

# Relationships As Oxygen and Attitudinal Contagion

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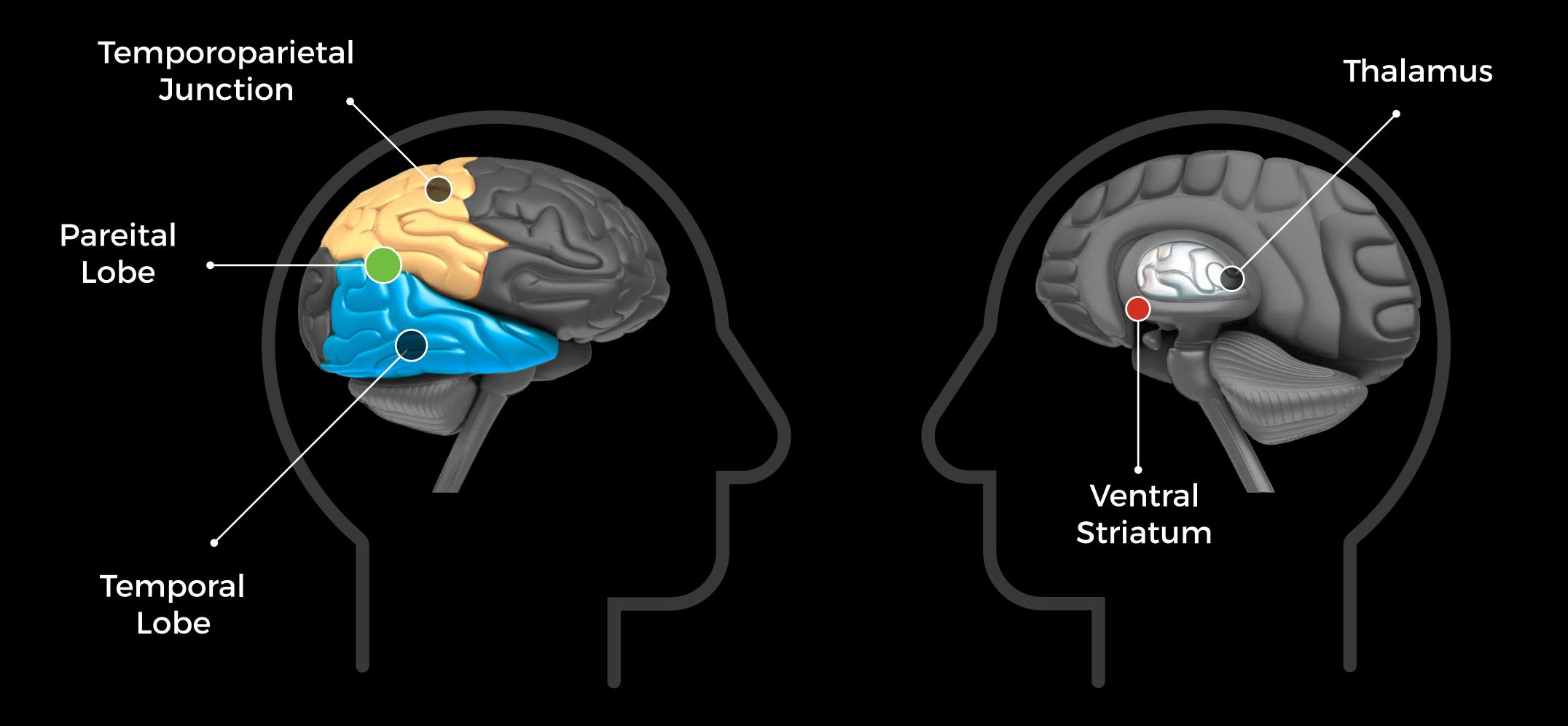
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# We're Becoming More and More Isolated!

