**Going Deeper with New Testament Greek**

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**Chapter 1**

ἀπαγγέλλω I announce, proclaim, report (45)

*Upon guillo*tine platform, **I proclaim** my innocence to the executioner, but there is not **announce** [an ounce] of mercy, he **reports** my guilt and drops the blade.

ἀποδίδωµι I give away, pay, return (48)

[Argument at an estate settlement] *Aw!* *Pa did owe me* – **I paid** him for his ’63 Porsche 901, but he **gave** it **away** to our brother, and he never **returned** my money!

ἄρα so, then, consequently (49)

[Billy Madison Spelling Bee] Teacher: “Spell couch” Billy: “C O *R…* *Uh* **so** *ARE* *Uh* you going to the mall later?” “Keep spelling, Billy.” **Then** “C-O-U-C-H – couch?” **Consequently** Billy graduated to the 2nd grade at 27 years old!

ἄφεσις, ἡ forgiveness (17)

The *Office is* played too often in my home. I need the Lord’s **forgiveness**.

ἄχρι until (conj. or prep. + gen.) (49)

Don’t wait **until** you experience *acri*mony – you need to talk it out.

I can’t wait **until** we get to *Akr*on! – What’s in Akron? It’s where they invented the hamburger!

βάπτισµα, τό baptism (19)

***Baptism*** is a transliteration of *βάπτισµα*

δεύτερος second (43)

*Deutero*nomy is the **second** telling of the Law (*νομος*)

You never have to tell a *duterous* [dutiful] child a **second** time to clean her room.

διακονέω I serve (37)

This word is the verb form of the Greek word for deacon, a transliteration (διακονος): those who **serve**.

*Do ya canoe?* I find a solo kayak **serves** my oversized individualism better.

διέρχοµαι I go through, cross over (43)

*Da Ark! Oh my!* Uzzah exclaims, and **crosses over** to steady the toppling ark. As the ark **goes through** Israel on its way to Jerusalem, the oxen stumble, Uzzah disobeys. God strikes him dead. He **crosses over** from life to death. Anger and fear **goes through** David’s heart [2 Sam 6:6-9].

ἐκπορεύοµαι I go out, come out (33)

What the he… *eck… pareu my* French. What goes in, **goes out**; garbage comes in; garbage **comes out**.

ἐνδύω I clothe myself, put on, wear (27)

“**I clothe myself in** Luis Vutton pajamas and **put on** Gucci slippers, *and you owe* me next week’s allowance, **where** [wear] is it?” The spoiled heir of the tycoon was out of control.

ἐπιγινώσκω I know, understand, recognize (44)

*A pig* ***knows***truffles. (See ἐπίγνωσις) ***Know*** and *gnosticism* derives from this Greek word group (note the silent *k* and *g*).

ἔρηµος, ἡ desert, wilderness (48)

When they *air Emma’s* cinema adaptation, my tear ducts are a **desert**, my heart a **wilderness** of bewilderment.

In the dry **desert** *air, a moss* clump shrivels to dust. Was there *e’er a mass’* **wilderness** such as this?

ἑτοιµάζω I make ready, prepare (40)

**I prepare** *a tomato* sandwich.

ἔτος, -ους, τό year (49)

*I toss* a penny in the wishing well, hoping for a **year** of good luck.

εὐδοκέω I am well pleased, approve (21)

“Boy, **am I well pleased** to see *you, Doc! Uh oh*, did my insurance not **approve** the treatment?”

Ἠσαΐας, ὁ Isaiah (22)

***Isaiah***is a transliteration of this word.

θηρίον, τό animal, beast (46)

*The lion* is the king of the **animal** kingdom.

θλῖψις, -εως, ἡ tribulation, affliction, oppression (45)

If you stick your lips to a pole in -10° weather, *the lips is* going to stick, and you experience great **affliction** if you try to pull them off.

 θρίξ, τριχός, ἡ hair (15)

*Hey!* [feminine article] There is a **hair** in my bowl of *Trix*.

