Don't worry about the Mark of the Beast. Worry instead about the Mark of the Holy Spirit.

Just as goats and sheep are separate and determined by their natures, so the children of darkness are separate from the children of light.

Those who shepherd them are separate, too, according to their natures.

While the symbols of worldly power and vice accompany those of darkness, the symbols of life and virtue accompany those of light.

This is completely self-evident to those who see the spiritual realm's signs and symbols, and even those who do not have eyes to see these ethereal signs and symbols ---we all nonetheless sense them.

So don't worry about the Mark of the Beast; be more aware and concerned about having the seal of the Holy Spirit placed upon your life. (Ephesians 1: 14).

My Siamese cat was purring as he died, loved and loving, grateful to the end. I hope to go out like that, with no regrets, complete in loving and being loved, grateful for a life well-lived, full of striving, not counting any sacrifice. And unafraid. Trusting the Mystery that brought him here to carry him onward.

May we all face our lives and our deaths like that, knowing that we are part of all Creation and never truly lost, never subject to the judgment of any man, never alone, never forgotten.
Let the Living God place the seal of the Holy Spirit on your life and stop worrying about the darkness; there may be overwhelming amounts of shadow, and yet, it is vanquished by your light, however small, however wavering.

So now when the darkness gathers, shine.

When all their forces are arrayed, shine.

Choose this day whom you will serve, and shine.

Like the stars in the sky, shine and hold your course, a beacon and guide for others. Out of all the billions of people in the world, you are here. Don't be dismayed. Don't think it is any mistake.

Just as you are, you are sufficient and more than enough, to make all the difference that's needed, so don't fear or worry anymore. Be comforted.

You are here at the right time and place, doing the right thing for the right reasons, and nothing, no, nothing in the Universe, will stand against you.

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