Man is by nature a social animal ... Anyone who either cannot lead the common life or is so self-sufficient not to need to, an therefore does not partake of society, is either a beast or a god. ""

- Aristotle

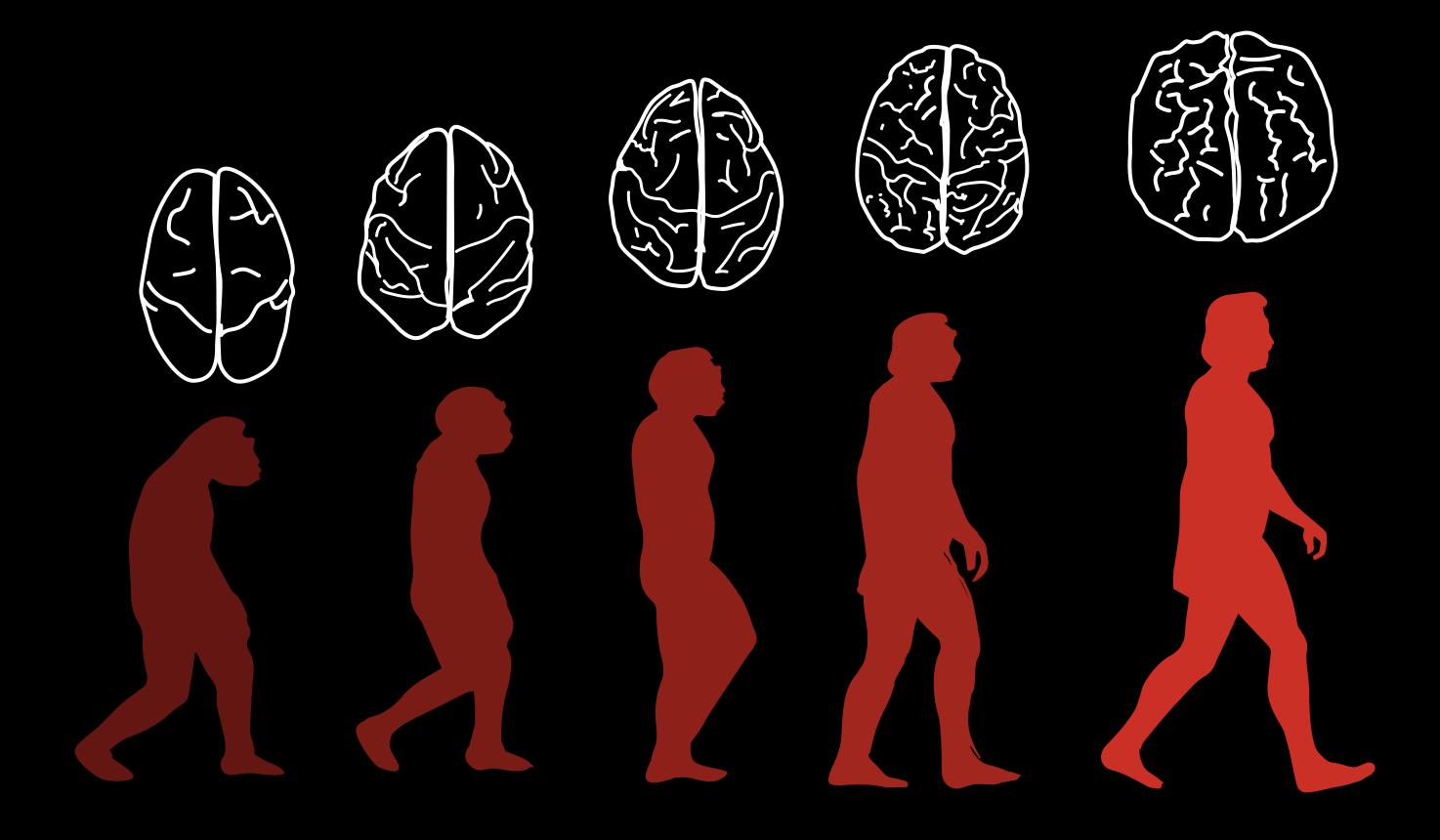
# This Isolation Is Toxic, Physically and Mentally



