





Arthur C. Clarke - What's Our Role on This Planet?

Arthur C. Clarke (1917-2008) was one of the most influential science fiction writers in history. Clarke's screenplay for the 1968 film 2001: A Space Odyssey, directed by Stanley Kubrick, remains a landmark in modern culture's approach to human evolution, <u>artificial intelligence</u>, and extraterrestrial intelligence.

"It may be that our role on this planet is not to worship God but to him"

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Questions

- 1. What words are missing from the quote?
- 2. Do you agree with the statement in the quote?
- 3. What did Arthur C. Clarke really mean? Do you think we will one day create something god-like? Could artificial intelligence resemble a god?
- 4. Can you think of a current event or an event from your own life that corresponds with the quote? Does it relate to a tv show, a movie, a game or a book that you like?
- 5. Make up your own quote or saying. If you had one message to convey to the world, what would it be?