

# Atheopaganism Commentary

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## [Quote from Don](#)

- Paian Anax! - I think he may be on to something.

Hi Don,

With the "Paian Anax" you remind me a post with a photo that I've posted on FB, last year. 😊

Diogenes Laertius, in the biography of Epicurus, mentions a small fragment of a letter by Epicurus to Leontion who was the wife of Metrodorus. However, and as I read by some translators, in greek language, they make the mistake to translate that Epicurus calls Leontion as "healer and king". No, this is not right. Epicurus here mentions two of the titles that the God Apollon had in Ancient Greece.

Απόλλων as PAEAN Παϊάν - (Gr. Παϊάν, pronounced pay-AHN.) means the physician, healer, savior. Who that cares and helps, and, as such, he is the principal deity of Medicine and Healing for which he is called Παϊάν (Paeon, Παϊάν). The Κάενδαυρος (Centaur, Κένταυρος) Κηϊρόν (Chirôn, Χείρων) taught medicine to Ασκληπιός (Asclepius, Ἄσκληπιός), who is the son of Απόλλων and the most renowned physician after him. Ασκληπιός in turn, taught his own sons and daughters medicine, a whole host of healers. Απόλλων is mentioned first in the Hippocratic Oath:

"I swear by Apollon the physician, and Asclepius (Ἄσκληπιός), and Health (Ἰγεία), and All-heal (Πανάκεια), and all the Gods and Goddesses, that, according to my ability and judgment, I will keep this Oath..."

Απόλλων as Anax : - (Gr. Ἄναξ, ANAΞ) it means the king. He is the ambassador of the Olympian Gods of the Solar System and as such, he is on the level of Zeus and thereby worthy the title as Ἄναξ. Απόλλων is also συμπάρεδρος (συμπάρεδρος) to Zeus meaning that they hold the throne jointly. The Solar Powers are represented by the two intertwined snakes of the Κίρύκειον (Caduceus or Cêryceion, Κηρύκειον, one of the major symbols of Zeus) which Apollon gives to the other god named as Hermês (Ἑρμῆς).

However, the symbol of the "caduceus" as it is used by the physicians in the USA is wrong. The link between the caduceus of Hermes (Mercury) and medicine seems to have arisen by the seventh century A.D. when Hermes had come to be linked with alchemy. Alchemists were referred to as the sons of Hermes, as Hermetists or Hermeticists and as "practitioners of the hermetic arts". There are clear occult associations with the caduceus.

The caduceus was the magic staff of Hermes (Mercury), the god of commerce, eloquence, invention, travel and theft, and so was a symbol of heralds and commerce, not medicine. The

words caducity & caducous imply temporality, perishableness, and senility, while the medical profession espouses renewal, vitality, and health.

The right symbol of Asclepius (in the attached picture) and as it used by greek physicians is with a snake that is entwined on a rod, as well as, the pharmacists that have a snake entwined on a cup.