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Subject: OT: Arthur C. Clarke dead at 90  
Posted by [George Johnson](#) on Wed, 19 Mar 2008 13:37:03 GMT  
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March 19th, 2008  
Arthur C. Clarke: All These Worlds Are Yours  
Posted by Jason Perlow @ 4:10 am  
<http://blogs.zdnet.com/BTL/?p=8260>

Sci-fi guru Arthur C. Clarke dies in Sri Lanka aged 90  
<http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5hxdvKWOj-UKP97QanNpytQiv vd5w>

// The less fun famous science-fiction writer has joined the Final Mind.

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Posted by [Doug Elrod](#) on Wed, 19 Mar 2008 20:46:23 GMT  
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-Doug Elrod (dre1@cornell.edu)  
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Originally posted by: Derek Janssen

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Derek Janssen (how's the missile??)  
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Subject: Re: OT: Arthur C. Clarke dead at 90  
Posted by [nebusj](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 00:18:55 GMT  
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Derek Janssen <ejanss1@nospam.verizon.net> writes:

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And there's the 'I was about to become a Star Child' moment in  
Space Travelers, and a fair number of times that some automated machine  
would talk in its obnoxious way and get labelled Hal. And, to branch  
out from 2001 a bit, Crow's discovery that there are beekeepers out there  
(in ``Samson Versus The Vampire Women'') derives from 2010.

The Umbilicon/cus/port/etc is, as a tether from the Earth to  
the Satellite of Love, a notion which Arthur C Clarke made famous in  
\_The Fountains of Paradise\_ and in technical and popular essays that  
explained such a thing was not completely insane an idea.

And I forget which Brain mentioned that in developing the  
Observers they remembered Clarke's Third Law, that sufficiently  
advanced technology becomes indistinguishable from magic, and thought  
that even if people have sufficiently advanced technology they may  
still be pretty dumb in a lot of ways.

I believe in a few experiments they identified vaguely  
English-looking people as Arthur C Clarke. Arthur C Pierce was also  
semi-identified that way, like at the start of The Human Duplicators.

That's a lot of stuff for me to have on the top of my head.  
Wow.

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Joseph Nebus

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Subject: Re: OT: Arthur C. Clarke dead at 90  
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Originally posted by: Bruce Probst

On Mar 20, 7:46 am, Doug Elrod <d...@cornell.edu> wrote:

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- > "Mitchell", along with, of course, the merging of Dr. F with the "The
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How could you forget the opening "exercise wheel" sequence in The Movie?

Bruce  
Melbourne, Australia

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