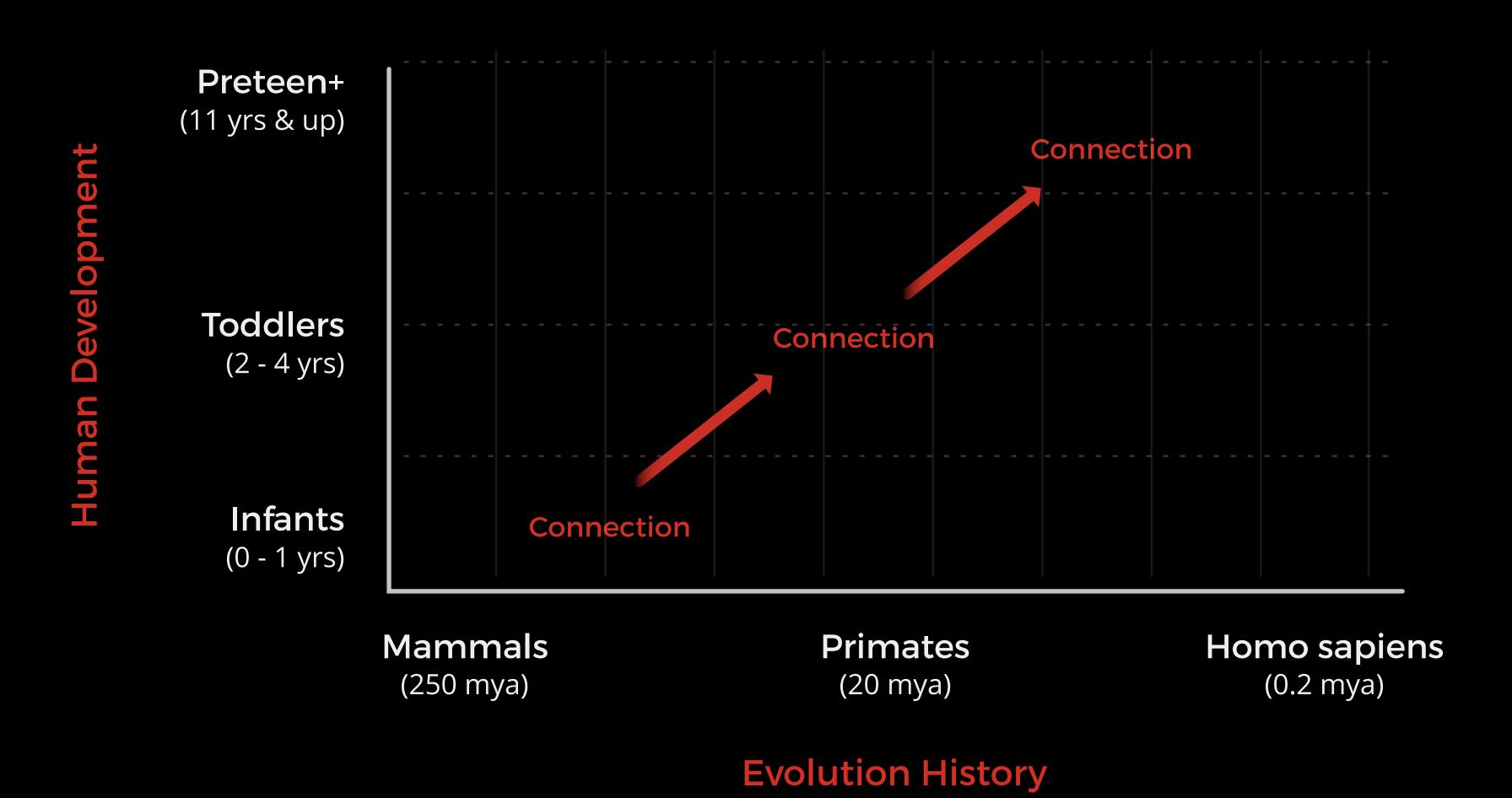
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# Your Brain Was Built For Social Connection



# Three Reasons Why No Man Is an Island



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# Attitudinal Contagion Has Neurobiological Underpinnings

**66** Your network is your net worth. **55** 

— Porter Gale

Show me your friends and I'll show you your future.

