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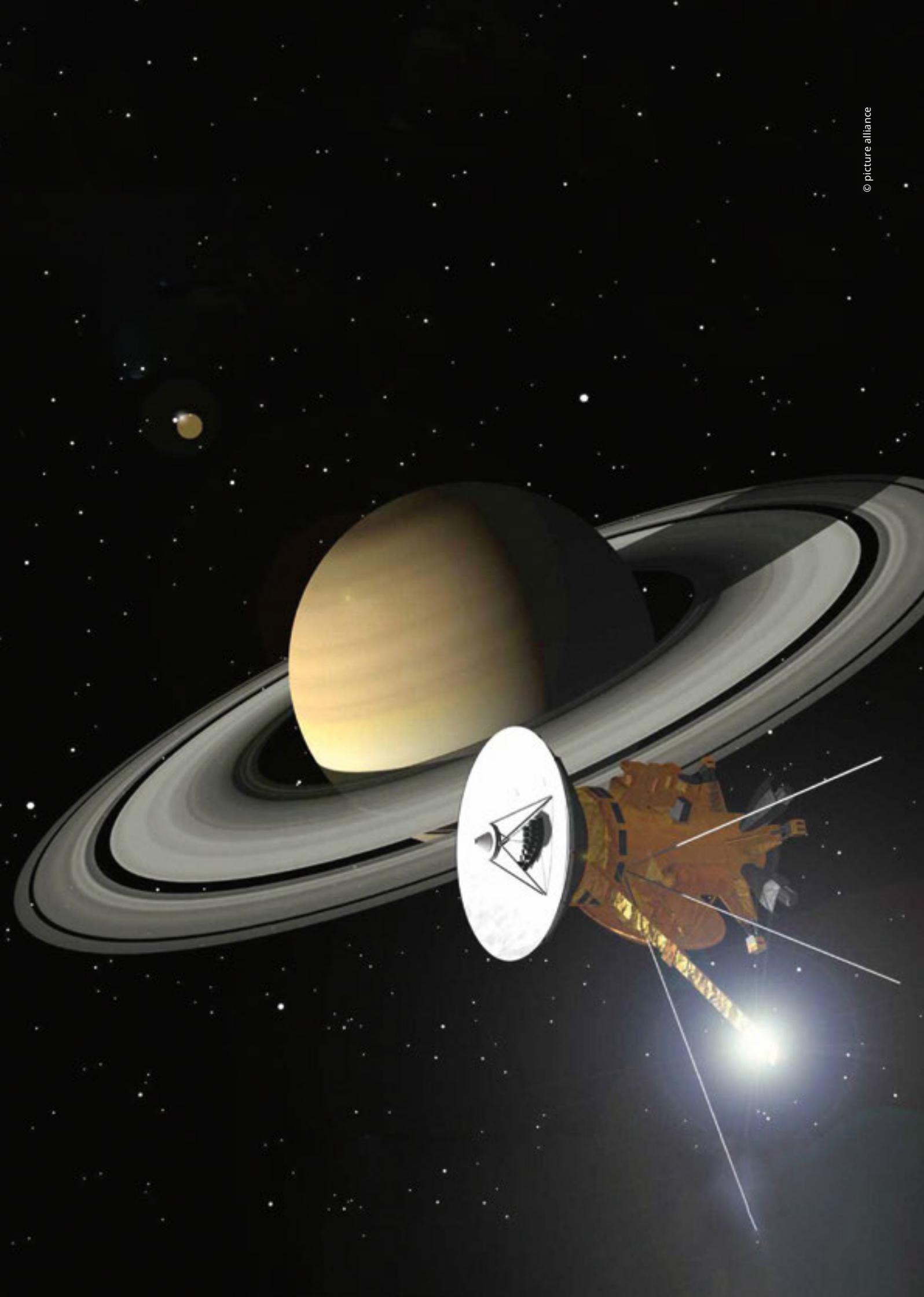
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Reaching for the Stars

Our planet and the life it sustains are the product of cosmic processes. The stars have always fueled humanity's desire for knowledge. Space missions and sophisticated telescopes that reveal distant galaxies, black holes and exoplanets have enabled many groundbreaking insights into fundamental phenomena. Physics, chemistry and biology have all benefited as a consequence. Many technological achievements can be traced back to developments in space travel. During the Cold War the Soviet Union and the United States sparred to claim milestones such as the first satellite in space and the first manned moon landing, but nowadays many teams work together on an international level. Key projects include research into earthlike celestial bodies, manned missions to Mars and the quest to find natural resources in space.

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Documentary,
05 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

12 additional
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264898 013

Mission to Mars – Exploring the Red Planet

Missions to Mars are among the most ambitious space programs. Key considerations are the planet's climate and geology. These factors will determine whether and how manned flights to Mars will be realized. Mars rovers are already sending back breathtaking images of the surface of the Red Planet. Scientists and engineers are working on special devices for probing deep into the ground to locate potential water deposits.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264898 014

Astronauts in Space – The Challenges of Everyday Life

How do space journeys affect the human body, the senses and the mind? Out in space, astronauts are not only exposed to weightlessness, they're also immersed in a purely technological environment. There are no natural sounds; there's no wind, weather or day-and-night rhythm that regulates human metabolism. Although they're undoubtedly passionate about their work, the space travelers certainly miss their lives back on Earth.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264898 015

Titan – Saturn's Earth-Like Satellite

It's the largest moon to orbit Saturn and has fascinated astronomers for centuries: Titan is wrapped in a dense nitrogen-rich atmosphere containing hydrocarbons and traces of other organic compounds. It's thought there are large quantities of liquid water beneath the moon's icy surface. Of all the celestial bodies in our solar system, Titan is regarded as the most Earth-like and many probes have been sent there to find out more.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264898 016

All Just Fake News? – Myths Surrounding the Moon Landing

NASA's manned missions to the Moon were a momentous moment in the history of mankind. So much so that doubters subsequently emerged claiming the whole story was nothing but a big hoax. Their theories persist to this day, not least because several details of the photos and archive footage don't quite add up. What's really going on here?

