwide political power (Rev 13:7), and he, religious power. The False



Prophet deceptively appears in meekness and humility, as he is pictured as having “. . . two horns like a lamb” (Rev 13:11). He promotes the worship of the first Beast and forces the earth to worship him. His power is authenticated by miracles and signs, which he works by satanic power. The world will be dominated by the Antichrist and the False Prophet in the political, religious and economic realms during the Tribulation, in imitation of Christ’s worldwide rule over the earth in the Millennium.

The False Prophet will endorse a program of global socialism, requiring all people to receive a mark or number for buying and selling (Rev. 13:16, 17). This “Mark of the Beast” will apparently be a global scheme for wealth redistribution (social justice) to those who worship the Beast.

We also learn in Revelation 16:13 that the False Prophet is demon possessed: “And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon (Satan) and out of the mouth of the beast (the Antichrist), and out of the mouth of the false prophet.”

The Bible prophesies in Daniel 2:40-44 that a reborn Holy Roman Empire will be in power at the time of the Second Coming of Christ. The Holy Roman Empire first came into existence around 800 A.D. when pope Leo III placed a crown on the head of Charlemagne, pronouncing him emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. This empire, throughout its over 1,200-year history has always been a union of politics and religions - thus the name “Holy Roman.” Its leadership has always consisted of an alliance between a political leader and a religious leader. The political leaders have always come from Europe, and the religious leader has always been the pope of the Roman Catholic Church.

I believe that this will continue to be true during the Tribulation. Ultimately, the man called the Antichrist (or the Beast) will become the leader of the re-born empire. It has traditionally been believed that he will arise out of Europe, though some recent authors have speculated about the possibility of an Islamic Antichrist (See *Mideast Beast*, by Joel Richardson). It is also commonly believed what whoever is pope at the time of the Antichrist will probably be the False Prophet. This should not come as a shock, even to Roman Catholics, for it is taught in many Catholic prophecy books that the last pope will be evil (See *The Coming Chastisement*, by Yves Dupont).

## IS POPE FRANCIS THE FINAL POPE?



There has been a great deal of controversy as to whether Pope Francis is the final pope, and therefore, may become the False Prophet. Let’s consider some evidence that may support that conclusion. The first piece of evidence is that Francis is the first Jesuit pope and is a controversial

figure among the theologically conservative branch of the Roman Catholic church. For example, a Catholic website, biblefalseprophet.com, wrote a January 5, 2015 article entitled, “Why are the Enemies of Catholic Truth the Main Defenders of Pope Francis?” “Let’s be honest: the most progressive fringe of the Church likes Francis. This is the fringe that during the pontificate of Benedict XVI kept attacking the pope, but now they are dressed up as papal cheerleader who are always at hand to defend the Pope - the pope, please note, who is Francis, not the papacy as an institution.”

Another group, known as the “Remnant Clergy” published a September 11, 2014 article entitled, “Who is the False Prophet?” Note their conclusion: “The False prophet is the anti-pope Francis, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, the man currently sitting on the chair of Peter. . . .”

Another indication that Pope Francis may become the False Prophet is his extreme ecumenicism. No pope in modern times has exerted more effort in bringing the world religions together than has Pope Francis. Michael Snyder details some of these efforts in his February 24, 2014 article entitled, “Pope Francis and the Emerging one World Religion.” “Since he has been pope, Francis has expressed a desire for unity with the Eastern orthodox, the Anglicans and many other major Protestant denominations.”

This outreach has also included prominent Christian leaders such as Kenneth Copeland and Rick Warren. Warren stated in an interview for the show *World Over*, “Well, the main thing is, love always reaches people. . . . Pope Francis is the perfect example of this. He is . . . doing everything right. . . . as our new pope he was very symbolic in his first mass with people with AIDS, his kissing of the disformed (sic) man, his loving the children. This authenticity, this humility, the caring for the poor, this is what the world expects us Christians to do. In fact, there was a headline here in Orange County - and I love the headline. It said, ‘If you love Pope Francis, you’ll love Jesus’” (emphasis added).

