

# Information & Knowledge

By Scott Huckaby

5/24/2026



## **For Discussion: Booming Information but Less Knowledge**

(Wilfred Hahn; Midnight Call; March, 2026)

### **Why are our times often referred to as the Information Age?**

Anything to do with information—information technology (IT), the Internet, computer software, intellectual property rights is a sought-after investment.

- In 2002, one study reported that so much information had been produced worldwide that year, that it would amount to 30 feet of books for each person living on earth.
- This represented an increase in total information in the world of 30% in one year. At that pace, total information would double in less than three years.

### **Why have people been ecstatic about the growth of information?**

Knowledge is the future, said the seers, and having an occupation as a "knowledge worker" was a luring profession.

- Consultants and commentators were so ecstatic about the emerging information age that nothing seemed impossible.
- Policymakers preached that the information available through the World Wide Web, would open all mankind to enlightenment and solve the poverty of many third-world countries.

### **How do we now know that much of the Information Age talk was just hype and manic optimism?**

The Dotcom Bubble—as it was popularly named—collapsed. The stock prices of many technology-related companies fell by as much as 90%.

### **How has the information available to humanity continued to accelerate?**

New technologies have ushered in a new world of digital connectivity. Powerful information networks emerged. These advances transformed the mindset of the world.

- There are again some new bubbles (speculative manias) underway: robots, autonomous vehicles, satellite communications, quantum mechanics, and, of course, AI (Artificial Intelligence).

### **How are these new technologies facilitating end-time developments?**

They are contributing to rising globalization, narcissism, consumerism, and humanism.

- All of this was supposedly incubated by a boom in knowledge.

### **Has there really been a boom in knowledge?**

This question is worth considering; and along with it: What does the Bible say about knowledge?

- While secular analysts & Bible readers both may agree that a boom in knowledge is underway, true knowledge is not expanding as rapidly as many think.

### **What does the Bible say about knowledge?**

Psalm 19:1-4 – *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech, night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.*

Knowledge has always existed; it, has never changed, and finds its complete genesis in God and His physical creation.

- Knowledge of eternal significance concerns the knowledge of God and His purposes.
- The only thing that has changed is man's understanding; and, more importantly, mankind's willingness to understand.

### **How do people come to understand the knowledge revealed by God?**

Understanding begins with the recognition of God's sovereignty, and truth...

Proverbs 1:7 – *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

### **Can a person be excused for not having a knowledge of God?**

No, because all of creation points to God:

Romans 1:20 – *For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.*

Knowledge is the foundational information that matters for eternity.

### **Does Bible prophecy reveal that there will be an increase in knowledge in the last days?**

Bible prophecy does indeed provide some insights on the phenomenon of an end-time information boom.

- Jesus warned of deception... today's misinformation and especially disinformation (propaganda & other reporting with an agenda) fits that birth pang

### **What does Bible prophecy have to say about knowledge at the end of the Age?**

Rather than prophesying a rise in knowledge, it is a boom in ignorance that will characterize the end-time world.

- An increase in information—trivia, distractions, and cares of this world—aligns with last-day trends and developments.
- The vast preponderance of today's booming information is total trivia and trash... social & entertainment media increasingly AI generated

### **Is Daniel 12:4 a proof text for an end-time boom in knowledge?**

Daniel 12:4 – *But you, Daniel; close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.*

No, contrary to what many have claimed, this has to do with better understand what God has revealed about the end-times.

- The original word used for "knowledge" is better defined as the "act of knowing."
- It is not knowledge that increases but rather the knowing of knowledge.

Also significant is the context: this statement is right after Daniel is instructed to "*seal up the words.*"

- So, this passage is referring to an increase in understanding of prophecy and the mind of God—not an increase in information in its original sense.

### **What other insight is there since all of Daniel's prophecies are concerned with the Jewish people?**

This means that Daniel 12:4 applies purely to Israel.

- Just as God said, "*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge*" (Hosea 4:6a) which expressly applies to the Jews, so would Daniel's prophecy of an increase of knowledge only apply to the Jews.

### **Is there a principle here that would apply to God's people in the here and now?**

Certainly... those who study Bible prophecy will better understand it as we get closer to its fulfillment.

- It is easier to understand now how no flesh would be saved if Jesus did not intervene in the Tribulation and how all the world will see the killing and resurrection of God's two witnesses of Revelation 11.

### **When will the Jewish people come to an increasing understanding of their destiny and purpose?**

At the end of the Great Tribulation, a remnant will come to a full understanding...

Jeremiah 3:15-16a – *Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. In those days, when your numbers have increased greatly in the land, declares the LORD...*

### **What is flooding the world with information?**

Social media, crypto transactions, entertainment, media, and communications networks requiring AI to sift through all that information.

- But only a very small fraction of human activities and understanding represents true knowledge—the knowing of God's cosmic plans.

### **What is the paradox in all the information available to humanity?**

Even as mankind may be proud of his new information, at the same time, his knowledge of God becomes ever smaller in a relative sense.

- The more that scientists discover new information (information from God's creation), the more questions about than answers.
- Indeed, today's information boom is an assault upon knowledge ... a distraction from its recognition and understanding.

### **How is it that we live in an information-distracted world?**

The Bible tells us that in the last days, people would be pre-occupied with the cares and anxieties of the world and its things (2 Timothy 3:1-5; James 5:1-5).

- It clearly is a distracted world, far from knowing and fearing God.
- Jesus: "*as the days of Noah were...*" people will be oblivious to the coming judgment of God.

### **How can we cut through all the mind-jamming and diversionary information to have true knowledge?**

God has given everyone the ability to discern true knowledge and respond to it. The Bible calls this response wisdom... the personal application of knowledge.

- Responding to the knowledge of God is an act of the will.

And wisdom is something God loves to give people... all you have to do is ask Him for it:

James 1:5 – *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*

### **Does true knowledge change over time?**

The truths of eternity and God's plan for the cosmos and salvation, remain secure. God preserves knowledge, it does not change...

Proverbs 22:12 – *The eyes of the LORD keep watch over knowledge, but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.*

### **Besides being a big distraction, are there any other prophetic aspects of today's information explosion?**

Even though we live an age of institutionalized corruption and deception, anyone wishing to pursue truth can do so as perhaps never before.

- Crucial truths are available in the public domain today—a surprising amount available free over the Internet from even the remotest parts of the earth.

When humanity is judged, there will be no excuse for not having recognized the signs of the times, the season of Christ's return.

- No clemency will be offered to the pleas of involuntary delusion, blindness, misinformation, and organized agendas of deception.
- The information was available all along.

### **How can people have knowledge about the season of Christ's soon return?**

Its interpretation is unlocked by the messages and warnings found in God's informational database—the Bible.

- This information too has been more available than ever, broadly accessible to the average person.
- The world's population has more literacy skills and the Bible is available in more forms (electronic text, recordings, printed ... etc.) than ever in history.

### **Is special theological training needed to understand God's Word?**

No, the Holy Spirit in us helps us to understand...

1 John 2:27 – *the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you*

Understanding the most important truths of the Bible doesn't require theological training, mysticism, allegorizing, ordainment, an ecclesiastical intermediary, secret revelation, or knowledge of what certain theologians or early Fathers may have said.

- We don't need priests; believers are priests able to go direct to God in Christ's name.

### **What applications do we see from our discussion today?**

- While information is booming, knowledge is fleeting.
- The growth of distracting information and the technology to sift through it reveals the end of the Age.
- May we increase in knowing and understanding during these very last days.