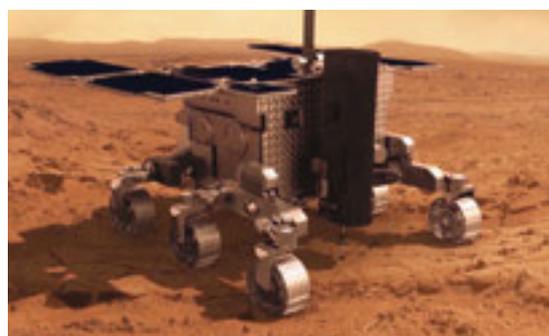
Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264898 017

Asteroids – A Future Source of Raw Materials?

For years now, engineers, entrepreneurs and investors have been excited by the idea of mining asteroids for raw materials – primarily because it appears to present a solution to the looming prospect of dwindling resources on Earth. But to what extent are such projects possible and reasonable with existing technology? What are their limitations? Are mines on asteroids really just science fiction?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish







The Quest for Knowledge

Humans have always had a thirst for knowledge – whether it be to improve their lives and circumstances or out of sheer curiosity and the urge to get to the bottom of things. Without scientific discoveries, humanity would not have evolved at such a rapid pace. Life as we know it today would be unthinkable without the knowledge we gain through science and scholarship. Innovations and new insights are integrated into our lives in ever quicker succession. We watch scientists, engineers and inventors as they look for ways to increase human knowledge. These fascinating films accompany them in their Quest for Knowledge.

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Documentary,
06 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

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264700 098

The Wonder of Love – Let's Get Chemical

Love is more than just a feeling. Like eating and drinking, it's an instinct that's essential for survival and the result of complex biochemical processes. Like animals, human beings seek out their partners through scent. When a mother sees and touches her baby, her brain releases the hormone oxytocin, which in turn promotes bonding. Love makes social coexistence possible – for humans and animals. Because love is first and foremost biochemistry, it can affect the body of each and every individual. We really can get "lovesick".

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264700 099

Rising Waters: Getting the Predictions Right

As ice caps melt and global sea levels rise, we need to work out where, how and when the impact of these changes will be felt. Political decisions with dramatic implications for society and ultimately the survival of millions of people in coastal regions depend on such prognoses. This places a huge responsibility on researchers as they interpret complex, dynamic data. Our ability to deal with the consequences of climate change relies on the accuracy of their forecasts. How do they deal with this pressure? And how much time do they have left to find solutions?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264700 100

The Roots of Evil

Why do some people become murderers? Where does the capacity for evil come from? Current research believes it has to do with genes, the environment and the situation of the individual. Findings show that evil may stem from an interplay of these three factors. It is almost impossible to foresee the explosive power of this combination. Years of research carried out on mass murderers, terrorists and regular criminals can help in the timely recognition of potential danger. But just how much use is being made of these scientific insights? Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264700 101

The Science Behind the Lie

Lying is a highly sophisticated accomplishment of the mind that can be observed in both humans and animals. Researchers have determined that everyone lies every single day. But when does a lie cross the line into dangerous territory? And how do we recognize lies? The cognitive capacity to lie also includes the ability to unmask liars. Researchers are claiming it is now possible to measure lies. Is there be a formula for reliably detecting a liar? Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264700 102

The Secret Power of Scents

We're constantly surrounded by scents of all different kinds. But we know relatively little about how they affect us. We know that smells influence our emotions. They can also heal – and not just when we breathe them in. This is because the nose isn't our only olfactory receptor. Even cancer cells react to particular smells. And researchers believe that essential oils can stem bacterial growth.

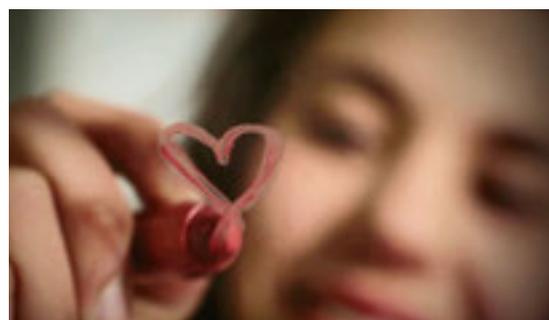
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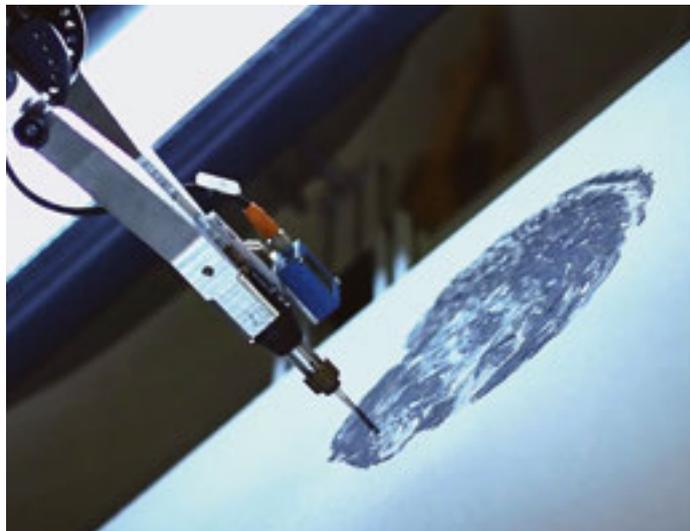
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The Anthropocene

