

Information pours into our lives through television, radio, books, and the Internet. Some say we suffer from 'infoglut'. But what is information?

The concept is a profound one, rooted in mathematics, yet vital to our everyday lives: DNA provides the information to create us; we learn through information fed to us; we relate to each other through information transfer — gossip, lectures, reading.

Luciano Floridi, the founder of the philosophy of information, provides a fascinating and inspirational introduction to this most fundamental of ideas. Cutting across various subjects, he reflects upon its implications on all aspects of our everyday lives from mathematics and genetics, to its social meaning and value, and its ethical implications relating to ownership, privacy, and accessibility.