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Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers

Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers is a thirteen-part British television series looking at strange worlds of the paranormal. It was produced by Yorkshire Television for the ITV network and first broadcast in 1985. It was the sequel to the 1980 series *Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World*.

The series is introduced by science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke in short sequences filmed at his home in Sri Lanka. Individual episodes are narrated by Anna Ford. The series was produced by John Fairley and directed by Peter Jones, Michael Weigall and Charles Flynn.

In 1984, G.P. Putnam's Sons published a hardcover book with the same name, authored by Simon Welfare and John Fairley, where the contents of the show were further explored. It featured an introduction written by Clarke as well as his remarks at the end of each chapter or topic. In 1985, a paperback of this book was released by HarperCollins Publishers.

The series was followed by *Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe*, broadcast in 1994.

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No.	Title	Original air date
1	"Warnings from the Future?"	3 April 1985
2	"Things That Go Bump in the Night"	10 April 1985
3	""From Mind to Mind""	17 April 1985
4	"Stigmata – The Wounds of Christ?"	24 April 1985
5	"Ghosts, Apparitions and Haunted Houses"	1 May 1985
6	""Have We Lived Before?""	15 May 1985
7	"Fairies, Phantoms and Fantastic Photographs"	22 May 1985
8	"An Element of the Divine"	5 June 1985
9	"Walking on Fire"	12 June 1985
10	"Message from the Dead?"	19 June 1985
11	""The Roots of Evil""	26 June 1985
12	"Metal-Bending, Magic and Mind Over Matter"	3 July 1985
13	"Strange Powers The Verdict"	10 July 1985

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A collection DVD Box Set of all three Arthur C. Clarke documentary series, *Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World*, *Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers* and *Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe* was released in July 2013 by Visual Entertainment, which also re-released them separately in September 2013.^[2]

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Genre	<u>Documentary television</u>
Directed by	<u>Peter Jones</u> <u>Michael Weigall</u> <u>Charles Flynn</u>
Narrated by	<u>Anna Ford</u>
Country of origin	<u>United Kingdom</u>
No. of seasons	1
No. of episodes	13
Production	
Producer	<u>John Fairley</u>
Running time	25 minutes ^[1]
Production company	<u>Yorkshire Television</u>
Original release	
Network	<u>ITV</u>
Release	3 April – 10 July 1985
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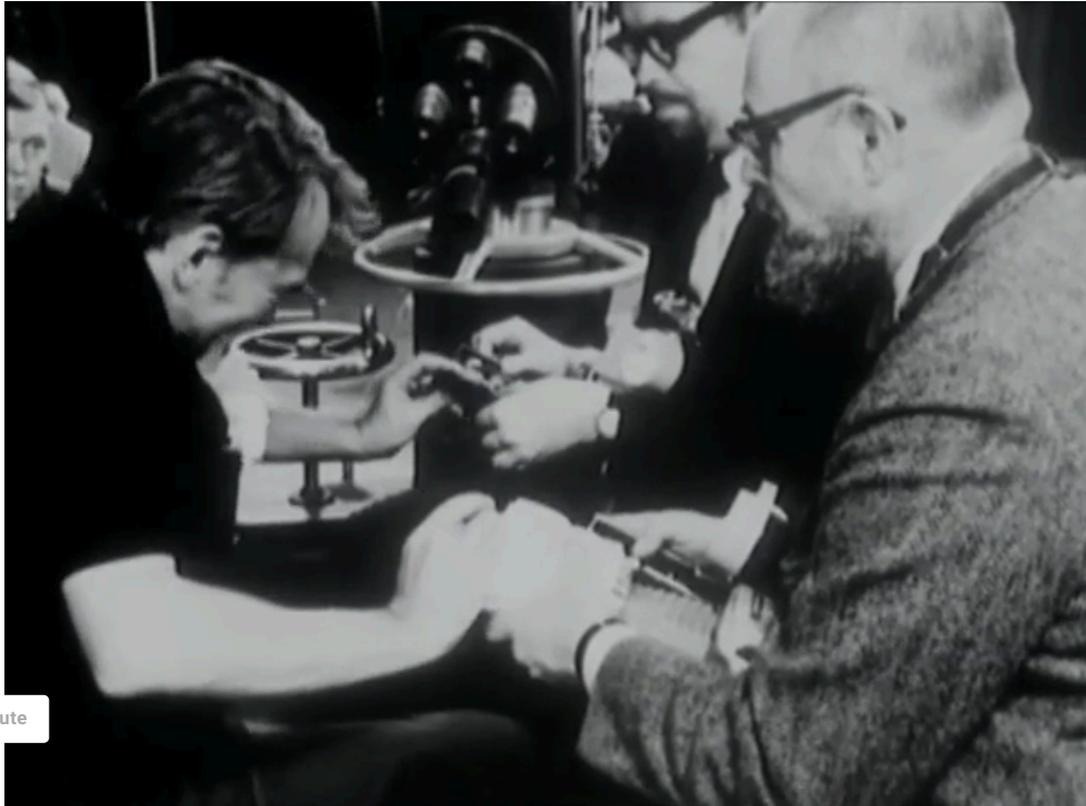


