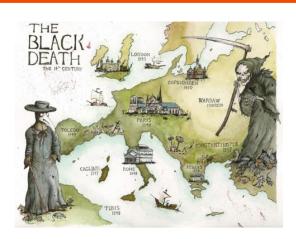
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This is the end of the world.

Contemporary Chronicler, 1348

Bubonic plague. A bacterial disease so lethal and so fast-spreading it <u>still causes people to worry</u> about epidemics.



The affliction, if caught early, can be successfully <u>treated</u> (although the pneumonic form is often deadly despite early intervention).

In the Middle Ages, when "elements and humors" were part of the medical process, catching the disease early

was never an option. At a time when doctors <u>diagnosed</u> illnesses by the color of urine and treated patients by "bleeding" them, no one had a clue how to prevent, or cure, what people at the time called "<u>The Pestilence</u>."

The Pope (Clement VI) called for an inquiry to determine what was happening. Scholars assigned to brief him reached a less than scholarly conclusion. (At the time, and for many years later, physicians <u>believed</u> that medicine and astrology were linked.)

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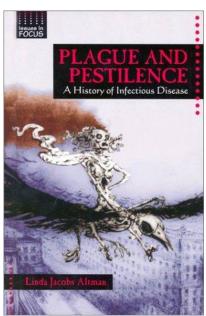
#### Medieval Diagnosis Methods

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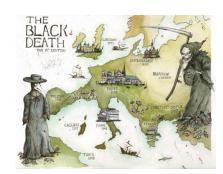


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