



# BEWARE THE CURIOSITY OF THE KING OF BABYLON

The Internet and the Christian

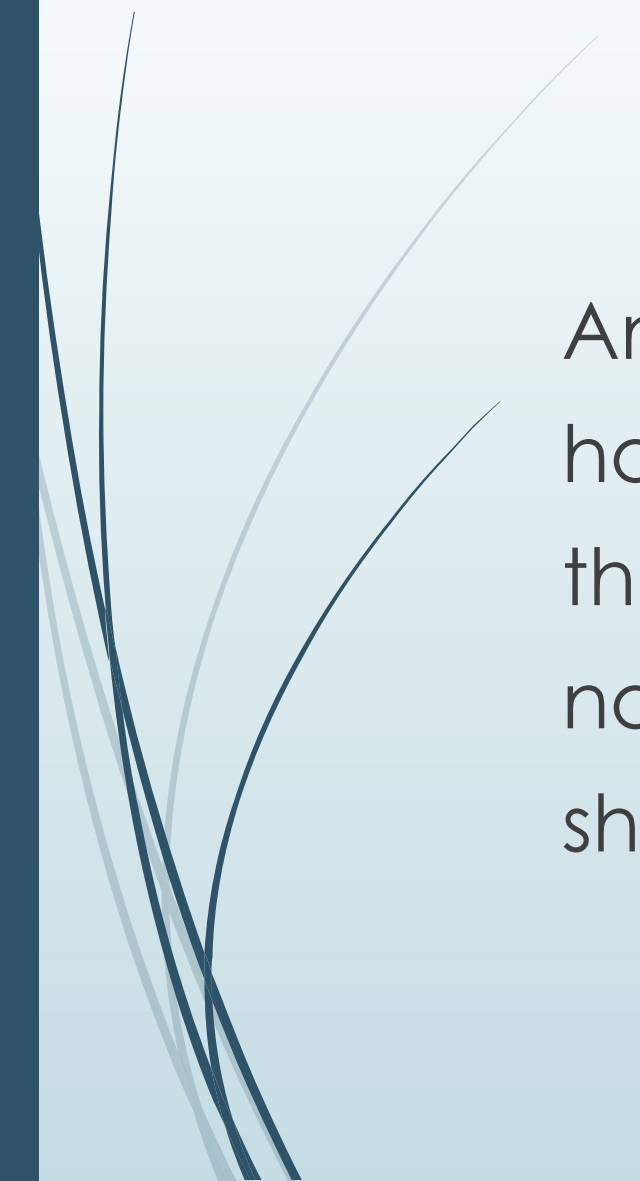
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# Hezekiah's naiveté

2 Kings 20:15

And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.





# Sources

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# The Snowden Files

Together with GCHQ (British intelligence agency) , the NSA (National Security Agency, USA) had secretly attached intercepts to the undersea fibre-optic cables that ringed the world. This allowed the US and UK to read much of the globe's communications...What's more, pretty much all of Silicon Valley was involved with the NSA, Snowden said – Google, Microsoft, Facebook, even Steve Job's Apple. The NSA claimed it had 'direct access' to the tech giants' servers (page 11).

# The Snowden Files

What he had seen had 'disturbed' him deeply. 'Even if you're not doing anything wrong you're being watched and recorded,' he told the *Guardian*. 'The storage capability of these systems increases every year consistently by orders of magnitude to where it's getting to the point...you don't have to have done anything wrong. You simply have to eventually fall under suspicion from somebody, even by a wrong call. And then they can use this system to go back in time and scrutinize every decision you've ever made, every friend you've ever discussed something with (page 149).



