

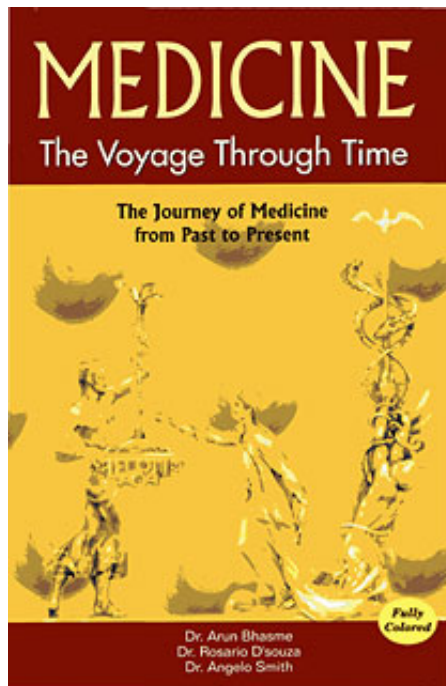
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Introduction

"One might begin with philosophy but would end with medicine; or start with medicine and find oneself in philosophy."

,—ARISTOTLE

Looking at the history of medicine shows us as to how ideas have developed over the centuries. It constitutes a review of accomplishments and errors, false theories and misinformation and mistaken interpretations which often had to be swept aside before progress could continue. It also includes a study of the :

1. Evolution of man and human knowledge down the ages.
2. Biographies of eminent individuals who developed medicines.
3. Discoveries and inventions in different historical periods and
4. Ever changing concepts, goals and objectives from the curative to the preventive, from preventive to social and from social to the community.

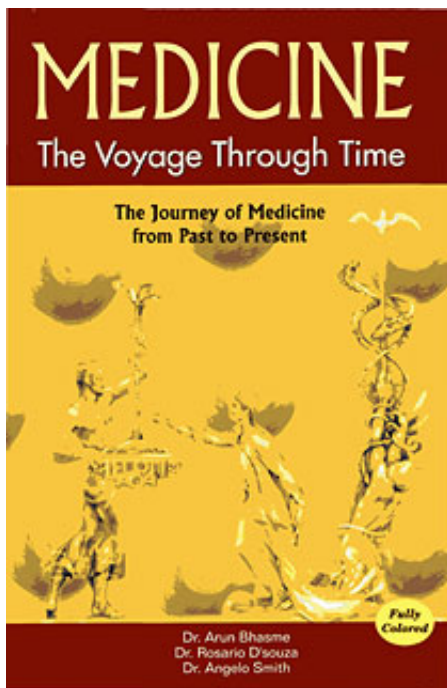
Medieval barbers were the fore-runners of today's skilled surgeons and the ancient Greeks set the foundations for modern diagnostic techniques. Leonardo da Vinci was amongst the first to dissect the human body to learn how it works. Medical students still learn about anatomy in the same way.

Today's medicine has evolved over thousands of years as each generation built on the knowledge of earlier times. This will continue to happen. It is drawn from traditional cultures and biological and natural sciences and social and behavioral sciences. It is built on the 'best of the past'.

Before we begin this journey, hear this warning in the everlasting words of Father Jacobus (from Hesse's *Magister Ludi*):

"To study history one must know in advance that one is attempting something fundamentally impossible, yet necessary and highly important. To study history means submitting to chaos and nevertheless retaining faith in order and meaning. It is a very serious task, young man, and possibly a tragic one".

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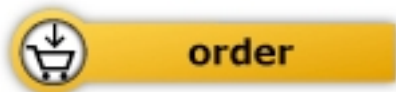


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