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**Title:**

What is Cosmic Consciousness?

**Description:**

When we contemplate consciousness, we inevitably have to ask the question: Who is conscious? Human beings? Animals? All biological organisms? Could it be that the cosmos itself is conscious? This presentation explores a practice that is both ancient and modern, a discipline that some consider a science, others an art, and still others a religion—astrology. The practice of astrology offers a lens on the depths of the human psyche, and yet it is grounded in the largest movements of our solar system, the orbital paths of the planets. The correlations between the movements of the planets and the unfolding of archetypal dynamics in human history indicate that consciousness itself may not only be a human capacity, it may be a quality of the cosmos itself.

**Biography:**

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