

From the intellectual standpoint it is man's most precious organ because through it reality is more comprehensively perceived. One glance of the eye can tell us more than hours of auditory or tactile description. Optical stimulation produces a change in electroencephalographic rhythm more readily than auditory stimulation, and as we take into consideration the fact that the eye is, embryologically, derived from the brain, the only part of the nervous system exposed to the outer world, we can appreciate its more direct intellectual significance. Social relations are made possible through the eye. The visual presentation of the movements of another is apt to evoke the representation of a similar movement in our own body (Hart 1941). (Hart, 1949)