 ἱκανός qualified, able (39)

What will the boss do if we are **qualified** for the job but not **able** to perform the duties? *He can us*.

Ἰορδάνης, ὁ the Jordan (15)

The English **Jordan** name is a transliteration of this Greek word, itself derived from the Hebrew ירדן‎.

ἰσχυρός strong, mighty, powerful (29)

The **mighty** jouster survived the **powerful** blow because [h]*is cuirass* was **strong**.

καθίζω I cause to sit down, appoint (46)

If I make a *catch endzone*, I spin the football and **I sit** by it to warm my hands like it’s a fire.

A *Cathed*ral is where the Bishop **sits** [derived from the same Greek root as this verb].

 κρατέω I grasp, hold (fast), arrest (47)

You cannot **arrest** me if I **hold fast** to this *crate! … Uh oh*, the crate is empty.

Jesus was neither a Republican nor a Demo*crat? Uh oh!* Now, I **grasp** why the political leaders wanted to **arrest** him. [-cracy is derived from the same Greek root as this word]

 µετάνοια, ἡ repentance (22)

Biblical **repentance** is more than a change [μετα] in mind [νους], but it does start in the inner man. **Repentance** is no after- [μετα] thought [νους] in the gospel nor in Jesus’ preaching, it is there from the beginning.

Why do you keep turning around in circles, do you have paranoia? No, I have *metanoia*, I want to **repent**, but I just can’t seem to turn the corner.

 ναός, ὁ temple, sanctuary (45)

The high priest put a canister of *NOS*on the chariot he bet on to win the **temple**prix: a thousand--cubit race ending in the **sanctuary**.

Did you know the *noose* around the ankle of the high priest entering the **sanctuary** is extra-biblical? [careful not to confuse with νους you use this mnemonic]

 ὅµοιος like, similar (45)

*Hanoi was* **similar** culturally to China because of their proximity to each other and their intertwined history.

The English prefix *homo-* derives from this word’s root: ὁμος (e.g. homogenous, homonym, homosexuality, homeostasis, etc.). But the distinction between these two words feature in the important council on Christ’s nature in relation to the Father’s at Nicaea: homoousios (same nature - orthodox) vs. *homoi*ousios (similar nature - Arianism).

ὀπίσω after, behind (35)

You may have *a piece o’* pie **after** your dinner is **behind** you. [note: this word can mean after in place or time – BDAG, 716]

οὐαί woe (46)

You flew from *Hawai’i* to New York to hear me speak? **Whoa** [Woe]! I am honored.

“The bacon maple bar is the perfect donut.” “*Ew why*?” “Just try one.” “**Whoa** [Woe], you’re right.”

οὐκέτι no longer (47)

(Note: this word is οὐκ, not, + ἔτι, still, = **no longer**) If you [h]*ook a ti*ger shark, you may fish **no longer**.

πειράζω I tempt, test (38)

Satan **tempted** Eve with a *pear*. *Oddzo* – everyone knows passionfruit are the most irresistible fruit. It’s been **tested** by science.

ποταµός, ὁ river (17)

a hippo- [ιππος] *potamus* [ποταμος] is like a **river** horse.

πρό before, in front of, at (gen) (47)

You need to learn to put one foot **in front of** the other **before** you become a *pro* runner.

προσφέρω I bring to, offer (47)

All the people of the kingdom **bring to** the king an **offer** of tribute and wish him, “May your kingdom be *prosperous*.”

Σατανᾶς, ὁ Satan (36)

***Satan*** is a transliteration of this word, itself a transliteration of the Hebrew.

σταυρόω I crucify (46)

When **I crucify**the flesh, Christ, the Be*stower* *of All*, is glorified and gives grace.

When I contemplate the cross, I *stare out on* the One **I crucified** and marvel at his grace to me.

τεσσεράκοντα forty (22)

A **4-D (forty)** *tesseract onto* a 3-D model is the closest you can get to the real thing!