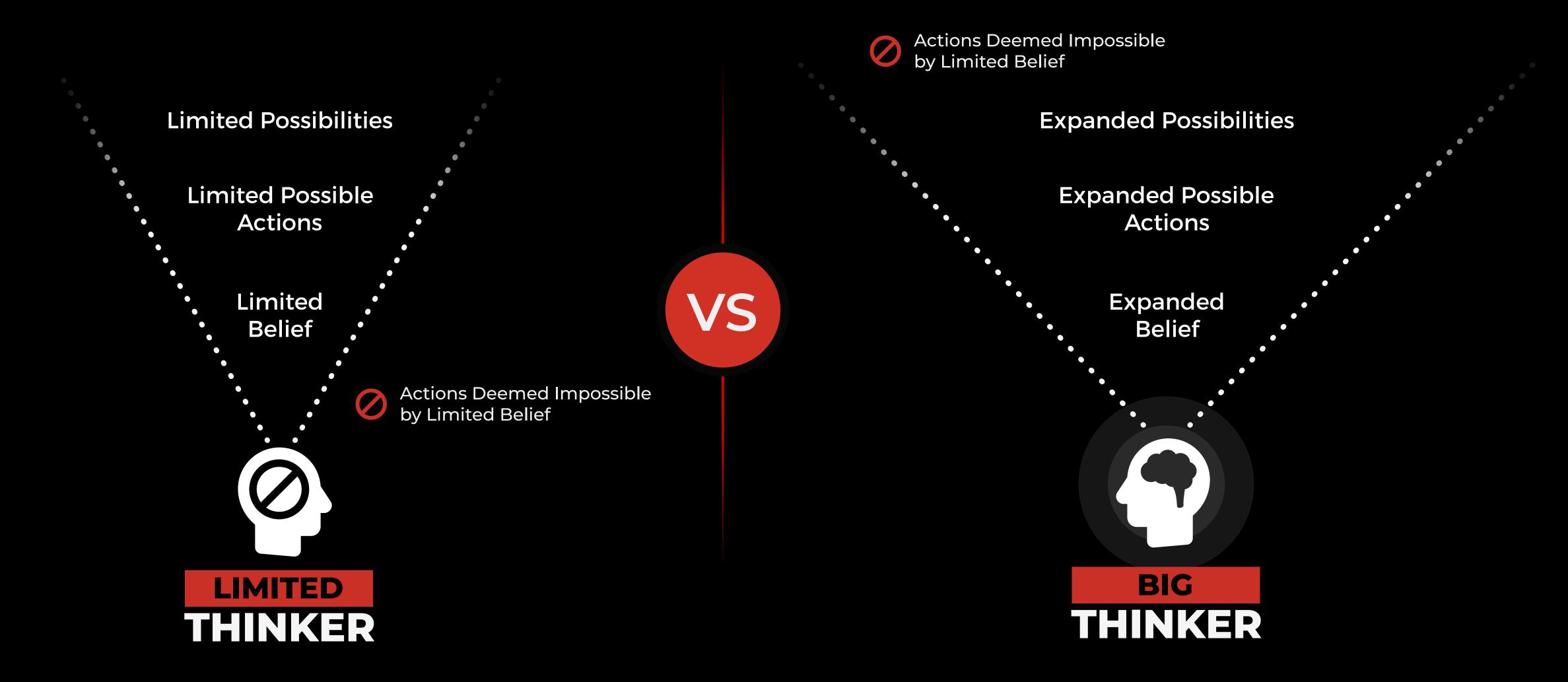
— Mark Ambrose

You become like the five people you spend the most time with. Choose carefully.

— Jim Rohn



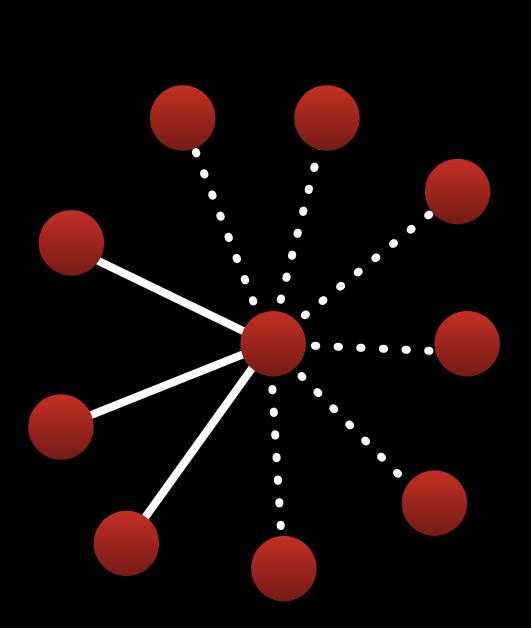
### Your Brain Is a Belief Vampire, Whether You Like It or Not!



