

PATHS TO PACHAMAMA

created by

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with Sophia Khan



LOCLINE & PREMISE

Soul Brothers Joey & Simon take us on a GLOBAL VISION QUEST guided by the seeds of Pachamama. From trance DJs in the desert to wise elders in the Andes, living Bayou saints to silent Thai monks, Aboriginal dreamtime keepers to Mongolian shamans, crystal skulls to crumbling temples, Nazca lines to ley lines, meditative retreats to medicinal ceremonies, every portal is open for adventure. Explore our shared home through the eyes of fellow wanderers and wonderers.

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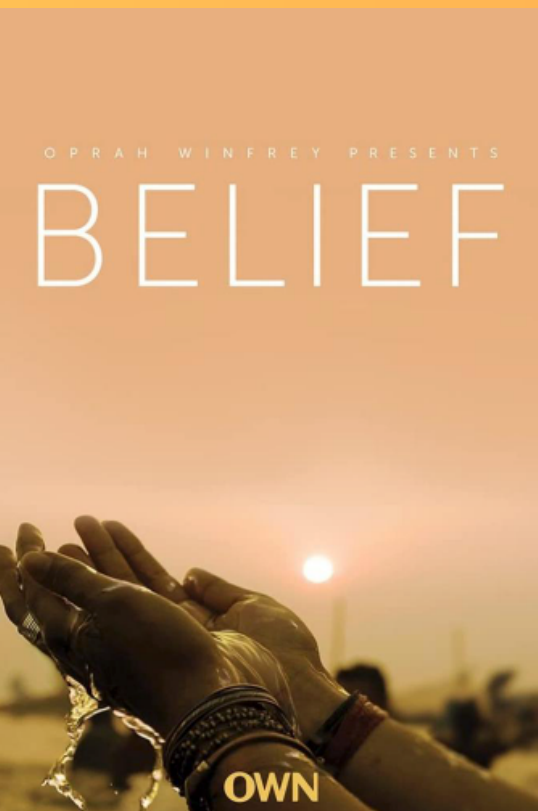
