

A Pillar of Iron (#2)

Questions

1. A small still island, with a thin mist hanging in the air. The sun is just rising so there is an orange warmth reflecting off the flora. The water around the island is slowly sloshing up against the bay and back, moving to rhythmic timing. Trees are swaying in a small stiff breeze, as if stretching from a long night's sleep. Small butterflies and other insects are bouncing off the grass, hopping and fluttering from here to there.
2. He loved his son, and he dedicated him to God. Praying that he would be a man of virtue, temperate and to seek justice for all.
3. Archias. Tullius got him to come by offering him large pay, but also the isolation of the island encouraged him so that he might take time to meditate. He also enjoyed being around Tullius, who was unworldly and more interested in philosophy.
4. God. Marcus was already devoted to God, so he taught him more about God, without discouraging him in his beliefs.
5. It means that when man looks to God for answers or guidance, the end result is better than if man tries to make decisions on his own.
6. Using the methods of Socrates. Questioning people's statements instead of assuming them to be true.
7. He believes Rome to be vulgar, copying Greek poorly. He says people should only learn if they have the desire and appreciation for learning. "Knowledge should not be wasted on those who cannot turn it to wisdom."
8. He says there is nothing nobler. He says that it distinguishes man from beast; that beasts are ruled by the inclinations of man, but real men are ruled by the law.
9. Gaius Julius Caesar was a young boy that kept questioning Tullius. Tullius thought him impolite for talking to an adult. Lucius Sergius Cataline is Julius' best friend; he's eleven years old.
10. He found that men by nature despise good, because they feel threatened by it.
11. Marcus Cicero: intelligent, Lucius Cataline: arrogant, Julius Caesar: self-serving.
12. I would tell him to stop. It would be really scary, but I would tell him or her to stop.
13. She said that Helvia should be proud of him for acting as a true Roman. She believed him brave and just.
14. He was furious. He had been secluded, living on an island surrounded only by family that loves him. When he was introduced to the real world it disgusted him and he disliked men for being ignorant, unjust, and self-seeking.
15. I think he will be a good one. He is earnest, and encouraging. He doesn't have a hint of irony or sarcasm when he is talking to you. As long as he does not lead him astray in his beliefs of God, I think his friendship will benefit Marcus greatly.

16. He told him that the Messiah was coming to deliver both the Jews and the Gentiles from their sins.