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The Binary Bible Of Saint Silicon



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A very amusing and somewhat irrelevant book for the computer geek in your life, or just those who enjoy a bit of computer humor. I once posted the "Keyboard Prayer" on the bulletin board at the hall where my prayer group met. They were very amused. The Keyboard Prayer: Our program, who art in memory "hello" be thy name Thy operating system come thy commands be done at the printer as it is on the screen Give us this day our daily data and forgive us our errors as we forgive those whose logic circuits are faulty And lead us not into frustration but deliver us from power surges For thine is the application, the algorithm and the solution looping forever and ever Amen The worst part of it is, I only read it a couple of times, 15 years ago, and I still have it memorized. Scary!

Silly but fun!

Jeffrey Armstrong used to attend various computer shows dressed as a southern preacher, hairspray and all, with a small IC glued to his forehead. He could deliver flawless sermons on whatever related subjects that came up in conversation. The book is at least as good as his personal performances. Maybe it is time for "Another Binary Bible"? Reverend Armstrong, are you out there?

In a humorous manner, Jeffrey Armstrong became an evangelist for the computer and information

generation...a brilliant writer and performer he used this book as his "bible" to launch into new spheres of influence. Now he's gone on to something much nearer and dearer to his heart-- check for his other books. But this book was/is still fabulous. It is awesome in its potential for bringing even luddites into the next generation of technology and media. Fun drawings, photos and poems are fabulous for the casual reader, but if you read through the whole book you get a sense of how prescient Armstrong was/is.

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