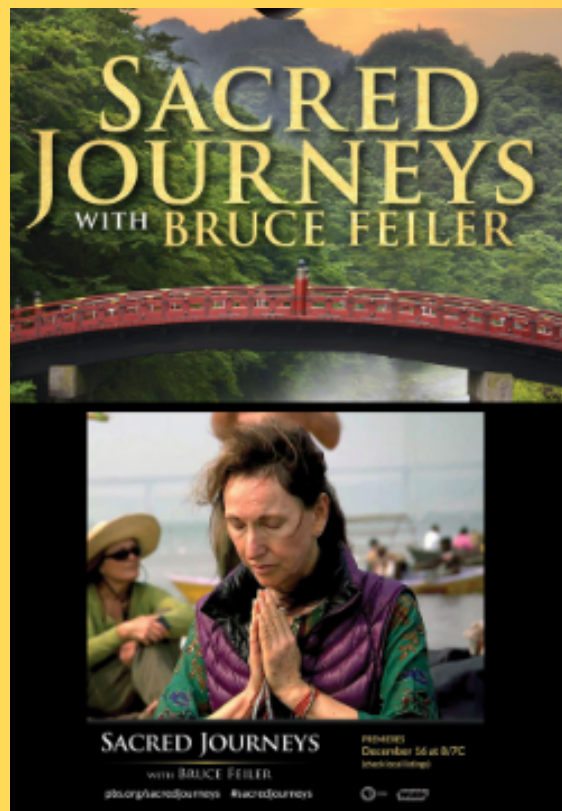
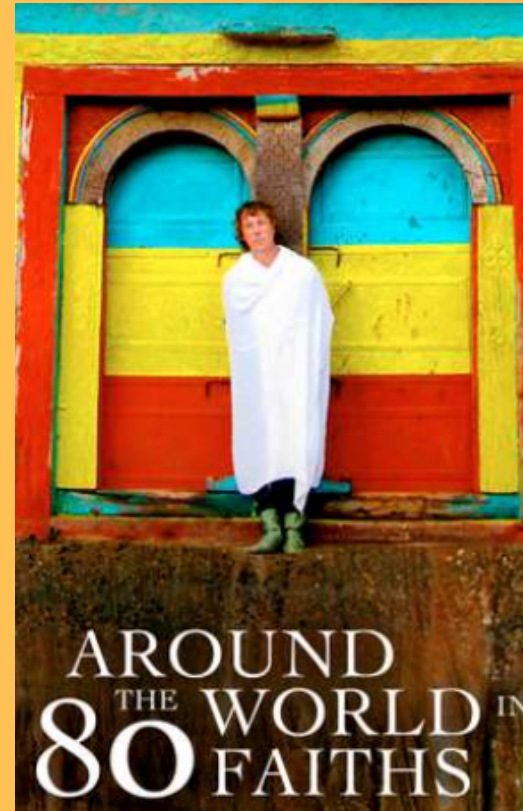
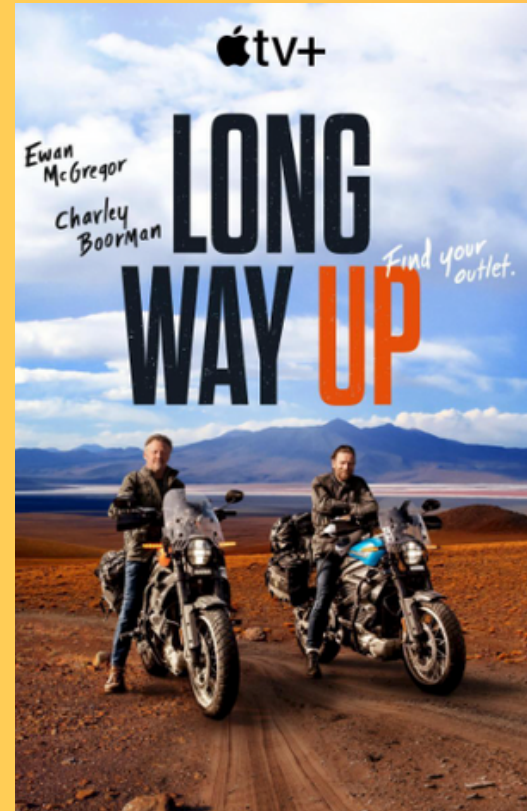
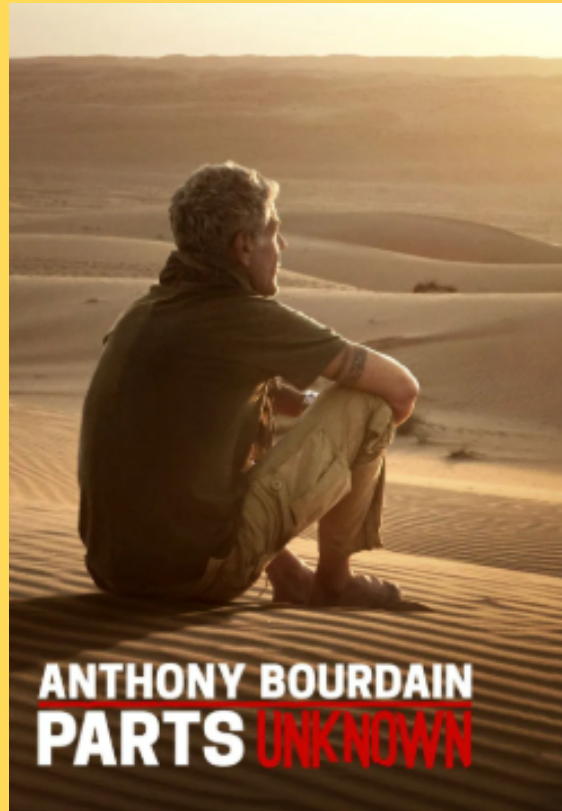
In 2014, Joey and Simon met while backpacking through South America on separate journeys of healing past grief and trauma. Together, they discovered the Quechua concept of PACHAMAMA (sacred Earth mother) and began to glimpse a mystical dimension just beyond everyday sight. They published **Paths To Pachamama**, a joint memoir about their wild revelations and convergences. Now, they're taking a new, worldwide journey for you...

