

The Information Cycle:

- 1. There are numerous environmental stimulus that happen all around us.
- 2. As human beings we take in information through our body first via our senses.
- 3. The nervous system and brain instinctually determine if this information seems threatening to our survival.
- 4. We are born with survival instincts that protect us and they are always scanning the environment for cues that remind of previous times when we might have felt threatened.
- 5. Our fundamental need to feel safe and secure coincides with our need to belong and feel connected.
- 6. Our emotions tell us when these needs are met or unmet and are signals to the overall health of our system.
- 7. We come up with many plausible explanations for our emotions to try and make sense and meaning of the experience.