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Mark 12:28-34 (NLT)





Are you loving God **with** your heart or are you loving God **from** your heart?

- **with** a diseased heart or **from** a changed heart
- **with** a hard heart or **from** a soft heart
- **with** a self glorifying heart or **from** a God glorifying heart



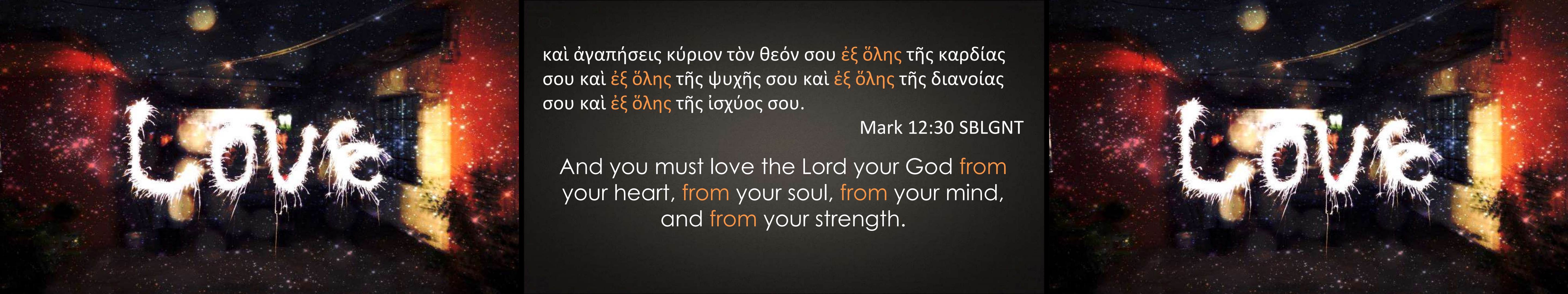


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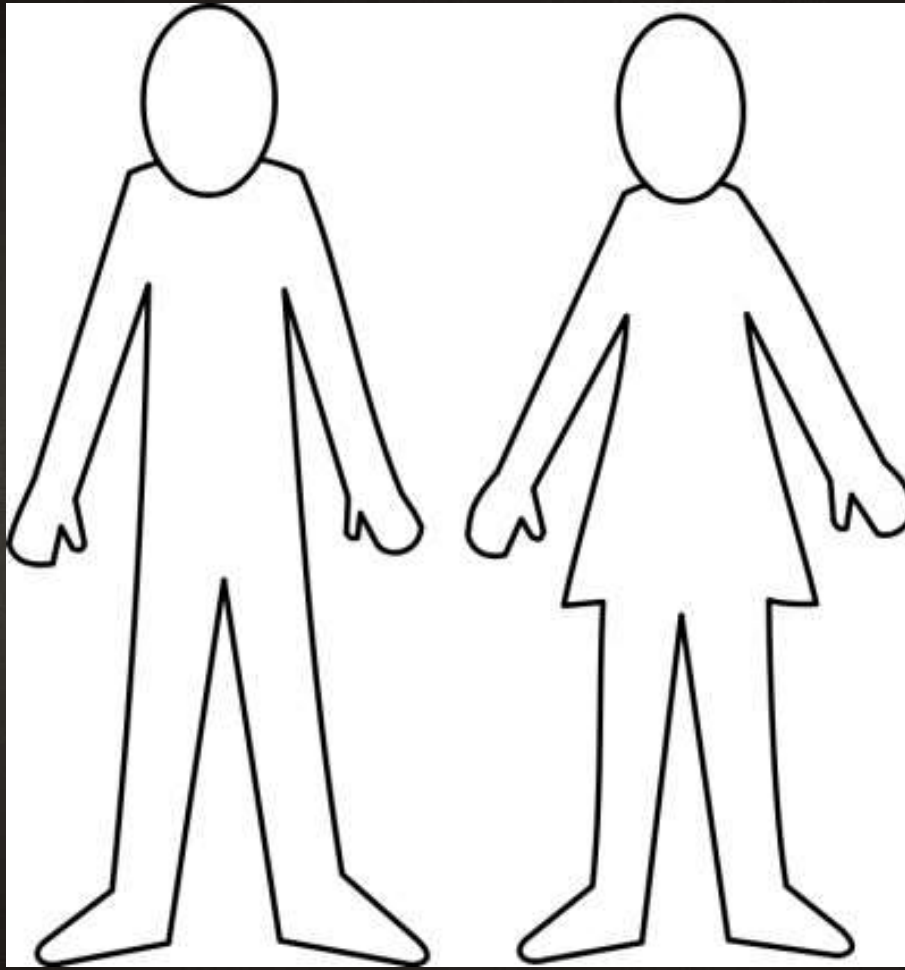
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Mark 12:30 SBLGNT