Humans have inflicted such dramatic and rapid change on the Earth since the mid-20th century that some leading scientists are now describing the current geological epoch as the Anthropocene. Humankind's devastating interference in the cycles of nature is transforming the world. The Anthropocene impacts our planet in a number of ways including global warming and an accelerated rate of species extinction. If we are to conserve the basis of our existence, we must try to reverse the consequences of our own activities. What role can science play in the process?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish





digital

The digital revolution has advanced into many areas of our lives. For most people, digital technologies are now an intrinsic part of both working life and leisure time. In many ways, they enrich our life and make it easier – for example, by making information and resources accessible, providing a diverse range of communication platforms, and taking on monotonous or dangerous jobs. Highly complex systems can now detect cancer cells in tissue samples more quickly and efficiently than ever before, or brake vehicles ahead of a potential collision. But these technologies also harbor risks. Many everyday interactions require us to divulge a huge amount of personal information – used by unknown entities to bombard us with news, marketing and political messages. The question remains: Who – or what – are the better decision-makers. Humans or machines?

264940

Documentary,
04 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

264940 001

The Artist's Code – Can Algorithms Be Creative?

Popular pieces of music, paintings, sculptures and novels are all constructed around a particular framework of rules. Complex software now allows us to analyze and visualize those rules like never before. Could this reveal the secret of great art? Publishers already use algorithms to predict the success – or failure – of a book. Adaptive systems can already write music in the style of famous composers or use 3D printers to produce new artwork that look like the real thing. Could such perfect creations soon overshadow the work of human artists?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264940 002

Cyborgs – Hybrid Beings as Humans of the Future?

Artificial Intelligence combined with sensor- and control technology is already enhancing the lives of disabled people – in the form of intelligent arm or leg prostheses or devices that process visual or acoustic signals in order to stimulate particular nerves in blind or deaf people. Might similar systems soon be available to anyone – for example, to enhance personal performance or the capacity to absorb information? While skeptics warn of risks for society and mental health, enthusiastic supporters see digitally augmented humans at the threshold of a new and better era.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264940 003

The Promise of AI – Paradise or Robocalypse?

Chatbots that can hold witty conversations, medical systems that diagnose cancer, and autonomous machines capable of deadly force – artificial intelligence is transforming many important aspects of human life. The algorithms used by these systems are in perpetual development mode. On the basis of certain criteria, they quickly learn to evaluate their input and make swift decisions. When it comes to speed, they often have the edge on humans. But just how much can and should they replace us? A question addressed by AI experts, ethicists and philosophers.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

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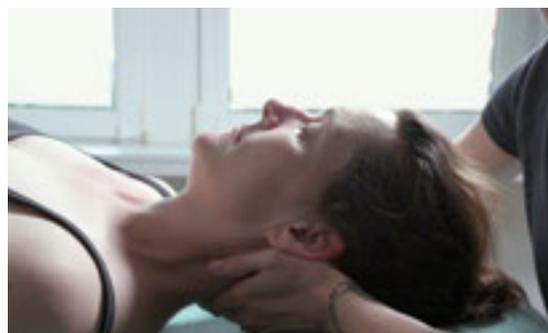
Humanoid Robots – Friendly Helpers or Alien Machines?

All over the world, scientists in a vast range of disciplines are working on the development of humanoid robots. It's proving to be a huge challenge. Sensor technology, advanced mechanics and control algorithms allow robot hands to operate with great sensitivity. Self-learning systems that aim to imitate human gestures and facial expressions are improving all the time. And Artificial Intelligence facilitates object recognition. But important questions remain: how should the limits of autonomous robot activity be defined? And what should humanoid robots look like so as to foster natural interaction with humans?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish







TeleMed

Huge progress has been made in medicine in recent decades. For example, the discovery of fiber optics has made it possible to take a close look at the stomach and intestines. Magnetic resonance imaging creates three-dimensional images without using harmful X-rays. Advances in intensive care, transplantation and genetic engineering are making it possible to tackle diseases previously regarded as incurable. But there is still much uncharted scientific territory, for example with regard to diseases that have only emerged with our civilization.

