

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 8

6 puzzles · Standard 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: K = E

Medium · 78 letters

X K U E H V T K D ' X

O C Z K E D P D O G E P D H P G J K X ,

U D Y H C D X P Y K E R V K

A P X K , A V U R R V K Q X V L D

U D Y A V U R R V K Q H J K U Z K

R C .

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: C = T

Medium · 78 letters

Q N I X E P - A X G I L K X Z C G E

Q O Q E C T Q C T Q K M G Z C

K X O G C T L E P Y E A X E G , E X C

Q M N Q B K T G C T Q C T Q K

A X E G K X O G C T L E 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

3. Clue: D = N

Easy · 79 letters

E U K W S D E I S X X Z D M

Z D E K X X Z M K D W K

J D P K I F E Y D P F Z E F S L D

D Y E J I K , Y D P L U Y E Z E

P S K F , Y D P L U K I K S D Z E

L S I T 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

4. Clue: A = T

Medium · 80 letters

Y A Y N T I N A O R U R N N V J P

A I M R V J A W Y N

U I O N A V O A Z P Y O T Y O E ,

G I J A W K N A W I K B Y Z A M R

T I J R X R O A Z R A I B V J E N

V Z 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

5. Clue: L = T

Medium · 80 letters

T P P V W L L F X R O A W O W X R

W A L F P B J X J A L B A C L P

T P P V W L L F C D ; G P S X R

L F X A K P R A X A L A L F C

S C K P Q C S U P G L F U T X G C .

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: F = E

Medium · 80 letters

U D L Y F P F G D L V V F K H Y S

F P F G A Q L K , Y D W H W H B S G

Y D F W K Y F G F H Y S B Y D F

J K W P F G H L T : Y D W H Q W C D Y

I F H J B B W Z W F K Y .

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. "Search men's governing principles, and consider the wise, what they shun and what they cleave to."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*, IV. 38 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "A wrong-doer is often a man that has left something undone, not always he that has done something."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*, IX. 5 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "The controlling Intelligence understands its own nature, and what it does, and whereon it works."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*, VI. 5 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "It is most necessary to bear this constantly in mind, for thus thou wilt be more gentle towards all."

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

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

5. "Look at things again as thou didst use to look at them; for in this consists the recovery of thy life."

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

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

6. "Whatever happens to every man, this is for the interest of the universal: this might be sufficient."

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

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