# The Connection Challenge

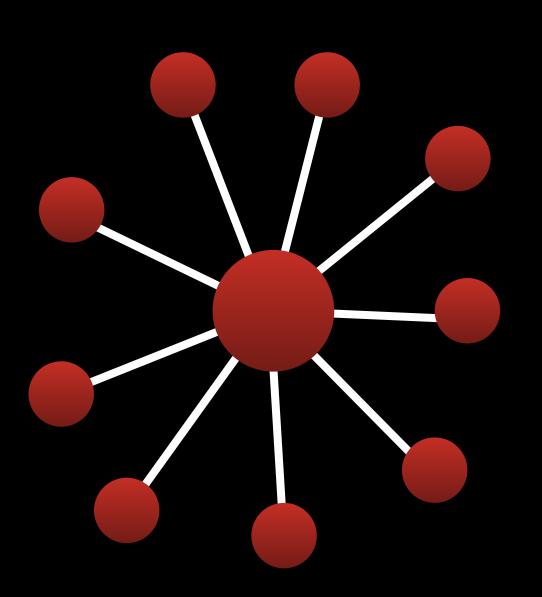
- 1 Ensure your belonging needs are met
- 2 Ensure the attitudinal contagion is positive

# Hunting Optimal Social Connection and Attitudinal Contagion

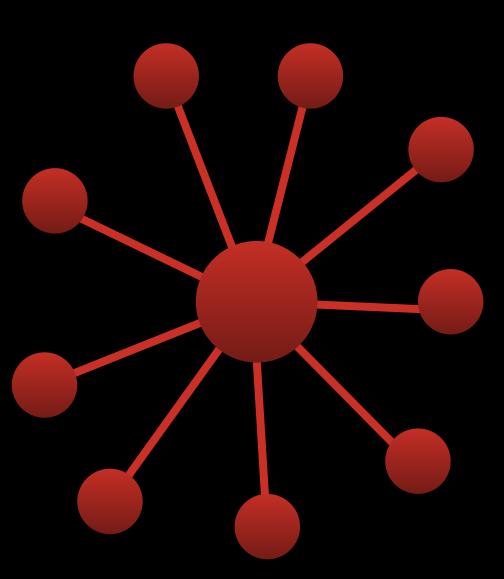


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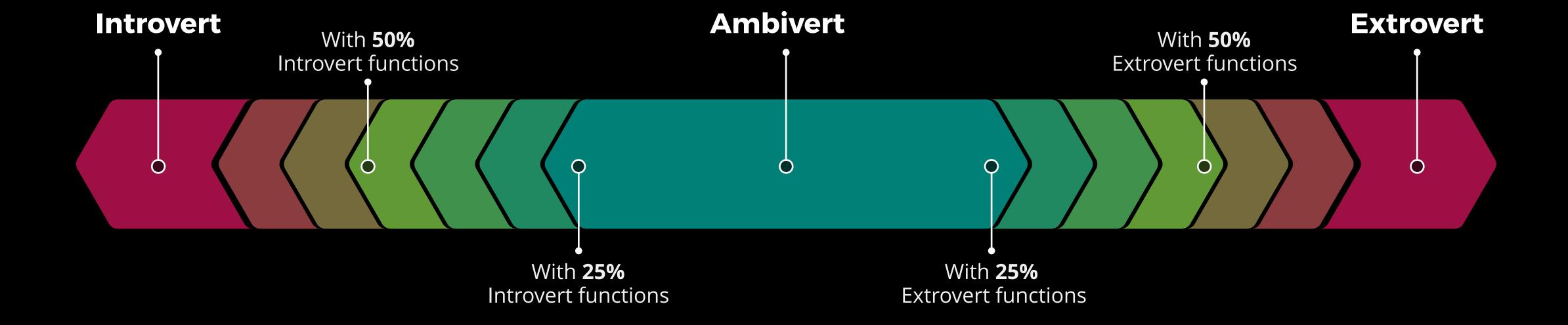


