

Review of: "Planetary consciousness incites probably transcendent feelings and deepens the polarization of worldviews"

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The article delves into a profound exploration of human self-awareness and the potential implications of these considerations on phenomena happening on the planetary scale.

Building upon their previously established theory, the authors propose an intriguing perspective that self-awareness emerges from a triad of processes: the sensation of qualia, the recurrent activity in neural circuits that realize self-image, and the formation of the brain's electromagnetic field pivotal for subjectivity.

What truly stands out is their audacious leap to draw parallels between these individual cognitive processes and analogous phenomena on a global scale. By delineating layers of distributed intelligence sprouting on Earth, they introduce the riveting concept of a 'planetary global brain'.

The authors astutely bring to light the burgeoning usage of sophisticated artificial intelligence systems, such as Chat/GPT, suggesting it as an indicator of this global brain's formation. Furthermore, they acknowledge the foundational ideas on planetary consciousness, notably highlighting Teilhard de Chardin's vision of the noosphere. Their perspective on the evident manifestations of a potential planetary consciousness, especially transcendent feelings experienced by individuals, is thought-provoking. The article's contemplation on the polarization of worldviews, likened to brain hemisphere specialization, offers a fresh perspective on our planet's ideological divides.

In conclusion, this piece is a masterful synthesis of neuroscience, psychology, and global phenomena. The authors not only present a well-articulated theory but also emphasize the importance of moderating conflicts and fostering understanding in the face of global ideological dichotomies. Their work is a significant contribution to the discourse on human cognition and its implications on a planetary level.

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