

What Marcus Aurelius read

Marcus Aurelius thanks Junius Rusticus for lending him Epictetus. George Long translated both books and marked where they touch. This is that list.

In the Meditations

Meditations I.7

Marcus records that Junius Rusticus lent him his own copy of Epictetus's discourses.

Meditations V.29 (Long's note)

Long cites Epictetus i.6 for the two faculties needed to discern providence.

Meditations XI.33

'To look for the fig in winter is a mad-man's act' — Long cites Epictetus iii.24.87.

Meditations, Long's introduction

Long quotes Enchiridion c.27 entire when explaining how Marcus disposes of the problem of evil.

Meditations (Long's note to the introduction)

Long directs the reader to 'Epictetus, Enchiridion, c. i.' for the doctrine that nothing outside the will is good or evil.

Meditations IV.41

'Thou art a little soul bearing about a corpse, as Epictetus used to say' — Long cites Epictetus i.19.

Meditations XI.36

'No man can rob us of our free will' — Long cites Epictetus iii.22.105.

In Epictetus

The debt itself, not a shared passage. Long's note adds that Marcus wrote *tois Epikteteiois hupomnemasin* — 'the Epictetean memoirs' — and warns it must not be rendered 'the writings of Epictetus', because Epictetus wrote nothing.

D6 — Of Providence

"...From everything, which is or happens in the world, it is easy to praise Providence, if a man possesses these two qualities: the faculty of seeing what belongs and happens to all persons and things, and a grateful disposition. If he does not possess the..."

D54 — That we Ought not to be Moved by a Desire of Those Things which are not in our Power

"...So if you wish for your son or friend when it is not allowed to you, you must know that you are wishing for a fig in winter. For such as winter is to a fig, such is every event which happens from the universe to the things which are taken away according to its nature. And further, at the time..."

E27 — Enchiridion XXVII

"...As a mark is not set up for the purpose of missing the aim, so neither does the nature of evil exist in the world..."

E1 — Enchiridion I

*"...Of things some are in our power, and others are not. In our power are opinion (*hupolaepsis*), movement towards a thing (*hormae*), desire, aversion (*echchlis*), turning from a thing; and in a word..."*

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