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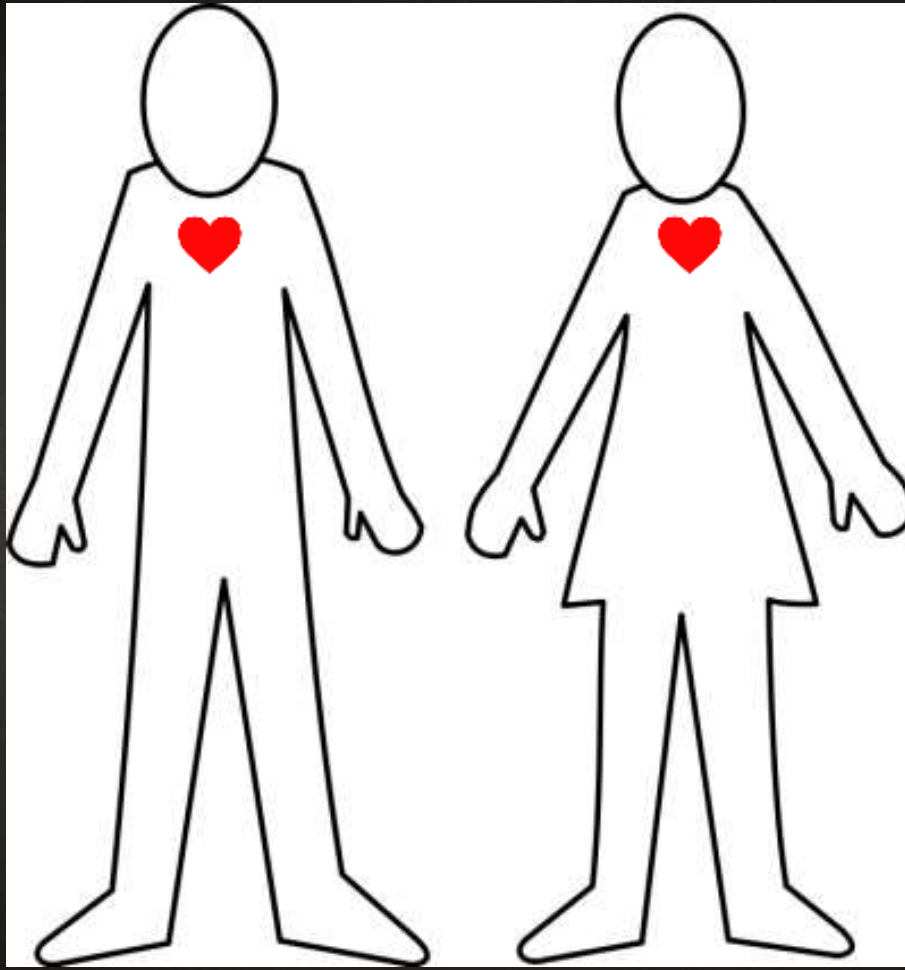


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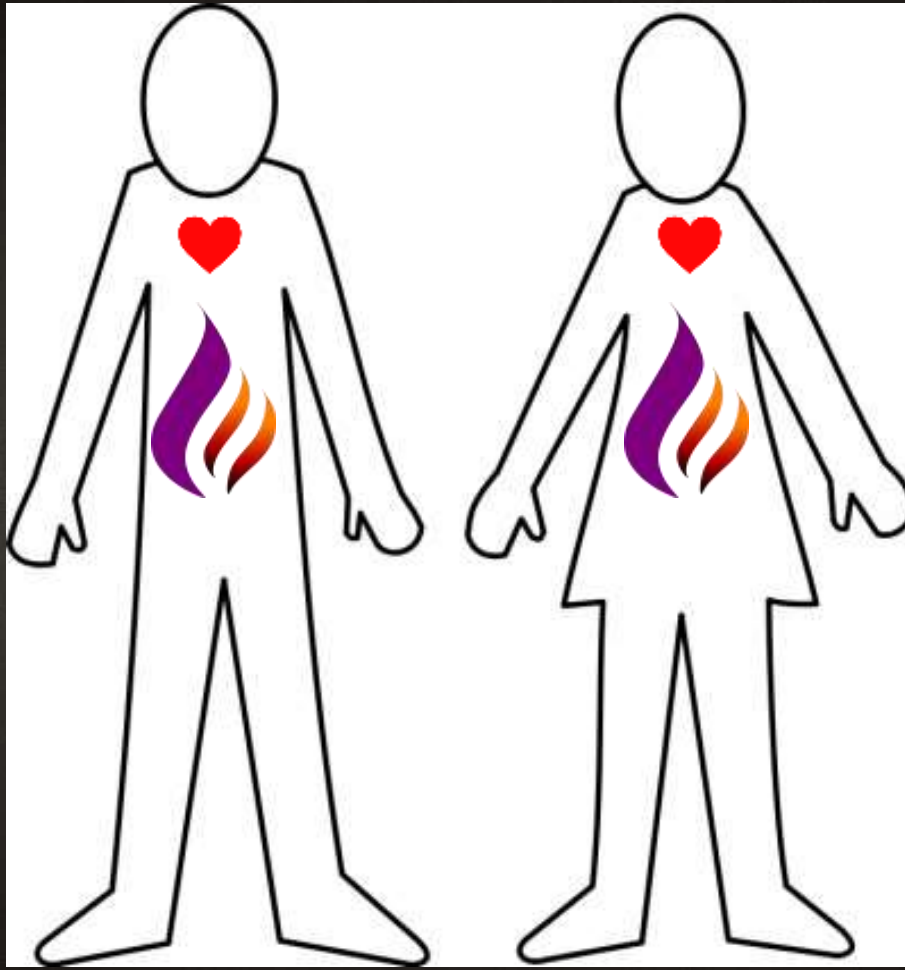


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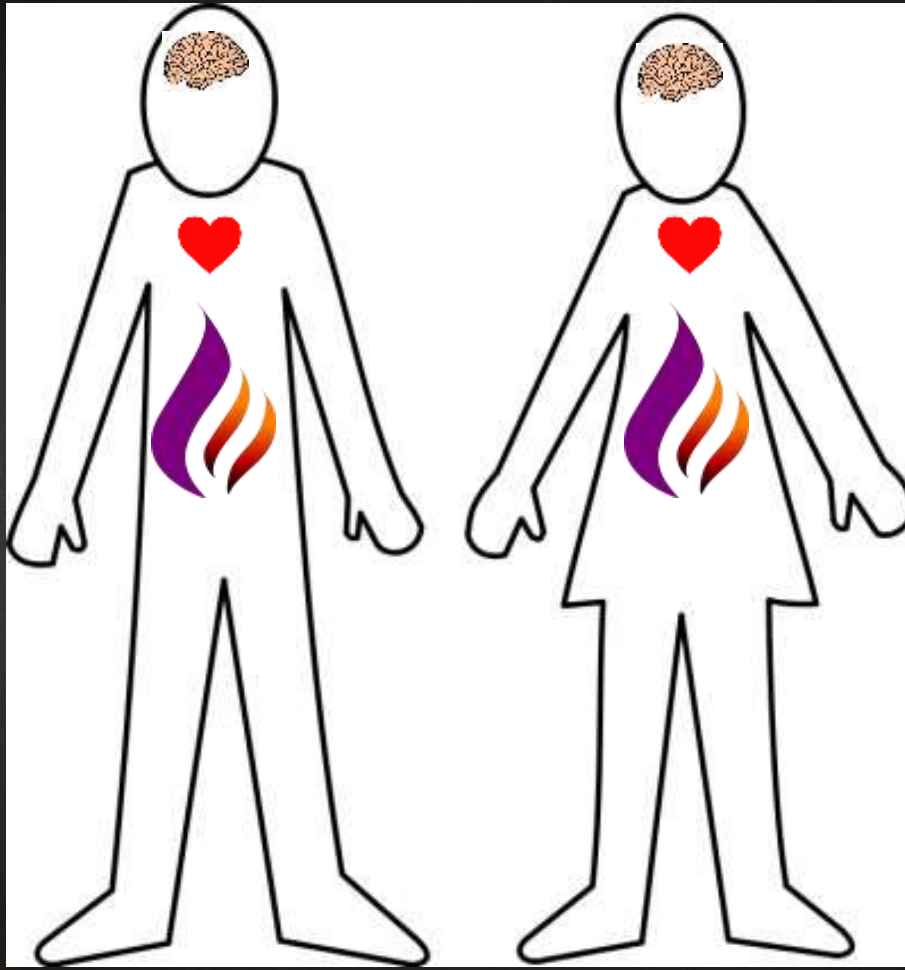