φυλακή, ἡ watch, guard, prison (47)

I*f you lock a* person in **prison** you need a **guard** to **watch** that they do not make a prison break.

χώρα, ἡ district, region (28)

If you *core a* apple, you cut out the middle **region**.

Our *chora*le first won **region**, now we are on our way to **district**!

Chapter 2

ἁµαρτάνω to sin (43)

The preacher *hammer to no* end **to sin** is to be separated from Christ.

*Hamarto*logy is the study of **sin**

Do you believe aliens exist? *Ha! Maritan?! No.* Who would atone for their **sin**?

ἄξιος worthy, fit, deserving (41)

(Wayne’s World) Alice Cooper (AC), Wayne and Garth see him, “[*AC (ACK) SEE US!*]WE’RE NOT **WORTHY**! WE’RE NOT **WORTHY**”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjaqrPpdQYc>

ἅπτω I touch, take hold of (39)

When I **took hold of** a new iPhone, **I touch**ed the home button, and I could not believe the *hapt*ic touch was not a physical button action! I had to power off the phone to believe it.

ἄρχων, -οντος, ὁ ruler, authority, judge (37)

The *arch-* (*own*)bishop of Canterbury has been the **ruler** over the Church of England, since the Church of England **began** in the *mid*-16th century. Think: *arch* *own*, the *arch* *own*s the church, he is the **ruler**.

βούλοµαι I wish, want, desire (37)

**I wish** to *bowl on my* birthday.

δέω bind, tie (43)

*Day O!* Midnight earthquake / **bind**ings fall off; tell the guard he’s not all alone; daylight come Paul and Silas go home.

ἐγγίζω I draw near, approach (42)

To score a touchdown you must get in the *end zone* - no points are given if you just **approach**it or **draw near**.

ἑκατὸν one hundred (17)

Guy doing bicep curls with **one hundred’s**; scrawny bro walks over, “Bromigo, that’s a *heck-a-ton* o’ weight! Chase those gains!”

ἐκεῖθεν from there (37)

A couple guy’s playing H-O-R-S-E: first guy squares up a half-court shot; second guy, “**From there**?” First guy sinks it; second guy sighs, “*Eh-kay then…* I’ll take an H.”

ἐλέγχω reprove, correct (17)

Do you know how Abraham *Linco*ln got the name, “Honest Abe?” He walked five miles to return six pennies because he had not charged the **correct** amount as a clerk. That’s proven character you don’t need to **reprove**!

ἐµαυτοῦ (of) myself (37)

A $2,000 pot raise is too rich for **myself**, *I’m out, too*.

ἔµπροσθεν in front of, before (48)

Prepare well **before** you stand **in front of** your thesis committee, so that you can *impress them* with your mastery of your field.

ἐπιτίθηµι I lay upon, put upon (39)

*I* ***put*** *Tithomy* **upon** his birth certificate, and I regretted immediately not working harder at spelling in 3rd grade. Now, **I lay upon** the couch because his mother reads better than his father spells.

ἐργάζοµαι I work, do, perform (41)

I want to hon*or God on my* seminary training, so **I work** hard, **I perform** my presentations, and **I do** my assignments to excellence.

εὐλογέω I bless, praise (42)

To give the *eulogy* is to **bless** the family of the deceased by speaking **praise** of the deceased.

θαυµάζω I marvel, am amazed, wonder (43)

Rotten *Thaumodzos* love **marvel** movies. **I am amazed** they have not grown tired of them. At least they are just as high on **Wonder** Woman from DC.

θεραπεύω I heal, restore, serve (43)

**I heal** by going to *therapy*.

θύρα, ἡ door, gate, entrance (39)

You cannot read the Bible with a literalistic hermeneutic because you will have to say bo*th* “*you’re a* **gate**” to Jesus (Jn 10:7) and that your heart has a **door** (Rev 3:20).

A *thyra*tron is like a high-power **gate** for electrical current.

