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Did you know, that 2,000 years ago, John the apostle seemed to have time-travelled into our modern day? In chapter 13 of the book of Revelation he wrote:

"And [he, the false prophet] deceiveth them that dwell on the earth... saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast..." [the final World dictator also known as the Antichrist]



"And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

Rev. 13:14-15

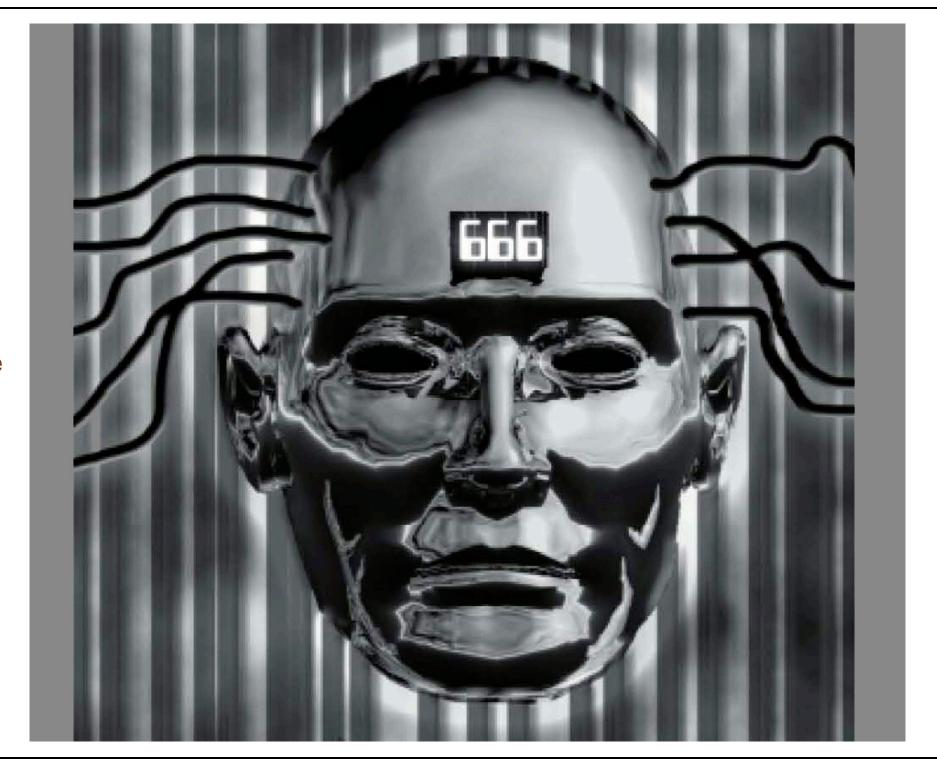
This scenario will happen in the last few years before the Second return of Christ during a time of great tribulation for believers.





John describes this image as if it would be a personality: think of that! It will not only be able to speak, but to also kill! --Or cause to be killed somehow. Maybe it speaks and condemns people to death? It is not the False Prophet that speaks, but the **Image** that speaks and causes people to be killed. But how could it do that?

How could the False Prophet make an image talk? How could an idol decide on who should be killed and who should be allowed to live, buy and sell? How?





For the past 2000 years from the time John wrote this, it was impossible.

However, today, with ever-growing technologies such as super computers and now AI, man has created his own god, that can not only speak, but also reason and make decisions; a creature more intelligent and with greater knowledge than man himself -- the ultimate extension of the proverbial tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil.

The Antichrist, the Beast, wants to be worshiped by the whole world, so he needs a mouth piece. It is understood by most theologians that the False Prophet is some sort of lamb-like façade who becomes his propaganda master, his False Prophet who promotes him and his worship.