264607

Documentary,
04 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

40 additional
episodes available

264607 099

Food Supplements – Benefits and Risks

Many people take vitamin, protein and mineral supplements as part of their health and fitness regime. These products claim to address nutritional deficiencies and prevent illness. As for how much to take, it's generally thought "the more, the better". But that's not always the case. A supplement-heavy diet carries potential risks – which are often glossed over.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264607 100

Cardiac Medicine – Back to Normal Life

A diagnosis of heart disease always has a great impact on the lives of those affected. But a wealth of new therapeutic approaches such as relatively gentle surgical procedures, special post-operative care and herbal remedies mean that, after a while, many patients these days can look forward to leading normal lives again.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264607 101

Osteopathy – Gentle Hands-On Therapy

Osteopathic treatments can go a long way to easing symptoms and curing ailments – not just in patients with muscle and joint pain, but also those suffering from migraines, internal organ complaints and developmental disorders in infancy. Osteopaths use nothing but their hands: They locate areas of tension, find clues to their cause and free-up blockages. In recent years, many cases have provided scientific evidence of the efficacy of these methods, which are usually considered complementary to conventional treatments.

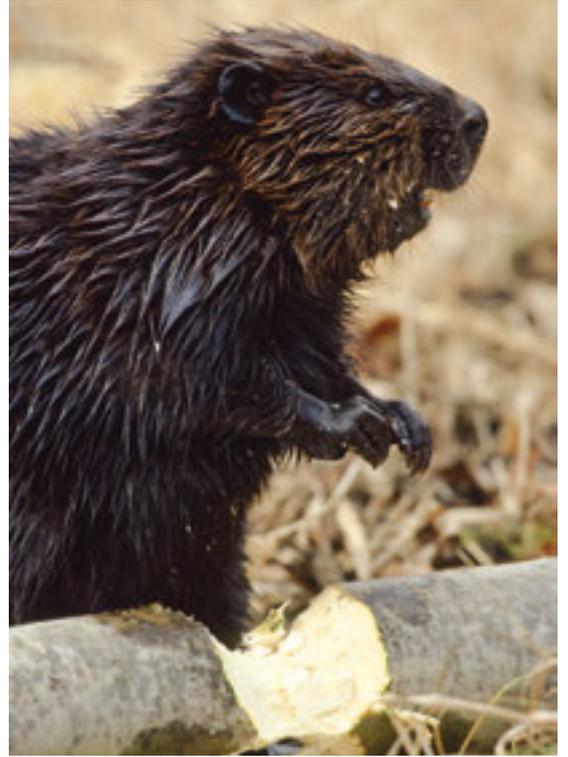
Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264607 102

The Placebo Effect: The Immune System Responds

The idea that your brain can convince your body that a fake treatment is the real thing is nothing new. But how can the phenomenon be explained? New research shows that the interaction between patient and doctor, as well as the neurophysiological reaction to this, exert a positive influence on the immune system. Physicians now want to harness this effect for more specific treatments.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish



Struggle for Survival

One in four species of mammal, one in eight species of bird and a third of all amphibian species are threatened with extinction. The diversity of life on our planet is declining at an alarming rate. The International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species shows that not enough is being done to save them. The number of species on it has increased dramatically. Immediate, drastic action is required to preserve valuable habitats and halt the extinction of species.

264702

Documentary,
03 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

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episodes available

264702 045

Cape Gannets – Daredevil Hunters Under Threat

Cape gannets are remarkable hunters native to the coastal regions of South Africa and Namibia. They plunge into the sea from great heights to catch schooling fish such as sardines. The shoals used to run into the millions, but they're being decimated by intensive fishing, with drastic consequences – and not just for the gannets, as many other marine predators are also dependent on this source of food.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264702 046

Canadian Beavers – Return of the Dam-Builders

Beavers were almost eradicated from many parts of North America. They were hunted for their pelts and flesh, but also because their dams sometimes flooded fields and pastures, roads and homes. But there's a growing realization that they play an important role in the ecosystem, one that can also benefit people. That's why efforts are being made to resettle beavers in some areas.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264702 047

The Wandering Lions of Gujarat

The habitat of the Asian lion once extended from India to the Balkans. But of that vast area, just one tiny island remains: the Gir National Park in the state of Gujarat in western India. But recently, an increasing number of Asian lions are venturing outside the park and coming close to villages and farms. The situation is not as problematic as one might expect: a relationship is developing between lions and humans that is not defined by conflict but by tolerance and the ability to coexist.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish







Global Ideas

Melting polar caps, devastating hurricanes, and rising sea levels. The changes ascribed to climate change are disheartening to say the least. Our series Global Ideas features people across the world who are pursuing innovative projects to counter global warming.

To reduce greenhouse gases, maintain biodiversity, provide food for thought, and promote effective action – these are the goals of the projects we profile. We present initiatives that are exemplary in character and creative in approach. Each show has four reports. All the projects are “best practice” models, featuring ideas worthy of emulation.

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Magazine,

05 x 30 min.,

2021, HD;

English, Spanish

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224768

Clips, 20 x 07 min.,

2021, HD;

Arabic, English,

German, Spanish

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SAMPLE EPISODE OF 30 MINUTE VERSION

Belize – Lobbying for Crocodiles

US-born Marisa Tellez has always been fascinated by crocodiles. Today she’s a leading researcher on the reptiles in Belize. She wants to spread the message that crocodiles are not monsters but vulnerable creatures deserving of protection.

Russia – Climate Change and Arctic Reindeer

For centuries, the Nenets people have wandered across northern Russia with their reindeer. But now, climate change threatens to bring an end to their nomadic existence. Researchers are looking for a way out of this man-made crisis.

Uganda – Kampala Gears Up for E-Mobility

Two startups are blazing a trail for e-mobility by introducing electric motorcycle taxis to the streets of Kampala. The aim is to revolutionize Uganda’s traffic and transport sectors.

