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Tech and the Parousia*

We now know that our Creator's magnificent wisdom and power appear in a realm much smaller than the microscopic! Through the young scientific discipline which has been dubbed NANOTECHNOLOGY, we who are the Creator's image are learning to imitate Him in that realm. The term NANOTECHNOLOGY refers to the manipulation of matter on the atomic level.

According to Wikipedia: "As of August 21, 2008, the Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies estimates that over 800 manufacturer-identified nanotech products are publicly available, with new ones hitting the market at a pace of 3-4 per week."

Applications of nanotechnology exist in the fields of medicine, manufacturing, and food packaging, to name a few. And looking away from the scanning tunneling microscope** to what is visible to the naked eye, we see technology advancing in other areas as well. What's the point?

Let me answer with a question. Is your view of the last things a pessimistic view? Is it a kind of spiritual fatalism, in which the Lord Jesus appears "just in the nick of time" for a Church that is all but extinct on earth, and languishing under the thumb of an unstoppable super villain called THE Antichrist? If so, you likely will think little of, or even despise technological advances. "Why bother with that, since we'll be getting raptured outta here any second now?"

On the other hand, what if you believe that our presently reigning, glorious Christ will conquer all enemies BEFORE His final return – at which time He will destroy the LAST enemy death, as we see clearly proclaimed by the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 15:25-28?

The destruction of that last and greatest enemy implies that many lesser enemies were previously yanked – like hideous, furnace-bound weeds – out of the grainfield of the Son of Man, does it not? Consider Matthew 13:38 in context.

If you have an eschatology that believes we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us, you will likely see "Nano" and all technological advances as tools available for the service of the King...tools which His servants can use to fulfill the Great Commission received from Him to Whom all power in heaven and earth ALREADY has been given, as Matthew 28:18-20 clearly teaches.

As with the printing press and the Internet, perhaps new technologies will, according to His infinitely wise Providence, utterly astonish us by the way they will benefit His kingdom on earth in the future....thereby hastening His coming and the dawn of the eternal, heavenly kingdom which can never be shaken! Come Lord Jesus!

** the Parousia is the future, visible, bodily return to earth of the Lord Jesus Christ*

*** Again according to Wikipedia, "A scanning tunneling microscope (STM) is an instrument for imaging surfaces at the atomic level. Its development in 1981 earned its inventors, Gerd Binnig and Heinrich Rohrer (at IBM Zürich), the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1986."*