

A man is sitting on a sandy beach at night, looking up at a starry sky. In the background, there are large, dark, forested mountains. The scene is dimly lit, with the stars providing the primary light source.

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# PITCHMAN FOR THE UNIVERSE

Insights from one of the world's best-known eclipse chasers.

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*“Everyone remembers their first.”*

It took less than seven minutes to change a life forever.

It was July 11, 1991. Makepeace was standing on a hilltop in La Paz - deep in the sun-scorched valleys of Baja Mexico. With the shadow of the Moon now racing away from him ending one of the longest total eclipses in a hundred years, Makepeace took one long breath, wiped a tear from the corner of his eye and said ... “When’s the next one?”

An eclipse chaser was born.



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## Bio in brief

A filmmaker by trade, Makepeace has spent the last 30 years crisscrossing the globe to chase the eclipse experience. His observations of 17 total eclipses, 5 annular and 4 partial eclipses has made him one of the busiest chasers in the world - and since the turn of the century he has fulfilled his goal of visiting each of the seven continents on the chase.

As a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) and something of a celebrity in the eclipse chasing community, Makepeace has devoted much of his life to the popularizing of these events where ever they may occur.

While not a scientist or professional astronomer, Makepeace is a highly successful salesman of the eclipse experience. His style and enthusiasm are infectious, and his ability to make simple the hard science of eclipses has consistently earned him top marks from his audiences. His award-winning documentary films and videos including “Hooked On The Shadow” (2000)

and “Still Hooked” (2017) are widely regarded as films that define the eclipse chasing culture. “Hooked On The Shadow” was co-produced by The Space Channel in Canada and since its release, has been screened around the world by astronomy groups, planetariums and tour operators as the pre-requisite to eclipse travel. Since then, Makepeace has built an exclusive archive of eclipse expedition footage that spans the globe and illustrates his talks.



### Hooked On The Shadow

Co-produced by the Space Channel in Canada, this award-winning documentary film has been screened around the world as a prerequisite to eclipse travel.

<https://eclipseguy.com/videos/hooked-on-the-shadow/>



### Still Hooked

With stunning original footage from eclipses around the world, this film documents a personal journey of obsession over 3 decades, and reveals the filmmaker's deep connection to Nature's most spectacular event.

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*Solar Eclipse Expeditions*

*7 continents, 26 eclipses*

*North America*



Over the Norwegian Sea 2015

Pond Inlet 2000

British Columbia 2014

Wyoming 2017

Hockley Valley 2021

Toronto 2000

Stratford, Ontario 1994

Santa Catalina Island 1992

Arizona 2012

New Mexico 2023

Mexico 1991

Mexico 2002

Aruba 1998

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*South America / Antarctica*



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*Africa / Middle East*



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*Asia / Australia*



## Bio in brief (cont.)

But it was his talk “Understanding Ourselves in an Epic Universe” at the 2009 TEDx Convention in Toronto that garnered the most attention for Makepeace. The unexpected awakening or “shift in identity” he sustained from over 30 years of confronting the majesty of the universe brought with it fresh eyes – and new inspiration for his talks. Known as “the pitchman for the universe,” Makepeace uses his unique perspective on our world to illustrate the powerful relationship between us and the immense forces of the universe.

Writer Kevin Gray (Details, Toro Magazine) calls Makepeace “Canada’s most famous eclipse chaser.” Adding, “To know David Makepeace is to be pummelled by his enthusiasm until you submit. His dedication is so righteous, his speechifying so poetic, and his mind so startlingly trippy...” And the Torontoist declares: “... there is real showmanship here...”

His website at [eclipseguy.com](http://eclipseguy.com) serves as a resource base for anyone seeking the latest information about solar eclipses, with detailed trip reports and stunning film and photography. The site hosts the world’s largest private resource of eclipse film and video, including The Eclipse Film Database - a comprehensive listing of all documentary and dramatic films to feature eclipses throughout film history.

