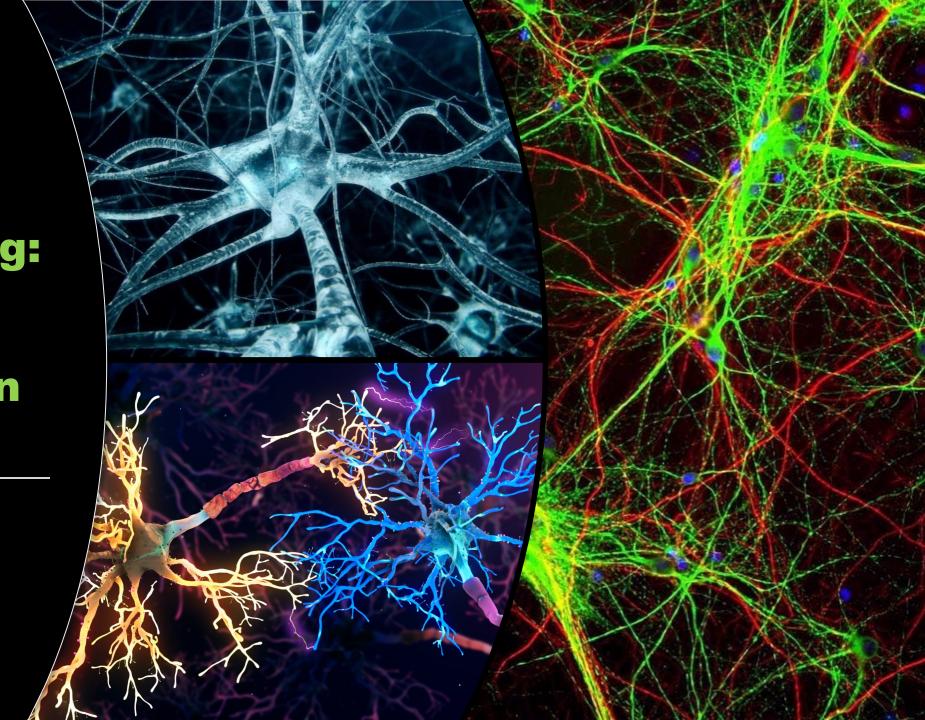
## Enhancing Learning Through Brain Research

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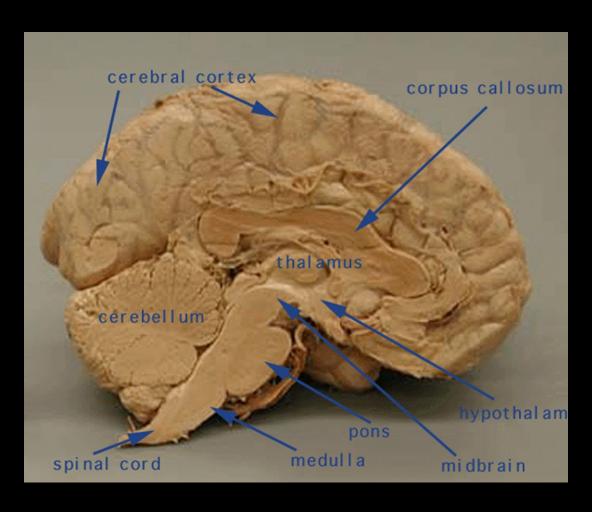
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Reticular Activating System



#### Limbic System



- Thalamus: all sensory data is synapsed here and sent to cerebrum, motor activity
- Hypothalamus: homeostasis, emotion, thirst, hunger, circadian rhythms, and control of the autonomic nervous system.
- Amygdala: fear center, emotional center
- Hippocampus: converts short term to long term memory

