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Creating a Man/Machine

by Bob Glaze

I'm sure that most folks who watch TV have seen the insurance ad with the half man/motorcycle getting gassed up.

The identity of the Antichrist has consumed the minds of modern-day armchair prophets for centuries. However, according to the book of Revelation he will not be identified until the seven-year Tribulation period. He has been predicted to be a brilliant person, a super strategist, and a miracle worker in the sight of mankind. With new science technology, man's imagination is seeking new boundaries never before achieved or even dreamed of. The creation of a man that matches the description of the Antichrist and his abilities may well describe a man/machine, man/animal, or man/computer.

An article posted on www.foxnews.com relates that "human brains could be connected to the internet in 'next few decades.'" Dr. Nuno Martins, the lead author of the study "Human Brain/Cloud Interface" (B/CI), states that "nanorobots could be implanted into human brains and connect to a network in real-time." Martins added that thanks to the advancement of neuralnanorobotics, there could be a "super-brain" created that could revolutionize democracy, enhance empathy, and ultimately unite culturally diverse groups into a truly global society." The indefinite article "a" points out that this super-brain is meant to be one person, not societal.

Robert Freitas, Jr., a researcher for the Institute for Molecular Manufacturing, in developing the B/CI states that these nanobots could be implanted in the body and connect to a real-time network. He stated: "These devices would navigate the human vasculature, cross the blood-brain barrier, and precisely autoposition themselves among, or even within brain cells. ... They would then wirelessly transmit encoded information to and from a cloud-based supercomputer network for real-time brain-state monitoring and data extraction."

In other words, the person being controlled would re-

peat what the encoded information instructed them to do or say—information without a classroom. Imagine instantly having the combined information of the world just a pulse away. Daniel was informed of the information age over 2,500 years ago by God in Daniel 12:4, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

According to the article, this technology, known as Brain-Net, has already been tested and enabled thought-driven information exchanges between the cloud and individual brains. It used electrical signals through the skull of the sender and magnetic stimulation of the skull of the receivers which allowed for performing tasks. This would be very convenient for oral examinations and debates and would involve no preparation, even presidential.

Some scientists perceive that life would not end with the death of this human body. In 2018, futurist Dr. Ian Pearson published a blog theorizing that humans could eventually become immortal, not with their bodies, but by merging their brains with androids. "Assuming you saved enough and prepared well, you connect to an android to use as your body from now on, attend your funeral, and then carry on as before, still you, just with a younger, highly upgraded body." This begs the question: What happens to the soul while in transit?

The Apostle John describes a similar event during the Tribulation period that could possibly explain the deadly wound to the head of the Antichrist: "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast" (Rev. 13:3). Could this possibly describe a brain/android mirror image of the Antichrist?

Scientists are also working on many other methods of brain/machine recognition projects, such as MIT Media and

their AlterEgo project of the brain's silent communication with computers. "Researchers at MIT's Media Lab are giving a 'voice' to that voice inside your head. The team has come up with a way to communicate with a computer system by having users 'speak silently' to themselves, or subvocalize. The device, called AlterEgo, uses electrodes to read the neuromuscular signals from the user's internal speech organs when they 'say' words in their head" (www.cnbc.com). So far, they have succeeded with 100 words that the brain can communicate to a computer.

These neuromuscular signals are undetectable to the eye or to the outside world. They give the example of a man simply walking down a street. He could actually be communicating with a computer system. It has been successful at solving arithmetic problems, playing chess, answering basic questions, and even Roku streaming. It has a 92% accuracy testing of 10 different people. It would work well taking college exams, or communicating with the Antichrist during the Tribulation period, or intercepting thoughts of individuals who refuse the Mark of the Beast.

There are many new inventions being perfected by scientist that are beyond what we would think that Daniel spoke of in the last days. For instance, "skin marks" are tattoos that are actually a device that allows the wearer to communicate with a computer. These rub-on tattoos are packed with a fully-functioning touchpad (www.techradar.com).

Google as well as others are continually experimenting with skin marks and other new technologies. What can they do? "For example, instead of whipping out your phone to check the weather report, you could simply squeeze your index finger with your thumb to hear a full report on what the day has in store." They are so thin and flexible that they can be worn anywhere on the body, including uneven surfaces such as curved or bony places.

