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*The plague in Athens*

Despite Thucydides' careful description of the symptoms of the disease, modern scientists were unable to identify the disease. The disease presented so differently in so many persons and may have mutated as it spread, which made it difficult to track and treat. Another reason is research is conducted by examining samples, viewing medical notes from previous studies conducted and it seems that there was a lack thereof. Another factor that may have contributed to the failure of identifying the disease is the scientist not being fully able to understand the disease origins, where it started (location) mode of spread.

The devastating effects of the plague ravished not only the bodies of those affected but had an enormous effect socially.

1. The people flocked to the city seeking refuge and help which created a problem of overcrowding and unsanitary conditions.
2. Due to the rapid spread, many were dying at an alarming rate which cause the streets to be filled with dead bodies. Everyone became so concerned for their own lives, that they became careless of everything. Sacred places were used to house dead bodies and burning rituals were no longer used.

3. There was an uptick of lawlessness, stealing of property, and just people doing what they wanted to do. Men lost their fear of their gods and the law.

I believe the social convention is indicative of human nature with law and rules in place humans will be whatsoever is pleasing in their sight. Laws were created to keep a balanced and safe society.