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Whenever a Great Physician treats diseases, he has to be mentally calm and his disposition firm.

He should not give way to wishes and desires, but has to develop first of all a marked attitude of compassion.

He should commit himself firmly to the willingness to take the effort to save ever living creature.

If someone seeks help because of illness on the grounds of another difficulty, a Great Physician should not pay attention to status, wealth or age, neither should he question whether he is an enemy or friend, whether he is Chinese or a foreigner, and finally whether he is uneducated or educated.

He should meet everyone on equal ground; he should always act as if he were thinking of himself.

He should not desire anything and should ignore all consequences; he is not to ponder over his own fortune or misfortune and should thus preserve life and have compassion for it. He should look upon those who have come to grief as if he himself had been struck, and he should sympathize with them deep in his mind.

Neither dangerous mountain passes nor the time of day, neither weather conditions nor hunger, thirst nor fatigue should keep him from helping whole-heartedly.

Whoever acts in this manner is a Great Physician for the living. Whoever acts contrary to these demands is a great thief for those who still have their spirits.

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