

HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE ZODIAC'S INFLUENCE ON THE KIDNEYS ACCORDING TO THE ANCIENT GREEK LITERATURE AND THE MODERN EQUIVELANTS

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OBJECTIVES

The aim of this study was to trace references to the Zodiac's influence on the kidneys in the Ancient Greek literature and to compare them with the to days similar notions

METHODS

Using the TLG Program, we reviewed the later printed versions of the relevant ancient Greek manuscripts in the original language. The reviewed works were: 1) Anonymi Christiani Hermippus De astrlogia dialogus. 2) Joahannes Kamateros Introductio in astronomiam. 3) Hephaestionis Thebani apotelesmaticorum libri tres. 4) Claudi Ptolemaei opera quae extant omnia. 5) Catalogus codicium astroloorum Graecorum, Teucer Astrol. 6) Vettii Valentis anthoogiarum libri. 7) Poetae bucoloci et didasctici. 8) Artemidori Daldiani onirocriticorum. 9) The Testament of Solomon.



(R)Testament
Pseudepigraphic catalog of
demons summoned by King
Solomon, www.eleeth.org
(L) The demon Memantho
is attacking the kidneys

RESULTS

The general consensus of the afore mentioned ancient works with minor variations was that the Zodiac influenced the kidneys, either by regulating their function or by inflicting and/or treating their ailments. In their majority they hold the view that the planet Saturnus was governing the right hearing organs, the spleen and the bladder, Jupiter the sense of touching, the lungs the arteries and the sperm, Mars various kinds of fever and the nephritic tendencies. When explaining dreams, Artemidorus states that dreaming of kidneys denotes brothers, relatives and offsprings (may be an allusion to the theory that the sperm was generated in the kidneys). Lastly, Solomon in his hypothetical Testament presents the daemons Metathiax, Nefthada and Rex Menthatho as the culprits for renal pains (1). From the Modern Era we found sites in the Internet with a big following which support that Venus (2) and Libra (3) are responsible for kidney ailments. The negative effect of the Planet Saturnus on the kidneys is ameliorated by wearing a blue sapphire gemstone (4) or a Rock Crystal Quartz (5). The details of these assumptions and the "logical" basis of them will be discussed.

CONCLUSIONS

The explanations of renal ailments and their cure were beyond the ability of a lay person in Antiquity (or of the majority of medical practitioners). Thus, they tried to explain all of them in the realm of the supernatural. This was a shelter for a variety of their problems. However, we shouldn't forget that even now days, nephrology still has its dark corners and the application of astrology is equally strong to modern societies as it was in the past

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