

Presenting the Principal Doctrines in Narrative Form

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

Do we think even those dots date back to the original, or did they evolve later

[Greek orthography - Wikipedia](#)

For contrast, here's a page from Philodemus' On Choices and Avoidances from P.Herc. 1251. dating to between 50 to 1 BCE.



At that time, everyone just "knew" where to read punctuation and the script was written continuously and in all "capitals" to our way of thinking... But that was just how they wrote. Once Greek started to be a lingua franca among disparate cultures (or just to make it easier to read!), the punctuation and accent marks were "invented" and added to the text.

It's the difference between this:

ITWOULDBEQUITEDIFFIC

ULTBUTNOTIMPOSSIBLE

TOREADTHISWAYINTEXT

and this

It would be quite difficult, but not impossible, to read this way in text.

So, the "punctuation marks" were always there, after a fashion, even if they weren't written. That said, it can be interesting to see how phrases were punctuated. Here's an example from my characteristics of the sage:

[Epicurean Sage - Service to a king... A sage will be grateful to anyone who corrects them](https://www.epicureanfriends.com/thread/2629-presenting-the-principal-doctrines-in-narrative-form/?postID=19362#post19362)
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Hicks: And he will make money, but only by his wisdom, if he should be in poverty, and he will pay court to a king, if need be. Yonge: The wise man will also,...

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