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666: DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A LOTTERY TICKET

By Bray Haven

A grain of rice is such a small thing in this gigantic world, but could something as small as this change the entire human race? A piece of technology as small as a grain of rice is currently being manufactured to be inserted in the hand or scalp of a human, which would hold everything from our medical history to our finances and everything in between. This new piece of technology is being called the VeriChip or the RFID Chip. Could the VeriChip change everything from buying gas to going to the Emergency Room? Is the VeriChip for making human's lives easier, or is it for the government to start the takeover of this country? On March 23, 2010 President Obama signed into law a new health care plan, and according to this bill Americans will eventually be forced to be implanted with this so called VeriChip. I believe the VeriChip will cause harm to all humans and will be a huge blow to this fine country.

The VeriChip is not a new piece of technology; however, the sudden rise in popularity or familiarity speaks otherwise. The U.S Army has been using the chip in every soldier for the past decade. It has been a well-kept secret until recently. The VeriChip is devices to help in emergencies, to help track all missing

humans, and to hopefully become a credit card of sorts. "The VeriChip is about twice the length of a dime, the device is typically implanted between the shoulder and elbow area of an individual's right arm. Once scanned at the proper frequency, the VeriChip responds with a unique 16 digit number which could be then linked with information about the user held on a database for identity verification, medical records access and other uses" ("AntiChips").

Positives to the VeriChip include such things as when a child is kidnapped the police could easily find the child and whoever they propose took him or her. One ABC news report had this to say: "It's 10 p.m. You may not know where your child is, but the chip does" ("Implant Chips, Track People"). This thought is flawed though it sounds brilliant. If the kidnapper cut off this child's hand, it could kill the child or just make it where the government cannot track him or her anymore. There is a way around all things about the VeriChip. If this hypothetical child had a card that he or she carried with himself or herself that the kidnapper did not know about then the government could easily track the child exactly like they

would with the VeriChip. "There are already, and increasingly, ways to electronically track people," says nowtheendbegins.com. Since 2006, new U.S. passports include radio frequency identification tags that store all the information in the passport, plus a digital picture of the owner." ("Posts") Another positive about the VeriChip is if a human is in an accident and has no identification, the hospital can then scan this person's hand and know all of his or her medical history. People who suffer from memory loss could have all of their medical records on the chip so that doctors could better understand how to care for them and treat them. After Hurricane Katrina, thousands of people saw their medical records wiped out because the physical documents were destroyed. And many people left their homes in the middle of the night wearing only their pajamas, so they had no way to prove who they were when seeking medical treatment. By linking electronic medical records stored securely in a remote location and backed up properly to a chip inside a person, that person could be sure he or she would always be able to be identified and have access to medical records. Also, illegal immigration could be de-

creased tremendously because with the chip aliens would be easily identified through traffic stops or anywhere identification is required. Prisoners who escape could be easily tracked and put back into prison. The chip could provide an alibi for those who are innocent in a crime in which they are a suspect. I personally believe that I could carry around an identification card just as easy. I would much rather carry something in my wallet than having something embedded in my skin. But not everyone likes the idea of an implant.

However, numerous questions surrounding the legality and morality of this chip have arisen: How can the government legally control us with a simple identification device inserted in our right hands? These chips would carry much more info than we can simply carry in our wallets. Although the government already has minimal access to all of our financial and health records, why give them more control and access than they need?



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The VeriChip being embedded in a human's skin is a huge negative in my opinion. I do not think I could let a doctor embed a chip in my skin that could potentially let me be controlled by the government. NBCnews.com not-

ed, "A series of veterinary and toxicology studies, dating to the mid-1990s, stated that chip implants had "induced" malignant tumors in some lab mice and rats. The VeriChip has been scientifically proven that it causes cancer. According to Wired News online, and the Associated Press, there have been research articles over the last ten years that found a connection between the chips and possible cancer. When mice and rats were injected with glass-encapsulated RFID transponders, like those made by VeriChip, they "developed malignant, fast-growing, lethal cancers in up to 1% to 10% of cases" at the site at which the microchip was injected or to which it had migrated"(Williams).

How much more does the Food and Drug Administration need to know to not allow doctors to implant the chip in your hand? I do not understand how humans can be for the VeriChip when it has caused cancerous tumors in rats and mice since it was invented." Are there any medical risks associated with taking a



VeriChip implant? Yes! Electrical hazards, MRI incompatibility, adverse tissue reaction, and migration of the implant-

ed transponder are just a few of the potential risks associated with the VeriChip ID implant device, according to an October 12, 2004 letter issued by the Food and Drug Administration."(AntiChips) These are all prime examples of why the VeriChip should not be approved. It is not hard to recognize that the VeriChip is a hazardous piece of technology.

The biggest negative in my eyes is the fact that I am a Christian, and many people feel that this piece of technology is what is known in the bible as the Mark of the Beast. "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, so that no one can buy or sell 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."(Revelation 13:16-18) Even The Holy Bible is against the VeriChip. How can politicians who claim to be Christians be

for the VeriChip? It is in the word of God that if anyone shall take the mark they shall be sent to Hell. I believe that the VeriChip will not be as successful as people think. I have faith in this statement because I know that there are true Christians in the world who will not take the VeriChip even if it is not the Mark of the Beast, which I believe it is. This is a huge downfall of the VeriChip. However, the government is gradually becoming more controlling of our everyday lives. People are screaming for equality, but what they do not realize is that if we continue to put everyone on the same level as far as economics, beliefs and we all serve an all powerful government this is comparable to communism. I believe inequality is simply what makes America democratic in its own liberties. If we did not have the opportunities to develop our own ideas, our own beliefs, and do in life what we choose to do then I'll ask the simple question, "Where is our liberty and freedom?" Our government has done a good job of hiding that fact that we are becoming more and more like every other country on the planet. The Holy Bible states, "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath." (Revelation 14:9,10) True, some Christians feel that the foretold "marking" is done by God and is not literal. According to the book Reasoning from the Scrip-

tures, the "forehead" and "hand" have been said to be symbolic for the fact that those people deserving destruction will be obvious to all who look, as if they are wearing a big sign on an obvious place like their forehead. Nevertheless, why would we want to take a chance if it is Bible prophecy? It's not worth it to gamble with our lives.

As for me, I believe the VeriChip will cause harm to all humans and will be a huge blow to this fine country and the basis it was founded on. The VeriChip is current technology that has minimal positives and multiple negatives. The government is trying to control everything and everyone and if people do not stand up their goals will be accomplished. I will keep my freedom, justice, and liberty. If people are okay with being inserted with a chip in their arm then they need a reality check. People need to wake up; it is morning of the last days, and 666 is not a winning lottery ticket.

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