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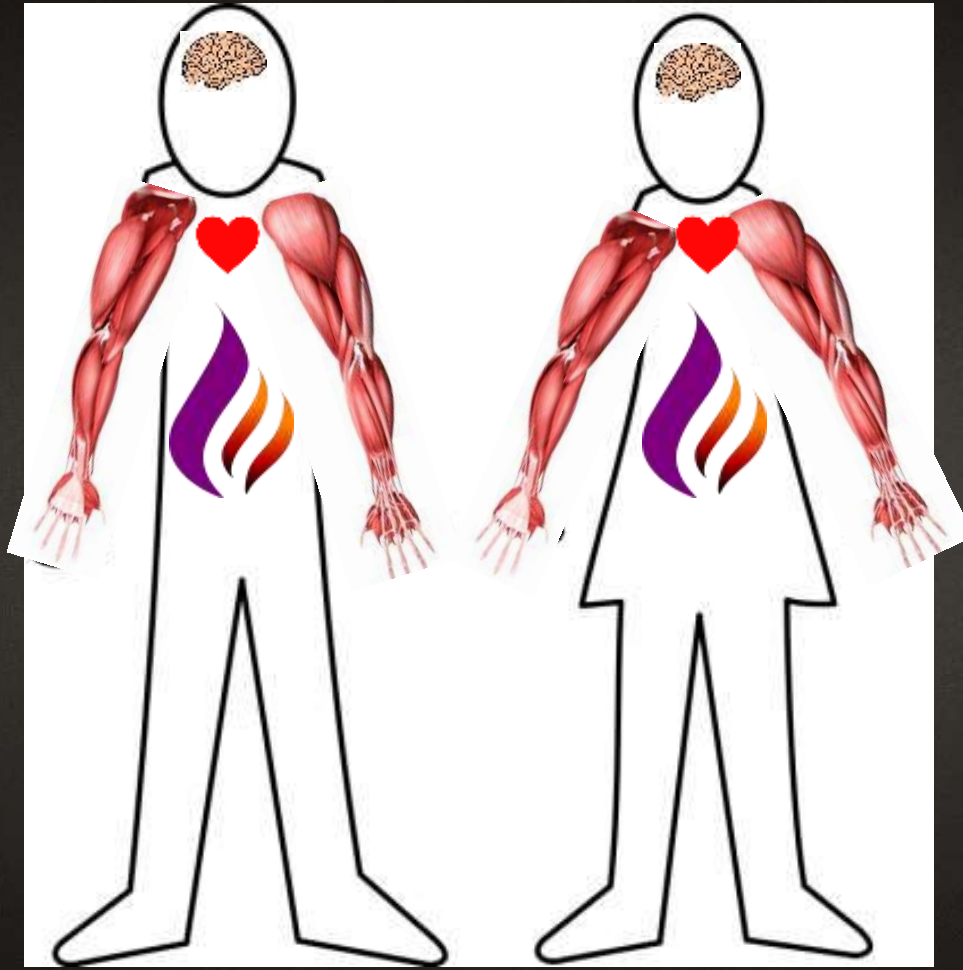


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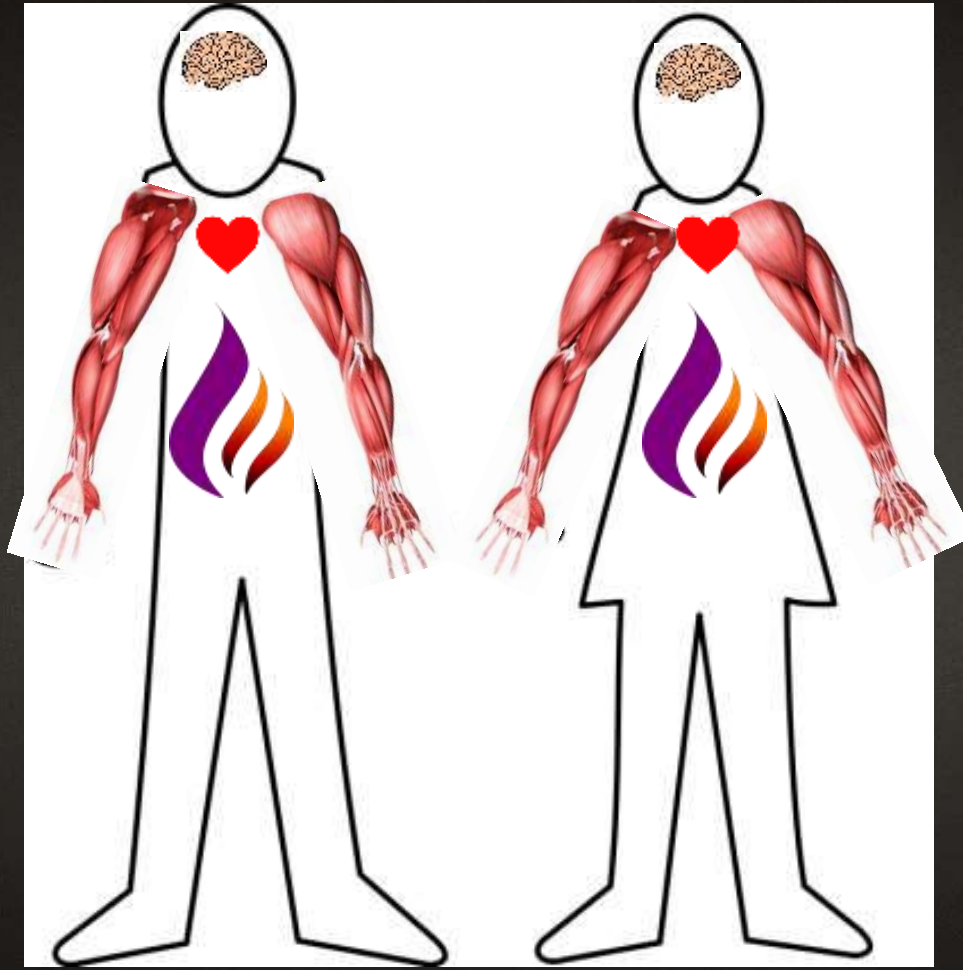


