

A Pillar of Iron (8)

1. He claims that he never wishes to buy any place in the government and seems almost hurt that Marcus would warn him about something like that.
2. We have deadened feelings to everything. Violence through the exposure to video-games and movies, sex through society's constant messages of following your heart, never giving on your dreams and popular steamy movies, and morality with sin just becoming more widely accepted. Our world is in a sad place.
3. "There shall be born to men the Divine One, the perfect Man who will bind our wounds, who will lift our souls, who will set our feet to the illuminated path to God and wisdom, who will cherish our ills and share them with us, who will weep with man and know man in his flesh, who will return us to that which we have lost and who will lift our eyelids that we may gaze again on the Vision."
4. Sulla ruled with an iron fist because of his harsh military history, Lepidus sounds smooth. I think he is trying to gain much power by pleasing the people and acting as if he cared for them and what they are feeling.
5. He dreamt that he was in a meadow and that a city was far in the distance, but the closer he tried to get to it, the farther away it seemed to be. All of the sudden, he felt Livia grab him and then she was holding him close and gazing into his eyes. She told him to never lose faith in God, and that when he dies, they will be together forever, for there romance on earth was not God's will.
6. He thinks that the Senate will banish Lepidus to Gaul, because Lepidus is trying to take the power away from the Senate that Sulla gave them. In the end, Lepidus was banished to Gaul by the Senate.
7. Marcus talked to his father about his doubting whether God really existed, because he has not returned to earth to save the world from their sins. His father told him that God is more interested in a relationship with him that saving men. He says that we contemplate God because he made us. He tried to encourage him in his faith.
8. He and Quintus and Syrius sailed to Greece, where they are staying at the home of Atticus, and then they moved on to Epydaurus where they stayed at an inn.
9. God. Who has the right to define truth unless he is truth himself or truth is dwelling in him? The only answer is God.
10. Even, if Rome passes away, He will remain.
11. Men must have guidelines. We cannot rule by majority, because that relies on something that is ever-changing: man's moods and emotions. When you rely on a constitution, it is consistent and steadfast.
12. He saw the people who had horrible deformities and birth defects, rejoicing and laughing as if they had no problem in the world. He is amazed at the vast blue skies, and the over-all healing that he has

- experienced here. He loved the colors, the bays, rolling hills, the dust, and felt that this was surely the home of Apollo.
13. God continually put the Jewish leaders in his path during his time in Greece. Through his conversations with the Jewish men, he has strengthened his faith and realized the wrong in his doubt of God. He is searching because men are born to want something greater than this world has to offer.
 14. He spent the night in the temple and as he prayed, he felt relief. He slept peacefully without dream or nightmare, and awoke with a peace about him.
 15. Yes. I didn't do anything to recover, my body started breathing again on its own after a while. It's scary though, to have just fallen and then realize that you can't draw a breath.
 16. They were all riding in the carriage when another one came up and a man inside it threw a spear at them. It hit the horse and killed it, and Syrius was killed with the second. The attackers did not check to see if Quintus and Marcus were dead because people were approaching. Quintus was alive, and so was Marcus. Once Quintus regained his breath, he pursued the attackers on horse, and killed one of them.
 17. He wrote to Julius telling him of the discovery of the ring and asking Julius to give it back to his friend that had lost it. He told Julius that he loved him as a brother and hopes that he has had no part in planning his death, but he cannot ignore the facts.
 18. The proconsul wanted to investigate the matter more, but Marcus discouraged this, even denying that there was a ring.
 19. "Man and State. Always must they be enemies, for men had been given freedom by God, and the State hated God, and loathed men and everlastingly fought against the rights of men."
 20. He wanted a woman who would love him above all others and keep his house, supervise the servants, bear him children, and be a joy to him. He still loved Livia, but he decided to settle for something less since she is not here. He believed there was no substitute for marriage.
 21. For the first time he enjoyed boxing and wrestling, running and leaping; he never gained muscle however.