

A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a green shirt, is looking upwards with a smile. He is standing in front of a large, complex geodesic dome structure made of metal beams and glass panels. The interior of the dome is filled with lush green plants, including palm trees and ferns. The sky is visible through the glass panels of the dome.

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