

# EXTENDERIS

**DIRECTOR**

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**DURATION**

0:10

**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