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The Life After Death Project: Forrest J Ackerman

On Wednesday, SyFy hosted *The Life After Death Project*, a documentary by filmmaker **Paul Davids**, which investigated reported evidence to support the claim of life after death in regard to actor and science fiction/horror great **Forrest J Ackerman**.

The documentary featured paranormal researchers - including both psychics and skeptics - as well as noted horror writer and alien tracker **Whitley Strieber**, and focuses on Davids personal experiences with bizarre circumstances that happened in his life after the death of Ackerman.

What seemingly began as an inquiry into an innocent yet blotchy ink stain appearing on one of Davids' documents, would go on to become an investigation beyond the grave. Davids recounts his personal exploration as he attempts to unearth what lies beneath the dark events in his own life.

Ackerman, who wrote for the very first science fiction magazines - *The Time Traveller* and *Science Fiction Magazine* - would go on to become the editor and writer of the iconic monthly *Famous Monsters of Filmland*. A part time actor who appeared in over 200 films, Ackerman was a huge science fiction and horror fan, and was influential in bringing both subjects into the forefront of pop culture.

In the 1950's, members of the World Science Fiction Society bestowed Ackerman with the honor of being the organizations' #1 fan personality.

Ackerman had an extensive history of being involved in the science fiction and horror communities, attended the very first World Science Convention in 1939 and would continue to attend almost every convention over the span of his life - missing only two events.

Ackerman, who hoped to live to be 100, passed away at the age of 92 in his home in Hollywood (known as the "Ackermansion"), on December 4, 2008. He was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, where his plaque reads, "Sci-Fi Was My High."

Both Ackerman and Davids fans will be happy to know *The Life After Death Project* will be available on DVD


via Amazon, beginning July 16. It is currently [available for pre-order](#).

More about the film can be found at lifeafterdeathproject.com.

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