

# Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 3

6 puzzles · Large print · answers on the last page

Every letter has been swapped for another letter. The same cipher letter always stands for the same letter, and no letter ever stands for itself. Write your answer in the blank under each letter. Answers are on the last page.

1. Clue: C = I

Hard · 51 letters

C D Q W Q S C K

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W C K G Q I R S ,

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C S K G E P A G F C W

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I C S O X B Q S O K F V M

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F C W F C K R E E V E .

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Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

\_\_\_\_\_

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Clue: S = E

Hard · 52 letters

**G Z K V L U G Z N G Z N J S**

**N X H Y Y H V B D N T K G O**

**S J S Q B D K X W T O U S S W**

**G Z S K Q W K V I .**

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M**

**N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

3. Clue: B = E

Hard · 52 letters

**G Q P V B Z B A P R D M R B**

**W M B T M A T P D T, H**

**O F T V X B B O B A P N W**

**P R W J B B K O D L M N M A .**

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M**

**N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

4. Clue: U = I

Medium · 53 letters

O S Z X U Y R N Q W G Q

R J R N E Q W U Z D U X

S C U Z U S Z , G Z Y

S C U Z U S Z U X U Z Q W E

C S M R N .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |
| N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |

5. Clue: G = N

Hard · 54 letters

**G J N E P G M E S Y Y K G A**

**N J S G O W S G I E P L E**

**E K P A G J N C J Z W K V**

**D O G S N B Z K N J D K S Z .**

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M**

**N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

6. Clue: B = I

Hard · 54 letters

M T Q A Q B H R N M T B R X

R Q I : E V V M T B R X H

E A Q O N M T S E W B V B E A

E R P H T N A M - V B F Q P .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |
| N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |

### Solver's cheat sheet

#### Most common letters

E T A O I N S H R D L U

#### Most common 1-letter words

A I

#### Most common 2-letter words

OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY  
UP AN GO NO US AM

#### Most common 3-letter words

THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE  
OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE  
TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE

#### Common double letters

LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC

#### Common word endings

-ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST

#### After an apostrophe

T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D  
(I'd)

# Answer key

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### 1. "If a man is mistaken, instruct him kindly and show him his error."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

Cipher key: A=C B=Y C=I D=F E=R F=H G=T H=X I=K J=V K=S L=J M=W N=Z O=D P=U Q=A R=E S=N T=Q  
U=P V=O W=M X=L Y=G Z=B

### 2. "Things that have a common quality ever quickly seek their kind."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IX. 9 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

Cipher key: A=Z B=Q C=J D=U E=F F=X G=T H=O I=D J=V K=I L=G M=P N=A O=Y P=B Q=R R=W S=E T=L  
U=S V=N W=K X=C Y=M Z=H

### 3. "Whatever any one does or says, I must be emerald and keep my color."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

Cipher key: A=R B=E C=X D=Y E=J F=U G=W H=I I=Z J=K K=P L=C M=O N=L O=M P=A Q=H R=N S=Q T=S  
U=F V=T W=D X=B Y=G Z=V

### 4. "Consider that everything is opinion, and opinion is in thy power."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

Cipher key: A=Z B=Q C=P D=G E=Y F=B G=A H=M I=K J=V K=X L=U M=W N=R O=C P=F Q=T R=E S=O T=J  
U=I V=L W=H X=S Y=D Z=N

### 5. "Nothing happens to any man which he is not formed by nature to bear."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

Cipher key: A=S B=U C=F D=B E=H F=Q G=N H=Z I=W J=O K=E L=C M=G N=T O=Y P=I Q=V R=K S=A T=X  
U=L V=D W=M X=J Y=P Z=R

### 6. "There is nothing new: all things are both familiar and short-lived."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

Cipher key: A=R B=I C=Q D=K E=A F=V G=P H=S I=W J=C K=Y L=J M=T N=O O=B P=D Q=E R=N S=F T=H  
U=Z V=L W=M X=G Y=X Z=U