

# **Summary of Lesson 1: The Divided Mind**

## **Takeaway 1: Our Divided Minds**

Automatic Controlled

arts.

Our brains are divided into two parts.

Automatic Thinking = Emotional and intuitive processes

**Controlled Thinking** = Conscious and analytical processes

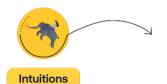


## **Takeaway 2: The Elephant and the Rider**

The Elephant = our automatic thinking
The Rider = our controlled thinking

#### **Takeaway 3: Intuitions, then Reasons**

Our reasoning often comes after our intuitions, rather than the other way around. This creates consistent errors in our reasoning that can shape how we interpret facts and can lead to disagreements in conversations.





**Confirmation Bias** = our brains' tendency to accept information that aligns with beliefs we already hold and reject information that contradicts them – even if that information is totally valid.



It is everywhere, happens to everyone, and shapes our judgments about idea policies, and people.

### **Takeaway 4: Confirmation Bias**