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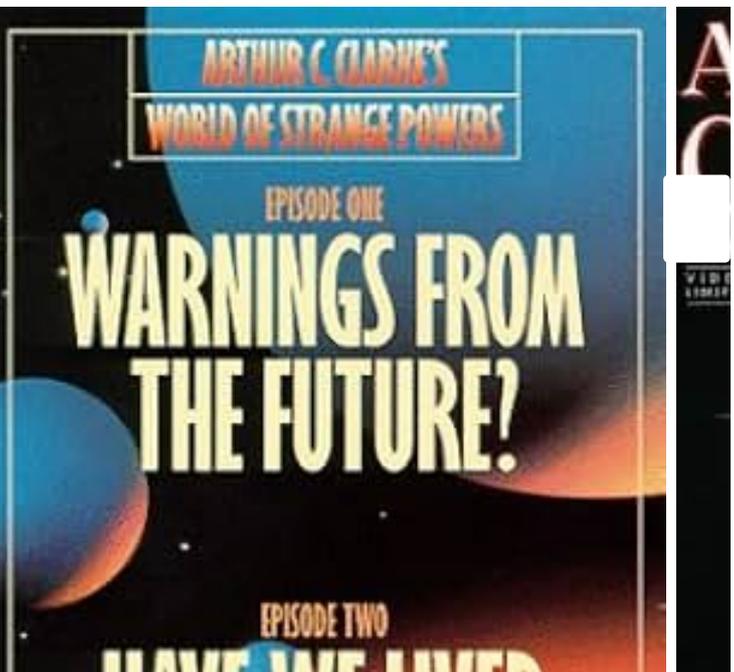
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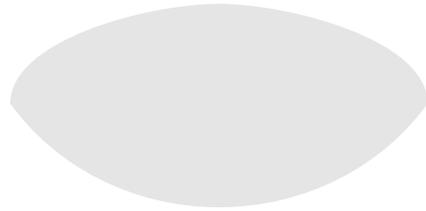
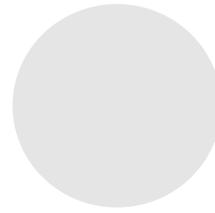
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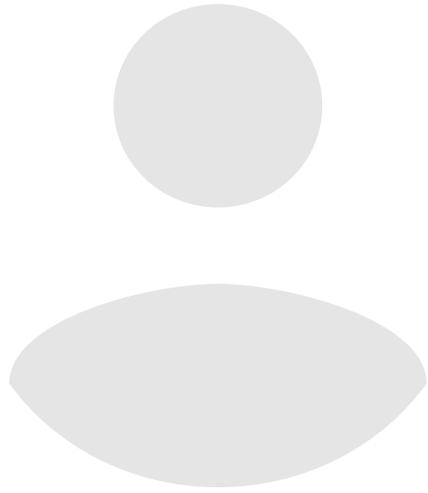
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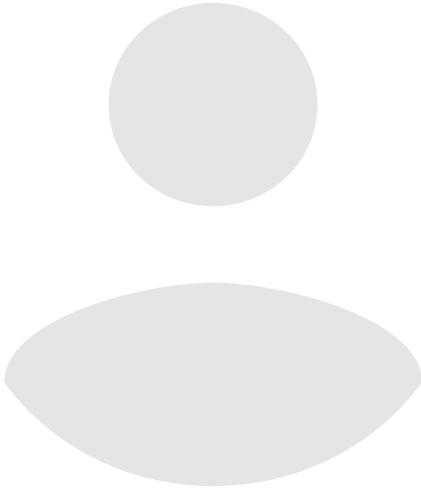
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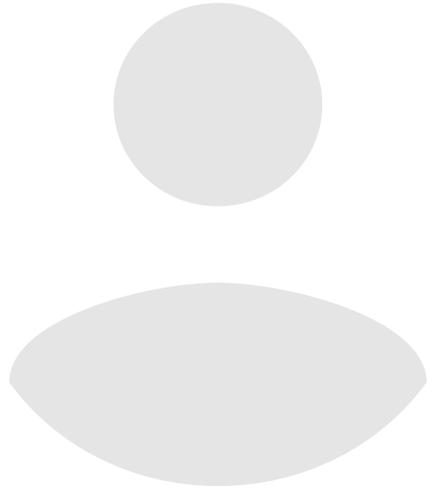
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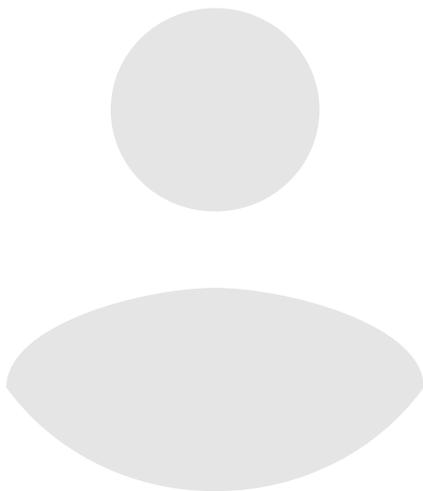
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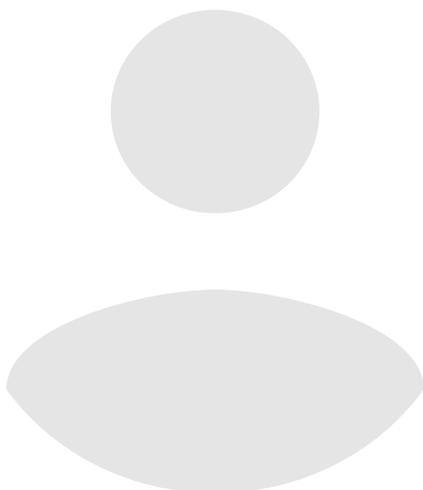
