

# Temple OS, an operating system to talk to God coded by a brilliant fool

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Terry Davis has developed an OS that he has an oracle. Schizophrenic according to some users, he is also considered a misunderstood genius.



The departure of the Israelites David Roberts (1830) via Wikimedia Commons ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:David\\_Roberts-IsraelitesLeavingEgypt\\_1828.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:David_Roberts-IsraelitesLeavingEgypt_1828.jpg))

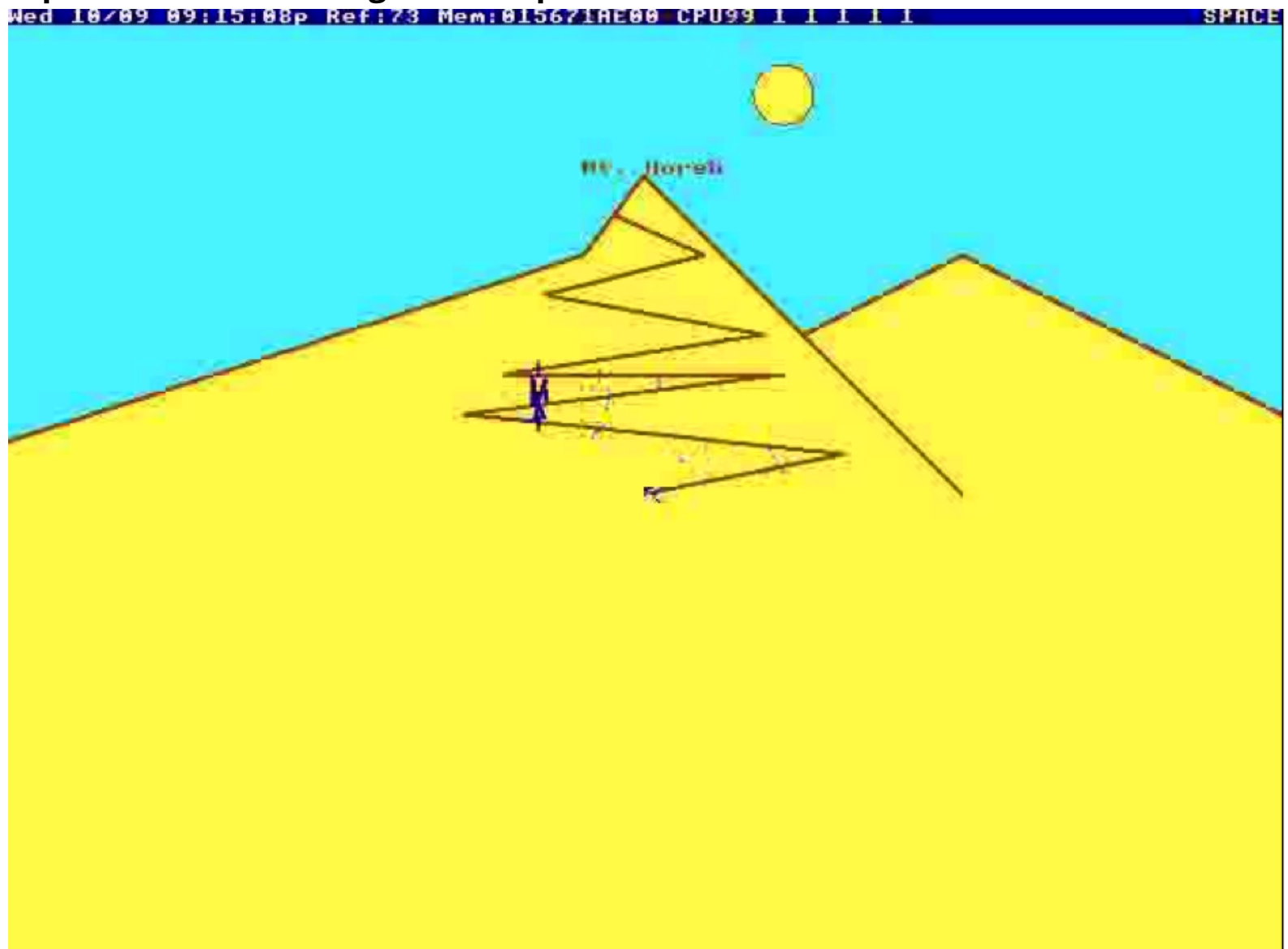
**T**emple OS is an *"operating system to talk to God"* . (<http://www.templeos.org/>)And he answers you!