## CATHOLIC PROPHECIES

It is also interesting to note that there is a 900-year-old prophecy that seems to indicate that Pope Francis could be the last pope. While I certainly do not place a Catholic prophecy on the level of Scripture, if that prophecy is accurate, then we could very well be living at a time when we will see the emergence of a one-world religion. Irvin Baxter deals with this in his May 17, 2013 article entitled, “Is Pope Francis the False Prophet?”

“St. Malachy was the Archbishop of Armagh, Ireland. He claimed he experienced a vision while visiting Rome in 1139 A.D. He said he saw every pope that would exist from the time of his vision until the last pope. The last pope would be the 112th from the time of his vision. Malachy also stated that God would judge his people and the city of Rome would be destroyed during the reign of the last pope. In Malachy’s vision, a clue was given as to the identity of each pope, including the 112<sup>th</sup> one. The clue for the 112<sup>th</sup> pope was ‘Peter the Roman’ . . .

“It was not until 2005 that Malachy’s prophecies began to attract a lot of attention. Pope John Paul II was on his deathbed. Someone noticed that he was the 110<sup>th</sup> pope from Malachy’s time. That meant the next pope would be the 111<sup>th</sup> (Benedict XVI), and then, if Malachy’s prophecy were true, the 112<sup>th</sup> pope (Francis) would be the last pope . . .”

In his documentary film, *Petrus Romanus*, Tom Horn states that he believes the name “Petrus Romanus” fits the current pope very well. Horn states, “We have given interviews (prior to the election of Pope Francis) saying it would be a mistake to try to nail down the last pope having the Christian name Peter, that in fact the only thing that it would take to fulfill the prophecy would be a cardinal of Italian descent. And, low and behold, Jorge Bergoglio, Italian descent, parents full-blooded Italian, or in the old language ‘Romans.’ But he names himself after Francis of Assisi. Now this is a Catholic friar who lived in the late 1100s and the early 1200s, but his name of birth was Giovanni Di Pietro Di Bernadone, Peter. He was an Italian, or Roman in the old language, a man whose name can literally be translated as ‘Peter the Roman.’ So, to take that as a namesake, well it was intriguing to say the least.”

## THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO THE NEW WORLD ORDER



Let me suggest two responses to the New World Order which we should make as end-time saints.

First, we are to *expose* it. We read in Ephesians 5:11 “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.” As those who have been brought into the light of the gospel, we are to shed light on the unfruitful works of darkness. As someone has said, “light is a good disinfectant.”

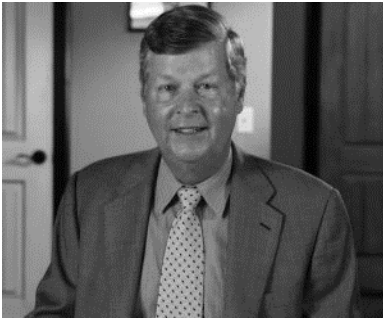
Second, we are to *oppose* it. We read in 2 Thessalonians 2:6-8: “And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth (hinders) will let (hinder), until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be



revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.”

Paul wanted the Thessalonians to know what was restraining the revealing of the man of sin. I believe, simply put, that the restraining force toward evil in the world today, is the influence of Holy Spirit inhabited Christians, both in our soul-winning efforts as well as being the “salt of the earth” and “light of the world” (Matthew 5:13-14). God’s intention is that believers are to oppose and impede the slide into the decay and darkness of the new World order. Christians are indwelt and guided by the Holy Spirit and it is the presence of the Holy Spirit working in and through believers that is preventing the revelation and conquest of the man of sin. Once this Hinderer is “taken out of the way” when believers are caught up meet the Lord in the air, the New World Order will rapidly come to temporary fruition. Until the time of that blessed Hope, we as Holy Spirit indwelt believers are to expose and oppose the unfruitful works of darkness that comprise the New World Order.

Let me make it clear that Christian response is only remedial. The final defeat of the NWO awaits the second coming of Christ, when the Beast and the False Prophet will be “. . . cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone” (Rev 19:20). Maranatha!



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