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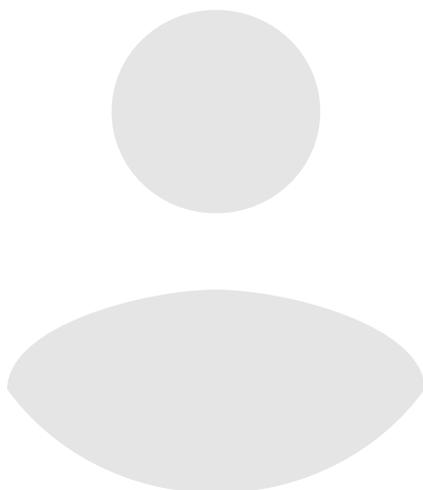
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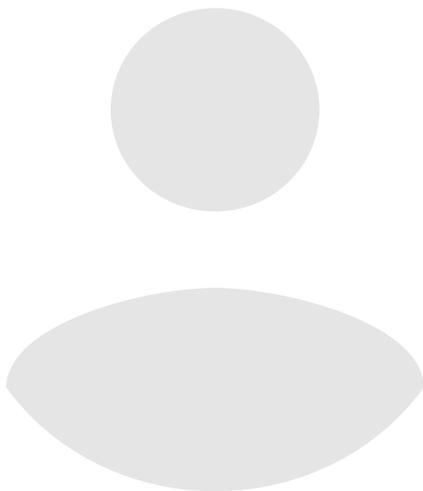
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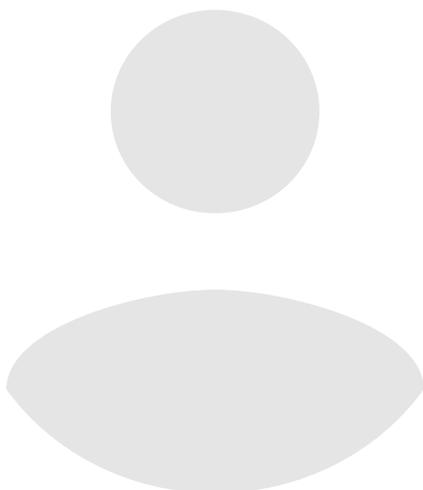
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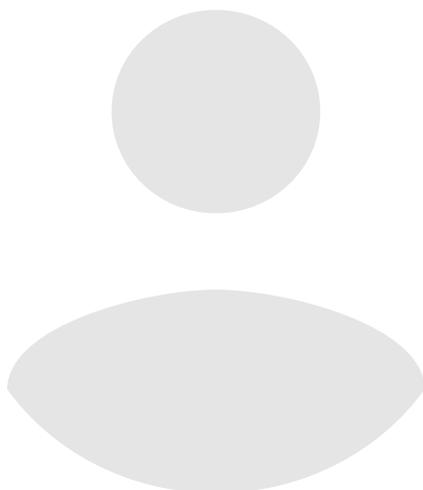
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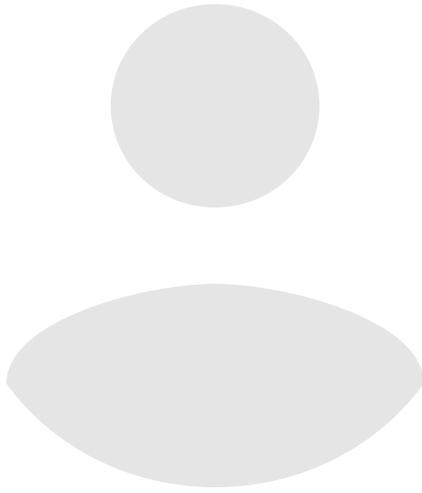
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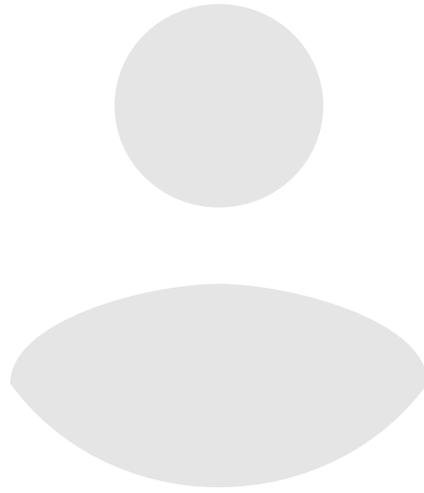
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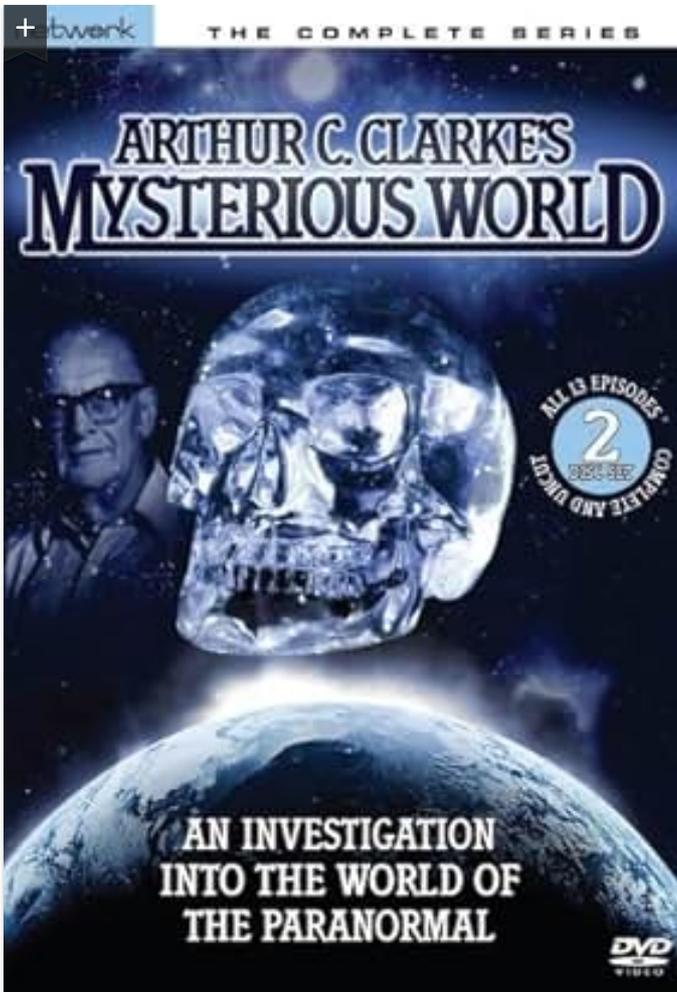
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Clarke, introduced at the start of every episode as "the author of 2010 and inventor of the communications satellite," was an ideal choice to act as frontman of the series, appearing around his adopted home on the island of Sri Lanka. As a writer of science fact and fiction, Clarke had addressed many of the topics discussed in the series, including in his novel Childhood's End whose climax was set in motion by an entire generation developing psychic and telekinetic abilities. And, as a self-confessed lover of mysteries used to appearing in programs such as The Sky at Night and news coverage of the Apollo moon landings, he was what we'd term today a

