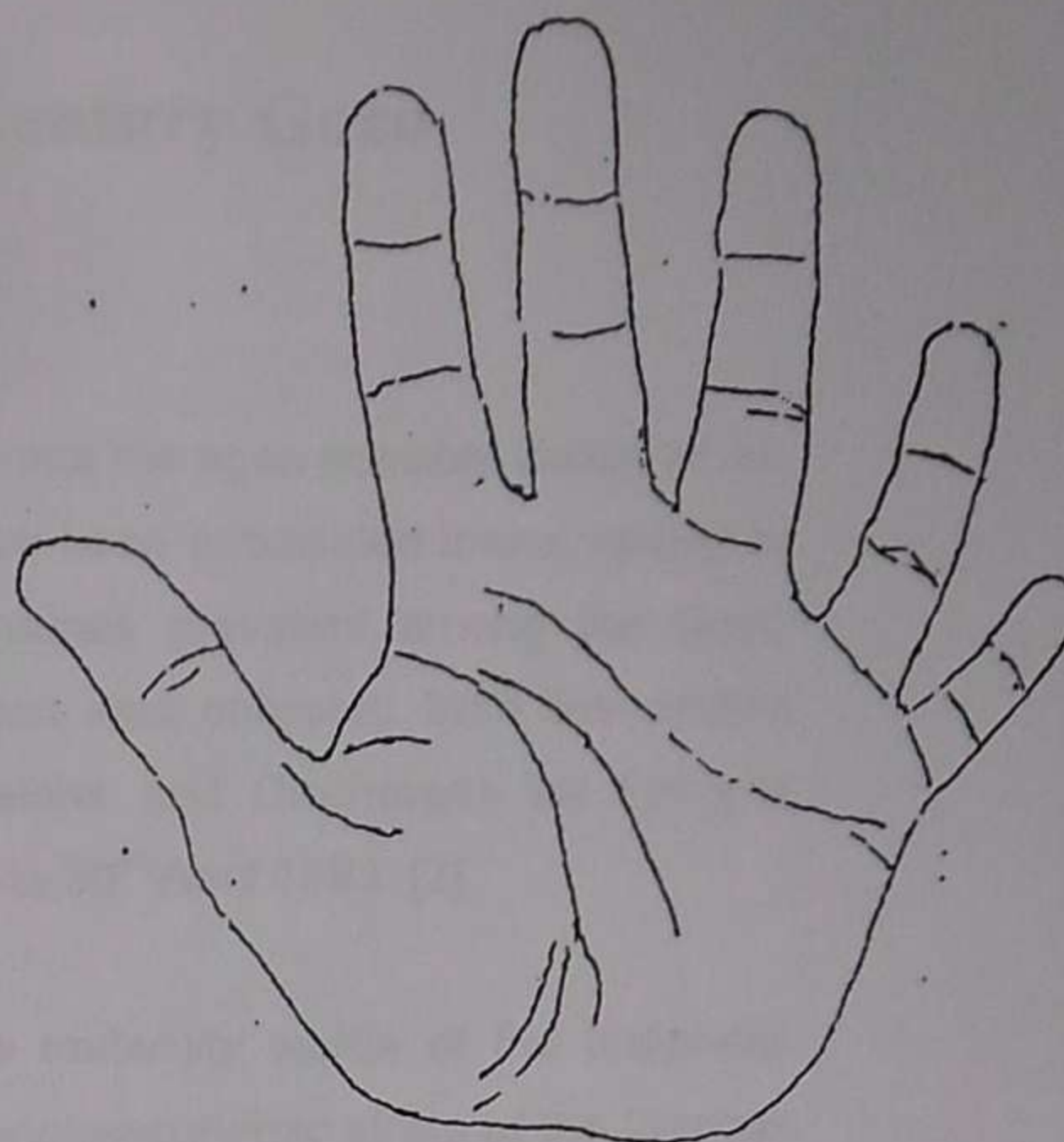


worried and apprehensive that his son could be a polydactyl! Very likely he must have heard of this oddity of nature!

While it seems that polydactylism is a very rare worldwide phenomenon it has been known in Malta since Neolithic times. It has also occurred in neighbouring Sicily, in North Africa and North America, but in Malta we have a folkloristic explanation for polydactylism.



Drawing of left hand based on a photograph in an Italian periodical, April 2001.

Kitbiet ghal "L-Imnara"

Dawn iridu jkunu bazati fuq ricerka jew esperjenzi personali tal-kittieb, u jkollhom dejjem konnessjoni mal-folklor lokali.

Kull kitba ghandha tasal ghand l-editur,

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