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Vault 7 may go down as the biggest story of the year...or the decade. "Vault 7" is the name of over 8,000 pages of top-secret documents that were intentionally leaked to WikiLeaks, apparently by a government worker in the CIA or other intelligence agency.

What these documents reveal is a huge government program of spying on everyone and everything. The spying is accomplished by taking remote control of commonly used cell phones, smart TVs, and automobiles. That small earthquake you may be feeling could be our founding fathers spinning in their graves. Privacy in our own homes or person is a thing of the past. Unwarranted search is apparently conducted daily around the world and at home.

It will take internet sleuths weeks to pour through all the documents and find full details of what they reveal, but what has been shown so far is likely criminal and cause for great concern.

WikiLeaks stated: "Recently, the CIA lost control of the majority of its hacking arsenal including malware, viruses, trojans, weaponized "zero day" exploits, malware remote control systems and associated documentation. This extraordinary collection, which amounts to more than several hundred million lines of code, gives its possessor the entire hacking capacity of the CIA." "Year Zero" introduces the scope and direction of the CIA's global covert hacking program, its malware arsenal and dozens of "zero day" weaponized exploits against a wide range of U.S. and European company products, include Apple's iPhone, Google's Android and Microsoft's Windows and even Samsung TVs, which are turned into covert microphones."

So what does this mean for Christians? Very simple: The electronic "thought police" are watching. Behind the Iron Curtain of Stalin's USSR, one in ten government employees were "thought police." Their job was to pose as everyday workers but keep their eyes and ears open, and report any conversation or indication of lack of loyalty to Stalin. Those that were accused in most all cases were sent to Siberian camps or executed. The average person lived in fear and kept as quiet as possible. Millions died.

Thought Police are at work today. Advancing the cause of Socialism depends on suppressing contrary views. On many college campuses expressing a political or social opinion contrary to Political Correctness brings instant confrontation or penalty. After the recent elections we heard accounts of businesses that penalized workers who did not vote for the candidate preferred by the management. Free speech is almost not allowed, especially opinions based on the Ten Commandments or, in many cases, the original intent of the US Constitution.

What we have seen this week is that the apparatus needed to quickly bring about the persecution of Revelation 13. Writing of the coming final power—combination of church and state--that will control the world, John wrote,“.. it exercises all the authority of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and those dwelling in it to worship the first beast..:” vs 12. Winston Churchill called the 1930s “The Gathering Storm.” Another storm is gathering before our eyes.

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