

The Afterlife

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Zone Y2K

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of Zone Y2K's recently-deceased. It has come to my attention that many of my fellow residents have become more lethargic as of late; the energy they once emanated reduced to barely perceptible. I, myself, have experienced tides of lower-than-average vitality.

It is my understanding that so long as the living keep us in their hearts and on their minds, our light will continue to shine. Without our loved one's pensive thoughts, we will fade away into the void from which we will never return. This is most concerning, as many of our residents were either very young at the time of their passing or have only been in the Afterlife for a short time. Their family and friends are still amongst the living and should therefore be thinking about them daily.

I can only surmise that the living are presently preoccupied with other worries—their minds too distracted to fondly reminisce about times past. Perhaps you can shed some light on what has been happening on Earth. I would be very interested to learn the source of the living's diverted thoughts, and whether there is anything we could do from this side to ensure we are not forgotten.

I've been fortunate enough to be remembered, even after all this time I've spent in the Afterlife. The energy I harvest during the holiday film season each year keeps me from fading into the unknown. The same, I'm afraid, cannot be said of others.

Kindest regards,

Alan Rickman

Afterlife Headquarters
3rd Planet, Solar System
Milky Way Galaxy
Day 1.658 Trillion

Mr Alan Rickman
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Dear Mr Rickman,

Thank you for your letter of concern regarding your fellow Y2K residents. They are lucky to have such a compassionate soul looking after their best interests.

Unfortunately, you have surmised correctly. Never in the history of mankind have the living been so distracted by constant worry. The threat of war looms as well as the complete breakdown of Earth's environment. Disease, starvation, and natural disasters endanger billions. Still others are beset with financial woes and hopeless futures, all thanks to the actions of greedy corporations and unscrupulous elected leaders. It is no wonder the residents in Zone Y2K are feeling sluggish at this time.

I wish I had more hopeful news to offer, but it seems life on Earth will remain problematic for the foreseeable future. Regrettably, there is little the recently deceased could do to ensure their memories live on forever.

My colleague suggested that in theory, shouting one's own name several times a day could trigger memory responses in the minds of the living. There's no guarantee this will work, but it may be worth trying?

All the best,

Joanie
Executive Assistant to the Chair of the Afterlife

P.S. I recently had the pleasure of watching *Love Actually*. What a delightful film!