

Doctors? Doctor: Ibn Sina (Avicenna)

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When the first man and woman descended from heaven, after sometime they might have fallen ill and they might have tried some remedy to cure this illness. Then Greeks came with elaborate philosophies but no hard work, no meticulous observations, no experimentation and no verification. They did not have the required patience, perseverance, and sweat and blood that the great poet Iqbal has described as 'Blood of Liver' without which no substantial thing can be achieved. Working in the early hours of the morning and getting in tune with the nature are prerequisite for the balance growth of science and arts. The required selflessness, rising about flesh and materialism is required to reach at the greatest heights. 1200 years ago when the Europe was in utter darkness, the light was shining in the East. Quran, the last and the final version of the divine message kindled the light! The Quran raised the most backward nation to the top in all spheres of human life. It provided the required milieu for hard and sincere work. It removed the rust from the hearts and opened the eyes, ears and minds of the people. As a result great miracles occurred. Rapid advancements were made in all spheres of life. Modern medicine was born. Modern Surgery along with required inhalation anesthesia, antiseptics and catgut sutures were all invented. Modern Chemistry and laboratory sciences were born. Physics, astronomy, mathematics, algebra, geometry all came in to being. An embryo was conceived with numerous facets. This embryo later became an adult in Europe and other places. For many people in the West perhaps the information may appear new and startling due to the fact that they were kept blind due to religious and other prejudices against Islam and Muslims. It is the irony the very people whom Muslims treated rather well and gave faculty positions in the University Hospitals in Spain became very active in maligning Islam through self created terrorism and false propaganda. Today we will introduce you to a great physician who along with some his contemporary Muslim Physicians can be rightly regarded as father of modern medicine. Let us meet Ibn Sina whose original and superb work in the fields of medicine, philosophy, mathematics, and astronomy contributed a lot toward

starting the modern engine of science. He was born in 986 and physically passed away in 1037. But his 51 years of life had been extended to time immemorial as every doctor; every pharmacist and every patient of today is indebted to his great work and is beneficiary of his planted trees.

Ibn Sina (Avicenna) started his education with Quran. At very early age he had acquired good knowledge of Quran. Then he began studying philosophy by reading various Greek, Muslim and other books on this subject. He had kind help of Abu Abdallah Natili, a famous philosopher of the time. He studied various drug and medicines afterwards. Based on his keen observation, hard work, and superb organizational capacity and capability Ibn Seen had become a famous physician by the age of 17 when he was fortunate in curing Nooh Ibn Mansour, the king of Bukhhara, of an illness in which all the well-known physicians had given up hope. On his recovery, the king wished to reward him, but the young physician only desi