#### Cerebral Cortex

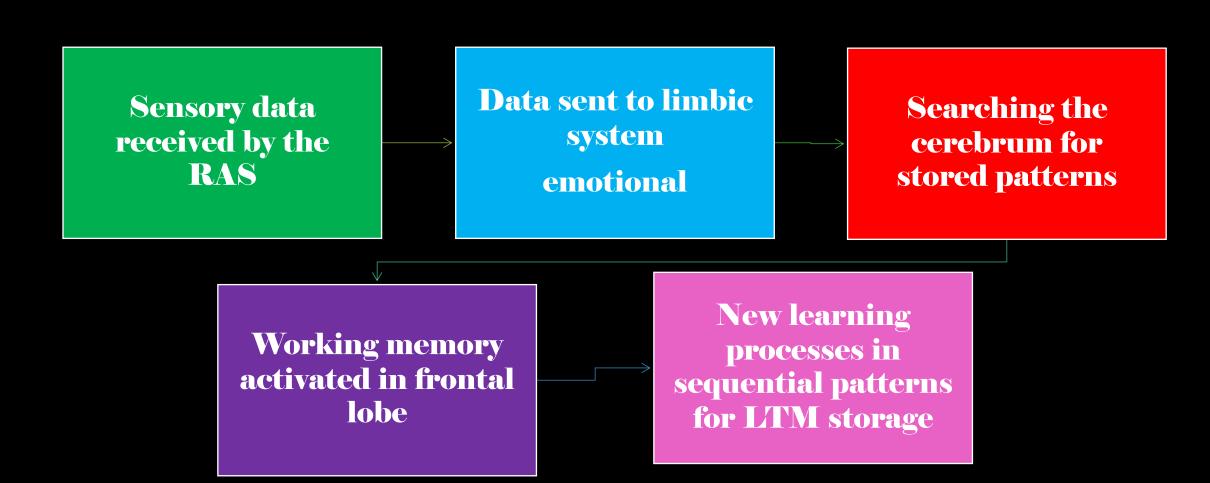
Frontal Lobe- associated with reasoning, planning, parts of speech, movement, emotions, and problem solving

Parietal Lobe- associated with movement, orientation, recognition, perception of stimuli

Occipital Lobe- associated with visual processing

Temporal Lobe- associated with perception and recognition of auditory stimuli, memory, and speech

