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## Three Zones Of The Human

When reading the Bible it is important to be aware of how Mediterranean societies view the human person. While Greek philosophy uses the terms "body" and "soul," the traditional and customary understanding that is used throughout the New Testament is one of three zones of interaction.

As Bruce Malina explains (see footnote below) these zones are:

1. **Eyes-heart:** the zone of *emotion-fused thought* includes will, intellect, judgment, personality, and feeling all rolled together.
2. **Mouth-ears:** the zone of *self-expressive speech* includes communication, particularly that which is self-revealing. It is listening and responding.
3. **Hands-feet:** the zone of *purposeful action* is the zone of external behavior or interaction with the environment. It is the zone of activity - of doing, performing, making.

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Historical background information in this post is drawn from Social-Science Commentary on the Gospel of John, see link below, page 223.

\* [Link to Amazon.com Bibliography for Bruce Malina, et. al.](#), Social Science Commentary on ... The Synoptic Gospels; The Gospel of John; The Book of Acts; The Letters of Paul; The Book of Revelation; and others.

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