based on their soulful memoir



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JOEY DE LA CRUZ

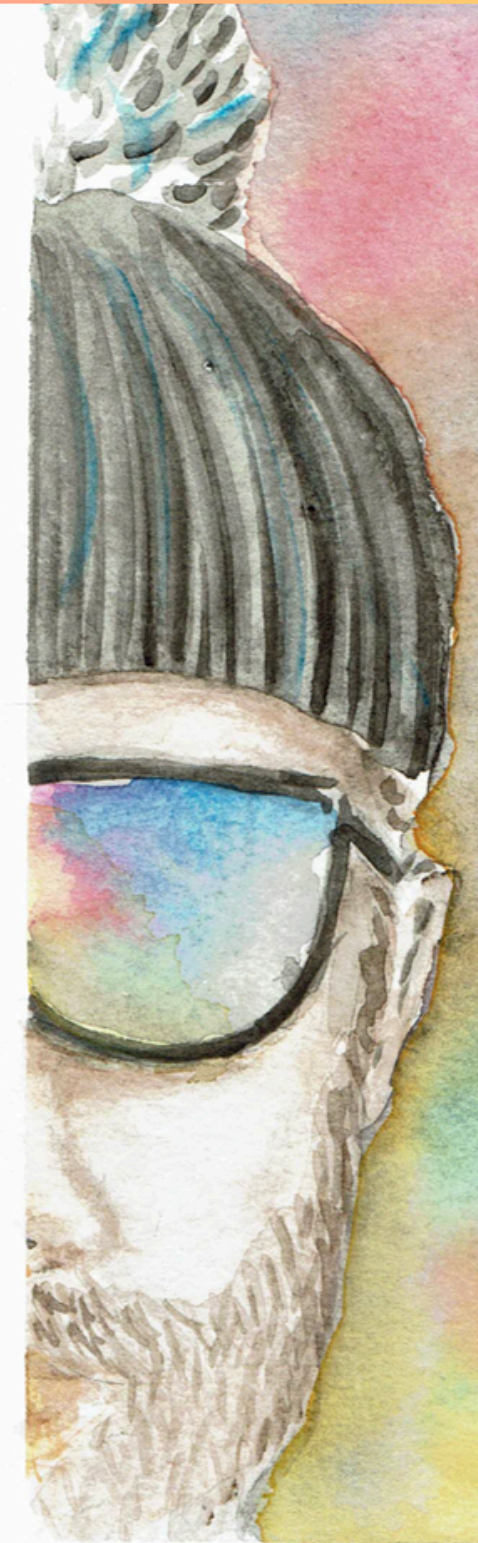
A curious wanderer, avid dreamer and proud father, Joey loves to connect with new ideas, places, and minds. He channels his joy into evocative art. As a seeker of divine presence and wisdom, Joey has discovered his purpose and passion in storytelling. In this art form, the impulse of intuitive creation bursts forth into the world, a gift from the unseen realms of the human spirit. This is a gift Joey wishes to share with his global family.

Joey is a producer and co-founder at [SHAKABOOM](#) Film & TV, and he graduated from a K-12 bilingual Spanish education program and the University of Colorado Boulder with a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Italian.

SIMON VANDEKERCKHOVE

Simon Vandekerckhove grew up in Bruges, Belgium. He spent a few years abroad studying in Spain, teaching in Thailand, working around Australia and backpacking through South America.

Throughout his journeys, the symbolism and coincidences he's experienced have widened his perspective to both the physical and spiritual dimensions. Now he feels it's both his duty and obligation to share the lessons bestowed upon him during his years of travel and provide some guidance to others who are ready to cross the threshold of their comfort zone in search of exploration and adventure.



EPISODES + SEASONS

IN EACH EPISODE...

