



# THE BIOSPHERE EXPERIMENT

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In 1991 four men and four women are sealed into Biosphere 2, a huge glass and steel structure in the Arizona desert. With them are 4,000 species of plants, animals and microbes with which they will sustain their closed world for two years. The project's ambitions are vast - to use this high-tech Eden as a model for sustaining man-made ecosystems, then to build on this knowledge to establish colonies on Mars and beyond. For a while, things work beautifully. The Biospherians are the darlings of the media, millions around the world watch them set records and preside harmoniously over their paradise. Then the problems begin. Relying on never-before-seen footage shot by the Biospherians themselves, The Experiment takes viewers behind the scenes of this controversial venture, from its origins on a Santa Fe commune, to rising CO2 levels and species extinction, to the aftermath and its consequences. Success or failure will be hotly contested and some will even claim the Biospherians gave birth to Reality TV. The Experiment asks, "what happens when the wildest variable in the system turns out to be man?"

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