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- *Shema* – “Hear”
- A “creed” to be recited and recalled day by day as they live in God’s land under God’s law

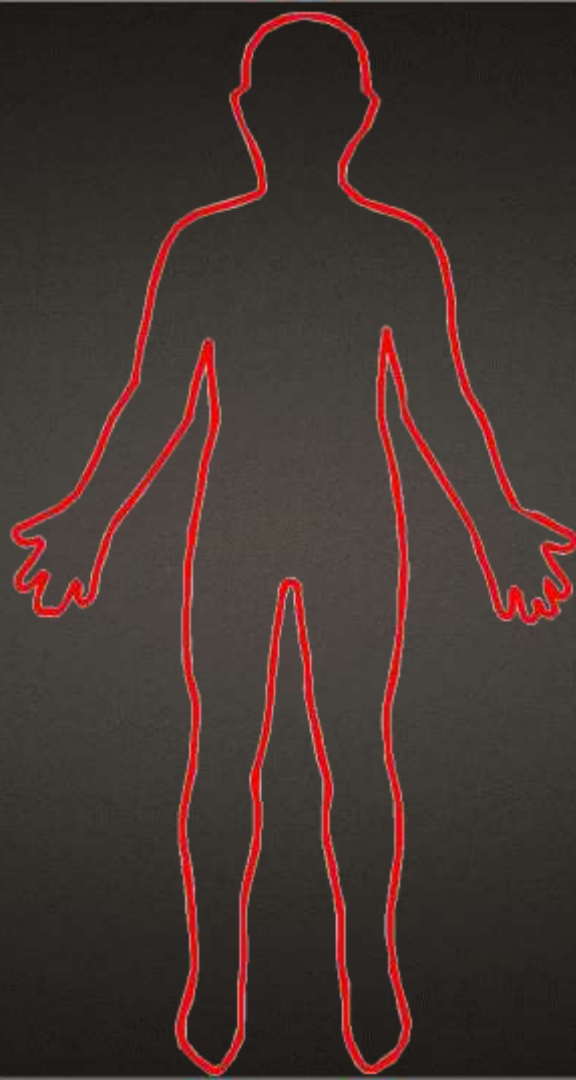


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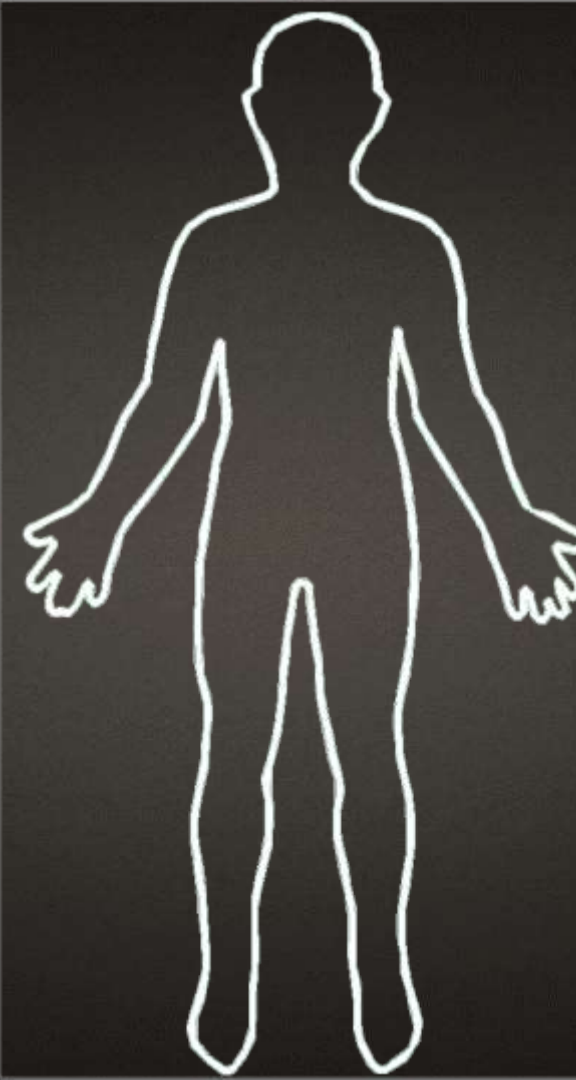


