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Before there was a language of infection there were words and phrases. Some of these go back a long, long way. So far, that their origins are obscure. It is possible, likely even, that what we believe about infection was shaped before we went to school.

This short essay is a highly selective, personal perspective on those ideas: undercurrents to our ideas of infection.

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