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“Hippo” or “Hypo”
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Medicine has come a long way since the days of Asclepias and Hippocrates, but their ethics remain constant.

Today some of their diagnostic elements have been changed, ruled out, or modified; but some of the physiotherapy of Hippocrates is quite relevant.

Many physicians take an oath attributed to the teachings of Hippocrates — “The Hippocratic Oath.” The new doctor takes upon himself the ethics of the ancients: to preserve life; to preserve the confidentiality of his patients, not to knowingly give any harmful drug.

All, or most of the physicians take this oath. Some may have separated themselves from the ethics of more than a thousand years. What are some of their reasons?

In Nazi Germany many doctors concurred to eliminate people through the Holocaust and through “Medical Experiments.” Many succumbed to the wishes of society irrespective of any ethics or moral code.

How hard it must be at times for an idealistic intern to begin his practice of medicine and keep his oath! Doctors are often faced with the PRESSURE of peers. Some have forgotten some of the great healers of the past such as Pasteur, Dooley, Schweitzer. The oath they took to preserve life rules out the possibility of a baby within the womb. It is inconceivable to see physicians who “specialize” in abortions.

Of course, society makes this legal. Society or the government made it legal to exterminate an entire race in Nazi Germany, or to shorten the life of the elderly or insane. The government said it was the “right” and “dutiful” thing to do.

Under the guise of “Legal” or “Choice” today some physicians carry on their work or “duty” to eliminate “un-wanted” pregnancies, some favor euthanasia, or up-hold the “right” of a person to die.

This is a far cry from the principles of Hippocrates. It is a far cry also from the principles of the Founding Fathers of the United States. People died to defend these rights which upheld the right to life.

Medical terminology makes it easier for some physicians to do whatever they wish. A mother is not having a “Baby” — “IT” is an “un-wanted pregnancy.” They may wish to terminate the “Thing” which is inside the mother. It is called a “Fetus.” Yet the mother-to-be uses the term “Baby.” Medical terms cover up, like cosmetic surgery, the cancerous growth of unethical and immoral practices.

One may reflect on a doctor today graduating from medical school and with all the zeal of his heart and with all skills at his command takes the Hippocratic Oath to preserve life. He swears by Apollo, the physician and by Aesculapius (the Greek name of Asclepias) to respect his instructors. He later swears that “I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked for nor suggest any such counsel, and in like manner I will not give a woman a pessary to produce abortion . . . Whatever, in

connection with my professional practice, or not in connection with it, I see or hear, in the life of men, which ought not to be spoken of abroad, I will not divulge as reckoning that all such should be kept secret. While I continue to keep this oath inviolated, may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art, respected by all men, in all times, but should I trespass and violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot." The new doctor takes this oath and then begins his career at an Abortion Clinic. Perhaps in this case the Hippocratic Oath should be renamed the "Hypocritical Oath."
