TALKING FOR HEALING AND MEDICAL PRACTICES IN ANCIENT CYPRUS FROM A CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

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In our modern times, the medical world across the globe adopted the snake symbol of Ασκληπιός (Aesculapius), sending an eternal cultural message to both, healers and patients. In those ancient times (as well as today), medical practitioners faced the problem of how to stimulate the recuperative powers of the afflicted patient into action.
Healing methods in the ancient days consisted of religious rites, ceremonies and special formulas which brought forth the mysterious, miraculous powers of deities and other supernatural beings. The healing theme centered around the idea of expelling the unseen, malicious actions which caused disease. Appeals to the gods for the cure of disease were made orally or in writing.
MONOLITHS NEAR KUKLIA (PAPHOS), LOOKING SOUTH-WEST.

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