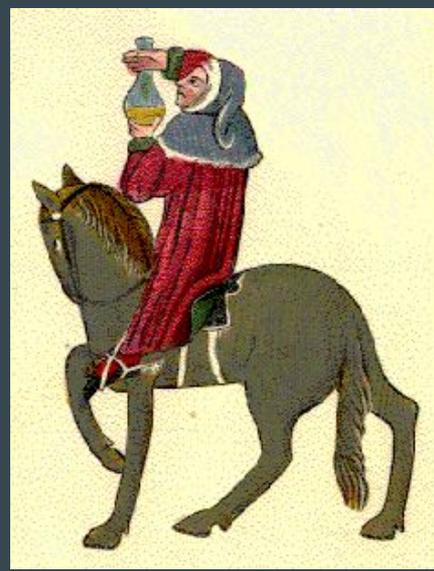




The Doctor

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Appearance

- He was very healthy and observed his diet
 - “In his own diet, he observed some measure.” Line 445
- He was dressed in red garments slashed with bluish grey that was lined with taffeta which is a stiff smooth fabric
 - “In blood red garments, slashed with bluish grey and lined with taffeta” Lines 449-450

Description

- The doctor was a very intelligent man
 - “No one alive could talk as well as he did on points of medicine and of surgery” Lines 422-423
- Also studied astrology
 - “For, being grounded in astronomy, he watched his patient closely for the hour, when, by his horoscope, he knew the powers, Of favorable planets, then ascendent, Worked on the images for his dependent” Lines 424-428
- He cared a lot about his patients and his occupation.
 - “He watched his patient closely for hours” Line 425

Description

- He was not very spiritual and did not read the Bible often
 - “He did not read the Bible very much” Line 448
- He had a love for money and gold
 - “Yet he was rather close to his expenses, and kept the gold he won in pestilences. Gold stimulates the heart, or so we’re told. He therefore had a special love for gold.” Lines 451-451

Chaucer's Opinion

- Chaucer acknowledged that he was a talented doctor
 - “He was a perfect practicing physician.” Line 432
- Chaucer makes it clear that the doctor loves money
 - Driven by money, very greedy
 - “Yet he was rather close as to expenses, And kept the gold he won in pestilences. Gold stimulates the heart, or so we’re told. He therefore had a special love of gold.” Lines 451-454

Chaucer's Opinion

- Not fond of the doctor because he does things for the wrong reason
 - Although he is talented at what he does, he seems to only pursue it for wealth
- Chaucer knew that the doctor was not religious, therefore he thought different of him



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