

The evolving concept of the mind-brain relation from homer to galen

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A prerequisite to answering the question of the relation between the mind and the brain (or any other bodily structure) is the existence of the concept of "mind". Yet no such concept was evident before and around the 8th century B.C. Different versions of it did, however, begin to emerge towards the end of the archaic era and have continued to proliferate from that time onward. The purpose of this presentation is to describe the relation of what we now classify as manifestation of mind with co-temporal physiological processes as that relation was understood at several pivotal points in the history of the development of the mind concept starting before its appearance and ending with its formulation by the Stoics and Galen in the 3rd century A.D.