Entry

Terrence Andrew Davis was an American electrical engineer and computer programmer best known for creating and designing TempleOS. Its development was an extremely complex and unusual for one person.

Early life

Terrence was born in Wisconsin, later moving to Washington, Michigan, California and Arizona. He was the seventh of eight children, and his father was an industrial engineer. As a child, Davis used an Apple II at his elementary school, and as a teenager, learned assembly language on a Commodore 64. He earned a master's degree in electrical engineering from Arizona State University in 1994.

Beginning of the end

Davis grew up Catholic, but was an atheist for some of his adult life before experiencing what he called a "revelation from God". Starting in 1996, Davis was admitted to a psychiatric ward approximately every six months due to reoccurring manic episodes.

In March, he had begun experiencing regular manic episodes and developed delusions centering around space aliens and government agents. According to Davis, he attributed a profound quality to the Rage Against the Machine lyric "some of those that work forces are the same that burn crosses" and recalled "**I started seeing people following me around in suits and stuff. It just seemed something was strange.**" He started donating large sums of money to charity organizations, something he had never done before. Later, he surmised, "that act [**probably**] caused God to reveal Himself to me and saved me."

Davis later proclaimed that he was in direct communication with God, and that God told him to build a successor to the Second Temple as an operating system. As such, references to Biblical tropes are normal thing in his creation. OS was named LoseThos. One bundled program in it - "After Egypt" is a game in which the player travels to a burning bush to use a "high-speed stopwatch". The stopwatch is meant to act as an oracle that generates pseudo-random text, something Davis believed to be coded messages from God.

In 2012, Davis stated that LoseThos was downloaded 10,000 times since 2009, and that there was "no evidence anyone has installed it. I am in a CIA prison." Later in the year, he renamed LoseThos to "SparrowOS", and in early 2013, rebranded again as "TempleOS". A few weeks later, his website announced: "God's temple is finished. Now, God kills CIA until it spreads".

Why i wrote about him?

Davis is legend in narrow circles, he is clearly an example of how not to live. When I get lost in work and stop communicating with people i know, I remember people like him and remember

what an unsociable lifestyle leads to. Davis is an example of a person who can do a huge job alone, but also he is an example **why you don't need to work alone.**