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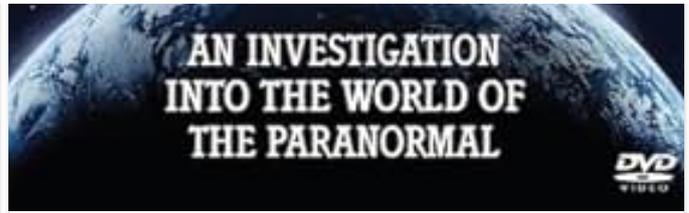
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S1.E1 · Warnings from the Future

Wed, Apr 3, 1985

Arthur C. Clarke investigates reports from individuals who claim to be clairvoyant and can foresee coming disasters. We learn about people with premonitions of airplane crashes, the Titanic sinking, earthquakes and horse race results.

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S1.E2 · Things That Go Bump in the Night

Wed, Apr 10, 1985

Arthur C. Clarke examines unexplainable cases of poltergeists from all over the world. There's a neighborhood in England where rocks rain down on houses, an office in Germany where hundreds of phone calls were made from a phone that no one was dialing. Still, sometimes the explanations can be found, and sometimes it is even possible to detect cases of fraud.

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S1.E3 · From Mind to Mind

Wed, Apr 17, 1985

Claims of individuals who can supposedly communicate telepathically are investigated. Is mind-to-mind communication really possible? Can one read an other's thoughts? Scientists have been investigating for generations. But will the search for the truth about telepathy ever be over?

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S1.E4 · Stigmata: The Wounds of Christ

Wed, Apr 24, 1985

Arthur C. Clarke investigates the history of stigmata, which are markings on the bodies of people that are supposed to mirror the wounds of the crucifixion of Christ - bleeding hands and feet, the crown of thorns, the pierced side.

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S1.E5 · Ghosts Apparitions and Haunted Houses