καινός new, unused (42)

Singapore is known for its low crime, but the price is that it is legal to *cane us* for criminal offenses, even if you are **new** to the country or **unused** to this kind of corporal punishment.

καλῶς well (37)

“How did your first marathon go?” “**Well**… not **well**, my feet are one big *callous*.”

καυχάοµαι I boast, glory (37)

You worship from your *couch*? *Ah… oh my*, don’t you know that even in **glory** we will have bodies? How can you **boast** to be a member of a body and not be embodied in gathering?

κερδαίνω I gain (17)

The rise of ISIS gave Iraqi *kurd an o*pportunity to **gain** independence.

λύω loose (42)

*Luo* sounds like **I loose**.

µαρτυρία, ἡ testimony, witness (37)

The *martyr* gave **testimony** Christ; his death bore **witness** to the truth of the gospel.

µάρτυς, ὁ witness (35)

Use mnemonic for µαρτυρία and remember that sometimes nouns representing roles/stations, end in a -ς, while the activity of that entity ends in -ια (Consider: βασιλεία, “kingdom” or “royal rule,” and βασιλεύς, “king” or “one who rules”; less common: μαθητής, “disciple” or “learner;” μαθητεία, “lesson”)

µικρός small, short (46)

The bacteria are no more than a few *microns*, too **small** for the human eye to see.

οἰκοδοµέω I build (up), erect, edify (40)

At a boxing match, “*Oi! K-O dome*’d him!” The higher you **build (up)** the fighter, the harder they fall!

οὗ where (25)

*Who*’s on first? **Where**[?] [careful not to confuse with the interrogative, ποῦ, this one is relative. Consider learning with ὅπου, also relative meaning “**where**”]

παραλαµβάνω take (to oneself), take with/along (49)

Isaac to Abraham: “Dad, don’t you think if we are making an offering we ought to **take** a *pair o’ lamb on* up **with** us?” “God will provide for Himself the lamb, my son.”

παρίστηµι I place beside, present (41)

παρά “**beside**” + ἵστημι “set” = **I place beside**.

**I present** your Christmas present: *Paris ta*ke *me* with you! Two tickets all-inclusive!”

πέντε five (38)

A *penta*gon is a **five**-sided figure.

*Penta*teuch is from the Greek “**five**” “vessels” (scroll cases) for the first five books of the OT.

περισσεύω I exceed, overflow, abound (39)

“*Paris*, *you owe* none of your **exceed**ing wealth to your great grandfather, Conrad Hilton, founder of Hilton Hotels, nor your grandfather, Barron, who gave his **abound**ing fortune to charity.”

πλανάω go astray, be misled, wander about aimlessly (39)

Whenever I don’t *plan… uh oh* **I go astray** or **wander about aimlessly**

πράσσω I do, accomplish, practice (39)

A *prose*lyte **practice**s the faith.

Oh muy im*presso* [impressivo]! You **accomplish** mucho, hermano!

πρόβατον, τό sheep (39)

In Age of Empires, you can *probe a ton* of the map if you just get some **sheep** and send them out.

σπέρµα, -ατος, τό seed, descendants, children (43)

The English word *sperm* *uh*… **seed** is the biblical word because **children** read the Bible.

τέλος, -ους, τό end, goal (40)

“*Tell us* what is your five-year and ten-year career **goal**?” The candidate stammered because she planned to use this job as a stepping stone. That was the **end** of the road for her.

τελώνης, ὁ tax-collector (21)

If I cheat on my taxes, will you *tell on us* to the **tax-collector**?

τέσσαρες four (41)

The *tesseract* gets its name for the “**4**-D” cube by the same name.

The dia*tessaron* by Tatianis the earliest known harmony of the **four** gospels. Instead of reading vertically each gospel at a time, it reads all **four** horizontally side-by-side (think “through,” like δια).

ὥσπερ (just) as, so (36)

Run the water and *whisper* **just as** if your life depended upon it, **so** government surveillance doesn’t hear us.

