



# SEKEM - BORN OF THE SUN

by Bertram Verhaag



## SYNOPSIS

Visitors to SEKEM come away full of enthusiasm for the things they have seen, heard and experienced. 28 years after SEKEM's founding, what was once an uninhabited expanse of desert 60 kilometres northeast of Cairo has been transformed into a fertile, organically-cultivated landscape. SEKEM is the brainchild of Egyptian entrepreneur Ibrahim Abouleish, a remarkable visionary but also a realist. Through his project, he has pioneered a system of biodynamic farming according to stringent Demeter standards. In 2003, Abouleish was awarded the Alternative Nobel Prize for his unique model. As his son, Helmy, points out, "It doesn't take a lot of people to save the world. But someone has to make a start."

## CAST AND CREW

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