Wed, May 1, 1985

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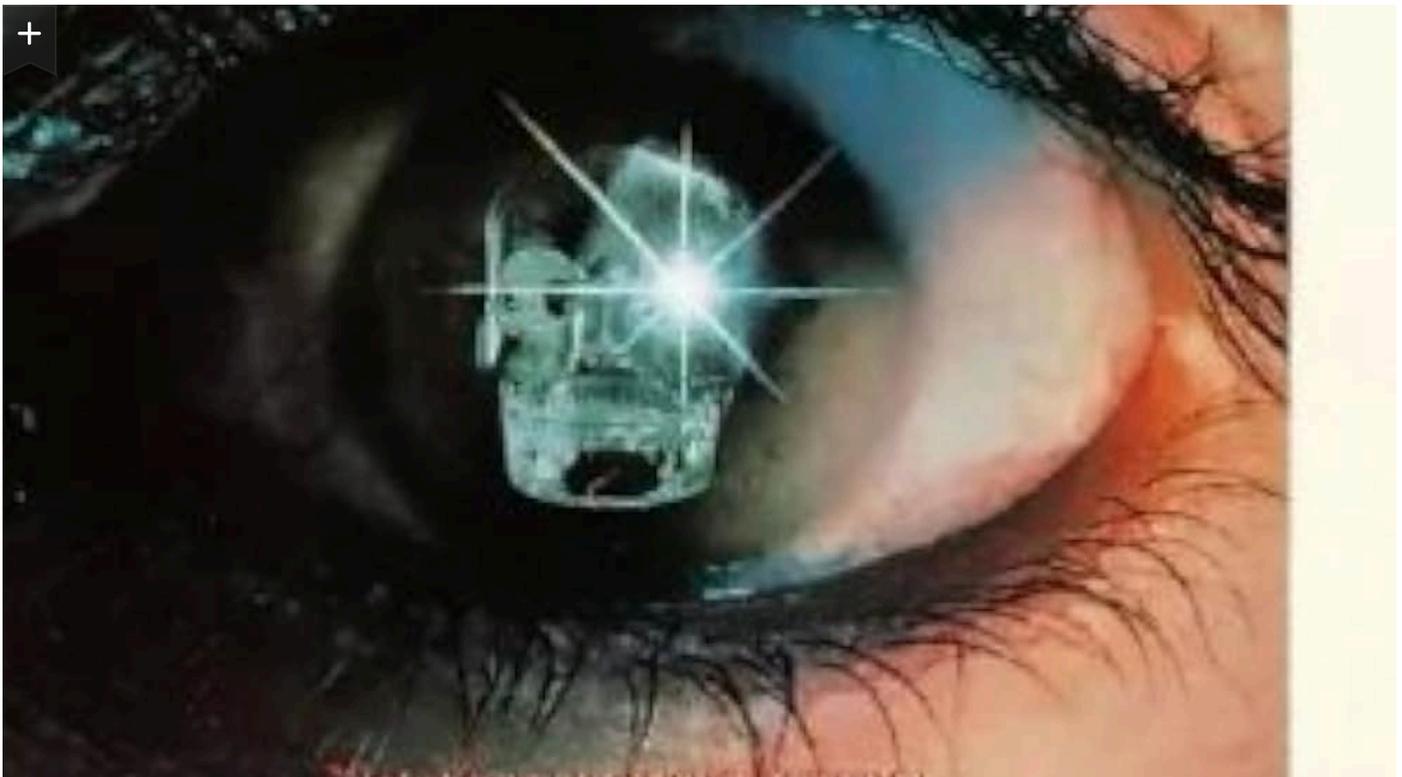
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S1.E6 · Fairies, Phantoms and Fantastic Photographs

Wed, May 22, 1985

Clarke examines the hoax photographs of Cottingley Fairies and other images that have supposedly captured ghost and phantoms in them. The widely criticized technique of "thoughtography," where individuals claim to possess the ability to burn an image from their mind onto camera film, is also investigated.

