

# Latin/Greek Text of Diogenes Laertius from 1739

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Does anyone have a PDF facsimile of an old/ancient Greek manuscript of Book 10 of Diogenes Laertius? I would like to see how the [Principal Doctrines](#) are formatted at the end. I get the impression from my reading that the division into 40 dates no more than a few hundred years at most, and maybe less than that. One of the standard references I use, by Charles Yonge, divides them up into 43 instead of 40, and I'd like to check this against the oldest available facsimile to see if there is any foundation for a division at all, or whether the "Authorized Maxims" were originally just in letter/narrative format. For example, this Greek / Latin edition from 1739 uses numbering, but it goes to 44 and thus appears closer to the Yonge format than to the modern "standard" format.

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[This is a link to the page where the Principal Doctrines start. It does look like the Greek side is divided into sections but with letters rather than numbers.](#)

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This version has PD6 broken down into two separate Maxims, so that "no pleasure is intrinsically bad..." is PD8 rather than PD7

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One more comparison: the "modern" 20 starting with the flesh perceiving that pleasure is unlimited and going all the way through "as if it fell short of the best life" is broken down into two separate passages <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp....q=1315;size=125>