

## Sir Arthur C Clarke: Personal Memories and Obituary

I only knew Sir Arthur through occasional correspondence by letter but found him to be enthusiastic, encouraging and generous, in his replies. I remember in my first tentative letter, including one of my papers for him to read, if interested. He replied by thanking me and then informed me that he "is very interested and was aware of my work and had already read all my papers". He then went on to include the statement I have included in my homepage, which states "... I believe your work is of great importance and hope it results in some positive findings in my life time." I must have felt at least ten feet tall, at that moment, and it was then that I knew my mission would be to continue this work despite any obstacles.

Well, I am glad to say that I did provide positive findings for him, in an academic sense, but unfortunately did not have the candidate signal he was hoping for. I can only say that my mission is to re-double efforts to at least have all systems in place for contact, when it happens, in his memory. I am sure Sir Arthur has inspired many a person in similar ways, whether through correspondence or through his works; it is this legacy he now bequeaths to us, in our search into the unknown.

Thank you Sir Arthur.

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