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Prince Philip quote about reincarnating as a deadly virus to solve 'overpopulation' resurfaces

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People are re-sharing an old Prince Philip quote about death.

In 1988, Prince Philip said he would like to reincarnate as a deadly virus to solve overpopulation.

Prince Philip died Friday aged 99.

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The death of Prince Philip was announced by Buckingham Palace Friday morning. Soon after, many people on social media began to re-share an old Prince Philip quote in which he says that after he dies, he would like to reincarnate as a deadly virus to help solve the issue of overpopulation.

The quote is noted in an article by The Guardian newspaper from 2009 where some of Prince Philip's most controversial quotes are listed. The full quote reads: "In the event that I am reincarnated, I would like to return as a deadly virus, to contribute something to solving overpopulation."

Upon news of Prince Philip's death, many people on Twitter began to widely re-share the article and screenshots of Prince Philips's comment.

Riya tweeted a screenshot of the quote with the caption: "What the f---."

—riya (@sceneryprint)

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Many others quickly responded to the quote making reference to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

—Steve GB (🇬🇧) (@ashindestad)

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—Jason Okundaye (@jasebyjason)

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—frank (@jaenobear)

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—Joel (5-2) (@veryonlinejoel)

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According to the Daily Express, the quote originates from a 1988 interview that Prince Philip, who was often known for his controversial and sometimes offensive sense of humor, gave to Deutsche Press-Agentur. The quote was also widely shared during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a statement released early Friday morning, Buckingham Palace announced Prince Philip's death. The statement read: "It is with deep sorrow that Her Majesty The Queen announces the death of her beloved husband, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh," the palace said in a statement obtained by Insider. "His Royal Highness passed away peacefully this morning at Windsor Castle."

The duke was hospitalized for four weeks earlier this year in what the palace initially described as a precautionary measure. He was admitted to King Edward VII's Hospital in London on February 16 and was discharged a month later.

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