

## HIPPOCRATIC OATH

The Hippocratic oath has been used for the swearing in of medical doctors and psychiatrists for hundreds of years. This oath contains blasphemy to Adonai our God. Any individual taking this oath may receive a curse. This is the main reason why the medical profession has become completely dominated by science, and has thrown God out from its values and practices. Without knowing, many in the medical profession have brought curses upon themselves, and their practices, allowing Satan to manipulate them.

The first sentence is as far as one has to delve into this oath to see how pagan it is. The first sentence of the oath reads as follows:

***"I swear by Apollo the physician, by Aesculapius, Hygeia, and Panacea, and I take to witness all the gods, all the goddesses, to keep according to my ability and my judgment the following Oath":***

## THE STAFF OF AESCULAPIUS/ASCLEPIUS

The Caduceus is the wand of Hermes or Mercury, messenger of the gods. It is often used as a medical symbol even though the official symbol of the medical profession is the staff of Aesculapius (Asclepius).



The symbol of Aesculapius is a serpent entwined around a knotted staff. Tradition states that while Aesculapius was visiting the house of his patient, Claucus, a serpent coiled itself around his staff. Aesculapius killed it. Shortly thereafter, another serpent appeared with an herb leaf in its mouth and restored the dead serpent to life.

From this, it was deemed probable that disease was a poison. Serpents produced poison, but they also had a reputation for wisdom and for the power of renovation. It was then thought that a creature that could produce poison and disease, might also be capable of curing as well as killing.

Greek mythology tells us that Aesculapius was the son of Apollo and Coronis, a nymph. Apollo had Coronis killed while she was still pregnant with Aesculapius, because Coronis had been unfaithful to him. The infant was saved, however, and handed over to the centaur Chiron. Chiron had acquired knowledge of medicine from Apollo and was entrusted with rearing other such heroes, as, Jason, Hercules and Achilles.

Aesculapius learned well from Chiron and soon surpassed his mentor. One day while tending a patient, a snake coiled around his staff. Aesculapius killed the snake, but another one appeared with a leaf in its mouth and revived the dead serpent. Aesculapius kept the leaf, and with it was even more successful in healing people. This incident probably generated what we consider the true medical symbol –the Aesculapian staff with a single snake.

Aesculapius was so successful as a healer that he could even restore people from the dead. This deprived Hades of much needed subjects, so he prevailed upon Zeus to kill Aesculapius with a thunderbolt, which he did. Apollo avenged Aesculapius' death by shooting arrows at the workmen who made the thunderbolts, the Cyclopes. Zeus then punished Apollo by making him work for one year as a servant to a mortal.

Aesculapius had six children. Two sons, Machion and Podaleirios, are mentioned in the Iliad as physician-warriors. His two daughters, Hygeia and Panacea, personified health and healing.

There is no doubt, then, that the staff of Aesculapius is the symbol associated with healing and the art of medicine. In 1910, the AMA officially adopted the Staff of Aesculapius as its official insignia and it is the symbol used by MSMS. **It is a symbol that represents pride.**



Apollo and Hades also play a part in the development of the Caduceus. Hermes was the messenger of the gods, the god of commerce, the god of robbers, thieves and traitors, and also the god who conducted souls to Hades. Hermes was basically a subtle schemer. When he was only a few hours old, he escaped from his cradle to search for adventure. He invented the lyre, and when he was caught stealing oxen from Apollo, he used it to charm the father of Aesculapius. Apollo let him go, unpunished, and Hermes gave him his lyre. In return, Apollo gave Hermes a magic wand that bestowed wealth and prosperity, turning everything it touched into gold. The snakes were added when Hermes separated them from fighting. In appreciation, the snakes wrapped themselves around the staff. Wings were added as a symbol of Hermes' speed, and this is the origin of the Caduceus.

In other words, the Caduceus was just the wand of a conniving

god of thieves who helped folks to Hades, and had nothing to do with medicine, let alone healing.

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