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In the last issue, I mentioned about End Times and here is an extract from Beliefnet.com about the “mark of the beast” or the number 666 which many consider to be the devil’s number.

Revelation 13:15-18 says, “*And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, (Tattoo, barcode, RFID??) so that no one can buy or sell (Cashless transactions??) unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom: let the one who has*

understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.”

So what exactly is the mark? The mark of the beast acts as a seal for the followers of Antichrist and the false prophet who serves the Antichrist. The false prophet is the one who causes people to take this mark.

This mark is placed directly on the hand or forehead. It’s not a card that is simply carried around. Author Lesli White claims that a medical implant chip isn’t the mark of the beast. The mark of the beast will be something only given to those who worship the Antichrist.

There is a website (antichristcalculator.tripod.com) which proposes a formula to calculate what names will result in 666, using A=6, B=12, C=18,,,,,,Z=156, each alphabet is in multiples of 6. You can use Excel vlookup formula to calculate that “Mark of Beast” = 666 and “RFID Scanner” also = 666. However from what I understand, the 666 refers to the name of a person.

Revelations 14:1 - *Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads.*

You either have God’s name or the beast on your forehead.

Martin Cheah