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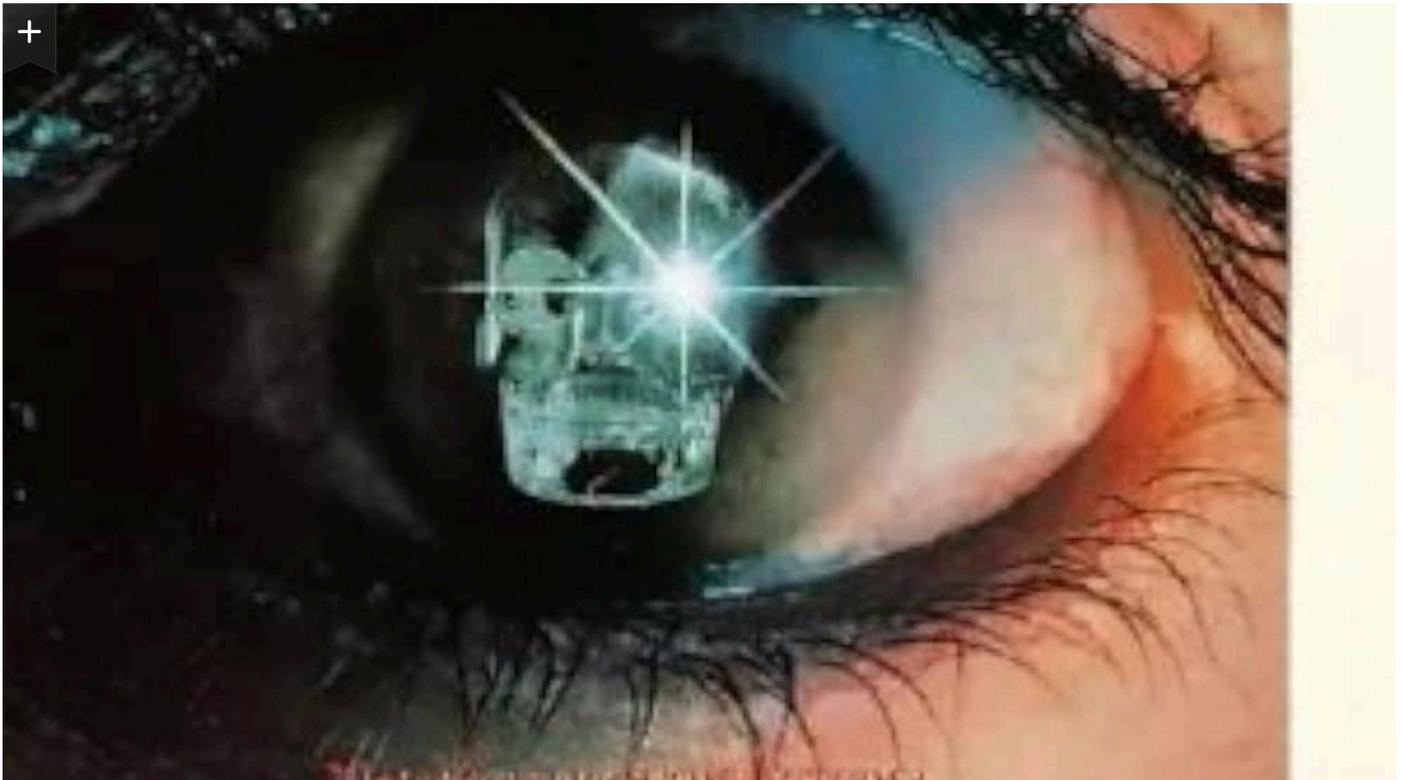


S1.E7 · Have We Lived Before

Wed, May 29, 1985

Clarke explores the concept of afterlife where claims of rebirth and re-incarnation are made. We meet a man who searches a cemetery for his grave from a previous life and recalls, under hypnosis, events that turn out to match the historical record. Have we lived before?

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S1.E8 · An Element of the Divine

Wed, Jun 5, 1985

This episode features the technique of dowsing - where individuals use twigs or rods to detect underground water, oil and precious metals. A dowser in Texas finds oil. Another, in Germany, found water to support an army base of ten thousand people. In Vermont, dowsing is taught in school and applied to myriad activities. Dowsers such as these, as well as skeptics, are interviewed.

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S1.E9 · Walking on Fire

Wed, Jun 12, 1985

The ritual of firewalking has been practiced by many cultures all over the world for centuries. This episode tries to determine the secret behind the technique and the reason for its popularity, along with other painful religious rituals. Arthur C. Clarke visits Greece, Spain and Sri Lanka in his investigation.

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S1.E10 · Messages from the Dead

Wed, Jun 19, 1985

Arthur C. Clarke investigates claims of communication with dead artists and writers. In a séance room, can mediums conjure up the spirits of the dead? We meet a man who says he is in contact with the spirits of dead painters. Also featured is the particular narrative of Georgina Feakes, who was visited by her dead cousin holding a blue orchid.

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S1.E11 · The Roots of Evil

Wed, Jun 26, 1985

Can witch doctors hex or bewitch their enemies to death? Was a man in Oklahoma killed by a curse and literally scared to death? Black magic has been known to cause its victim immeasurable amounts of pain and suffering. In this episode, Clarke investigates stories of people who were hexed, cursed or bewitched by evil magic that defies logic and rational science.

