

Aelius Galenus – Galen

The Greatest Physician from Roman Antiquity. Galen was both a physician and a philosopher. According to him, “*the Best Physician is also a Philosopher*”. Although surpassed by Aristotle in the realm of philosophy and understanding of the human person, Hippocrates seems to have intended by this statement that a successful practitioner should also be an astute observer of human nature – that physical health is intimately connected to mental health and sociability.

Although, a great medical theorist, like Aristotle, Galen insisted on keen empirical observation as well. Galen’s treatise *On the Natural Faculties* is a continuation of medical theory and practice from the Greek physician Hippocrates and onward to medieval and then early modern practice.

Aristotles Nichomachean Ethics

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After the study of ethics, Aristotle introduces his students to the study of politics. In this book he lays out the nature of government, the various types of government, reasons for their success and for thier vitiatioin. He also presents his classical argument for the best type of polity (monarchy, democracy, aristocracy, et al).

Boethius: The Consolation of Philosophy

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