Argentina – Penguin Colonies Drowning in Plastic Waste

Even in Tierra del Fuego at the southern tip of Argentina, the environment is polluted with plastic. Biologist Andrea Raya Rey, who studies penguins there, finds nests full of plastic trash. With the help of supporters she is hoping to change that.





Farming for the Planet

Agriculture is under pressure to feed a burgeoning global population. And it has undergone dramatic developments in this regard over the last 100 years. But increasing industrialization of the sector has negative consequences: it burdens the environment and replaces manpower with technology, providing fewer people with a livelihood. If these developments continue unchecked, then before long the food we eat will be controlled by large corporations, and food markets will be geared towards short-term profit – at the expense of non-renewable resources such as land and water, at the expense of the rural population and biodiversity. But this is not the only way forward. Sustainable agricultural approaches and an efficient smallholding economy can in the long term create equilibrium between food security and the utilization of natural resources. There are examples of this all over the world, pursued by people who are Farming for the Planet.

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Documentary,
06 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

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064858 012

Lentils: The Ideal Crop for a Hotter Planet?

Lentils thrive especially well in arid regions and store nitrogen from the air in root nodules. This means growing them is a natural way to fertilize the soil. Lentils are also very nutritious. That’s why they are the subject of intensive research, to optimize industrial cultivation as well as integrate them into smallholders’ crop rotation schedules. It’s hoped that growing more lentils will both counteract climate change and malnutrition.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

064858 013

The “Post-Fossil” Farming Movement

The agriculture industry consumes a huge amount of fossil resources, for example in the form of fuel and fertilizer. But a number of promising approaches are preparing for a “post-fossil” culture – and not just in farming. The movement aims to equip both cities and rural areas for the dual challenge presented by climate change and dwindling resources by enhancing self-sufficiency and cooperation.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

064858 014

Biodiversity and Agriculture – A Fruitful Coexistence

Intensive farming often produces food to the detriment of biodiversity. Farmers practice monocropping over increasingly large areas of cultivated land. In Europe, long-term studies point to a worrying decline in insect species – a complex process that’s difficult to halt. And this despite the fact that around half of global economic output depends on intact ecosystems. New ideas and concepts show that coexistence between intensive farming and biodiversity is not only possible, it can also be mutually beneficial.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

064858 015

Digital Food

The digitalization of agriculture continues apace. Many startups use funding mechanisms, intelligent technologies and big data in future-oriented food production. The new concepts range from bridging the transition phase from conventional to organic farming and the application of technology for greenhouses through to minimizing losses in food production chains. These and other developments can help to provide a growing global population with sustainably produced and healthy food - that also tastes good.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

064858 016

Regreening the Planet

For decades now, we’ve been losing vast tracts of arable land worldwide – and the arable land itself has been losing its fertility. This is due to land repurposing, logging, slash-and-burn farming and harmful farming methods that promote erosion and deplete the soil. But agriculture can also play a part in reversing soil degradation. This benefits biodiversity and nature, but also the economy and the lives of people in affected areas.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

064858 017

Vertical Farming

A lot of food is produced far away from the people who eat it in processes that use vast amounts of water and raw materials. Distribution is often so inefficient that large amounts of produce perish, while people in other places go hungry. One solution would be to grow food in or close to cities – vertically to limit land usage. The practice has already been tried and tested. Vertical farming technologies are eco-friendly, resilient to weather conditions and produce higher crop yields than conventional methods. If used in conjunction with other sustainability strategies, the approach could help to solve our food supply problems.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish







They Called Them “The Children of Shame”

A Tale of Prejudice and Propaganda

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 Documentary,
 01 x 52 min.,
 2021, HD;
 German

Around 100,000 French troops were sent to occupy Germany's Rhineland region in 1920. About 20,000 of these soldiers came from the French colonies of Tunisia, Morocco, French Indochina, and Senegal.

The African troops became targets of a harassment campaign called “Die Schwarze Schmach,” or “The Black Disgrace.” German political parties, the media, and many organizations tried to discredit French occupation policies by falsely claiming that black French soldiers were systematically raping German women and children. The presence of black, North African, and Asian troops in Germany was depicted as a threat to the “German race” and the future of European civilization.

Between 1919 and 1928, several hundred mixed-race children were born in Germany's Rhineland region – the product of liaisons between local women and French occupation troops. These children, their mothers, and extended families were socially ostracized from the very beginning.

In the 1930s, these children became victims of racist Nazi policies. In 1937, Adolf Hitler secretly ordered hundreds of them to be forcibly sterilized. A special unit of the Gestapo was set up to carry out this task.

This documentary, directed by Dominik Wessely, tells the story of a forgotten crime. It also explains how propaganda and toxic “fake news” reports can create an environment in which horrific crimes can be committed.





Full Report Zoom

DW's on-the-ground reporters are always close to the action, be it covering international events or zooming in on the quirks of daily life. Camera always in hand, they report on the changes they see taking place in Europe and around the world. This represents a selection of reports from our ongoing series.

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Report,
21 x 12 min.,
2021, HD;
English, German,
Spanish

20 x 12 min.,
Arabic

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SAMPLE EPISODES

When, if not Now? – Imarn Takes on Racism

Activist Imarn Ayton organizes demonstrations with thousands of protesters. So why hasn't UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson rung her up? Her hope is to see the anti-racism protests result in effective policy-making.

