

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 11

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: L = E

Medium · 93 letters

F P M H L C L Q M E R A E L

O A L Z A Q Z M R Z , N

J T Z H G L S A A O ; V T Z H

M Z N W H P L S A B O , A Q

H P L L J L Q M B O , A Q

H P L I T Q I B L , F L Q L

M B F M R Z Z M R N E S

H P N 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

2. Clue: G = E

Easy · 94 letters

E B M L V I G X A E N Y F Q

Q P B M T K M D G M Y G F M

V I G Y B E G B X V B P ;

F M G Q B X X Y V I G P G

G B P X L B M O B M F V I G P

X B V G , J A V K V E B T G Y

M F O K Q Q G P G M D G .

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: M = T

Medium · 94 letters

F V A J Y O P I M Q C M

P B P I X M Q Y A Z T Q Y F Q

Q C G G P A J , Q C G G P A J

U E J M S X , C A O Y K

M Q V E V W J P I B P J M

F C I P K E S S X , M Q V E

T Y S M K Y A O Y M M V W P

J V .

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: B = E

Easy · 94 letters

V B I B I Z B V D Y U T , -

D Y M D D Y B V B U T M

G V S G B V K U O W U D L

M W K G V S G S V D U S W D S

Z B S Z T B V A B K U W

D Y B G B V E S V I M W X B

S E B A B V L M X D S E

N U E 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

5. Clue: M = T

Easy · 96 letters

X W P X U D M X T C M B C

D B F S M Z Q M ; X L I

M B X M E D M B C

S X M E F L X W F L C .

M B C S C N F S C D X U X L I

I F C R C S U M B E L V

X Z Z F S I E L V M F

D F Q L I C D M S C X D F 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

6. Clue: F = N

Medium · 97 letters

D U S W L F X , U F V R

K L Z M R M J F G U F C ,

L E R C J O R F U O R E H U

H D R N U E C U H H R F ;

L F M D U S W L F X S D U

G Z F C H D R J E

I E L J G R G L E R V K R L F

C U F R K U F C L C U !

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. "Whatever any one does or says, I must be good; just as if the gold, or the emerald, or the purple, were always saying this."

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

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

2. "Many the lumps of frankincense on the same altar; one falls there early and another late, but it makes no difference."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IV. 15 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Consider that everything which happens, happens justly, and if thou observest carefully, thou wilt find it to be so."

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

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

4. "Remember this, - that there is a proper dignity and proportion to be observed in the performance of every act of life."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IV. 32 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Always take the short cut; and that is the rational one. Therefore say and do everything according to soundest reason."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IV. 51 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "How many, once lauded in song, are given over to the forgotten; and how many who sung their praises are clean gone long ago!"

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, VII. 6 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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