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Philip K. Dick, a final look back

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It was 28 years ago this month that Philip K. Dick died, and, in a blend of the tragic and the wonderful, his acclaim has surged to unexpected heights in the years since his troubled life ended.

To mark the anniversary of his death, we’re revisiting Scott Timberg’s amazing series on the author’s last years, which were spent in Orange County, a place where Dick was like a subversive agent living behind enemy lines in a cultural war only he could completely define. Thanks again to Timberg for his extraordinary work on this project, and be sure to check out his other musings and manias at The Misread City blog.

PART 1: Philip K. Dick in O.C., a stranger in a strange land

PART 2: Philip K. Dick at work in John Birch territory

PART 3: Philip K. Dick, an uneasy spy in ’70s suburbia

PART 4: Philip K. Dick finds God and madness on the doorstep

PART 5: Philip K. Dick scans the darkness of O.C.

PART 6: Phillip K. Dick and the maze of death

– Geoff Boucher

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