

## **THE MYSTICS: A Journey into the Mysteries**

*An Epic 13-part Documentary Series on the History of Mysticism*

The [International Alchemy Guild](#) and [Alchemergy Films](#) are supporting a new independent film project from director Erik Paulsson. The documentary series will take the audience on a journey around the world and throughout time to follow the evolution of the world's great mystical traditions and meet some of the mystical philosophers who have imparted their wisdom teachings to humanity.

The mystics are shamans, druids, and philosopher sages of ancient China and Greece. They are the gurus and Vedic philosophers of India, and the oracles of ancient Egypt. They are the prophets and magi of the Middle East. They are alchemists, Hermeticists, and theosophists. They are the Buddhists, Gnostic Christians, Jewish Kabbalists, Sikh Masters and Muslim Sufis.

The mystics all believe that there is more to reality than we can perceive with our limited five senses, and that through training, all human beings can transform their minds in order to experience higher states of consciousness. To mystics, the ultimate goal of life is enlightenment or gnosis, Greek for "knowing." They believe that attaining these states leads to a profound understanding of the mysteries of the Universe, and thus their methods are known as the mystery teachings. As this gripping story unfolds, we will journey through 5,000 years of history, from the Shamanic traditions of hunting gathering societies, through the emergence of Eastern and Western mystical philosophy, to the modern spiritual integration movement, which seeks the parallels that connect all mystery teachings, and their correlation with modern scientific theory.

The series will introduce audiences to a wide variety of wisdom teachers, from the better known to the more obscure. It will explore many of the great mystical traditions including Shamanism, Taoism, Buddhism, Jainism, Hinduism, the Chaldean, Egyptian and Greek mystery teachings, the great philosopher sages from China to Greece, Zoroastrianism, Jewish mysticism as expressed through Kabbalistic thought, the Jesus mystery teachings, Gnosticism, Hermeticism, Manicheanism, Alchemy, the Christian mystics, Sufism, Baha'i, Sikhism, Rosicrucianism, Freemasonry, Theosophy, etc.

Producer/Director Erik Paulsson

Sundance Award Winning producer Erik Paulsson (*Eve & the Fire Horse*) has spent several years researching the project, which will follow the evolution of the world's great mystical traditions spanning more than 5,000 years of history. The series will begin with the nature worshipping traditions of the world's earliest cultures, follow the emergence and development of both eastern and western mystical philosophy, and end with the modern spiritual integration movement which seeks the parallels that unite all spiritual traditions, and their correlation to modern scientific theory.

"With this series," notes Paulsson, "I want to show audiences that at the root of all major world religions lies a common understanding, known as the Perennial philosophy. I want to help tear down the walls created by religious dogma. My goal is to open people's eyes to the Universal truth underlying and potentially unifying all religions, to free their minds from limiting beliefs. Entrenched belief systems build walls that prevent individuals and society from growing, and have caused too much bloodshed based on intolerance."

"Essentially this series is about humanity's search for the common truths, or the unified field theory, that will unite us as a global community. It will also demonstrate how we went out of balance when

the patriarchies of powerful religious institutions went to war against nature worship and feminine wisdom. In this critical time, as we face environmental destruction and an existential crisis caused by rampant individualism, it is more important than ever for humanity to learn about our spiritual roots and understand the perennial philosophy which conveys the interconnectedness of all life.”

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