

HAW Surveillance

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A couple weeks ago it was revealed through a leak to the media that the National Security Agency, i.e. the US Government, has been spying on us. Through the program called PRISM, they have been collecting billions of phone, text, email and website records from all of our communications in their attempt to "combat terrorism". Though they say at this point they have not been listening to the calls or reading the texts or emails, the suspicion is great that it will be proven contrary. This has terribly upset many in the nation as reflected in the polls of not only the President, but also the entire government. The reason that we have a Fourth Amendment to the Constitution is that "guarantees" our "right to privacy". People do not want to give up their freedoms in pursuit of fighting terrorists, but also do not want Jihadists to wreak havoc on our nation. It is a tough situation to be in as a nation.



Many experts have now come forward and confessed that not only can you be tracked through your Smartphone, but can be listened into and even observed through your camera without your knowledge. The mere thought that some pervert could hack your phone and spy on you in your own home is quite disturbing. Some suggestions to combat this according to a recent Extreme Tech article by Sebastian Anthony on June 10, 2013 are the following:

1. "Stop using social networks. If it turns out that the US government has direct access to Facebook, Microsoft, and Google's servers, you really should stop using their services. You can try using another social network that's outside Prism's catchment area, but really you're just delaying the inevitable."
2. "Surf using HTTPS...HTTPS is an encrypted form of HTTP, the protocol that your browser uses to fetch web pages from remote servers. HTTPS should prevent the NSA from intercepting your communications – but, obviously, if the NSA/FBI already has access to the remote server you're communicating with, HTTPS won't do you much good."

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3. "Create an alternate identity, then surf using a proxy/VPN. One of the best ways to prevent the government from tracking you is to assume an alternate identity for all your communications – or at least all of your digital communications – and then use a proxy or VPN to obscure your physical location."
4. "Encrypt your phone calls, or use a burner phone...Bear in mind that some of these services might be nullified by a NSA backdoor, and voice analysis could be used to link your calls back to your identity."

Since the government came up with the internet, there really is not a whole lot that can be done to keep the government out of it. Perhaps we should begin to "de-electronic" our lives.

In light of this I would like to discuss an intelligence surveillance program that dwarfs the NSA and should have everyone on the planet reconsidering their practices. It is reported that there is a foreign program called **H.A.W.** that not only sees everything you do online, on your websites, your emails, phone calls and monitors your conversations, but watches your entire life both publicly and privately. The technology can determine with a high rate of accuracy the thoughts of a person's mind. That is a scary technology!

H.A.W. stands for "He's Always Watching" and refers to God, Who is watching all of us 24/7. He's monitors us in everything we do.

- Hebrews 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.
- Proverbs 5:21 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, And He watches all his paths.
- Proverbs 15:3 "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Watching the evil and the good."
 - o Those websites you've been watching, God saw them too! The way you talked about your boss behind his back the other day, God was right there monitoring you! That



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television commercial that you delayed at while channel surfing, the one with the woman in the bathing suit...God saw your face and knew your thoughts!

- o Job asks 31:4 "Does He not see my ways and number all my steps?" The answer to the question is ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY, WITHOUT A DOUBT, YES!!! He knows all that we do, all that we say and all that we think. If you are a child of God and believe what the Bible teaches, then you know God is not insignificant like the NSA surveillance, but a billion times more advanced.

If we ever lose sight that we are always in the sight of God, then we are at risk of being lost from God. I might even add that if you do not believe God is all-seeing, then you do not believe in the God of the Bible.

- 2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His..."
- Job 26:6 "Naked is Sheol before Him, And Abaddon has no covering."
- Job 34:21 "For His eyes are upon the ways of a man, And He sees all his steps."
 - o Do you remember that heavy lady, the one that you thought negatively about when you saw her? Remember how you misjudged her in your heart? God knows what you thought when He spied on you from heaven. He also knows how hard she has struggled her whole life with over-eating. He knows her soul just like He knows your own, for He is always watching.
 - o Do you remember that co-worker that you spoke bad about to the others last week? I bet you forgot that God heard what you said and He wasn't laughing, but saddened. He wants you to know that co-worker doesn't have a friend in this world and was hoping you might fix that by simply being a good ear to comfort.

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- o Do you remember that guy that you cursed on the road when he cut you off in traffic? God was with you and heard all the choice words you had for that careless Jehu who just happened to be made in the likeness and image of God. Would have you reacted differently had you remembered the He is always watching?
- Psalm 119:168 "I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For all my ways are before You."
- Jeremiah 16:17 "For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity concealed from My eyes."
- Jeremiah 32:19 "...whose eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, giving to everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds..."

Brothers and sisters, I do not write this in exemption, for we are all guilty of failing to remember that God is watching all of us all the time. Just imagine if we actually viewed Him in this scriptural perspective. All those moments of gossip, of slander, of deconstructive conversation which glorified not God, but the devil, must be viewed on the backdrop of an all-seeing God. He saw it all!

- Psalm 33:13-14 "The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men; ¹⁴ From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth..."
- Psalm 121:4 He "...neither slumbers nor sleeps."
- Psalm 32:8 "I will counsel you with My eye upon you."

Always keeping this in mind will open our hearts to serve with a sincerity.

- Three times in Matthew 6, the hypocrite who lived a secret double-life in his charity, prayers and fastings never fooled God. Jesus said we are to carry these out as if before the all-seeing God "who sees what is done in secret" (4, 6 and 18). God can veer under the masks of men and women throughout the earth. He knows what you are thinking!

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- Hosea reminds us in 7:2 "Now their deeds are all around them; They are before My face." When we keep in mind that God has us on surveillance, then we will begin to keep His deeds and walk in His ways.

God is not nearly concerned about the outward man we portray in public worship, but the inward man of the private life. We never want to "outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness." Matthew 23:28

- Do you think He was impressed by our bold waxing of prayers before the congregation if He already knew about our weak prayers throughout the week?
- Do we think He was impressed about our comments in class of the importance to read the Bible every day, yet our Bibles have an inch of dust on it?
- Was he impressed about our statement of loving others when He knows we neglected the hurting all week long? Shame on us for doubting that God is all-seeing!

In Closing

The challenge this week is to completely hold in your mind this important attribute of God. Really focus on the fact that He is really watching us and knows our every move. Imbed deeply in our minds the biblical fact that He is omniscient at the core. If we will just really focus on this one quality of God, then I believe we will live a better life for Him.