

Oath of Maimonides

Thy eternal providence has appointed me to watch over the life and health of my fellow human beings. May the love for my art actuate me at all times: may neither avarice nor miserliness, nor thirst for glory, or for a great reputation engage my mind; for the enemies of truth and philanthropy could easily deceive me and make me forgetful of my lofty aim of doing good to my patients. May I never see in the patient anything but a fellow creature in pain.

Grant me the strength, time and opportunity always to correct what I have acquired, always to extend its domain: for knowledge is immense and the human spirit can extend infinitely to enrich itself daily with new requirements. Today we can discover our errors of yesterday and tomorrow we may obtain a new light on what we think ourselves sure of today.

I have been appointed to watch over the life and death of my fellow human beings. Here am I

ready for my vocation and now I turn unto my calling.