Beaten by the System – How Workers in Germany are Exploited

Unpaid overtime, cramped living conditions, and no compensation for sickness or injury – tens of thousands of Eastern European meat processing and agricultural workers toil in Germany under intolerable conditions.

Fences, Walls, Barbed Wire – Life in the West Bank

The West Bank: Chaya Tal is one of 430,000 Jewish settlers living among 2.7 million Palestinians. The young German is aware that her presence alone is a provocation for many Palestinians. But that does not deter her.

Back to School at 63 – One Man's Story

Gerhard Prange concealed the fact that he could not read or write for years. In Germany alone six million people are estimated to be in a similar position. But now he wants to change all that.

Jörg Can Dance! On Stage with Down Syndrome

The dance company Szene Zwei brings together performers with and without disabilities. Jörg, a dancer with Down syndrome, is training with the company. He wants to be a professional dancer. The company sees his talent rather than any disability.

Overcoming COVID-19 and Far from Healthy

After testing positive, Sigrid Straub had a severe case of Covid-19, ended up in intensive care, required a tracheotomy and was put on a ventilator. She didn't think she would make it. The 48-year-old is traumatized by her near-death experience.

Soul of the City – Can Beirut's Cultural Scene be Saved?

The explosion in Beirut was a shock for Mary Cochrane, a member of Lebanon's most important aristocratic family. Sursok Palace, where the family lives, was severely damaged in the blast.

"Baikal is everything!" – Eighty Years on the Ice

For the last 80 years there's no place that Lyubov Morekhodova would rather be than on Lake Baikal in southern Siberia. The sprightly senior lives on the western shore of the world's largest freshwater lake.



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The Art of Space

Green oases in the desert sands. Cool high-rise blocks and mythical gardens. Floating cities and underwater settlements. Skyscrapers and towers. Architecture in a category of its own, employing the most up-to-the-minute construction designs and traditional composition in natural spaces. From the breathtaking to the bizarre, the series The Art of Space shows the incredible variety of spatial experimentation being conducted today. It shines the spotlight on the risks and opportunities presented by the ever-changing face of our world.

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Documentary,
07 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

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564704 090

Wang Shu – New Builds with a Historical Flavor

Wang Shu's buildings are a counterweight to the prevalent forms of architecture in China's urban construction boom. He salvages rubble from demolition sites to create new structures, such as the Xiangshan Campus in Hangzhou and the Ningbo History Museum. His approach translates traditional building methods and materials into contemporary architecture. In 2012, Wang Shu became the first architect in China to win the prestigious Pritzker Prize.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 091

Dramatic Natural Backdrops – Building in the Swiss Alps

How to create innovative works of architecture while remaining respectful of traditions and the landscape? Great architects such as the Pritzker Prize winners Norman Foster and Peter Zumthor certainly know how. Zumthor built the Vals thermal baths out of local stone and set them directly into the hillside. The complex is a masterpiece of modern Alpine architecture.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 092

Our Dream – A House with a Garden

A family commissioned a new house and a new garden such that the two are as one. They wanted the garden to reflect the strict geometry of the house and yet be a lovely place to relax and play – and the living areas indoors to be clearly structured but also warm and inviting. It was a challenging brief for the architects.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 093

Dinner is Served – Creative Spatial Concepts for Restaurants

Anyone would be more than happy to enjoy a dinner in spaces like these – or a cocktail at the very least. In these bars and restaurants, architects and designers have managed – in exemplary fashion – to create an ambience of comfort, exclusivity and coolness. Wherever they are in the world, these venues are customized to the client and the location.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 094

Building with Straw – For Natural Longevity

Natural materials are experiencing a boom in the construction industry. Take straw, for example. An eight-storey apartment building made of wood in eastern France is entirely insulated with bales of straw. They ensure excellent thermal and acoustic insulation – and a pleasant interior climate.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 095

Danish Design – Ecological and Functional

The Danish capital Copenhagen is home to a large number of highly original and ecologically-sound buildings: For example, Green Lighthouse, which is Denmark's first carbon-neutral public building, and The Mountain residential complex. Danish architects are showing the world how building can be both environmentally friendly and unconventional.

