

# SYNOPSIS



## Mother Teresa - Saint of Darkness

### Mutter Teresa - Heilige der Dunkelheit

«What am I working for? If there is no God, then there can be no soul either. If there is no soul, then you can't be true, Jesus!» wrote Mother Teresa in her notebook. Recently published personal letters and notes reveal Mother Teresa's profound spiritual crisis and shake the image of the «pious nun» to its foundations. How do such sentences fit with the image of the committed missionary, who felt that her work was ordered by God? How do they fit with the woman in a white sari and worn woollen cardigan who presented herself to the world as the «servant of her Lord»? Are they the cries for help of a physically and spiritually burned out woman, who hoped to hide her condition from the world in this way, or are they the kind of experiences that only «mystically gifted Christians» have? Mother Teresa - who was she really? These intimate confessions show the moral icon of the 20th century in a different light. The woman who achieved worldwide recognition for her life among the beggars and dying in the slums of Calcutta often felt lonely and empty inside. She described these experiences as a state of «darkness», which she herself referred to as a remoteness from God. Her life story is unsettling and provocative in equal measure; after all it touches upon the fundamental questions of human existence: why must we suffer? And why does God let it happen? - questions that troubled Mother Teresa throughout her life and which almost broke her. In spite of this she did not dare to express them openly. This film asks those questions.

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Available as 1x45 min. / 1x52 min.

**Year:** 2010

**Run-Time:** 1 x 52 min.

**Directed by** Maria Magdalena Koller

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**Languages:** German (ORIGINAL) , English (DUBBED) , French (DUBBED)

**Format:** 16:9 , 16:9 , 16:9

**HD**

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