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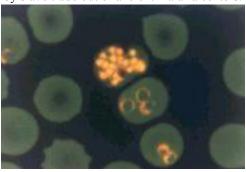
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500 BCE

<u>Malaria</u> was described by Dr. <u>Hippocrates</u>. From this point until 1400 CE the sickle-cell trait would be spreading by migration and by slave trade out of ancient malaria centers.







460 BCE

The bacillus *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* would be well recorded in Greece in the age of Pericles, which is to say, from this point until 370 BCE. Dr. <u>Hippocrates</u> described pulmonary <u>tuberculosis</u> as it occurred in his day-to-day clinical experience.

"The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation ... and they shall pursue thee until thou perish." — DEUTERONOMY 28:22





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From the work of Hippocrates comes the first authentic accounts of phthisis. He described what he called phymata (tubercles) in the tissues of cattle, pigs, and sheep. He also was the first to document the early stages of phthisis: Dry cough, yellow sputum, chest pains, malaise (fatigue), and wasting. The meaning of "phthisis" is "I waste away" and the meaning of "tabes" is "wasting," as in "Tabes mesenterica," tuberculosis of the mesenteric lymph nodes. Hippocrates used the term "Scrofulous tumor" to describe skin lesions caused by tuberculosis, while the French would deploy the term "ecrouelles." "Gibbus" in Latin means "hunch-back," as in tuberculosis of the spine. "Lupus vulgaris" is tuberculosis of the skin.

412 BCE

Dr. Hippocrates described an outbreak of an influenza-like illness.

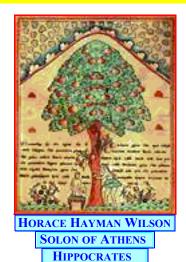


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This quotation in <u>WALDEN</u> is from Section 4 of the treatise "In the Surgery," in which Dr. <u>Hippocrates</u> was advising that a surgeon's "nails [are] neither to exceed nor come short of the finger tips." ¹

JOHN EVELYN

400 BCE



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<u>Hippocrates</u> wrote numerous treatises on medicinal plants, such as <u>saffron</u>, <u>cinnamon</u>, thyme, coriander, mint, and marjoram.



Plant	Name	Place
Turnip	Brassica rapa	Western Asia
Apple	Malus Pumila	Southwestern Asia





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"It's all now you see. Yesterday won't be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago."

 Remark by character "Garin Stevens" in William Faulkner's INTRUDER IN THE DUST





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