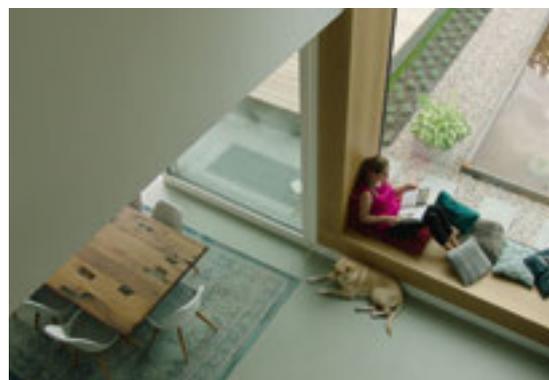
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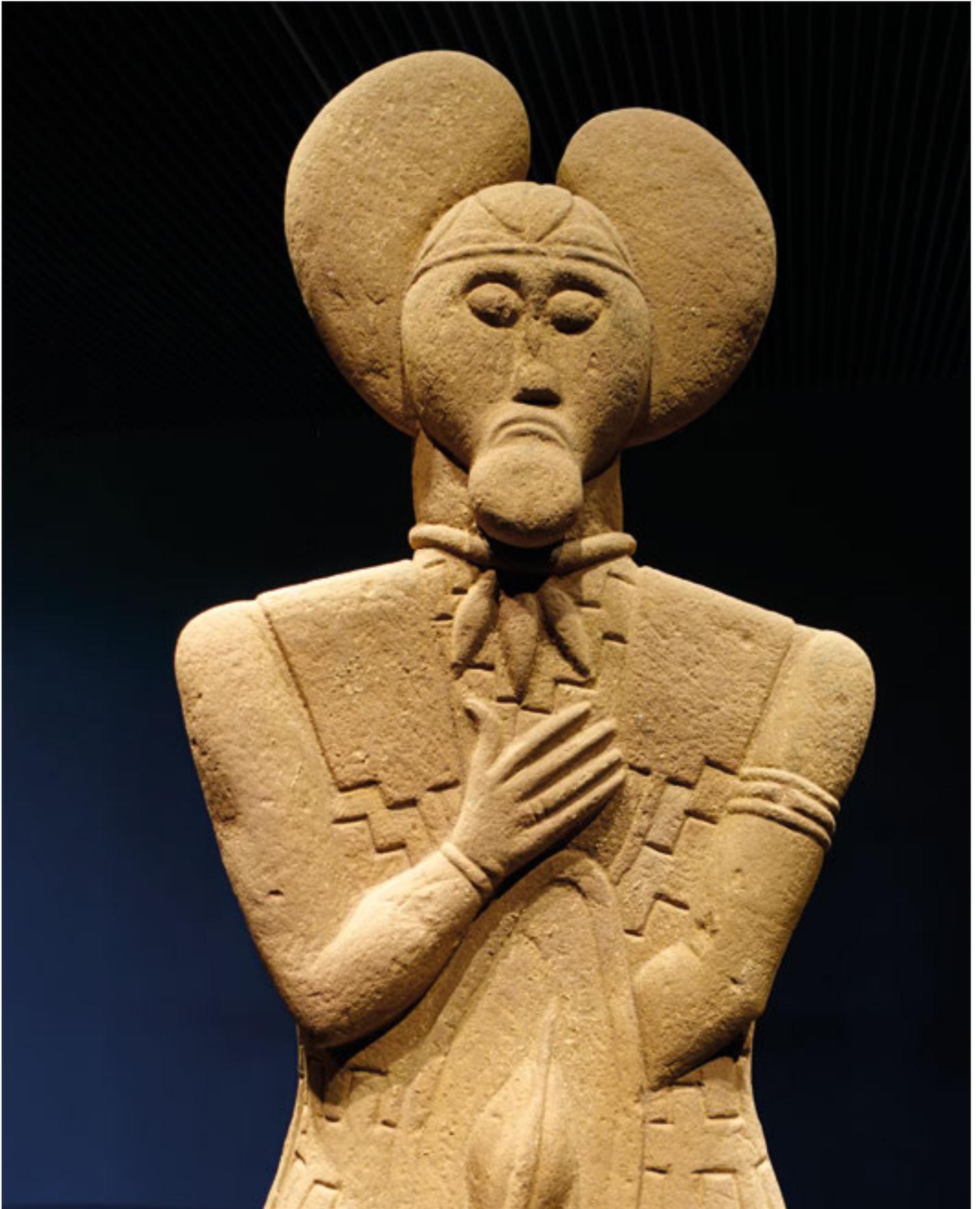
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Arno Brandhuber – The Appeal of the Abandoned

The architect Arno Brandhuber pushes the boundaries of the sustainability principle, preferring to work with existing buildings. His ingenious and imaginative designs transform even structures that at first appear unsalvageable into appealing spaces for working and living. When conceiving his prize-winning buildings, he pays particular attention to material minimalism and the social aspects of architecture and urban planning.

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Unlocking the Past

Wherever people live, they leave traces behind them. Some of these are temporary, others survive the test of time. What we know about the history of humanity we owe to such traces: impressive buildings; magnificent works of art, music and literature; great achievements in the fields of science and technology – but also everyday objects, transit routes, the remains of settlements or ritual sites. All over the world, scientists are investigating the often hidden traces of past eras and cultures. They preserve the remains of the past for the future, and explore the wide range of human activity over many millennia.

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The Mystery of Ethiopia's Megaliths

Several thousand phallic stelae are distributed across a large area in southern Ethiopia. Some of them are up to eight meters tall and weigh several tonnes. The only thing researchers know for certain is that these monumental objects date from between the 10th and 13th centuries AD. But who made them and put them there? What purpose did they serve? Archeologists are carrying out excavations at several sites in southern Ethiopia in a bid to solve the mystery.

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The Treasure in a Celtic Tomb

An Iron Age Celtic prince was buried in Lavau in northern France two and a half thousand years ago. The discovery of his grave proved sensational because of the magnificent treasures buried with him. These included a chariot, gold jewelry and decorated banquet utensils. Some of the burial objects were of Greek and Etruscan origin, which means they must have been transported thousands of kilometers before being buried alongside the dead man. What do they tell us about the Celts' power structures, trading relations and funerary rituals?