Chapter 3

ἀγρός, ὁ field, country (36)

*Agri*culture is derived from the Latin ager (field) derived from the Greek *agros* and the Latin cultura (growing). *Agr*iculture has to do with growing things in a **field** out in the **country**.

“*Ah gross!* I don’t want to live in Indiana. It’s nothing but corn **field** after **corn field**, miles of flat **country**.”

ἀκάθαρτος unclean, impure (32)

The urology department’s Olympics included *a cath*et*er toss*, an **unclean** twist on the Highland Games caber toss.

ἀκροβυστία, ἡ uncircumcision (20)

Hey now, what are you doing with that crow bar? *I crow bust ya*, that will cure you of **uncircumcision**.

ἀναγινώσκω I read (aloud) (32)

Have you ever **read** Anna Karenina by Tolstoy? *Anaginosk who?* Many consider it the greatest piece of literature ever written. And you say “**I read**.”

ἄνεµος, ὁ wind (31)

The large man shoveled the last serving spoonful of refried beans down his gullet, broke **wind**, and sputtered, *“Any mas* frijoles?”

ἀρνέοµαι I deny, reject (33)

“Best slice of pizza, shoot!” “Arnie’s!” “*Arnie—oh my!* **I reject** that and **I deny** knowing you.”

βιβλίον, τό book, scroll (34)

I left my *Bible* *on* the **book** shelf. It’s the one with my name **scroll**ed [scrawled] on the front page.

διαθήκη, ἡ covenant, decree, last will and testament (33)

*D’ ya think he* meant it? Yeah, he passed through a split a cow, a goat and a ram and invoked that dismemberment upon himself if he did not keep the **covenant** with us. I think he’s as serious as a **last will and testament**.

διακονία, ἡ service, office, ministry, deacon (34)

***Deacon*** is a transliteration of this word.

*D’ya corn ear* for military **service**? The **office** of the **ministry** of agriculture in Indiana cannot imagine anyone relocating to a land of corn for anything short of **deacon**scription.

δικαιόω I justify, vindicate (39)

“*Dick, I owe* you an apology.” Captain Ahab refused to **justify** his violence toward the White Whale any longer. He gave his estate and massive whaling fortune to Save the Whales to **vindicate** his name in an anti-whaling age.

“The *decay on all* my skin is healed!” The leper exclaimed. “**I declare** you **righteous**. **I justify** you to re-enter society,” ruled the priest.

διότι for, because, therefore (23)

*“D” “O” “T”* The Department of Transportation spends more **for** roads than rail in the US **because** Americans love **there fore-**wheelers [cars].

δυνατός powerful, strong, mighty, able (32)

*Do not toss* an alkali metal in water: it produces a **powerful** explosion, **strong**er than *dyna***mity**!

ἐγγύς near, close to (31)

*Yan Goose* [Jan Hus] **near**ly began the Reformation a hundred years early, but when Luther the Swan sang, they could not **close two** great birds’ beaks.

ἔξειµι it is lawful, permitted (31)

*Ex-Amy*? **It is lawful** for you to date her because I am not your bro no mo. Bro Code **permitted**.

ἐπίγνωσις, -εως, ἡ knowledge, recognition (20)

*A pig knows his* truffles. One whiff and his instant **recognition** comes from generations of **knowledge** from prehistoric piggy sniffers of generations past.

εὐθέως immediately (36)

I opened the door to the *youth house* and I was **immediately** repulsed by the smell. Boy I don’t miss middle school.

ἐχθρός hostile, hated (32)

The annual *egg throws* pits two **hostile** teams in a dodgeball style match hurling hard boiled eggs at each other across a field. It is **hated** by anyone who participates, so new recruits are needed each year.

ἥλιος, ὁ sun (32)

*“Hell yes!”* Immediately the **sun** engulfed the profane pagan.