Joey + Simon trek to

- a NEW PLACE
- asking DEEP QUESTIONS
- from SPIRITUAL MASTERS
- creating a MAP OF HUMAN BELIEF
- and building EPIC BROTHERHOOD MEMORIES for life

EPISODE ELEMENTS

- **Getting in gear:** essential packing + prep for the next odyssey
- **Going off grid:** no phones/internet on the quest
- **Hitting the road:** backpacking & roadtripping along the path
- **Finding the flow:** using old school maps + books + word of mouth to find their way



IN EACH SEASON...

Our 21st-century pilgrims travel the world, seeking perspectives on some of the biggest riddles of existence:

- What's the afterlife like, and how do we get there?
- Is there a soul?
- If God is good, why does evil exist?
- What's the Original Source of all Creation?
- Are curses real?
- Does everyone carry divine light?
- What are the best ways to live?
- Can I heal my karma?
- Are there any shortcuts or gateways to enlightenment?
- How can we redeem ourselves?
- Can all faiths coexist in peace?



OUR INTENTION

To Explore, Entertain, & Enlighten...

...through a transformative adventure that draws you into the heart of self-discovery and cosmic connection.

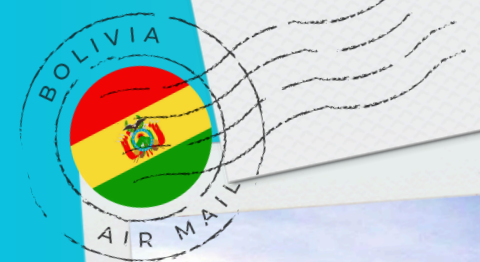
Merging TRAVEL, STORYTELLING, SPIRITUAL REFLECTION, and SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITY, we hope to reach people from all paths – especially young men who may be struggling and searching for meaning and purpose.

We're stoked to highlight edgy, beautiful, and unseen aspects of ritual and belief in action that challenge biases, subvert assumptions, and inspire wonder.

Let's dive into concepts like quantum entanglement and non-locality, revealing profound ties between personal experience and universal consciousness!

More than anything, we are here to lead our viewers into a deeper understanding of their sacred nature and cultivate a lifelong relationship of self-love.

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE ROAD



PACK YOUR BAGS

SOPHIA KHAN

PRODUCER

A passionate storyteller, proud mama, and seasoned world traveler, Sophia co-founded production house [SHAKABOOM](#) with husband Joey De La Cruz. She has lived in Pakistan, China, England, Italy, and the US and loves to encounter new paradigms and ways of being. As an actor & writer, she seeks and creates bold roles with depth and nuance that sweep across cultures and challenge moral vistas.

Sophia holds degrees from [Dartmouth](#) in Classics and Theater, from [Yale](#) and [Harvard](#) in Comparative Religious Ethics and Human Rights, and a certificate in Shakespearean Performance from the [Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts](#). Her scripts have ranked in the Top 10% at the [Academy Nicholl Fellowship & Slamdance](#), been on the [Coverfly Red List](#), and ranked Semifinalists in such notable contests as [CineStory Feature Retreat](#). Before moving to LA, she published a cookbook and presented recipes on live TV and eHow.com.



HARRIS KHAN

PRODUCER | DP

An adaptable and versatile freelance cinematographer, Harris has worked as a lead DP on many seasons and iterations across the [90 DAY FIANCE](#) franchise as well as a variety of other documentary, reality and scripted projects. He has traveled to more than 20 countries on 6 continents for these shows, making him ready to handle any challenge and fueling his love and passion for travel docs.

He earned a BFA from [The Museum School of Fine Arts](#) and [TUFTS University](#). While in school, he completed a 2-year-long documentary following a homeless artist and veteran on the streets of Boston called [DEAD CITY ROCKER](#). After that, he moved to Los Angeles and climbed the camera department ranks, starting as an AC on David Blaine's [BEYOND MAGIC](#), then pulling focus in the scripted world, then working his way up as a DP where his passion lies: shooting unscripted content. The truth to him is stranger and sometimes more important than fiction.

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