

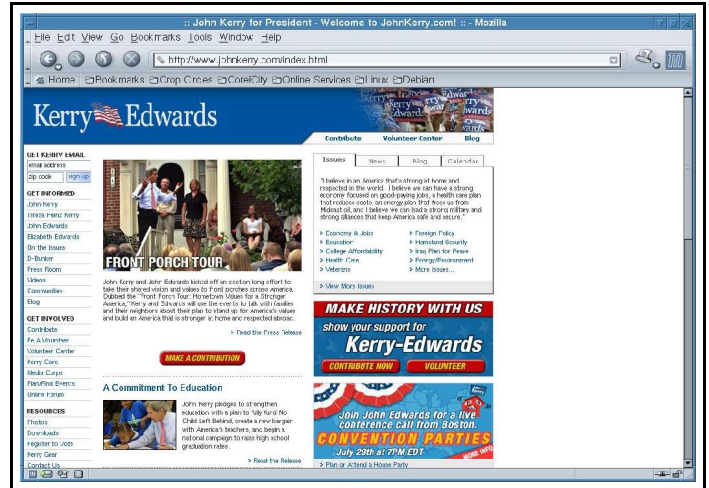


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This November the citizens of the United States will be going to the polls to elect a president. Are we going to keep George W. Bush or are we going to select a challenger? When you look at either candidate's web site, you would think that both of the major party candidates would have secure web sites based on their rhetoric about National security. According to <http://www.wired.com/news/> neither web site is very secure as described in the article, "[Campaign Sites Lack Security.](#)"

The above Wired News article has the following:

This story has been changed from an earlier version, adding that Kerry's site also tracks users with Web bugs and cookies.

George W. Bush and John Kerry may be tied in the polls, but Bush appears to be well ahead of Kerry in

the number of security holes on his official campaign website.

On Sunday, security analyst [Richard Smith](#) did a quick check of the [Bush](#) and [Kerry](#) campaign sites and found several security problems on each, all of which are common on many other websites.

Both candidates give great speeches about national security, but when they cannot even secure their own web site, how secure will the security of the United States be with either of them in charge?

You would think that when George Bush has the resources of the NSA and other government security agencies at his disposal, that his personal reelection web site would be the most secure. Apparently, when George Bush delegated the design of his web site, he was not

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concerned with security; thus, is it any wonder that the Department of Home Land Security uses a flawed system for national security?

Both candidates have access to the [NSA](#) web site that describes computer security.

As part of its [Information Assurance](#) mission, the National Security Agency has long been involved with the computer security research community in investigating a wide range of computer security topics including operating system security. Recognizing the critical role of operating system security mechanisms in supporting security at higher levels, researchers from NSA's Information Assurance Research Group have been investigating an architecture that can provide the necessary security functionality in a manner that can meet the security needs of a wide range of computing environments.

With this information available to both candidates, you would think that they would have secure web sites. This lack of attention to detail indicates that neither of the candidates are competent enough to protect the United States from terrorists. They would implement security by creating laws that would infringe on the Bill of Rights while not improving security.

Now, we are living in the time described in the Bible as the last days. We are living in an era where we are likely to see the rise of the antichrist. With either candidate, we are likely to see the start of World War III as described in the Bible.

Revelation 13:1-18

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

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11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 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.

16 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:

17 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.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

I have done many sermons on prophecy and the last days with the most comprehensive being the series of sermons on Revelation done in 1993. In the present time, computer security is the most important aspect of security. It used to be that having a good lock would protect you. Now, with the Internet, email, Usenet, and the rest, the whole world is con-

nected together. Any nefarious person could break into your house and steal your credit cards by the Internet. In the past, they needed the actual card to make a purchase, but now, all they need is a number. Many have their credit numbers in programs like Quicken or elsewhere on their system.

You would think that the president of the United States would have very tight security implemented into his own site. While many home computer users know little about computer security, you would hope that the leader of a country would know enough to protect his own reelection campaign web site.

I see an attack coming on the United States where the attacker is not even physically present, but uses the Internet to launch his attack. If amateur hackers can break into government sites and systems, what about the antichrist who is looking for world domination? Here is a man who would use every tool that he has available to cripple the nations of the world. Creating laws that infringe on the rights of law abiding citizens does not improve security. Security is only improved when the door is locked and bolted. Also all of the back doors need to be sealed.

If you look at verse 16 of Revelation 13, you notice that the antichrist creates a system where no one can buy or sell without his blessings, or his mark. This is already being implemented with embedded computer chips. How the antichrist will achieve this will be through the Internet. After he has crippled the government computer systems, he will cause the governments of the world to either align themselves with him, or be destroyed.

Can you see why security should be one of the foremost items for any candidate? Would you use a cheap lock on your door? Would you in-

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vite the thief to come in and steal whatever he can find? This lack of attention to computer security will be the demise of us all.

Even Christians need to pay attention to computer security and lock down their own personal systems. The thief is coming to kill and destroy. Is your front door locked? Are you prepared when the antichrist makes his assault?

You may have your computer system protected, but now is also the time to have your spirit and soul protected from the wiles of the devil. The world may be racing toward welcoming the antichrist, but as a Christian you need to arm yourself with the best defense available. This is the Holy Ghost and the armor of God.

Ephesians 6:11-17

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

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