

## **LEADERSHIP:** **Some Thoughts about Instructional Roles**



- Liao:* Effective teachers take on many roles. As this drawing suggests, one essential role is leadership.
- Satoru:* Many hands, many roles. Makes sense. What other roles do you envision, oh Venerable Master of Bull Shit?
- Liao:* (Ignoring the sarcasm) We could count hundreds. Vision, compassion, discipline, and fearlessness are primary roles.
- Melissa:* Notice how one hand has a closed fist, expressing determination. Another is pointing upwards, expressing aspiration.
- Liao:* Yeah. In ways few teachers realize simple hand gestures help us "lock" various mental states.
- Satoru:* Body language is important. We're constantly teaching through our bodies, often unconsciously.
- Tim:* Perhaps that's better. Too much knowledge pollutes.

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