







"If his head trembles, his 'neck' and his spine are bent, he cannot raise his mouth to the words, his saliva continually flows from his mouth, his hands, his legs and his feet all tremble at once, (and) when he walks, he 'falls' forward, '(if)' [...] he will not get well" (DPS III C obv. 39-40; D 13-15 = TDP 22:39-40)

The old record holder for a complete description of Parkinson's is Mr. Parkinson himself who left a description of "shaking palsy" without treatment (none was then known) in 1817.<sup>3</sup> Even taking the latest possible date for this section of the Diagnostic and Prognostic series, this would place the *āšīpu* in advance of his Western counterpart on this issue by 2,000 years, a chilling warning as to the damage that can be done by pitting the mind of the physician against his own body and the body of his patient

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<sup>3</sup> PMID 11983801.