

## **Neurology in the eyes of ancient Greek philosophers and the Bible: Concepts about the brain/soul, neurological syndromes, and spiritual therapeutic effects**

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The roots of modern Neurology hold back thousands of years in ancient Greece and even earlier. Following a long debate about the location of the "soul" and the source of thoughts and emotions, the Hippocratic theory prevailed. Hippocrates taught that the brain is the source of all these and he established the principles of modern clinical Neurology. He gave fights to persuade that epilepsy is not a "holy" disease. The philosophers of this era also contributed to the discussion about the spiritual part of our body and nervous system. In parallel, numerous neurological conditions are mentioned in the Bible and the New Testament and the spiritual and "carnal" parts of each of these are often mixed and overlapping. Along with these descriptions, spiritual ways to affect the soul, and the "psychic" part of neurological diseases appeared, utilising principles of "faith/belief" in contrast to the purely orthologistic way of the scientists and philosophers in Greece. The intermarriage of these two ways, i.e. the logical approach and the -irrational- spiritual/psychic one, seems to represent the "golden path" for dealing with neurological diseases in general, even nowadays.