# Is the Babylon of Revelation the internet?

**Rev 17:5** And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

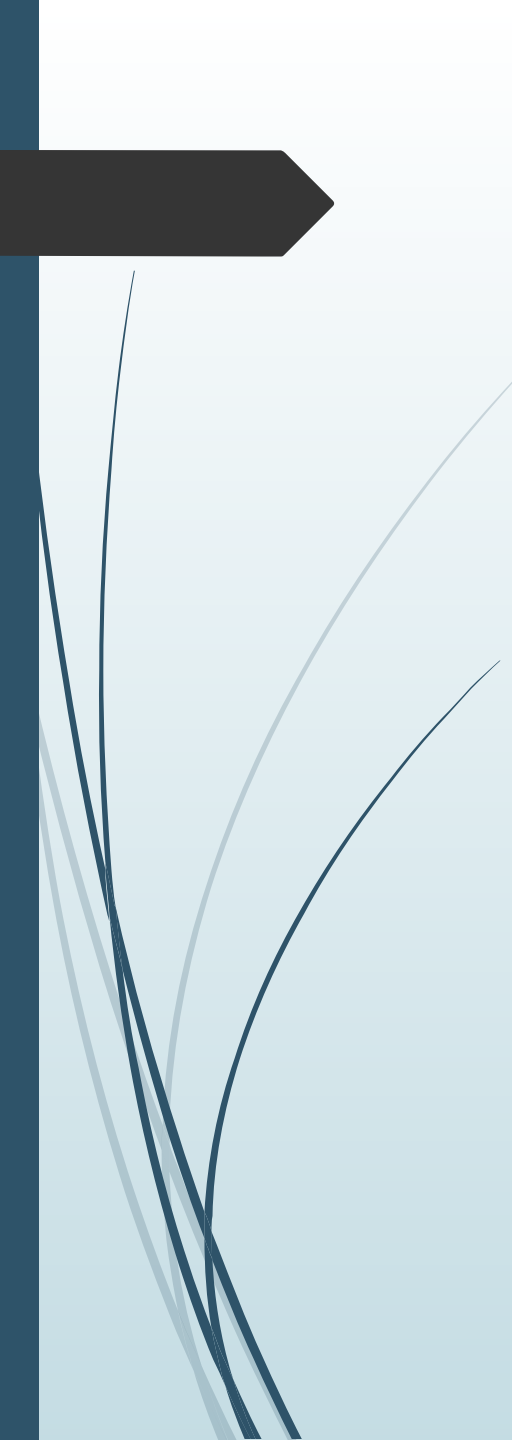
**Rev 18:3** For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

**Rev 18:4** And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.



## Black Code (2013). Ronald J. Deibert

After years of secretly monitoring the public we were astounded so many people would willingly publicize where they live, their religious and political views, an alphabetized list of all their friends, personal email addresses, phone numbers , hundreds of photos of themselves, and even status updates about what they were doing moment to moment. It is truly a dream come true for the CIA (page 202).



## Black Code (2013). Ronald J. Deibert

Capabilities of the British firm, Gamma Group International's special infiltration software which was found in the hands of the ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's regime in 2011.

- High-level penetration of any type of email (Hotmail, Google, Yahoo)...Successful in breaking through personal accounts on Skype network, which is considered the most secure method of communication...
- Somewhere, each one of your keystrokes is being recorded and analyzed – *as you are typing*. This means not just the words you are entering into the document, but each and every password you use for what you assume are secure websites and programs – like encryption and anonymizer tools – including, of course, the master password for your computer.





## Black Code (2013). Ronald J. Deibert

Some estimates put the number of Internet-connected devices now at 10 billion. Cyberspace has become...a phenomenon that cannot be avoided or ignored, increasingly embedded in societies rich and poor...Connectivity in Africa, for instance, grows at some 2,000 percent a year. Cyberspace has connected two-thirds of the world –has joined, that is, more than 4 billion people in a single communications environment in less than twenty years (pages 10,11).



## Babel (internet) is being built again?

**Genesis 11: 4** And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

**Genesis 11: 8** So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

**Genesis 11:9** Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.



## The Googlization of Everything (2011). Vaidhyanathan

One way to begin is by realizing that we are not Google's customers: we are its product. We - our fancies, fetishes, predilections, and preferences - are what Google sells to advertisers. When we use Google to find out things on the Web, Google uses our Web searches to find out things about us. Therefore, we need to understand Google and how it influences what we know and believe (page 3).



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Speaking about Google's motto: 'Do no evil'.

The faith that technology can redeem all of our sins and fix all of our problems is the ultimate hubris. There are many examples in human history in which techno-fundamentalism has led to great suffering. For Dante, pride is actually the gravest of the seven deadly sins, because it was the sin that Lucifer committed...He fell because he thought he could be equal to God, and instead he became Satan. The 'don't be evil' motto is itself evil, because it embodies pride, the belief that the company is capable of avoiding ordinary failings (page 77).



## What has the King of Babylon seen in your house?

**2 Kings 20:16** And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD.

**2 Kings 20:17** Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

**2 Kings 20:18** And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.