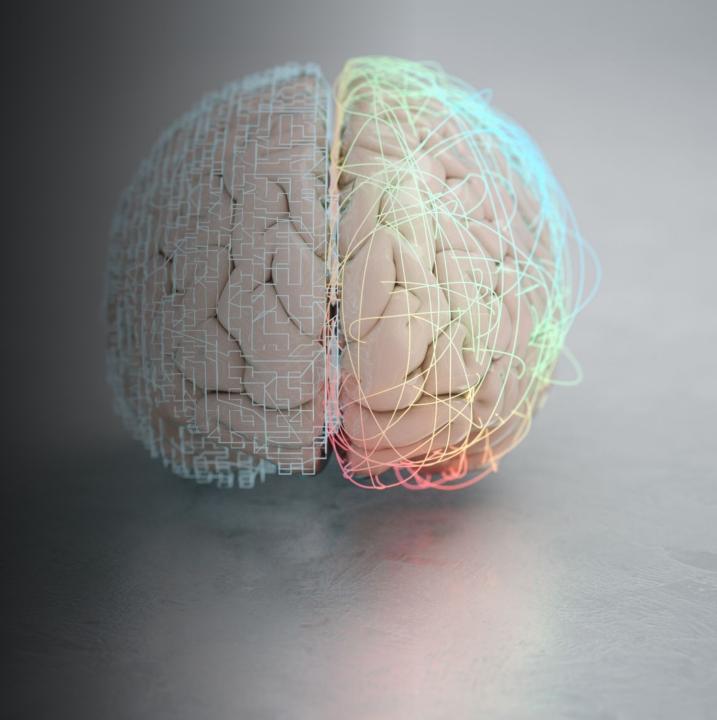
#### The Process of Learning



#### Functions of the Brain: Neurons that Fire Together Wire Together

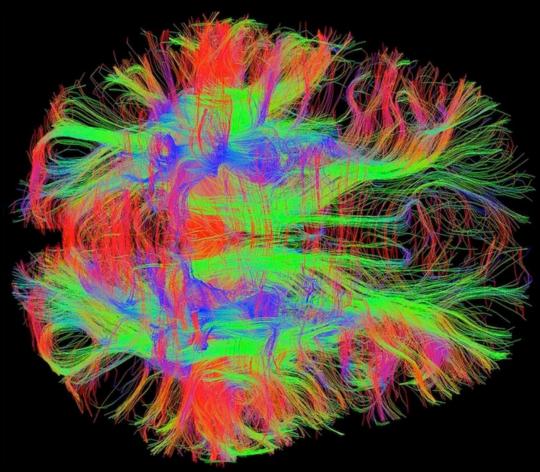
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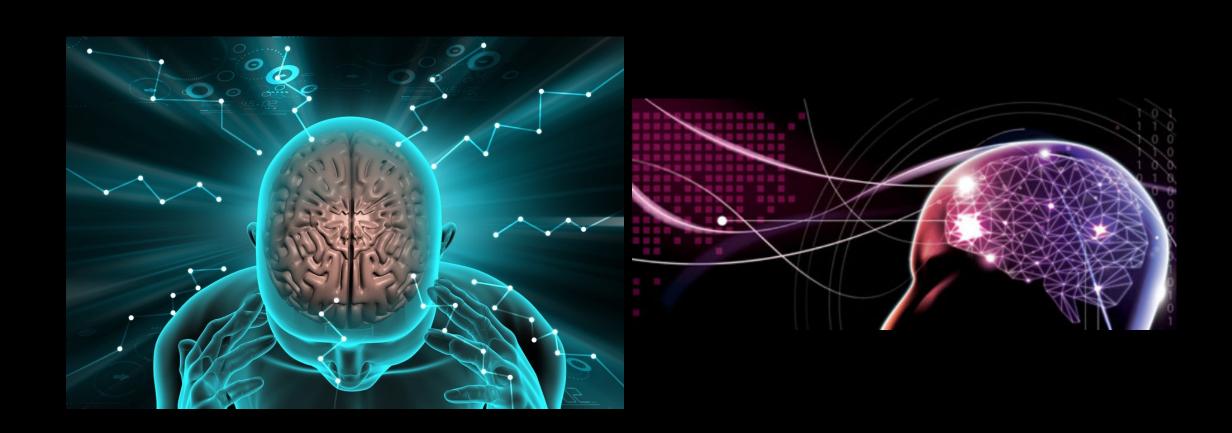