**Belonging:** 





# This Applies to Introverts, Just Calibrate the Dose Accordingly



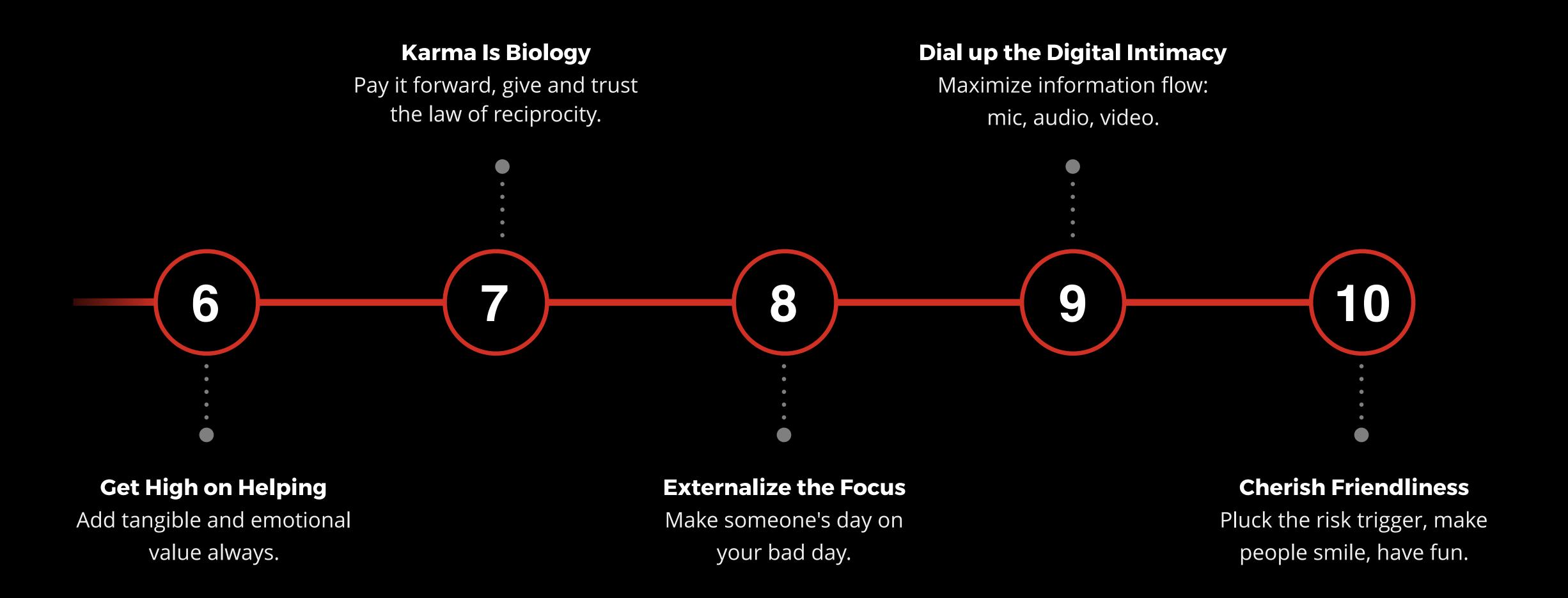
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# Tips to Meet Your Belonging Needs



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# Tips To Optimize Attitudinal Contagion

- Proximity Is Power Maximize time spent with those who inspire you.
- Build Your Dream Network It's worth it. Even if it takes a decade.
- Focus On The Positive
  Distort the osmosis by tilting your
  focus to positive attributes.
- Be Aware Of The Influence
  Bring consciousness to the slight
  negative attitudinal shifts.

- Guard Your Own Beliefs
  Dial up your locus of control and self
  driven belief via feedback.
- Separate Loyalty, Support & Time Be there for someone fully without being with them.
- Attempt To Elicit Change
  Call it out candidly, point to specific examples, suggest changes.
- Rebalance negativity with a corresponding increase in positivity.