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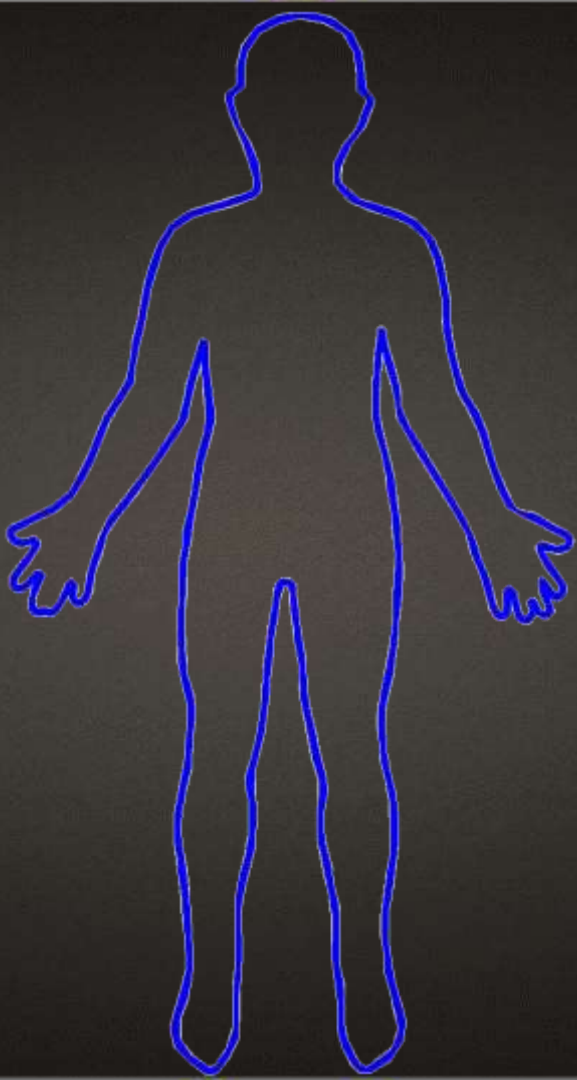


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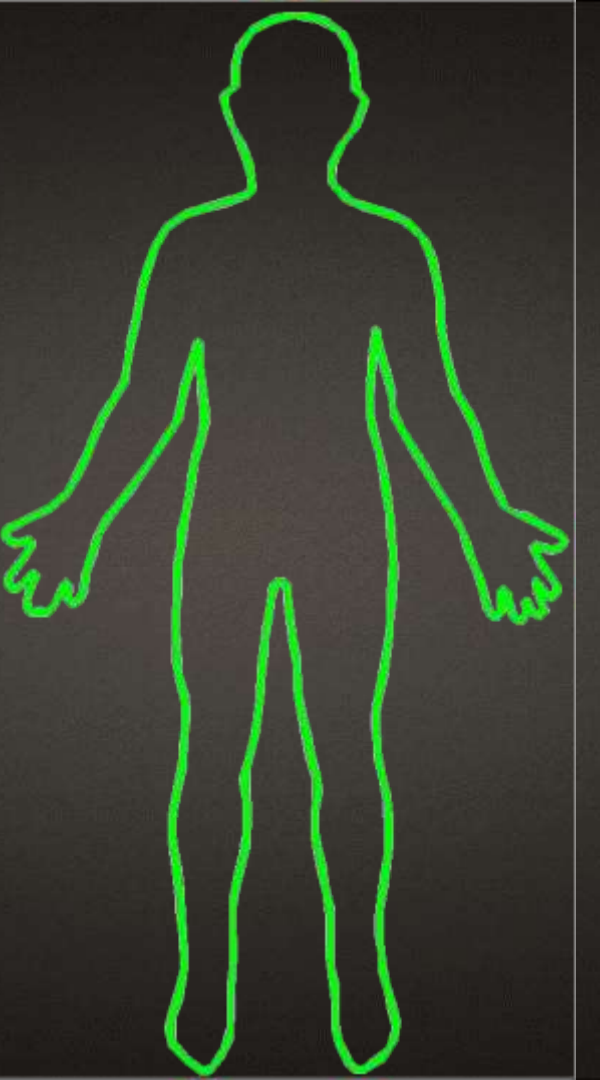


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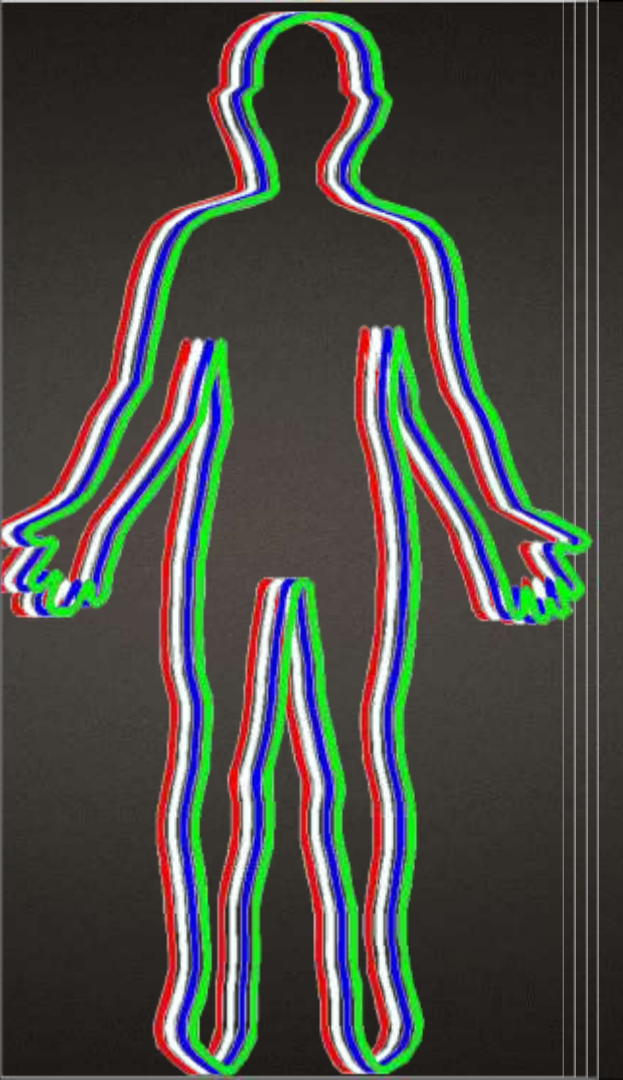


