

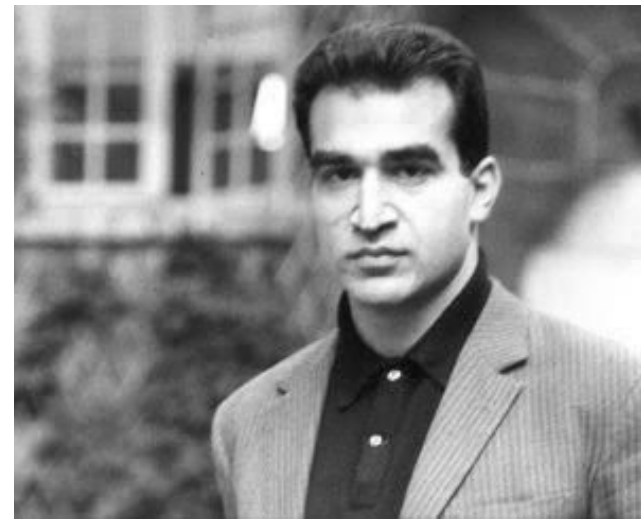
THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

FM-2030 was an author, **transhumanist** philosopher, futurist and Olympic athlete. He was born Fereydoon M. Esfandiary on this day in 1930 in Belgium. His father was an Iranian diplomat so FM-2030 travelled widely as a child, living in 17 countries in 11 years. In 1948 he represented Iran in the London Olympic Games, in both basketball & wrestling!

In 1970 he published a book *'Optimism One'* and began using the name FM-2030 for two reasons - to break free of usual naming conventions and to reflect his belief he would live to celebrate his 100th birthday in 2030. He said:

"Conventional names define a person's past: ancestry, ethnicity, nationality, religion. I am not who I was ten years ago and certainly not who I will be in twenty years. There are no illegal immigrants, only irrelevant borders"

His 1989 book *'Are You a Transhuman?'* is seen as a key work in transhumanism - a movement that advocates using technology to enhance humans beyond current natural limits - such as extending life, improving cognition and wellbeing. He died in July 2000 from pancreatic cancer, but his body was frozen, so perhaps one day he will achieve his wish.



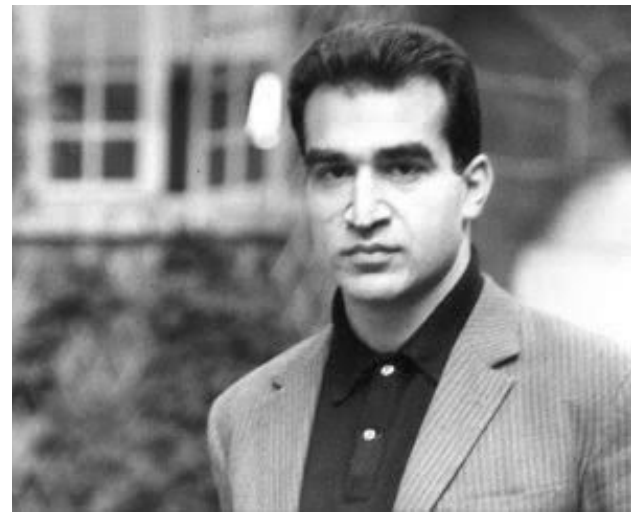
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