

“Ask Asklepius”

Descriptive Transcript

By the editors

[BREATHING SOUNDS AND THEN A RHYTHMIC SHAKING SOUND. MUSIC PLAYS.]

An illustration of a black and brown snake appears onscreen (it looks like part of a drawing of a snake)

A two-tone illustration of a snake with the snake in sections

[A SPEAKER BEGINS READING THE TEXT]

The name “Asklepius” appears in black script.

A drawing of a snake in black links the name “Asklepius” and the name “Panacea” below it.

Black screen.

Grainy video of an ancient columned structure with a path to it lined by small trees or shrubs. The camera looks through leaves.

Black screen.

Grainy video of a partially disassembled ancient columned structure.

Black screen.

The name “Asklepius” again appears in black script but on the other side of the screen. An illustration of a snake in black links to the name “Hygeia” below it.

Two grainy videos appear side by side—one on the left of three large, clay vessels leaning against a wall outside. As the video goes on, it reveals more clay vessels to the left. On the right is a clay dog with many similar clay dogs in the background. As the video goes on, it transitions to the front of a clay dog’s face.

Grainy close-up video of gray columns.

A beige screen then transitions into an illustration of a swirled black and gold snake.

Close up of an illustrated snake’s face with the tongue sticking out.

Beige screen, then the letters "A S K" in black script. The K begins to move further away from the other letters.

An accented N appears between and slightly below the S and K. An A appears below and to the right of the N. The K keeps moving further away until an E appears next to it and a black snake below them. The text now can be seen to read "A SNAKE."

Grainy video of three smiling and laughing children sitting on a concrete step outside in simple clothing.

Grainy video of a monument on a rocky pile overlooking land in the distance.

Grainy close-up of humanoid figure whose legs have scales at the base of a monument

Clear video of people bent over columns and polishing them with a flowering tree to the side. Some of the people wearing lab coats and gloves.

Grainy video of birds circling and flying.

Clear video of a small stone dock in a body of water. A person pops up in the water.

Beige background. A larger illustration of a black snake appears. Snakes begin multiplying out of it down the screen. The words "wet," "what," and "wait" appear in black on the screen.