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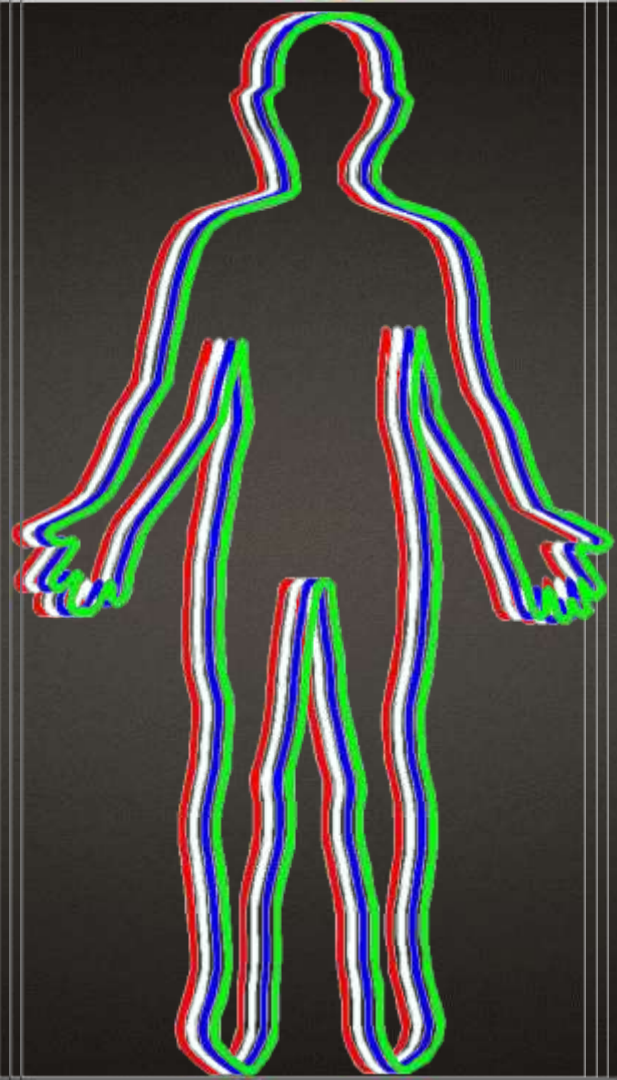
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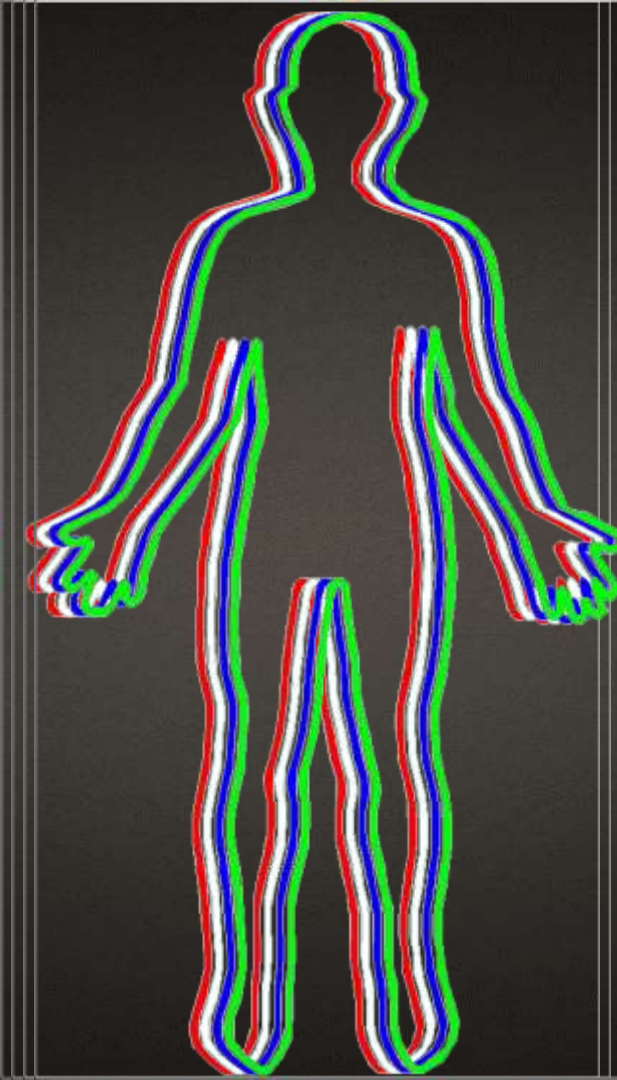
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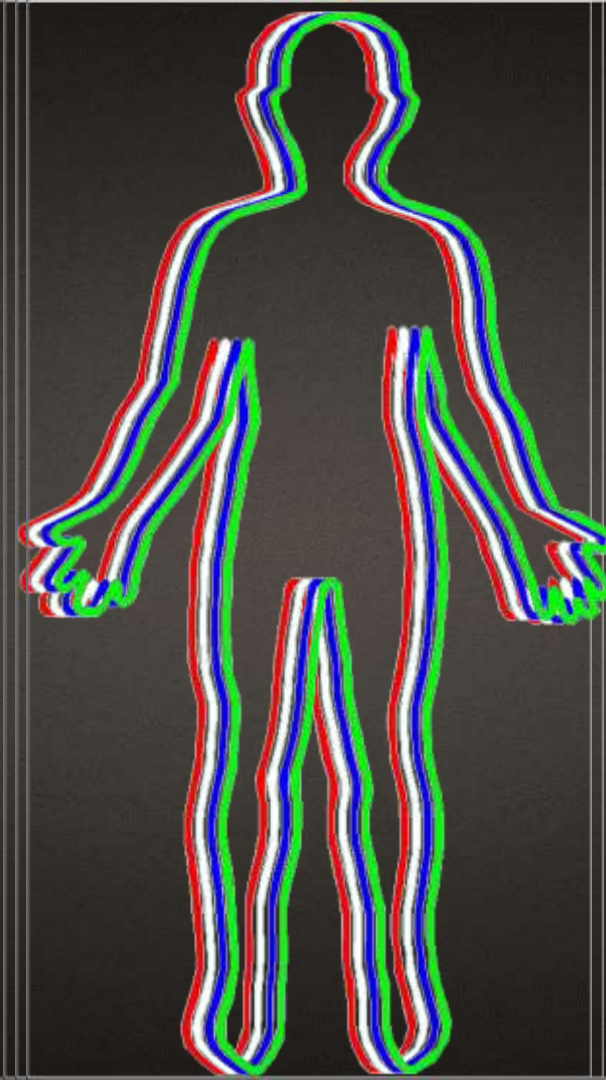