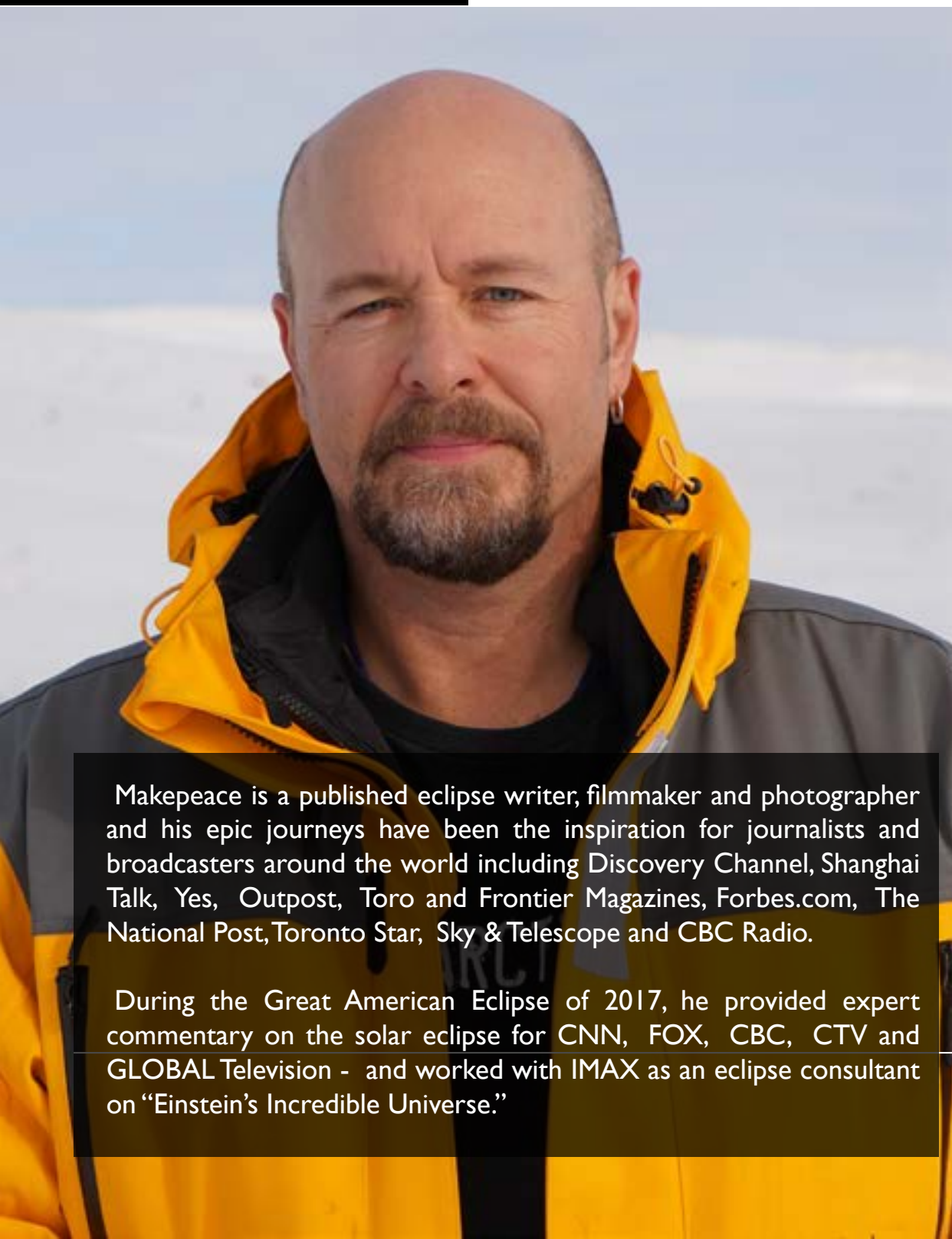
His website at [pitchmanfortheuniverse.com](http://pitchmanfortheuniverse.com) acts as an online forum for his inspired philosophical musings and vlogs, and hosts his media appearances, talks and articles.



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## Inspired Storytelling



Makepeace is a published eclipse writer, filmmaker and photographer and his epic journeys have been the inspiration for journalists and broadcasters around the world including Discovery Channel, Shanghai Talk, Yes, Outpost, Toro and Frontier Magazines, Forbes.com, The National Post, Toronto Star, Sky & Telescope and CBC Radio.

During the Great American Eclipse of 2017, he provided expert commentary on the solar eclipse for CNN, FOX, CBC, CTV and GLOBAL Television - and worked with IMAX as an eclipse consultant on "Einstein's Incredible Universe."



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**Welcome inquires for web, radio, film and television appearances - expert guidance for land and marine expeditions - tailored talks on eclipse chasing and metaphysics, extreme travel, peak experience, interconnectedness and personal growth.**

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