

Obituary for Aristides Arageorgis by John Earman,
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With the news that our dear Aris has been taken from us I feel that a piece of me is missing. I got to know Aris when he came to the University of Pittsburgh as a PhD student in the History and Philosophy of Science Program. Over the years he became a more-than-equal colleague and my teacher. I learned more from him than he learned from me, not just about academic subjects but about how to be a decent human being. He was one of the few genuinely good people I have had the good fortune to know—he was far too good for this cruel and nasty world.--

I would append the following excerpt from an email that Aris sent me when he reentered the hospital. It shows that his wit and insouciance didn't desert him in the face of a terrible fate: "I was told I have a probability of 0.5 for recovery (principle of indifference?) But what do they know? They are frequentists (retrospective studies, etc.)! Were they fallen Bayesians, things would be different."

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