

The Global Consciousness Project
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Teilhard de Chardin wrote that though we humans are a wondrous achievement of evolution, we are not finished. There is another stage in which we will become a shell of intelligence for the earth – what he called a "noosphere". He was a scientist who wrote poetically: "*Someday after mastering winds, waves, tides and gravity, we shall harness the energies of love, and then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will discover fire.*" Teilhard's predicted noosphere can be called a Global Consciousness, and we want to see if there is evidence for its early manifestation.

We think you may share with many others a positive vision of the future, and would like to introduce you to the Global Consciousness Project or GCP. We are contacting people we believe will have an interest in participating in this project and may have the means to contribute funding support. The GCP is an international collaboration which is striking in concept, scope, and execution. The project scientifically demonstrates the interconnections and interdependence described by sages in every cultural tradition. During its 10 years of operation, the accumulated body of data shows indications of a true global consciousness in which we all participate, as neurons do to form an individual consciousness.

The GCP is supported by several visionary individuals who take a long view and see the project as an ongoing effort. The database is rich because of its scale and careful design, and its potential for our understanding of the role of consciousness in the world is enormous. It already has provided insight on the subtle capabilities of consciousness, as the summary of findings on the next page shows, but there are many questions that require deeper examination. We are also presented with new questions as the implications unfold. Ultimately, we believe there is real potential for establishing scientifically the direct participation of our intentions and emotions in creating the future. The GCP data suggest that we have the capability and the responsibility for conscious evolution.

If the opportunity to support this project is intriguing, you may wish to speak with Dr. Roger Nelson, the Director, at 609 924 4875. You can make tax deductible donations to the GCP through the Institute of Noetic Sciences. Checks should be payable to IONS-GCP, earmarking the donation for The Global Consciousness Project, and addressed to:

Institute of Noetic Sciences
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Thank you and best wishes,

Roger D. Nelson



The Global Consciousness Project, A Summary of Findings: What do we know after 9 years?

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Chance odds of one in 10 million

The bottom line for over 250 replications of the basic hypothesis test confirms that there is structure in our random data that is correlated with big global events.

Consciousness matters (we only know about humans, but animals? Gaia herself?)

The GCP data are affected during times of importance to humans such as major, destructive earthquakes on land, but not when they are in the oceans.

Coherence matters

We see changes in the data when the vast majority of people are pointed in the same direction, focused on the same event, sharing thoughts and especially emotions.

Compassion matters

Events that evoke or embody compassion have by far the largest effects.

Correlation between pairs of REGs matters, and depends on distance

The effects are driven by pair-wise correlation of the REG devices during events. They act like each other to a significant degree; hence their behavior is not random.

Counts of engaged people matters

Events that engage large numbers, millions of people, reliably show larger effects than those attracting attention from thousands or tens of thousands, e. g. local events.

Converging evidence for precursor effect

Indications of response beginning minutes or hours (e. g. 9/11) before an event, has been confirmed for 100 big earthquakes on land where they matter to people.

Correlation of independent response measures

Two demonstrably independent statistics show departures from expectations that track the same global events.

Compensatory trends in responses

Departures from expectation tend to be followed by opposite sign deviations suggesting differential response as the global “state of consciousness” changes.

Correlation with social measures

Significant long term trends in our measures are correlated with polling data, and may reflect a collective mood or attitude prevailing over months and years.

Correlation with the day cycle

A correlation between measures for an exact 24-hour cycle but not for incommensurate longer or shorter “days” reflects a persistent, general effect of human consciousness.