



NASA GIVES US  
**A TASTE OF  
 THE MARK  
 TO COME**

**In** the Bible, we read about the mark of the beast. A number will be assigned to every person on earth, or at least the global government will try. It may not be a number, but some sort of mark or name. Without it you won't be able to buy anything; you won't be able to sell anything.

Will it be an injected computer chip? Survey says yes; Bible says maybe, but not necessarily.

There are many economic systems in existence already for which you need a number in order to have access: Social security number, credit card, ATM card, driver's license. No number? No access. When we see such systems, it would be ridiculous to say that the system is inherently bad or evil. It would be legitimate, however, to question where such a system might lead—for such economic systems, in fact, are parallel to what Revelation 13:15-18 describes as the mark of the beast. Therefore, the more pervasive the systems are in society, the greater should be our cause for concern.

Which brings us to NASA.

**Access NASA**

The U.S. government's space agency is launching an RFID-based access control system. Everyone will receive a card, wristband or ankle bracelet with an RFID chip that will provide controlled access to the NASA facility. These will be contactless chips that can be kept in a person's pocket and still be scanned by radio frequency readers.

Before the end of 2004, two thousand NASA employees at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama will

use the technology to gain access to secured areas. If successful, NASA anticipates issuing more than 100,000 smart cards to employees and contractors agency-wide before the end of 2005.

Pending success at NASA, RFID access systems are expected to sweep the military, as well as other government agencies and major companies. Soon it will become a condition of employment. Accept the system or find a job elsewhere. Is this the mark of the beast? No. Not yet, at least.

Most every company, agency and

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organization has guidelines to which employees must adhere. Agree to the guidelines, get your passkey, get your paycheck. Guidelines may soon relate to tolerance at the workplace – religious tolerance – diversity – acceptance, affirmation and validation of other religions.

A Christian can't sign that. No passkey, no paycheck; welcome to the mark of the beast. Want electricity turned on? Phone service? Water? Sorry. It's in its infancy now, but this is where it could lead. Moreover, it's where the Bible says it will lead.

**Keep the Dark Ages?**

Most people are technologically attuned. We live by computer. We love gadgets...anything new. Yet when we compare the prophecies to new technology, we should realize that we are much closer than we have ever been to ushering in what the Bible described 2,000 years ago as an economic system with a point of no return. It's a system that could not possibly have worked prior to the computer age. Until today, the fulfillment of this prophecy was impossible.

It's not about trying to prevent every technological advance. It is simply that through Bible prophecy, we can more clearly understand where the world is headed and know that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is near.



Can a NASA employee make it into heaven? Sure—but it might get sticky between here and there. Can the gadget lover and computer addict make it to heaven? Absolutely. Know your Bible and know when to say, "Adios." **3**