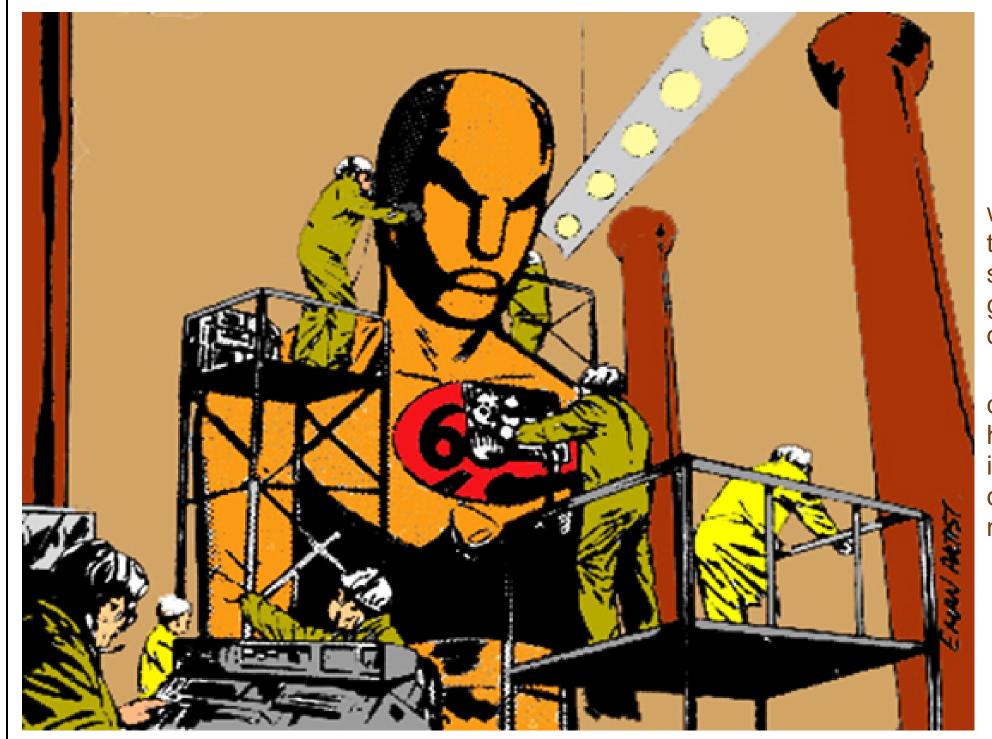




What better way to generate worship for his master than to broadcast the persuasive power and charisma of the final demagogue [the Antichrist] through each and every household screen and cellphone?

Could this description of an image that speaks have been John's peculiar way of expressing how modern image broadcasting works? Unknown to him, the "miracle" of modern technology streamlines in a few seconds the complex process of creating, giving life to, and distributing an image worldwide.





The old speculation was that the image of the beast would be a statue that would be given the appearance of life.

But the apostle John could just as easily have seen a television image, a hologram, a cyborg, or some other new technology.

We can imagine people gathering every day to hear what the image has to say. The media will carry the content of the image's words in the news, becoming the focal point of every person's day.

If so, the
Antichrist's speeches
against his enemies
and non-worshipers
will foster the kind of
hostile climate that
will result in them
being rounded up
and killed.





John continues:

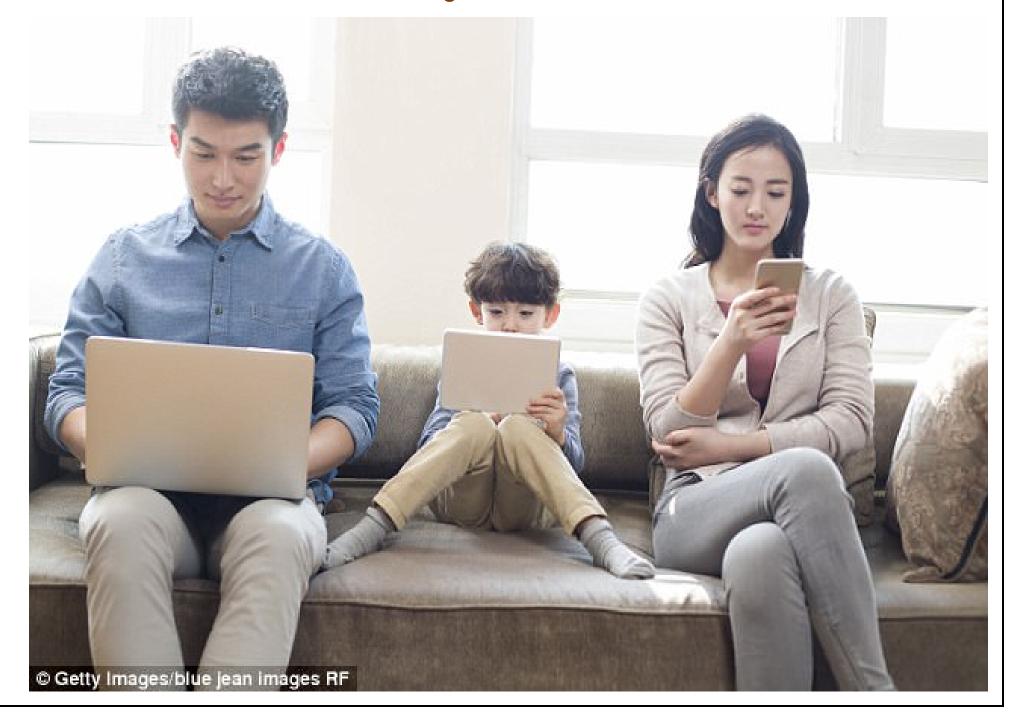
"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." **REV.13:16-17**

