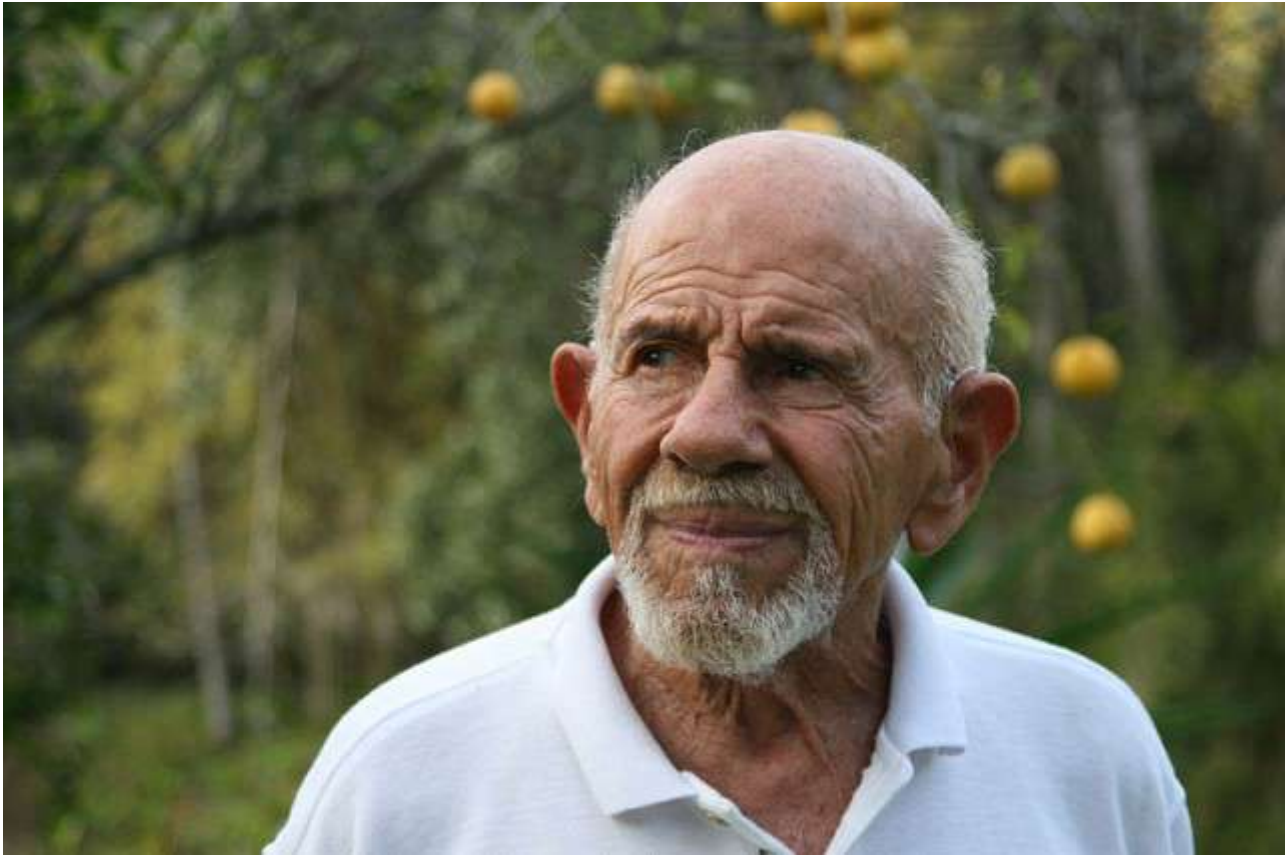


The Jacque Fresco Centenary

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On the 13th of next month, Jacque Fresco will be one hundred years old. To some he is a visionary; to others he is a crank. Which is the real Jacque Fresco? The two are not mutually exclusive. Fresco is a designer and engineer by profession; he is also a futurologist and self-proclaimed social engineer. He was born in New York, moving to Florida in 1955, where he lives to this day, in the alluringly named community Venus. By the early 1980s he had started work on the Venus Project, his vision for the future. You can find his designs and programmes on the [official Venus Project website](#).



While Fresco's ideas about the corrupt debt-based money system and the harnessing of technology to better the human condition are well thought out, his views on human nature are way off-beam. He has gone on record that there is no such thing as human nature; he also believes, clearly, that the way a child is raised is the only factor that determines his or her personality. Thus to eliminate evil, all we need to do is be kind to our kids. This is the sort of starry-eyed idealism one might expect from a 16 year old but not from a man of 39, much less one of 99. Has he never heard of **Ted Bundy**, Lord Lucan, **Karla Homolka**?

The day before his birthday, there is a celebration at a Florida convention centre; tickets are \$54. Who will be going? Little Miss Gullible **Abby Martin** for one. That accepted, check out the Venus Project, and Fresco himself on YouTube. You won't agree with everything he says, but when he talks about science and technology, he makes a lot of sense.

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