

Dr. Jonathan Osterman

"We're all puppets, Laurie. I'm just a puppet who can see the strings."



Dr. Manhattan

Here's a time line of Dr. Jonathan Osterman's life:

- **1929:** Born in Germany.
- **1938:** Move to America.
- **1945:** Saw the United States dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.
- **1958:** Graduated with a Ph.D. in atomic physics.
- **1959:** Moved to a research base at Gila Flats, where experiments were being performed concerning the 'intrinsic fields' of physical objects
- **1959:** August, month of the accident, Jon had his intrinsic field removed. Bathed in the radiant light, he was torn to pieces by the force of the generator. Instantly he was vaporized and was officially declared dead.

- **1959:** Fully reappeared on November 22 as a tall, hairless, naked, blue-skinned man.

Doctor Manhattan could very well be the first human to become a god. He was originally Jon Osterman, a physicist with a normal life before he suffered a terrible accident in his lab that seemingly disintegrated his body. But just a short time later, he returned to Earth transformed into Doctor Manhattan, an omniscient being who can see past, present and future at the same time. This ability to see all of time at once causes him to start to withdraw from humanity.

If you have time, you should read more about this incredible character on his [Wikipedia entry](#).