You do not believe me? Terry Davis, the programmer of Temple OS, believes in him. But, for his detractors, he is only a programmer with schizophrenia, speaking in an elliptical and torrential manner, mixing computer language and opaque references to the Old Testament. In other words, a sacred *nutjob* (<http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=nutjob>) .

More complicated than that? Certainly.

Because all this would not be so spicy if his system was not - despite its strangeness - a technological jewel acclaimed by all those who have tested it - it is sometimes even called "revolutionary". To learn more, I paced the abundant textual interventions and tutorials of the obscure developer.

## Speak with God through OS Temple



*Screenshot of the AfterEgypt program*

Terry Davis' specialty in life is operating systems. In computer development, an operating system, or OS for operating system (<http://www.futura-sciences.com/magazines/high-tech/infos/dico/d/informatique-systeme-exploitation-11820/>), is "software that, in an electronic device, drives the hardware devices and allows applications to work," explains Futura Sciences. In other words, it's your Windows, your MacOSX and your Linux, just that. Needless to say, wanting to develop a single operating system out of scratch (*from scratch*) is a huge challenge.

At the age of 20, Terry began working on an operating system that became his first OS, Terry's Protected Mode OS or TPMOS. When he starts his own business in the 2000s, he goes back to work, naming his LoseThos system, SparrowOs ... And when he gets closer to religion - for some reason we do not know - his system is renamed a last time. times and becomes Temple OS.

Terry decides to give his system an oracle to talk to God. To do this, he designs a specific program called AfterEgypt that allows you to ask questions while the program generates a "divine" response that you must then interpret. In short, a computer version of the Pythia of Delphi (<http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pythie>) or an ecstatic prophet.

The "answer of God" is generated through an algorithm that selects words randomly in the Bible. Here is the kind of answer we get:

*"Mixed dealest qoads spot Commonly Ilai weathful wraths holdeth supple access Ponder Ahab walk Philippi Medad."*

In other words, if you translate from English to French:

*"Mixed Acts place a flexibly flowing access Ilai Angry Rays Reflected Ahab Walking Philippine Medad."*

Google Translate does not yet offer the translation of the biblical schizophrenic, so we will have to rely on the explanations of Terry.

It presents its system of generation of divine response as a mechanism close to a "ouija board" (<http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ouija>), the tool used for seances. Indeed, the movements of the ouija palette are based on the combined forces of several participants who select letters randomly and then leave them free interpretation of the results.

On our side, we think of course the random phase of a consultation of Yi-King (<http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yi-king>), the book of mutations, which is questioned by throwing three pieces to obtain a hexagram supposed to provide the consultant an answer to his questions-always sibyllines, of course.



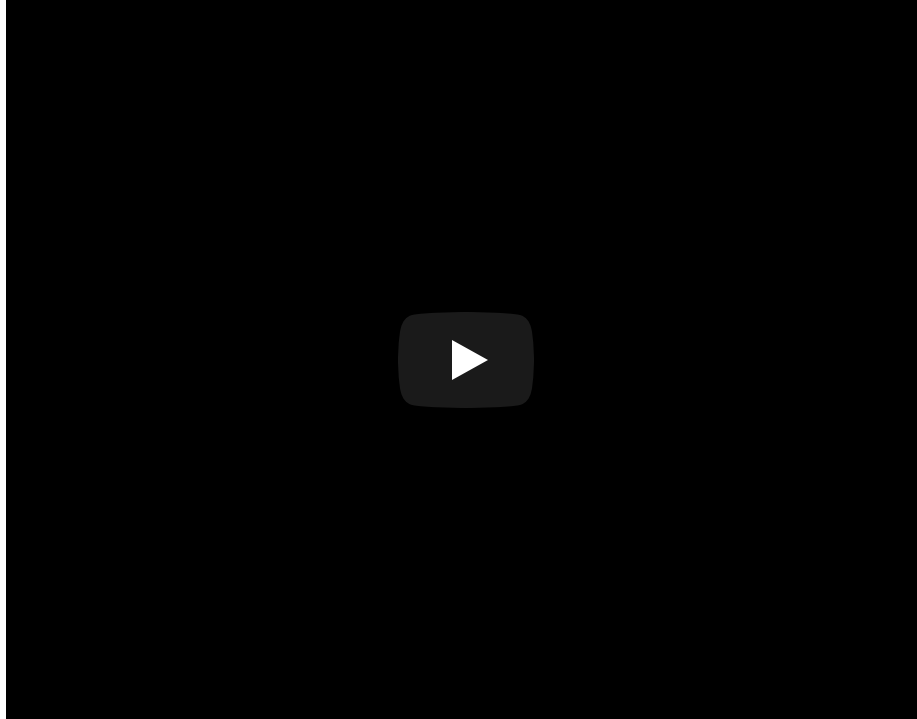
A board ouija - Mystifying oracle (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/60852569@N00/144315424>) / Matt via Flickr CC License By (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/2.0/deed.fr>)