“*Hell yes!* I’m having a **sun** [son].” The proud new father could not contain his excitement when the call came through in the middle of his sermon.

*Helioc*entrism is the idea that the **sun** is the center of the solar system, and it was made known in Europe by Copernicus, though known previously in ancient Greece.

If you fill enough balloons with *heliu*m you can have a free one-way ticket to the **sun**.

ἱερεύς, -εως, ὁ priest (31)

The **priest** *hear you’s* requests and presents them to God.

καθαρίζω I cleanse, purify (31)

A *catheter* *is so* painful, but I need it to **cleanse** my bladder.

καταργέω I cancel, nullify, make void (27)

If you are pickpocketed in the *Qatar ghetto* you may want to **cancel** your credit cards and **make void** all fraudulent charges.

λογίζοµαι I account, reckon, conclude (40)

How do you calculate your mortgage payments? I *log in on my* amortization schedule, **consider** each column, and **reckon** each row.

The Good Samaritan took the beaten man to the inn and said for any extra charges, “**I reckon**, *log idz on my* **account**.”

µέλος, -ους, τό member, part, limb (34)

What was the worst **part** of the war? *Me loss* me **limb**. I wish I could forget, but how can I not ‘**member** my **limb**?

I asked the amputee what happened to his **limb**? He answered, “I was taken to court for kicking my neighbor’s dog. He is a **member** of the communist **part**y. While giving my defense that the dog came into my yard and began attacking me, the judge interjected, ‘You don’t have a leg to stand on!’ And that’s how *me loss* me leg.”

ναί yes, certainly, indeed (33)

Is the Savior *nigh*? **Yes, certainly** and **indeed**!

*Nay* is no in English but ναί is **yes** in Greek.

νυνί now (20)

After years of athletic competition, I need a *new knee* **now**.

What time is it **now**? *Noony* … 12:06 to be exact.

ὀργή, ἡ anger, wrath, punishment (36)

The ogre’s **anger** boiled over because they misspelled ogre, “*orge*”

Some Christians act as if there is special **wrath** and **punishment** reserved for you if you *are gay*. But Paul indicts all in Romans 1:18-32.

οὖς, ὠτός, τό ear, hearing (36)

“What did you say?” **Ear** wax *ooze*d out of the man’s ear. “Clean out your **ear**s; you are hard of **hearing**!”

If your **ear** is full of **ear** wax *ooze* your **hearing** will suffer.

παραγίνοµαι I come, arrive, appear (37)

**I come**to *prague in on my*cherry red Vespa. I like to **arrive** in style.

παρρησία, ἡ confidence, boldness (31)

*Parisia*ns gained great **confidence** after repelling the Vikings’ siege in 885-886, but Charles the Fat’s lack of **boldness** to fight the surrounded raiders led to his downfall.

*Parresia Parresia*!! The locals looked at the **confident**American with confusion… he was mispronouncing policía with **boldness**.

περιτοµή, ἡ circumcision (36)

What do you call it if you take a knife and *pare it o’ my…* **circumcision**.

πλήν yet, however, but (31)

How would you like your coff — *Plain*! **But**you haven’t let me list our syrups **yet**. **However**I’m the customer and I like my coffee *plain.*

ποῖος of what kind? (33)

You like your tacos ***of what kind***?*Pollos***.**

ποτήριον, τό cup (31)

What *pottery on* sale? **Cups** are half off.

ποῦ where? (48)

Mommy I *poo poo*! **Where?** In my pants.

πτωχός poor (34)

I want to print a sign that says Potato Sale! That will cost $40. But I am a **poor**potato farmer! How much would just *Pto cos*’? $5. Deal.

ὑποστρέφω I turn back, return (35)

*Who poster*? *F 0%* The teacher **returned** the poster the student slapped together in the hallway before class.

ὑστερέω I fall short of, lack (16)

Usually a woman with a *hysterectomy***lack**s the ability to conceive.

