

# What is your iOS?

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One day a traveler was walking along a riverbank. There she noticed an unusual creature struggling in the water. The traveler realized that this creature was not a good swimmer and that if she did not save it, it would drown.

Therefore, carefully picking up the creature, the traveler rescued it from drowning. She was just about to set it down gently on land when the creature stung her finger and jumped back into the river. The traveler again lifted the creature out of the water, and again, before she could set it safely on land, it stung her.

This back and forth went on for several minutes as the traveler continued to try to save the life of the drowning creature and the creature continued to sting the traveler's hand before reaching the freedom of the riverbank. (Continued on next page) ->

A hunter who was standing on the side and watching, asked the traveler, "Forgive me, but it is clear that the creature is simply going to continue to sting you each and every time you try to carry it to safety. Why don't you give up and just let it drown?"

The traveler replied:

"The creature is not stinging me out of malice or evil intent. It doesn't realize that I am carrying it to safety. That is a level of conscious comprehension greater than what his brain can achieve. I will not quit my saving nature. It is my iOS, my inner operating system, to save those who are unable to save themselves. Why should I let my ego rob me of the saving nature which I have cultivated through years of practice? No one will shut down my inner operating system."

So now ask yourself, what would you do? What is your inner operating system?