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Sir Arthur C. Clarke looks back on his career.

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A few weeks after Sir Arthur C. Clarke celebrated his 90th birthday this past December, he received a visit from *IEEE Spectrum* contributor Saswato R. Das. From a hospital bed in Colombo, Sri Lanka, where he was recuperating from a back injury, Clarke talked to Das about his 1945 paper on geostationary satellites; the concept of a space elevator, which he first outlined in his 1979 novel *The Fountains of Paradise*; and his development as a science-fiction writer. Read the article and listen to the interview with this colossus of science fiction.

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