## New Facial Recognition App for Google Glass Means No Place to Hide

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## Note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.

Imagine yourself walking down a street. An oncoming stranger turns his or her head slightly in your direction. This person has a contraption or device fitted on their forehead that resembles a pair of spectacles. You wonder why this person seems to be focusing their stare at you, as though they seem to think that they know or recognize you, or may want to speak to you. In a few seconds they refocus on where they are going and there isn't any further cause for concern...or so you think.

That seemingly innocent glance in your direction just provided that stranger with more information than you may ever be comfortable with: your name and occupation, your latest post on Instagram, links to your public social media profiles (such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter), as well as photographs.

How? Well, that device on the stranger's forehead was actually a facial recognition camera that captured your photograph and matched it up to various databases for further details about you. And all without your knowledge, consent or control over how that information could be used. Another version of the camera is fitted into your phone via an app, so just by taking a photograph of a stranger, the same end result could be achieved.

And this is no script from your latest science fiction novel or movie: If all goes well for FacialNetwork.com, all this will soon be a public reality. FacialNetwork.com are the creators of a new facial recognition app, "NameTag" which works by scanning the face of a person captured in Glass video feed against photos from dating sites and social media networks to determine certain details about who they are and what they do or have done. <u>CBC News</u> reports that FacialNetwork.com has stated that it uses "some of the most accurate facial recognition software in the world" to compare millions of public records, returning a stranger's name, additional photos, and links to their public social media profiles within seconds.

NameTag was released in beta for Google Glass in December of 2013. While currently only available to Google Glass beta testers, FacialNetwork.com hopes to bring the app to smart phones in the future. This would allow users to snap photos of people around them, upload said photos to the app, and scan for personal information on the spot.

According to the CBC News report, FacialNetwork.com also claims its technology can let users scan more than 450,000 entries in the U.S. National Sex Offender Registry, potentially identifying another person's criminal background upon site. This in turn could help improve the user's safety, for example if they were hoping to date someone but were not sure about that person's character or background. Unsurprisingly, this technology has still hit a wave of red flags with privacy advocates, many are discomforted by the idea that such a tool may exist in the first place....

*To read this article in its entirety, go to:* http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/2014/February10/102.html

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: It truly is amazing to see how swiftly technology is advancing to the sophisticated level that will enable governments to enforce police state controls over its citizens, just as the Bible predicted in the books of Daniel and Revelation.

In the '90s, I joined a team of believers who were delivering Bibles to the underground church in China. It was eye-opening to see how people behave when they know that government secret police (PSB) are all around – on the trains, in the public square, and everywhere else – watching to see what people are doing and saying, ready to pounce in order to preserve the interests of the state. People on the trains read only the government authorized newspaper. No one read books because reading anything not authorized by the State would draw

attention. No one wrote anything for the same reason. No one smiled or acted joyful – because it is oppressive to live in a Communist police state.

During our travels, the foolish actions of one of our team members brought about the failure of our mission. This person chose to read a Christian book and sing Christian songs (albeit quietly) on the train. PSB personnel quickly appeared from undercover to search our bags. When they discovered Bibles, we were removed from the train, interrogated, and detained overnight. Our funds were confiscated, and we were deported out of mainland China on the next flight to Hong Kong.

With current face recognition software and instant access to a global database of digital profiles, it would not be possible to even attempt that mission trip today. The secret police would have been able to walk on the train the very first day, scan all the passengers' faces, and identify the pastor, the full-time missionary, and others whose digital profiles revealed they were professing Christians. End of trip, end of mission.

In the article above, the proponents cite instant access to the sex offender data base as a justification for the use of this technology. (Isn't it ironic that our government mandates that every form of sexual perversion be taught in the schools, allowed in the media, and, in some cases, protected by law – then demonizes those who act out what they have been taught and programmed to do in our sexually perverted culture?) However, the label "criminal" is easily redefined. Such reversals have occurred innumerable times throughout the history of totalitarian regimes.

And what would prevent someone in the government or an outside hacker from gaining access to the government-controlled sex offender data base and adding your name to the list because you have been targeted as an enemy of the state? For example, let's say you voted for a Tea Party candidate, hold to the U.S. Constitution, think abortion is murder, or home school your children. Perhaps you have even been known to tell people that they must repent from their sins and to trust in Jesus as their Savior! Even today, the Department of Homeland Security lists these characteristics as flags for potential terrorists - Google it if you don't believe me.

It is not difficult to imagine how technology will be used by the coming one world government to control the masses and target Christians. Very troubling days are coming, just as Daniel foretold 2500 years ago:

"Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast [world government system], which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; and the ten horns that were on its head [the ten kings of the future world government], and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows [the future antichrist]. I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came [Second Coming of Jesus], and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces. The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings. He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time [last thee and a half years before Jesus returns]. But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.' This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart." Daniel 7:19-28 (NKJV)