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STEPHAN MARTIN, M.S., is an astronomer, educator, and writer who has taught astronomy and physics at colleges and educational centers across the U.S. for over twenty years. Currently Assistant Professor of Astronomy at Bristol Community College in southeastern Massachusetts, he graduated with honors from Colgate University and earned his M.S. in physics and astronomy from the University of Wyoming. His graduate and subsequent astronomical

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With a background in both science and the humanities, he has also been active in exploring and promoting interdisciplinary approaches to exploring the universe. He attended the graduate program in Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness studies at the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco, California. He has also been core faculty in the graduate-level Consciousness, Healing, and Ecology program at New College of California where he helped design an innovative curriculum that integrates rigorous academic work with personal and cultural transformation.

His current research and writing focuses on the transformative potential of the insights of modern science and their integration into personal experience and everyday life. He continues to lead innovative and learning programs in educational, holistic, and nontraditional learning settings that explore the innovative results of modern cosmology with the insights and practices of the world's spiritual and indigenous traditions.

A well-respected and popular teacher, he is noted for his ability to render complex scientific ideas accessible to a broad audience and present them in innovative and personally relevant ways. He frequently lectures and gives presentations on astronomy and the wonders of the night sky at observatories, planetariums, and other popular venues. He has published a wide variety of articles on a multitude of topics that range from technical scientific research to academic papers in philosophy and humanities to popular-level articles on science education and everyday spirituality. His writing has appeared in a variety of professional and popular journals, including *Shaman's Drum*, *The Bulletin of the American Astronomical Society*, and *The Focusing Connection*. He lives with his wife in Westport, Massachusetts.