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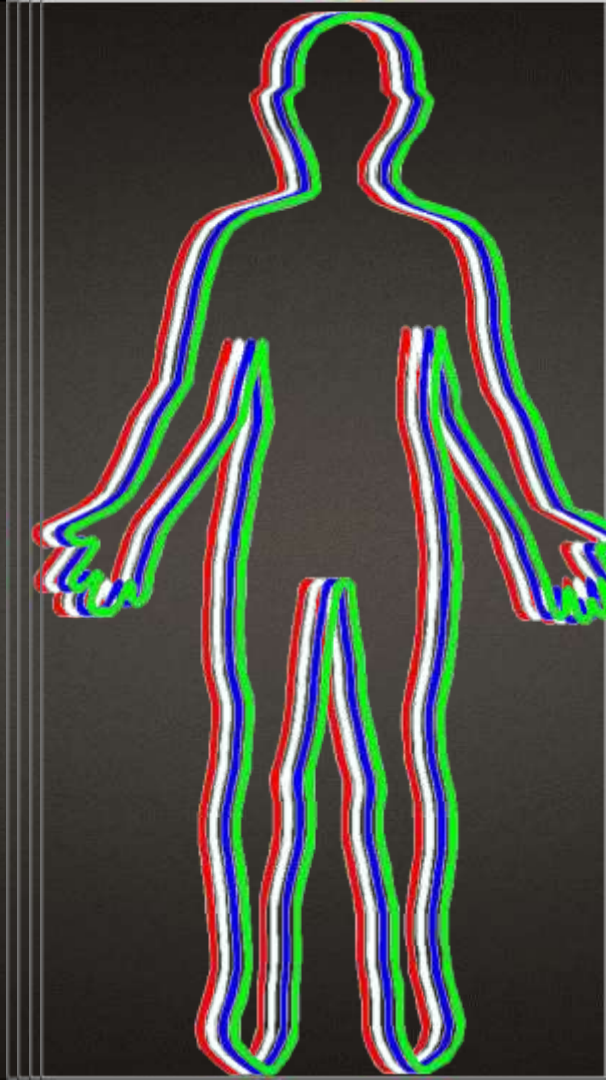
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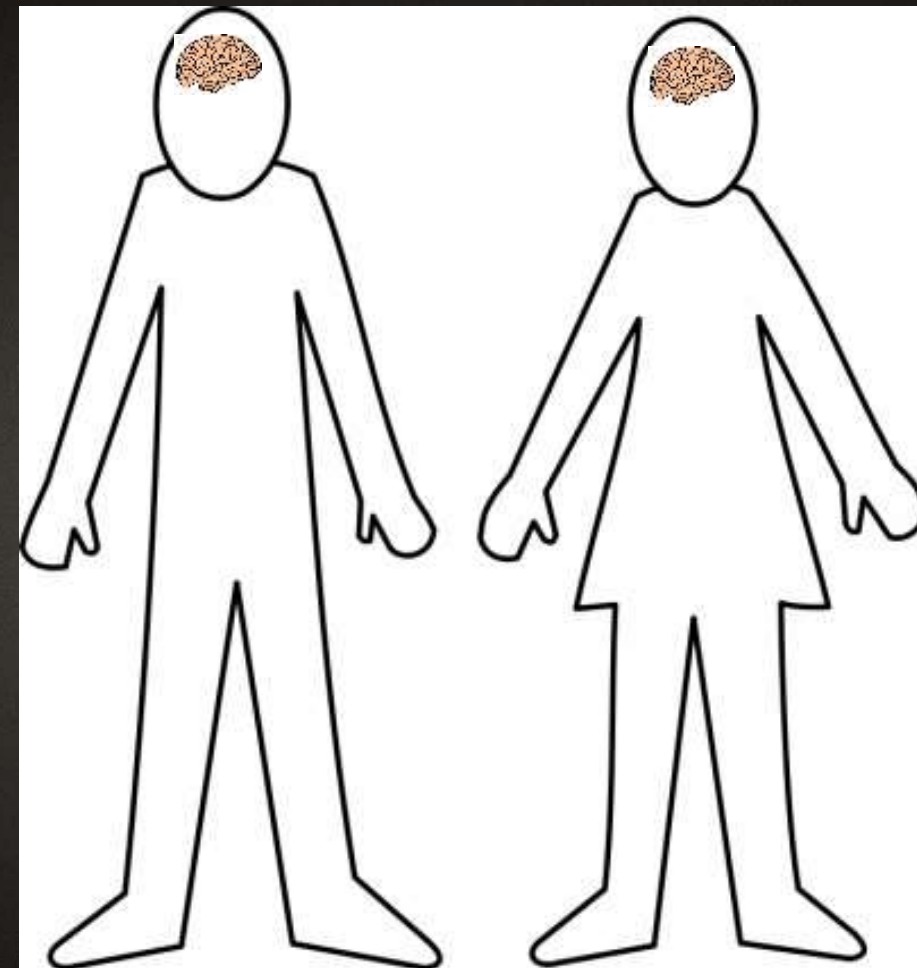
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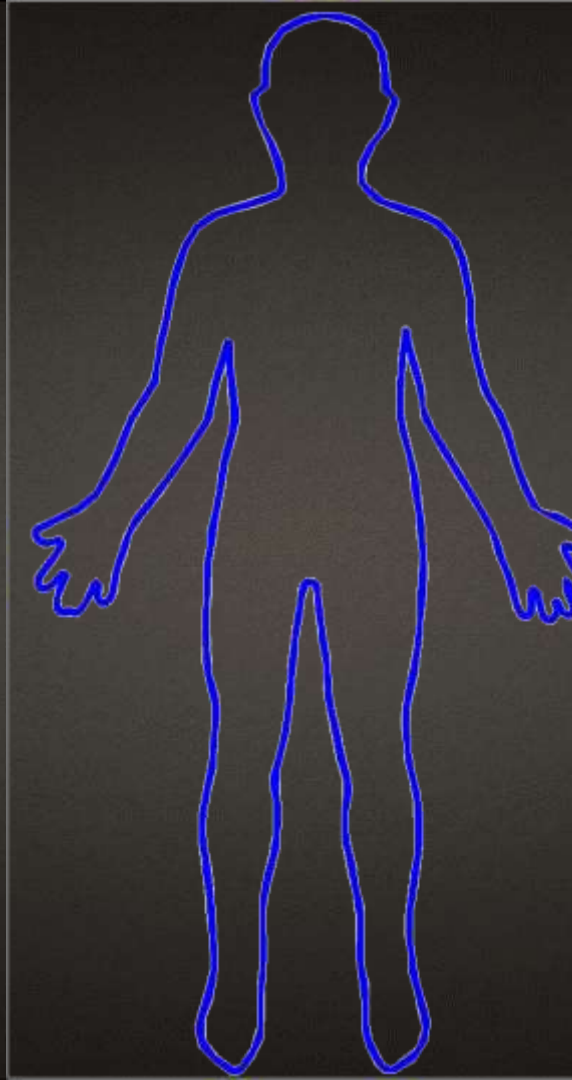


