

## A Pillar of Iron (9)

1. "Men should never cease from studying, from returning to those springs which so intoxicated their youth, for in books there is much wisdom and there is no end to what a man can acquire in knowledge."
2. Anger should not be restrained in the name of reason. The world needed rage just as much as they need tranquility.
3. Being an "old Roman" Marcus believed all men were entitled to rights at birth; you didn't have to do anything to get them, and you can do nothing to be denied them. You have them because you are God's creation, and moral men recognize these rights. He had a very Christian world-view in his belief of man's rights by birth.
4. They discussed Noe's new play, which is about Job. Roscius felt he could associate with the character of Job really well and liked the play, except that Noe wrote the script so as God never answered Job.
5. There are many. The ancient Egyptian believed something to the sense of a baby being born to save man, and so does Christianity. Most religions are closely related to Christian in some ways.
6. Neither Cicero, nor Anotis, nor the priests knew why the Holy One was going to die by the hands of men. If you think about it, they were very confused. They imagined a savior in their minds as mighty and majestic, like a warrior, but then to have him killed by man seems impossible.
7. He made a comment about Isis, the Holy Mother, and Horus, the child, then he went on to talk about the sacred priests in the land of Khem who have received visions of a woman crushing a serpent with her heel, she is great with child, very young, and clothed with the sun. The priests claim this is Isis returning, but Anotis believes that this is not Isis, at least not the Isis his people have worshipped in the past.
8. The Greeks and Romans were the only people who weren't prophesying a Holy Child. The Greeks believed because of the love and beauty that their gods represented, but the Romans believed because of the power gods represented.
9. They are both old Romans, but she is only conservative and polite for company, otherwise she is a little annoying. Marcus cannot get work done because she interrupts him. She seems to think that women are brighter than men and that the ways they are brighter such as expenses and households are more important than the ways Marcus is wiser than her. They have different underlying goals in life. Terentia lives to impress and seem a dutiful wife. Marcus lives to converse, exchange knowledge, and enjoy his law practices. She seems to care about outside appearance, when Marcus cares more about inside appearance.
10. He was having an epileptic seizure. Julius had epilepsy, which the Romans believed meant that you could receive divine revelation from the gods.

11. He had a part in government now, and she thought that no matter how small the part may be he needed to talk with influential men in the government; to break out of his "boring conversations" with the men he usually dined with.
12. He told the people he cared. He said whatever he had to get them to like him. In private, he warned his friends of the laymen because they steal riches. He didn't care for his country, he cared only for himself. He wanted to rule because that would make him rich and he ruled only to please himself. He was a very selfish man. I'm not sure if Obama is that corrupt, but he has made a lot of promises that no one man could ever complete. Maybe he truly believes that he can do everything and is a savior, or maybe he lied to come into power.
13. We would all sink to a level of poverty. If whatever we earned was to be shared equally there would be no drive to achieve greater than the minimum. You couldn't escape the poverty. You would permanently be stuck in a position where the government had much power, and the rest of the people would be helpless, ignorant, and poor. Look at communist countries. Russia has still not recovered.
14. The middle class was being assaulted; their money and possessions confiscated all because they were behind on the high taxes.
15. He renewed his vow of the demise of Catalina. He desired him dead, but remembered the words of Scaevola "Discover his ambition and thwart it. That is worse than death." He wished Catalina to suffer, but he didn't know how yet. After the death of Fabia though, all he wants is to see Catalina suffer.
16. The Roman slaves were not treated with respect as human beings any more. "Old Romans" recognized slaves and treated them with respect, honoring their family as part of their own, and remembering them after the slave's death. Slaves were now considered sub-human. They were being referred to as "things" and "it".