These are just a few of the devices that scientists have come up with that could be used as tools for today's deception of the people. Are they of themselves demonic? No, these devices are simply tools. I'm sure there are scientists that are working on technology that can intercept and interpret the working of the brain/machines. There is not enough room in this article to cover all of these devices, but hopefully this will tease your brain enough to cause those who read to investigate exactly what the increased knowledge of these last days has produced.

The Antichrist must have these qualities and abilities along with Satan's influence to gain control of the entire health, monetary, and legal system that gives him sovereign decision-making over life and death, which will lead to his

satanic indwelling after the first 3½ years. The entire world is at the point of complete chaos and some person must come forward and be accepted to take charge and bring about order. The United States is at the point of civil war because of the interpretation of how to treat COVID-19, a pestilence that is man-made and is being used with one purpose in mind, that is to get people around the world used to control.

This person will be hailed as a hero and a friend to the masses at first because he will take control of the protesters and rioters who claim justice for their looting, but will find out that he is no friend to anyone. At first, his favors will be earned by loyalty to him for even the gravest of deeds of mass murders and of starvation for those who disobey.

He will be a god of forces as pictured in Daniel 11:37-38, "Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things." Verse 37 does not mean that he has to be a Jew, but he will be cruel and inhumane. In order to gain control of the entire world he must rely on force, mainly military force, that will carry out his satanic self-serving justice.

The exact time of the Rapture of the Church is secret, known only by the Father who sets dates and seasons. According to Matthew 24:36 we cannot know the exact day and hour: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only". And, in Acts 1:7, Christ told the disciples that it was also not for them to know the season: "And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power." The Rapture is imminent; there is no prophecy that must take place prior to it. However, we know the Tribulation will be 1,260 days long from the signing of the peace treaty between the world and Israel so those left behind can count the days.

In Matthew 24:38-39, we read that the time He returns will be as it was in the days of Noah: "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." We are living in such days of wickedness, lewdness, and total disregard for the God who created everything they enjoy. That is soon to be taken away, and unsaved mankind will be exposed to the world without the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit. Salvation will come with the harsh cost of their lives (2Thess 2).

A Year of Conflict

by Pastor Larry Spargimino, PhD.

On January 1, 2020 most people were optimistic. People had been making plans for the future. Some of the plans were short-term and involved spring and summer activities. Others were looking to marriage and pursuing a career. COVID-19, however, dashed all those plans. It added fear and dread. Would our country survive the spring?

People lost jobs, lockdowns were mandated and new rules were put in place—many of the rules closed down churches, or at least sharply limited attendance—while liquor stores, abortion mills, and pot houses were virtually unscathed. It was also a time when the “Trump Derangement Syndrome” went into overdrive. Donald Trump was to blame for all of our woes. He was called a “clown,” “racist,” and a variety of additional epithets I won’t dare repeat, nor do I want to repeat. If anything, the new year of 2020 started out to be a year of conflict.

People don’t like conflict. I don’t like conflict. Conflict has split churches, causes couples to divorce, and led to wars. Seminars dealing with “conflict resolution” have always been popular.

Conflict cuts down on workplace productivity, puts us on edge, and causes a variety of emotions, such as anger, frustration, and personal bitterness. But has anyone ever thought that there may actually be a place for conflict? Conflict is enmity—hostility between people and ideas. Is it possible that this enmity is by design, Divine design?

In Genesis 3:15 the Lord says to Satan, “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

Notice the source of the enmity, or hostility. The Lord says, “And **I** will put enmity between thee and the woman.”

Is it possible that the enmity serves some useful purpose and that, by Divine design, it will endure?

While we don’t like to think such thoughts, it seems like the struggle and conflict we see in the world can be traced back to God.

In this “first declaration of the Gospel,” we find a declaration of God’s goodness, and the first declaration of his redemptive plan. The words “thou shalt bruise his heel” refers to Satan’s repeated attempts to defeat Christ during His ministry. “It shall bruise thy head” foreshadows Satan’s

defeat when Christ rose from the dead. A bruise on the heel is only mildly debilitating, but a strike on the head can be fatal.

These words are picked up by the Apostle Paul in Romans 16:20 and is transferred from Christ to believers, who are indwelt by Christ and empowered by Christ: “And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under **your** feet shortly.”

This concept of our identification with Christ is very important if we are to think of conflict and how we are to respond to it. His conflict is our conflict. What happened to Jesus happened to us positionally.

Believer’s baptism in water is a picture of our union with Christ. We died with Christ and we have also been made alive with Christ. “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Rom. 6:4-6). The next verse is extremely important: “For he that is dead is freed from sin” (vs. 7). Paul is not talking about sinless perfection, but rather that we are no longer under the tyranny of sin.