#### Each brain is uniquely organized.





#### All Learning is Physiological

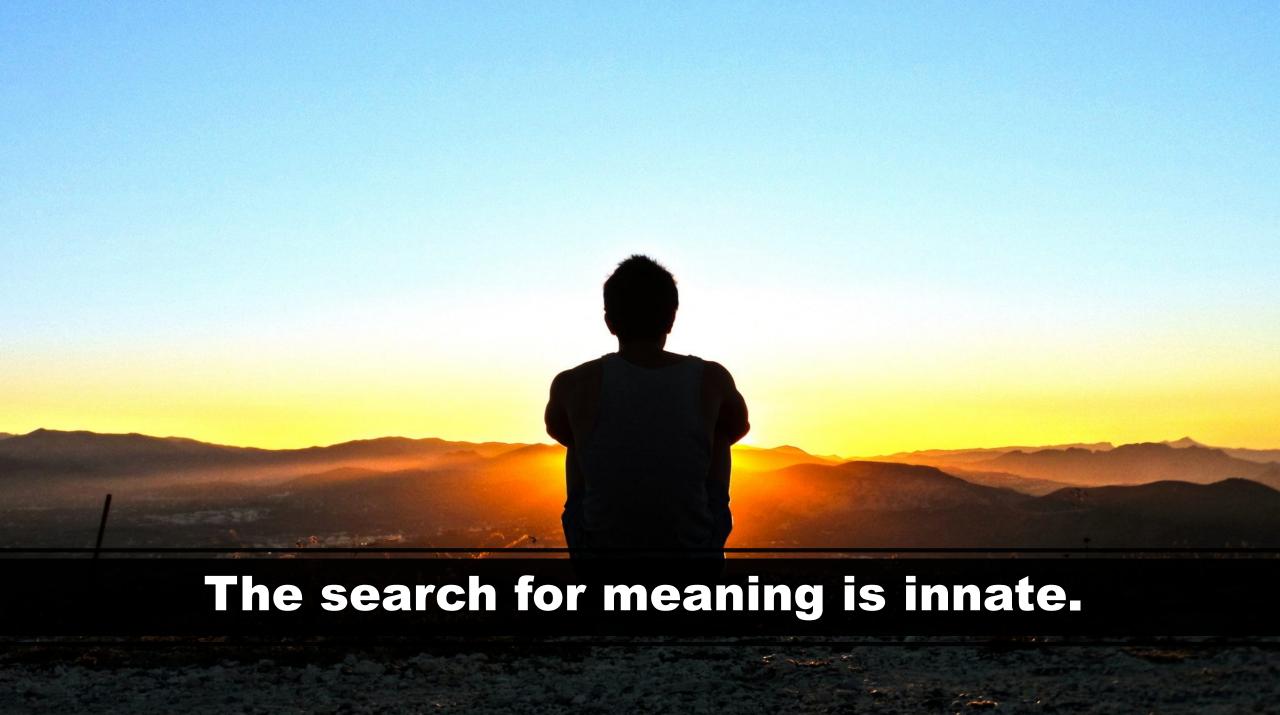


#### Learning is Developmental



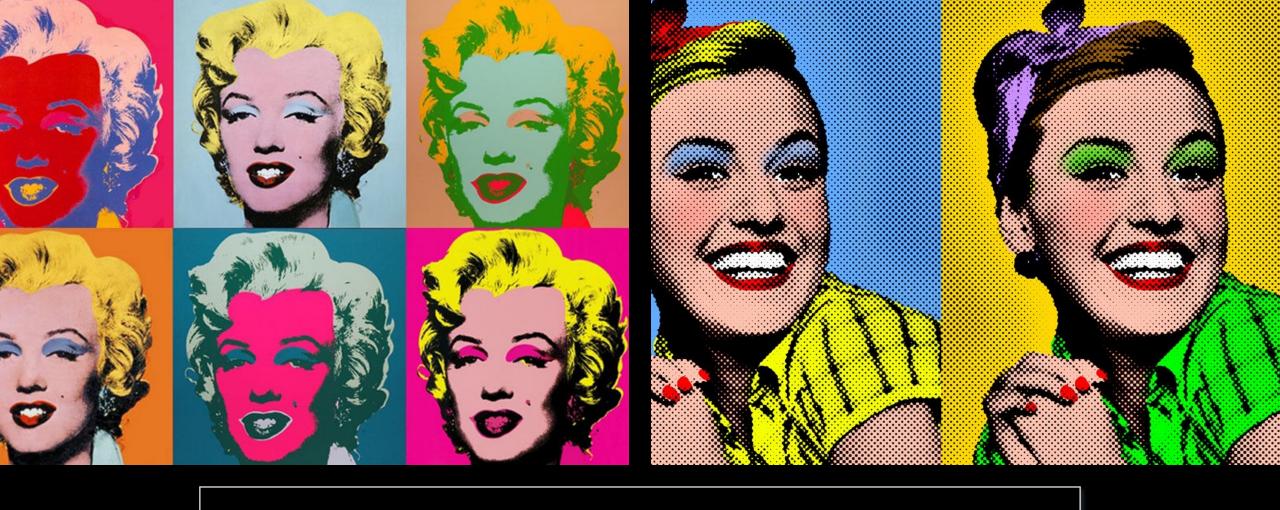
# The brain is social





Learning involves both conscious and unconscious processes





We learn through patterns.

Emotions are critical to patterning and storage

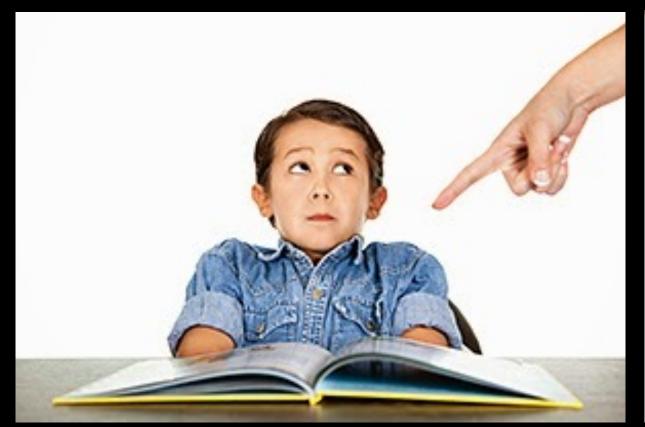


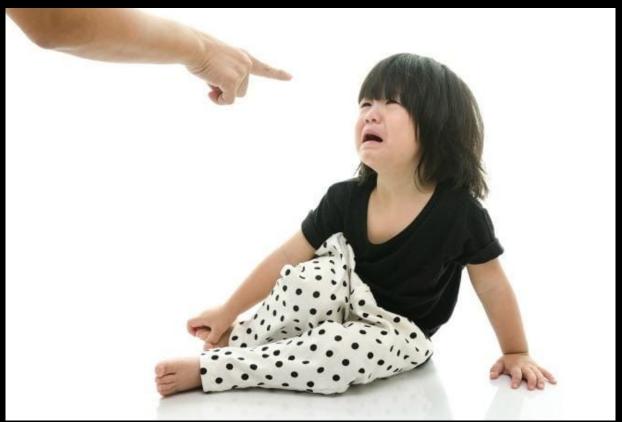
### The brain learns parts and wholes simultaneously











Complex learning is enhanced by challenge and limited by threat