

# DOWN TO THE BONE

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## SYNOPSIS

Nobody had expected his return. Still, in the face of the world publicity, he steps out from the dark of his past on September 11th in 2001. Since then, he has been back: the martyr. His history reaches far back into the ancient world, but only in Christ, he gets a face. By now the martyr has become a figure of many faces and shows up wherever conflicts are smouldering. Human sacrifices, massacres, mass suicides, tortures; Nuns whose asceticism is flooded by erotic fantasies. The film shows history and background of the worshipping of martyrs in Judaism, Christianity and Islam and describes the forming of a new religion in the 20th century: Nationalism, which has been breeding new martyrs to this day. A dip into history that makes contemporary conflicts appear in a new light.

## CAST AND CREW

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Religion

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