φανερόω I reveal, make manifest, show (49)

To **reveal** a baby’s gender in front of friends is *funner*.. *uh-oh* unless you end up on a gender reveal fail video.

Φίλιππος, ὁ Philip (36)

***Philip*** is just a transliteration of the Greek.

χωρίς without, apart from (41)

A *chorus***without** a versehas no purpose. A verse **apart from**a chorus might stanza.

**Chapter 4**

ἀγοράζω I buy, purchase (30)

The *agora* was the place of both politics and business, where you could try to **buy** off politicians and **purchase** daily goods.

ἀδικέω I do wrong, treat unjustly (28)

When I was *addicted to* drugs, **I did wrong** but my family still not forgiving me is to **treat** me **unjustly**.

ἀληθινός true, real, genuine (28)

*Ali* vs. *Thanos*? Who is the **true** gloved champion?

ἀνάγκη, ἡ necessity, pressure (17)

*A naggy* wife puts **pressure** on what is not necessarily **necessity**.

ἅπαξ once and for all (14)

A “*hapax*legomena” is a word which occurs once in the New Testament.

The key is to *have pox* **once and for all** young and not get shingles later.

ἀρνίον, τό lamb, sheep (30)

I love **lamb** curry, but the balance of flavor comes down to the *arnion* [onion].

ἁρπάζω I grasp, snatch, seize (14)

**I snatch** the *harp off the* stage and dash for the door… but I get caught. Maybe I should have stolen a lighter instrument.

Βαρναβᾶς, ὁ Barnabas (28)

***Barnabas*** is just a transliteration of the Greek name.

γαµέω I marry (28)

“The Bachelor” makes it seem like to **marry** is a *game*.

γνῶσις, -εως, ἡ knowledge (29)

*Gnostics* claim to have superior **knowledge**, and to be a*gnostic* is to lack **knowledge** about deity.

διακρίνω I discriminate, judge, doubt (19)

*D’ Akron OH* make your top 10 small cities in the US? No, I **discriminate** against Ohio because I am a Purdue fan.

ἐλεέω I have mercy on (29)

Where are you flying into? *LA*. *Oh* **have mercy on** me; the LAX is the worst.

ἔλεος, -ους, τό mercy, compassion (27)

*LA is* not the best place to learn to drive. The freeways are fast and furious; do not expect any **mercy** with a “student driver” bumper sticker.

ἐπιθυµία, ἡ lust, craving, desire (39)

*A Perfume ya* wear fills me with **desire**.

ἐπικαλέω I call (upon), name (30)

Can you **name** that *epic ale* from the Pacific Northwest? Which one, there are so many!

ἐπιτιµάω I rebuke, reprove, warn (29)

*epitome*

*“’Ey put ‘um up!’* The officer **warn**ed me to keep my hands where he could see them.

ἡγέοµαι I lead, think, consider (28)

*He gets on my* nerves. I **think** he should **consider** others.

θυγάτηρ, -τρός, ἡ daughter, girl (28)

The mom’s **daughter**’s puppy dog look *tug at her* heart strings.

θυσία, ἡ sacrifice, offering (28)

I **sacrifice** my **offering** with en*thusia*sm.

Ἰάκωβος, ὁ James (42)

**James** is actually *Jacob* in Greek and this gloss is disputed by some (e.g. see Bible Project)

ἴδε look, see, behold (29)

“**Behold**, the *ide*s of March!” [“Beware…” is the famous line from Shakespeare]

Ἰούδας, ὁ Jude, Judah, Judas (44)

***Judas*** is a transliteration of the Greek word, but don’t forget **Judah** and **Jude**, derived from this same Greek word.

Καῖσαρ, -αρος, ὁ Caesar, emperor (29)

***Caesar*** is basically a transliteration. *Kaiser* Permanente is a health care **emperor**: operating in 8 states as of 2017.

µάχαιρα, ἡ sword (29)

Don’t put on your *mascara* with a **sword** or you may stab your eye out!