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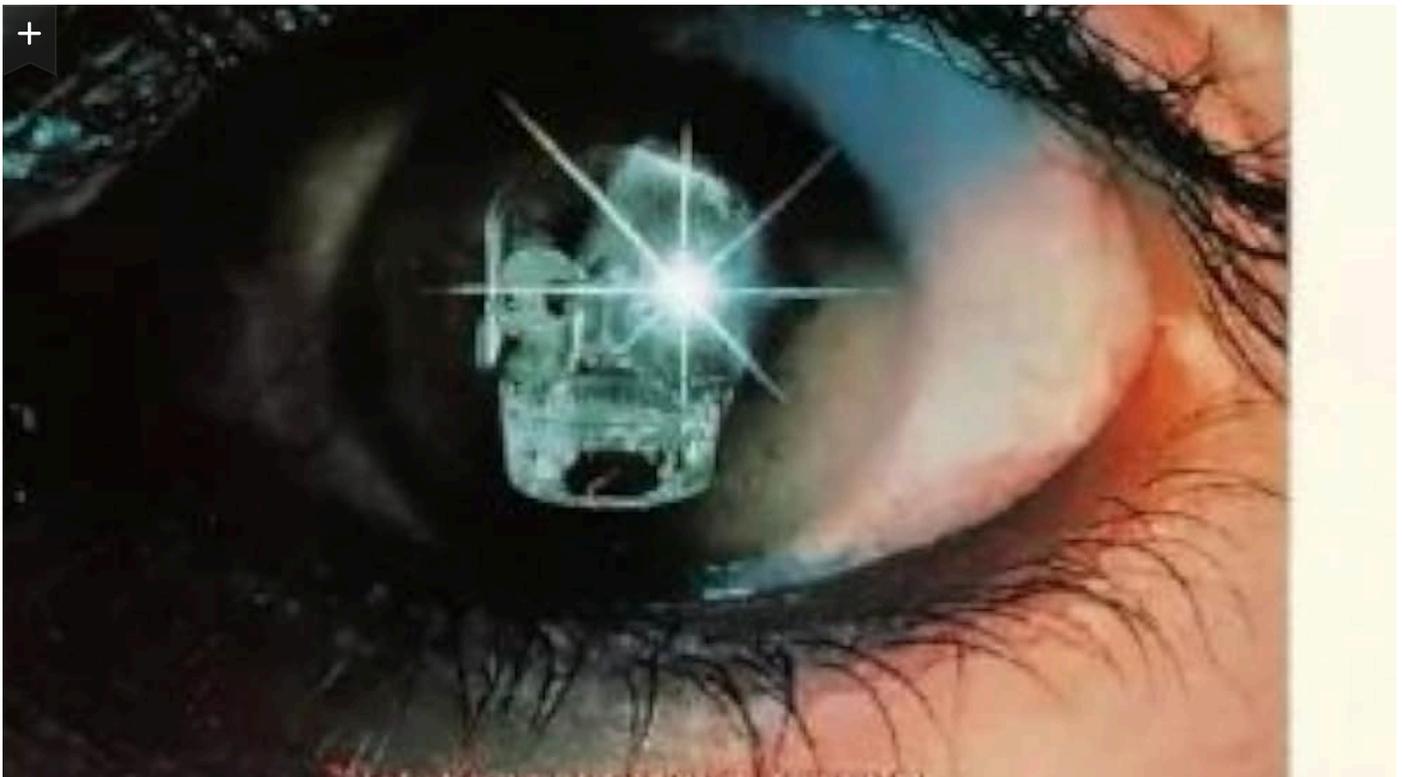
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S1.E12 · Metal Bending, Magic and Mind Over Matter

Wed, Jul 3, 1985

Can a fork be bent by the power of thought alone? What is the truth about mind over matter? Are we all born with the power to move things with our mind? This episode features the technique of telekinesis, which is the ability to influence physical objects to move or change shape or form using only the powers of the mind.

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S1.E13 · Strange Powers: The Verdict

Wed, Jul 10, 1985

The series finale looks to sum up the results of this investigation of the paranormal and the supernatural. Arthur C. Clarke notes that in Sri Lanka, where he lives, fortune tellers are often consulted before major endeavors, such as marriages and even the dedication of a new Arthur C. Clarke Centre for Modern Technology! He visits three different fortune tellers to discuss their methods. Finally, he shares his "scorecard," with his own views on the nature of the phenomena examined in this series.

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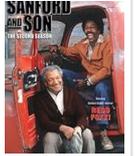
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