

Basic Info

- Title: The Hand
- Author: Raymond Tallis
- Author's profession / credentials / claim to expertise: retired physician and neuroscientist from Great Britain. His resume boasts titles like philosopher, poet and novelist.

Textual Genre

- What kind of text is this?
 - Book
- What audience (and level of familiarity with the topic) does this genre imply? No specific audience
- What kind of information might I expect to get from this text?
 - fact

Structure

- The chapter is the first of 3 parts in the book and it is divided into the following sections.
- Preliminary Grapplings
- The manipulative hands
- The knowing hand
- The communicative hand
- From prehension to apprehension

Evidence

- What kind of primary source evidence is used to support the various claims made in this text?
 - Literature, images, end notes
- What kind of secondary source evidence is used to support the various claims made in this text?
 - Journal articles that comment on or analyze research
 - Textbooks

Argument

- What is the main point that this text is trying to convey? Highlight or transcribe what you think the thesis statement is. (It should be 1–3 sentences.)

The hand is a unique and complex human organ which has a lot of significance. The hand is an organ of sensation as well as an organ of action and it can perform several complex movements. The hand is a crucial and multifaceted organ that has played a central role in human evolution and culture.

Sub arguments

The reading introduces the hand as a very important human organ which sets humans apart from animals. The hand is a multifaceted and complex organ, capable of performing a lot of movements and functions. The chapter explains the role of the hand in communication, tech and creativity.

The book then discusses the connections between the hand and the brain that allows for excellent motor skills and dexterity exhibited by the hand.

The hand is important to human identity, and it defines our experience in the world. The human hand has many more degrees of freedom than the primate hand.

Outcomes

- Something we mostly take for granted

It is interesting that the author reference the bible and evolution.