Being Human: the dimensions of the symbolic

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Three phases of human development

Speciation phase (to c. 150,000 BC):
Australopithecus to H. erectus to H. sapiens:
material engagement

Dispersal phase (early H. sapiens): developed
language, communication by material symbol

Tectonic phase (from c. 10,000 BP):
the constructed world, value, measure
15,000–2000 years ago
COGNITION AS

- Embodied: The body in the mind
- Distributed: Beyond the individual
- Mediated: Socially embedded
- Situated: In action
- Extended: Beyond the skin
- Enacted: Mind as a living system
value \rightarrow \text{commodity} \rightarrow \text{measure} \rightarrow \text{exchange}