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## Mixed reviews for new release

“It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.

- Albert Einstein.

(Davos, Canton of Graubünden, Switzerland – February 1.) With their customary flourish, western governments unveiled their widely anticipated new vapour-ware product yesterday, dubbed the mi-God.

Arriving with actually no new content or special features whatsoever despite months of hype, the twelve-foot thick tablet looks like a giant lead balloon and met with hesitant reviews from the twitterati.

But the mi-God’s co-founder and visionary chief architect, Gordon Brown, called it a “revolutionary product” that would enable users, and bankers in particular, to carry on living and thriving in their imaginary worlds, free from the constraints of a normal economy, any kind of ethics, or a competitive open market.

**The western government-sponsored mi-God device. Concerns have been raised about its portability.**



(Source: Druids, presumably.)

Brown, who famously saved the world-banks last year having been responsible for establishing new agencies to regulate them, said the mi-God would have a wide range of uses, from emailing breathless statements about abolishing boom and bust cycles and browsing the works of [F.A.Hayek](#) and [Ludwig von Mises](#), to viewing [videos](#) and reading [eBooks](#). It would also enable any user to print an inexhaustible supply of worthless paper, provisionally called “Money™”.

While western governments have been pressing movie and TV studios requesting prices and bundles of content, so far all the mi-God is capable of showing is lots of old news.

“It’s clearly not a game-changer, more like a pile of old rubbish,” said Marti Peeps, IT and new media analyst at ~~brokerage company~~, ~~bank holding company~~, investment consultancy TaintedFokker LLC. “We’ve seen it all before. That said, it could turn out to be a killer application, at least as far as sound money and government solvency is concerned. Now if you’ll excuse me, I need to relocate offshore.”

Western governments said the mi-God would start shipping in the US in 4,080 years, or whenever the financial crisis really ended, whichever came sooner.

The mi-God reflects the best of government thinking and technological sophistication. It runs an operating system similar to a Sinclair ZX-80 but is not quite as fast. The touch screen is as beautiful as you would imagine a twelve-foot thick lump of rock would be. New apps and games developed specifically for the mi-God include “Sitting there doing nothing for hours on end” which has led some to believe it has been modelled in part on Windows NT, but is in fact based on best practice in the public sector. Some of the gloss came off the launch of the device when one fell over onto the audience, fatally crushing seventeen.

Brown revealed that in its earliest incarnation, it had taken 450 government workers to make a mi-God device. He had since discovered that sarsen stone was more hard-wearing.

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