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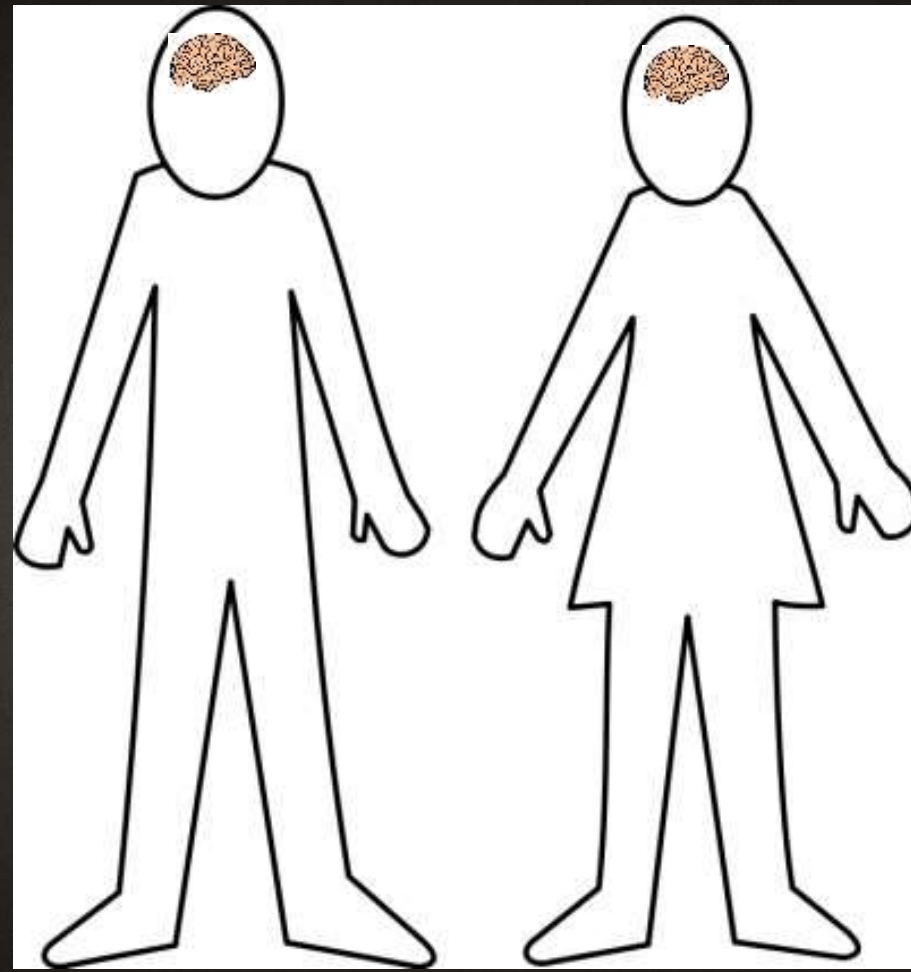
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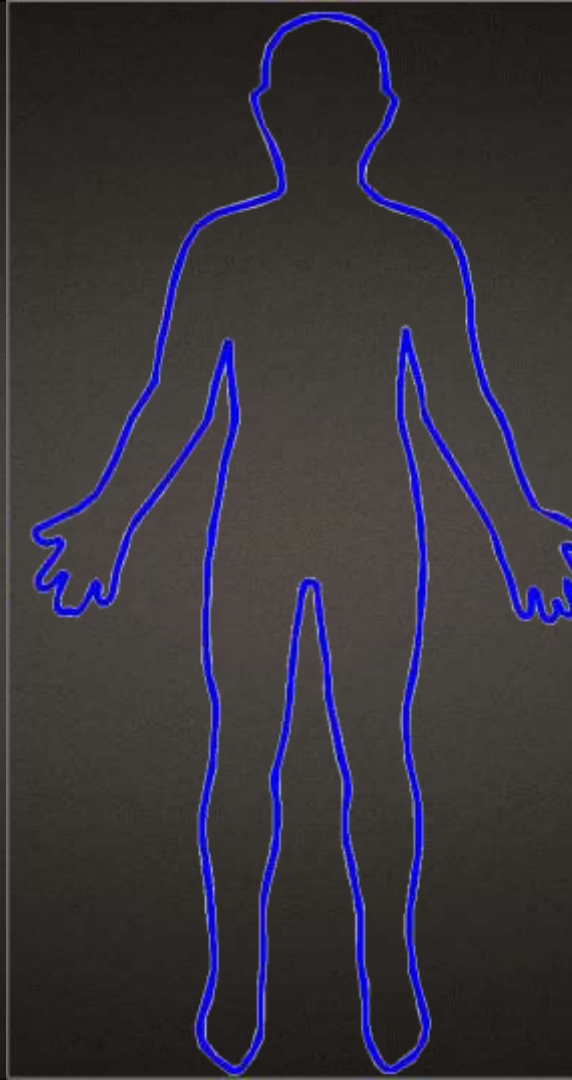
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