



ABODE OF DAWN

by Kristina Shtubert



SYNOPSIS

10 years in a Christian cult in the Siberian wilderness, where a growing following has realized the vision of a self-proclaimed prophet. A sensational debut.

In the wild 90s after the collapse of the Soviet Union, a slew of Christian preachers emerged, all proclaiming themselves the Son of God. One of them was a traffic cop and painter who took the name Vissarion. In 1995, he founded One Family in the far reaches of Siberia. Here he still lives with his faithful disciples, in a utopian parallel society in harmony with nature and the guidelines he sets out. And here Kristina Shtubert has followed his disciples for 10 years in her sensational debut.

We meet the young German woman who married a short-tempered Russian man she never loved. The teenage girl who leaves the village for the city where she ends up in a severe drug addiction. The older woman who blindly follows Vissarion's every word. And in an unforgettable scene, we finally meet the man himself.

Without judgement, Shtubert...

FESTIVALS

2025

CPH:DOX

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Visions du Réel

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Kristina Shtubert

Germany 2024

105 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

ABODE OF DAWN

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Family, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Russian, German, English

PREMIERE

Germany (2024)

PRODUCTION COMPANY

[Deutsche Film- und
Fernsehakademie Berlin GmbH](#)

Berlin

Germany