This is brought out in Romans 6:11-12: “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.” We have died to sin regarding its penalty and also in regard to its power. Because of our union with Christ, Paul could write: “And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under **your** feet shortly” (Rom. 16:20). The conflicts Christ endured in His flesh, and the victory of Christ over sin and death by His bodily resurrection belongs to believers.

Satan did successfully trick Eve, and she was involved in giving the fruit to Adam. Because of this, Satan may have concluded that Adam and Eve and all their descendants in the centuries to come were now on Satan’s side. Satan was getting ready to boast, “I won.” But God is saying, “Not so. I am going to put perpetual enmity between you and the woman, and all her descendants. Reconciliation between you, Satan, and all her seed will be impossible.”

“Enmity” (*aybaw*, Strong’s #342), *echthra* (Strong’s #2189)

in the Greek New Testament, provides a concept that is seen in many places. Romans 8:7 describes the conflict: “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God.” James 4:4 is similar: “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God” (see also Luke 23:12 and Ephesians 2:15-16).

The offspring of the woman and her seed will be in continual conflict with Satan’s offspring, and it is all by Divine design. But remember, the serpent has a tactical disadvantage. Since he now crawls on the ground he can strike the man’s heel, but the man, who towers above, can crush his head.

How extensive is this conflict, and who are the participants? Murphy, in *The Handbook For Spiritual Warfare*, p. 211, calls it “the two, twofold seeds”:

1. The twofold seed of Satan: a) demons, evil spirits, fallen angels who continue Satan’s work; b) unredeemed humans, those people who carry on Satan’s work.
2. The twofold seed of the woman: a) Jesus Christ; b) Redeemed people who carry on Jesus’ work.

This engages each and every believer in Christ in the conflict that we are seeing in this year of conflict. It could not be any other way. It is natural. It has to happen. If there were no conflict in 2020, as the presidential election draws near, it would be an enigma, a puzzle, for which there is no biblical explanation. Such is not, however, the case. On page 212 Murphy brings everything into focus:

There is no redemptive ministry apart from warfare sufferings. The dual wounding of the seed of the woman by evil supernaturalism is part of the mystery of God’s plan. This was true of the wounding of the Son of God (Jn. 19:10-11; Isa. 53:4-6 and 10a; Acts 2:22-23 and 36), and continues to be true of the wounding of the sons of God (Acts 4:27-31; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Jn. 5:18; Luke 10:19 with Luke 22:31-32; Job 1-2).

I know some people—some are even professing Christians—who are of the opinion that Donald Trump must lose the presidential election of 2020. Trump is the problem. If he is out of the picture the conflict would stop. It would appear, however, that from the very beginning of human history, after the fall, humanity can be divided into two huge families embroiled in perpetual conflict that is not related to any ethnic group or region of the globe. This is part of the conflict that is the very fabric of human life. The conflict is not caused by President Trump. For those who believe that the removal of

Donald Trump for a second term as president will usher in the end of conflict, I have news for them: It won’t. The conflict is bigger than Donald Trump.

I only have space for one example of the conflict, but it is a good example. Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, DC, has filed a suit in federal district court challenging the city’s COVID-19 restrictions. Until the pandemic and DCs restrictions on worship, the church had met for in-person worship every single Sunday since February 27, 1878. The church does not have an online ministry, and has not conducted online services, because of its convictions that the Bible commands worshippers to meet together for worship. During the pandemic, the church has met in an open field in Virginia.

Under DCs Phase Two Order, outdoor church services are limited to 100 individuals. On June 10, Capitol Hill Baptist filed a waiver application seeking permission to hold larger outdoor services. The mayor’s office denied the request on September the 15.

While the city has restricted outdoor church attendance to no more than 100 people, Mayor Muriel Bowser has personally endorsed mass protests in the District. On June 6, the mayor delivered a speech to a gathering of tens of thousands of people, describing the large protest as “wonderful to see.” The mayor has actually defended her differential treatment of protests and religious worship by saying “First Amendment protests and large gatherings are not the same. In the United States of America people can protest.”

Scripture reminds us of an ongoing battle in the spiritual realm. In Daniel 10 we are told that Michael the archangel had to come and resolve a 21-day struggle between a territorial spirit from Persia and an angelic messenger seeking to minister to Daniel. “Fear not Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me” (Dan. 10:12-13).

The conflict still rages. The real question: ***Whose side are you on?***

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