

EXTENDERIS

DIRECTOR

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DURATION

10:06

YEAR

1993

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE

French (on-screen text)

CATEGORY

Video Art

**DESCRIPTION**

Constructed as a contemporary psalm, this experimental video reflects on the origins of life and the vast archival content of DNA. *Extenderis* revolves around the ideas of Richard Dawkins (*The Blind Watchmaker*, 1987), according to whom human beings, as well as all living organisms, are the temporary receptacles of the DNA code. We serve the DNA and not the reverse. A shock to anthropocentric understanding, the idea was considered as heresy within the scientific community. In this sense, *Extenderis* is a heretic psalm.

SOUND

Stereo

KEYWORDS

Humanity, Philosophy, Origin, Genetics

THEMES

Identity

Science

Society