



Eccentric Genius

Buckminster Fuller—architect and scientist—is most famous for creating the geodesic dome, carbon molecules known as fullerenes, and proposing many futuristic ideas for the world, including Dymaxion houses, cars, and maps. Despite his genius, Fuller was a man of eccentricities. He is known to have worn three watches to tell the time in several time zones as he flew across the globe. He spent years sleeping only two hours a night, which he called the Dymaxion sleep. Not only this, for more than half a century, from 1915 to 1983, he chronicled his life as completely as possible. He created a very large scrapbook known as the Dymaxion Chronofile in which he documented his life every 15 minutes. The scrapbook contains copies of all correspondence, bills, notes, sketches, and clippings from newspapers. The total collection is estimated to be 270 feet (82 m) worth of paper and is housed at Stanford University.

