

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 7

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: P = E

Expert · 69 letters

C F A S A K S B O D E

W A V W ; X Z P X R

D V W K F J P ; I K P E X Z

O W W P S D S P ; R P P W

H P O J A E K E Q P H D S J

A U E X A E S H A F .

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: F = T

Medium · 70 letters

F D W X W O T K Q

K J F A X W L D O M D O T

O K Y W X O Q X F Q J X F ,

Y Q X F D W J X F T

O C O F J F W F D W

K J F A X W T Q Y

F D O K Z T .

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: E = T

Medium · 73 letters

J E J U Z U F Z B O V M Y

E F O U M Q P E M W O

V J Y U E E M N J S O X Z L

J D E F J U P J V O , X F O D

E F L W M G L G M O U D M E

N J S O X Z L .

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: Z = O

Medium · 77 letters

L G L D Z Y N S

K E P H B M N G Z K L H

J K Z K E D L G L Y K L D

V Z J R P G Z U R

P R N R E D R Q B P Z H L G

E D D Z Z Y E D K R

D K E N N X K Z Z D R .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 77 letters

C G M W E E A Y O A

K Q X U F M Y O A

I M O M L E F M O C K G E B

Y F F C G M K M C G Q O W K

Q O C G M M J M K, Y O A

C G M V M Q K O E

X Q K C Y Z Q O W.

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: A = E

Medium · 77 letters

X M E X H R J R T O B I I
I E B Y O J A X G K X R A H O
M E X H R J Y T U O B I
H A R A U U P O W M A R T O
B I I I E B Y O J A
D J B F A O E A A X F U B .

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

Answer key

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1. "Blot out vain pomp; check impulse; quench appetite; keep reason under its own control."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IX. 7 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "There is no nature which is inferior to art, for the arts imitate the natures of things."

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

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

3. "It is a shame for the soul to be first to give way in this life, when thy body does not give way."

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

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

4. "It is only harmful to him who has it in his power to be released from it as soon as he shall choose."

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

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

5. "The good and simple and benevolent show all these things in the eyes, and there is no mistaking."

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

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

6. "A branch cut off from the adjacent branch must of necessity be cut off from the whole tree also."

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

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