Terry also calls his program a *Tongues* generator , an expression translatable by " Glossolalia (<http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glossolalie>) " which means according to Wikipedia, "*to speak or to pray aloud in a language unknown to the person speaking, or in a sequence of incomprehensible syllables but having the aspect of a true language* ".

In the Christian religion, this is called "*speaking in tongues*," a phenomenon that St. Paul encourages in the first Corinthian epistle, ([http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Premi%C3%A8re\\_%C3%A9p%C3%AAtre\\_aux\\_Corinthiens](http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Premi%C3%A8re_%C3%A9p%C3%AAtre_aux_Corinthiens)) and which is found today among the evangelists who are very fond of to speak in an incomprehensible language in the middle of the sermon to show that they are " *visited by the Holy Spirit* ".

The incomprehensible aspect of the digital word of God in Temple OS leaves room for the interpretation of an "*unknown language*", a computer *gibberish* that suddenly comes out of your computer.

Terry gives a number of explanations of what "*talking to God*" means, excluding the desire to wait for "*simple answers or orders*". Watch a demonstration from 3:50 in the following video:



In the YouTube video comment, he adds:

*"I made a game where you can talk to God. How do you think people in the Bible spoke to God? He spoke in tongues [...]. If God does not speak to you, it is because you are bad. Try something else. "*

At this point, you must think that my interest in this program is of the order of voyeurism, and that I better reinstall Windows and move on. Yet Temple OS is considered "revolutionary" by many in the US developer community. Programmed over ten years, it already offers a plethora of games, a physics engine and a program of musical creation. A truly monstrous work.

## **A revolutionary system?**



Isaac Newton became crazy to bind by trying to transform lead into gold.

On the [1morecastle](http://1morecastle.com/) (<http://1morecastle.com/>) website , Arkonviox chronicles operating systems and is retrogaming (<http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Retrogaming>) specialist . It gives the maximum rating to Temple OS (<http://1morecastle.com/2013/10/forget-steamos-man-told-by-god-to-make-os-for-gamers/>) , which it considers totally unique by its use of the ringo architecture:

*" In my opinion, Terry Davis is a genius and his revolutionary system, a pity that there are so few colors and such a weak screen definition ..."*

To summarize the qualities of Temple OS, let's say it's a return to an ultra-fast, command-based, ultra-fast operating system that offers a large amount of programs, all open source.

Why do not Microsoft or Apple hire Terry? While surfing on the site, one is well aware of the extent of the disorders of Terry, particularly visible in his "rants" (uncontrolled words).

(<http://www.templeos.org/Wb/Accts/TS/Wb2/Rants/TAD/TADRants.html>)

On Reddit, he is known to describe people who criticize his code of *"nigger"* and whatnot. On Twitter, in 2011, he writes:



**Terry A. Davis**

@losethos



There's crazy actor/agents who fuck with me. My parents are enemies. I killed one in 1999.

02:17 - 29 déc. 2011

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This is probably not part of the rules of conduct of the ideal employee of Apple. From day to day, he continues to speak to God (<http://www.templeos.org/Wb/Accts/TS/Wb2/Rants/TAD/2013/09/Rant130914.html>) through his program.

Anyway, there is something fascinating and poetic in this meeting of genius and open eccentricity, right in the web. We will leave the last word to Terry who, often, in moments of calm, writes:

*"Thank God for the sandcastles, the bubbles, the snowmen and the popcorn."*

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