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KNOWLEDGE OF ANATOMY

PRIMITIVE PEOPLES HAVE, IN GENERAL, A RUDIMENTARY KNOWLEDGE OF ANATOMY, DERIVED FROM CANNIBALISTIC PRACTICES, *POST MORTEM* EXAMINATIONS FOR WITCHCRAFT AND FROM ANALOGY WITH THE ANATOMY OF ANIMALS CUT UP FOR FOOD AND FOR DIVINATION.

THEY KNOW THE SHAPE AND LOCATION OF THE PRINCIPAL ORGANS AND MANY TRIBES POSSESS A FAIRLY EXTENSIVE VOCABULARY OF ANATOMICAL TERMS.

THE COMPLETE SKELETON IS FAMILIAR TO PEOPLES WHO PRACTISE THE "DRY FUNERAL" OR "SECOND BURIAL" OF THE BONES AFTER NATURAL OR INDUCED DISINTEGRATION OF THE SOFT PARTS.