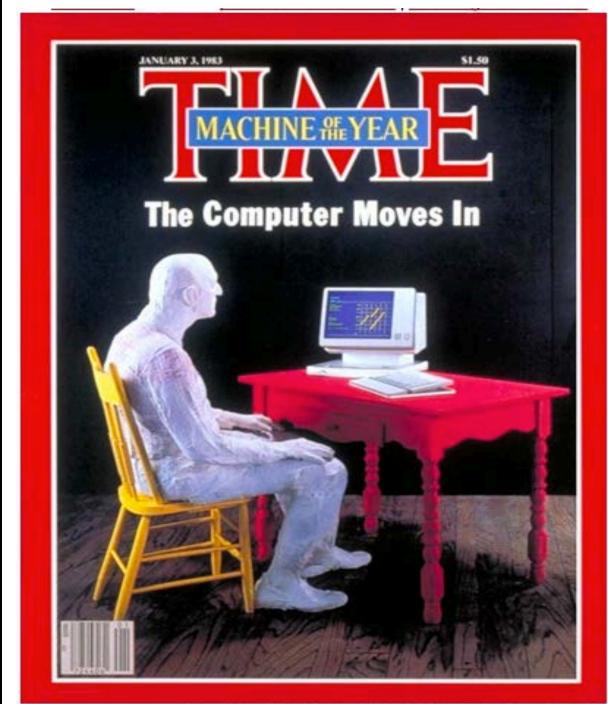
An AI or computerized robot could contain everybody's name and know who's got a number and who hasn't, who should buy and sell and who shouldn't, and who is worshiping the Beast and who isn't. But for the moment, we cannot be sure what form this image of the Beast will take, and how it will force

people to worship the Beast and/or receive his Mark.

But the tremendous speed and growth of new technologies is making it increasingly possible. With big screen TVs, tablets, and cellphones, the world is well prepared and comfortable with images and a talking image won't be a shock or surprise to this generation.

Could that be what John saw in his vision of an Image that speaks?





Do you remember who *Time* magazine selected as "the Man of the Year" for 1982?

--For the first time in the magazine's history, the "Man of the Year" was not a man at all, but a computer!

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And today it's Al's turn! Artificial Intelligence will undoubtedly be the next to take center stage for look how the World is being prepared to accept and receive a mechanical god, an Electronic Brain, a Computer Deity. Is this a glimpse of the coming Image of the Beast?

The world is already worshiping science, technologies and now AI power. Are we about to see the fulfillment of this ancient prophecy of the Image of the Beast and its Mark?



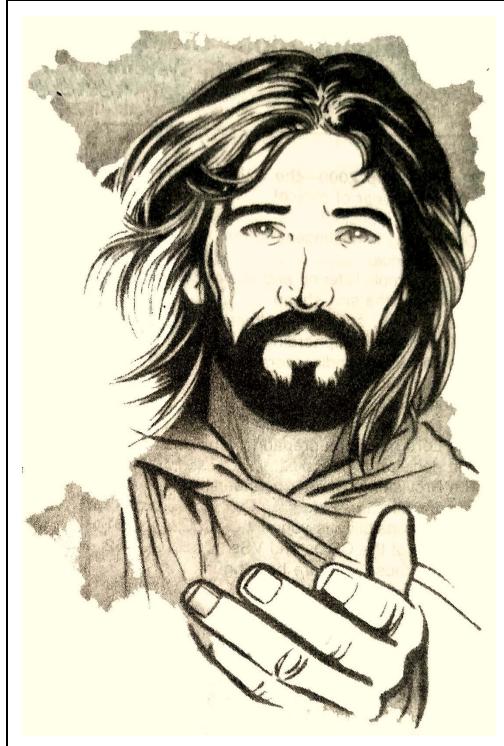


Bible prophecies tell us that there are troublesome times ahead. How soon we don't know, but we don't have to worry about them. The Lord knows and He will see us through. He promises,

"I will keep you from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the Earth" (Rev.3:10).

He is faithful, and never fails to keep those who trust Him! -- And even if you have to go through it, in some way He's going to keep you.

PSA.46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."



Be prepared for what is coming. You can have salvation at this very moment. It is the gift of God. It's free; you only have to be willing to receive it. Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I can change my ways and make a difference for good in others' lives. And help me to read and understand Your Word as I want to know You better and follow You more closely. Amen."

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