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Between Desert and Oasis: The Pre-Islamic Culture of Oman

The Rub' al Khali or "Empty Quarter" is the largest sand desert in the world. It's hard to imagine humans ever settling in such an inhospitable place. But around five thousand years ago in today's Oman, people lived in the desert's few oases. Who were they? How did they adapt to the increasing aridity? The archeological excavation of a monumental tower in Salut tells us a great deal about their water management system. And finds from the Mudhmar temple complex show that water was also a key element in pre-Islamic ritual practices.

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Druids: The Celtic Priests of the Iron Age

The Druids were religious leaders and dignitaries who passed on their secret knowledge in purely oral form. This makes it difficult to study their beliefs and practices, allowing plenty of scope for myths about mistletoe, magic potions and human sacrifice. Archeologists began a thorough investigation of the Celtic priests' status, roles and actions just a few years ago. Their insights challenge the portrayal of the Druids in popular culture as bearded wise men in white robes cutting down mistletoe with a golden sickle. Archeological finds in Europe paint a different picture and even suggest that Druids weren't just men.

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Neanderthals – Our Distant Relatives

Neanderthals walked the Earth before homo sapiens, living on the vast ice-covered plains of the Eurasian continent. This archaic human subspecies withstood dramatic environmental flux for 300,000 years. The most recent archeological finds and paleontological studies show that Neanderthal populations survived because of their ability to adapt. How smart were the Neanderthals? Were they capable of structured thought? Did they have languages? How did they live, before eventually becoming extinct after intermingling with homo sapiens around 40,000 years ago?

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A Perfect Day on the Lido in Venice

The long sandy beaches on the Lido in Venice are loved by locals and tourists alike. Each year the island welcomes Hollywood stars who come for the Venice Film Festival.

Photographing Lavender in Provence

Fields of lavender in bloom are beautiful. Tourists flock to southern France to relish their colorful glory and fragrance. Tours are offered to those who want to take photographs of the loveliest spots.

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Sleeping in a Store Front: Vienna's Graetzl Hotel

If you delight in finding unusual accommodation, Vienna has just the thing for you. There, previous businesses have been transformed into hotel rooms. You could find yourself spending the night in a former tailor's or cobbler's shop.

Skijoring: Skiing Through Snow with Horses

If you like both skiing and horses, then Skijoring is made for you. In this unique winter sport, a person on skis is pulled by a horse.

Dive in History – Underwater Tourism as a Future Trend

Sightseeing under water is becoming increasingly popular. The new tourism concept is called Dive in history. Countries such as Italy and Greece are making their underwater archaeological treasures accessible to tourists.





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Faith Matters

Faith provides many people with a framework for life and a moral code. This series offers insights into matters of faith, with reports on contemporary Catholic and Protestant communities around the world. The main focus is on the purpose of existence, Christian values and social responsibility, as well as contributions Christians make to society, culture and the arts. Faith Matters portrays the everyday life of Christians; it reports on the latest events in the Christian community and on the work of churches in Germany and worldwide.

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Repaying the Desert – An Unusual Environmental Project

In their quest to get close to nature two German women have made two fourteen-day tours into the Sahara. It was a great experience, but at what cost to the environment? They were troubled afterward by the damage caused by flying from Germany and driving through the desert. Now they want to repay the Sahara. Together with 15 other desert enthusiasts they are planting a palm grove in Morocco.

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Different, Amen – Evangelical Youtube Stars

Stefanie and Ellen Radtke are the Youtube stars of Germany's Lutheran Church. The two female pastors from Eime, in the state of Lower Saxony, are a same-sex couple. With their Youtube channel "Anders Amen," which roughly translates as "Different, amen," they've always been controversial ministers. Their aim is to reconcile LGBTQ people and the church.

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Eco-Friendly Monks – Plankstetten's Green Abbey

Running a monastery these days includes having good business sense. Plankstetten Abbey, in Bavaria, has a community of only twelve brothers, but the monastery is thriving. St Benedict's motto was "Pray and Work." Between prayers, these Benedictine monks run a highly successful organic farm.

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Open to Everybody

The Catholic Church of St Theodor and St Elisabeth in the western German city Cologne is located in a district known as a social flashpoint. The parish priest, Father Franz Meurer, views building community as his top priority. Not just in the Church but in daily life. He has established a second-hand clothing store, a furniture and bicycle warehouse and a food bank – all open to everybody.

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The Artist Who Saves Churches

The artist Moritz Götze grew up in East Germany, in an atheistic environment. However, shortly after the collapse of communism in 1989 he helped turn a church ruin into a cultural center and conserved what was left of the historic building.

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New Life in Old Walls – Village Churches Bearing Witness to History

Anyone driving through eastern Germany may be surprised by the number of old churches east of the River Elbe. Almost every small village has one. Many of them are fieldstone churches built more than 800 years ago.





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A Window on ...

Cities are more than just a concentration of houses and people. Great cities have a very special appeal – not just for their residents, but also for visitors from all over the world. It is a joy to explore their beautiful buildings and public spaces, museums, galleries, shops and restaurants. Cities are also places where people go to realize their dreams, to live and to work. A Window on ... takes a look at some of the most fascinating cities in the world – as seen through the eyes of people fortunate enough to live in them.

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Italy's legendary lagoon city on the Adriatic: life with and on the water
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Mosques, churches and synagogues: Bosnia and Herzegovina's diverse capital
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Porto

Bright facades and artistic ceramics: Portugal's colorful trade hub and port city on the Atlantic
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