#### Remember

#### The Path to Peak Performance is Best Trod Together

When we focus on others, our world expands. Our own problems drift to the periphery of the mind and so seem smaller, and we increase our capacity for connection—or compassionate action.

— Daniel Goleman



# What We've Covered

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# Exercise:

# Establish Your Peak Performance Network

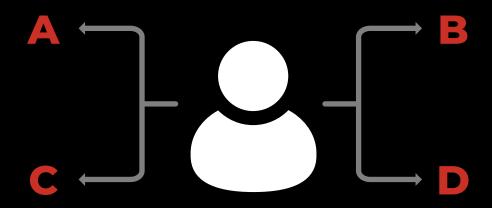


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To get started



#### First Step:

### Assess Your Current Support Network Across 4X Domains



- Emotional support

  Empathy, concern, affection, love, trust, acceptance, intimacy, encouragement, or caring.
- Advice, guidance, suggestions, or useful information.
- Instrumental support Financial assistance, material goods, or services.
- Companionship support

  Social belonging via shared activities.

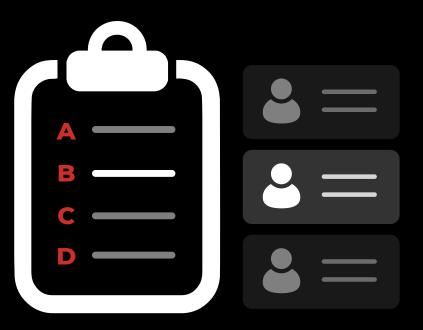


#### **Emotional support**

People who provide love and care

#### Second Step:

# List the Individuals In Each Domain



#### Informational support

People who provide information or advice needed to solve problems or reach goals

People who provide functional assistance, material goods, or services

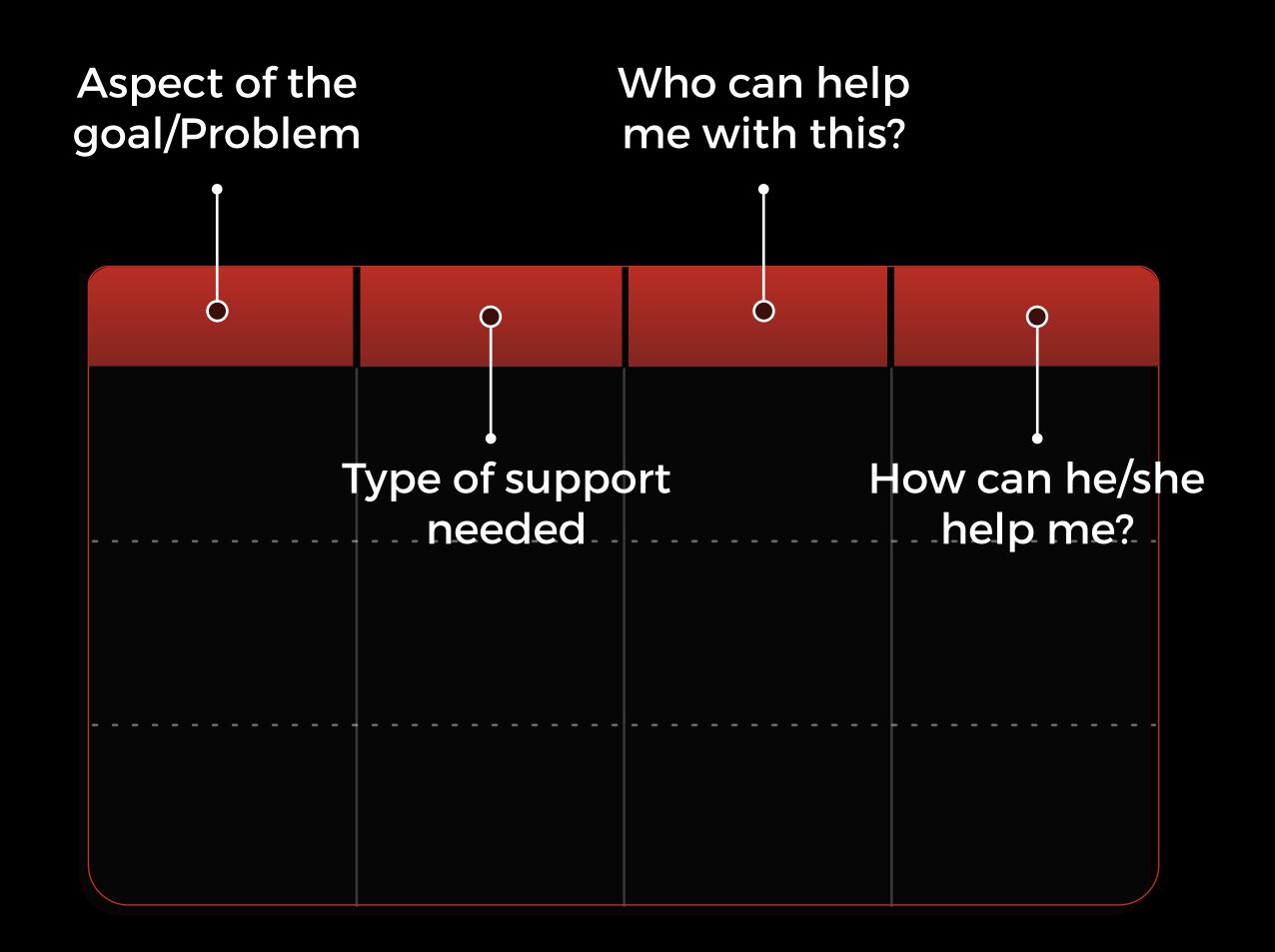
Companionship support

People who engage in shared social activities



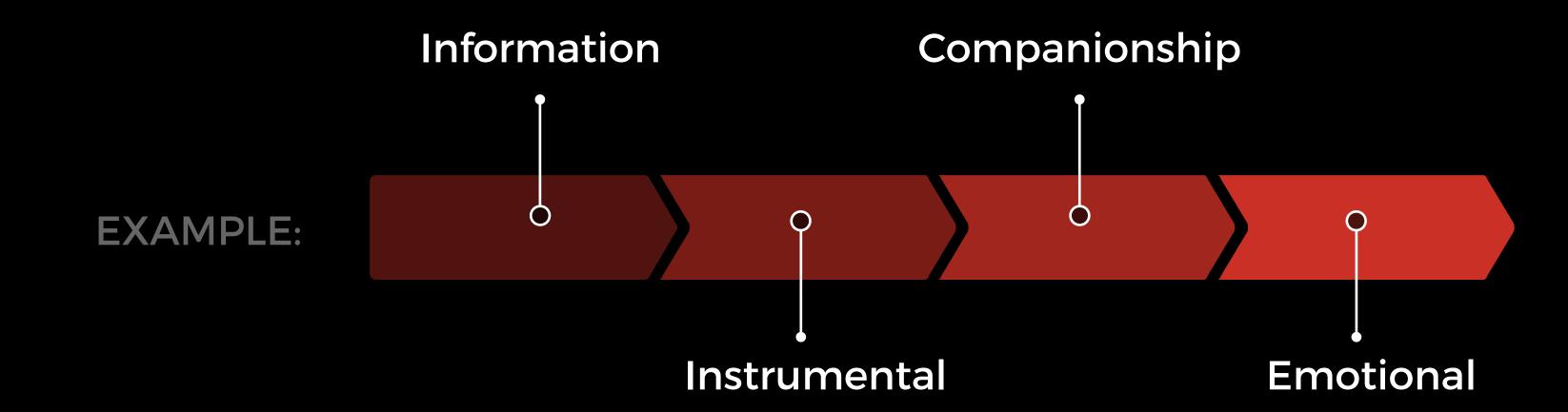
#### Third Step:

Assess Who You Can Lean on for the Problem at Hand



Fourth Step: (Evergreen)

# **Build out Supports, Starting With Weakest First!**



Fifth Step: (Evergreen)

# Become A 4X'd Support For Others!



#### **Have Your Client Ask:**

How can I become a supporting informational, instrumental, emotional companion to those in my life?

