# The consciousness of the Universe[i] - 03/03/2020

In this short video, Rupert Sheldrake criticizes the mind´s concept of the  
materialism and defends a kind of universal consciousness, but in layers.  
  
Robert Lawrence Kuhn starts saying that the brain scientists, like  
neurophysiologists and neuroscientists are materialists and they are argue  
that consciousness is a (purely) product of the human brain (driven from the  
physical world).  
  
Sheldrake answers asking how this is possible... would the consciousness come  
from nowhere? This sounds unconvincing for him and, more than that, this way  
we would live in a world strictly physical and without free will. It is a  
bizarre philosophy, in his words.  
  
For Sheldrake consciousness is involved in choice and, as a matter of fact, it  
is a tiny part of all our unconsciousness processes (the vast majority of what  
we do). So, consciousness enables different possibilities to be handled  
together.  
  
Rupert believes that every system in the nature that has possibilities and is  
not fixed can have consciousness, even the sun or galaxies. If as the  
materialists say that consciousness emerges from the brain (electrons) why it  
cannot emerge in the sun as well? If the sun has a mind why not the other  
stars?  
  
For him, there are different kind of consciousness, one of the Chinese people,  
another of Americans, other of the sun and another of the earth. Maybe the  
entire universe has a mind, maybe the molecules have mind. Nature is nested,  
why consciousness is not?  
  
In his opinion, the connection between brain and consciousness by an  
electrical way is a pretty good candidate of explanation, even though there  
are plenty of papers wrote by philosophers discussing on this. But we have  
electrical compounds in our body, in the starts and also in the plasma. If  
they are the principle, so every physical body with electrical compounds can  
have a mind.  
  
   
  
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[i] A short commentary on the video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46kgmgI9fPs>. Accessed in Mar, 3rd. “Rupert  
Sheldrake - Is Consciousness Fundamental?”