µιµνῄσκοµαι I remember, recollect (23)

*My money’s on my*… I don’t **remember** where I put my wallet!

µισέω I hate, detest (40)

*miso*phonia is to **hate** or **detest** sounds (popping knuckles, chewing loudly, etc.).

µισθός, ὁ pay, wages, reward (29)

When **pay** day comes around, don’t *mis* use *those* **wages** at the casino.

παράκλησις, -εως, ἡ encouragement, comfort (29)

The *Paraclete* is the one who brings **comfort** in times of trouble and grief.

My son’s *pair o glasses* must be **comfort**able because he leaves them on all day.

παρέρχοµαι I pass by, neglect, disobey (29)

παρα + ερχομαι = alongside/by + go = **pass by**

**I** **pass by** the open spot to parallel *park my* car.

πάσχα, τό Passover (29)

*Pascha*l is a transliteration meaning “relating to **Passover**.”

ποτέ once, formerly, ever (29)

I **once** used a squatty-*potty* on a moving train while **formerly** living in China. I do not **ever** want to do that again!

σκανδαλίζω I cause to stumble (29)

*Scandalize* is a word derived from this root, and if the stronger brother *scandalize*s the weaker, it may **cause** him **to stumble**.

σκότος,-ους, τό darkness (31)

Dred Scott v Sandford is a mark of **darkness** on *SCOTUS*’s record.

συνείδησις, -εως, ἡ conscience (30)

*Sunny Days is* the opening words to Sesame Street, a show that teaches children lessons of **conscience**.

σωτήρ, -ῆρος, ἡ savior, deliverer (24)

I have lost my s*oul, tear* me free from the enemy’s grasp, my **Savior**!

σωτηρία, ἡ salvation, deliverance (46)

God desires all to come to **salvation**, *so tary a* thousand days is like a day to him.

φίλος beloved, friend (29)

Because God loved us, we are now **beloved**, he *fill us* with his love and calls us **friend**.

*Phila*delphia is the city of brotherly love, pedophilia is the “love” of children, and a biblio*phile* loves books.

φόβος, ὁ fear, reverence, respect (47)

When the top employee was nominated *fo’ boss*, he was full of **fear** because he had **respect** for the responsibility of the role.

The English word *phobia*, meaning **fear**, is derived from this word.

φυλάσσω I guard, protect (31)

You did not lock your car? *Fool y’ loss yo’* car because you did not **protect** it!

φυλή, ἡ tribe, nation, people (31)

In biology, a *phyl*um is a grouping of animals below kingdom and above class, like a **tribe** or **nation**.

The rank and *file* are your every day **people** upon whose backs the **nation** is built.

ἀδικία, ἡ unrighteousness, injustice (25)

God *oughta kill ya*for your**unrighteousness**.

ἀληθής true, honest, genuine (26)

*A latte’s*not **true**coffee when you drown it in syrups.

ἀναβλέπω I look up, see again, receive sight (25)

My son is *on a Blippi*spree… if you don’t know him **look**him **up**, you will never **see**the same **again**.

ἄρτι now (36)

In this STEM era *art i*s **now**undervalued.

ἀσθενής weak, powerless, sick (26)

I am **sick**of your **weak**excuses for being late to practice… you’re on*ice, thin ice,*son!

βαστάζω I bear, endure (27)

I cannot **bear** the *basta’do!* Watch your mouth! What? I said *pasta dough*, it is hard to **endure** all this kneading!

γάµος, ὁ wedding, marriage (16)

The girl invited all the *Gammas*to her **wedding**.

γέ indeed, even (25)

Did you *ge*t a good grade on the test? **Indeed**, I **even**got extra credit.

γεύοµαι I taste, experience (15)

These brownies **taste**heavenly. They’re *gooey oh my*!

γνωρίζω I make known, reveal, know (25)

She **makes known**she has no interest in a date, I *ignore it though*because I am persistent.

δέκα ten (25)

A *deca*de is **ten**years

δένδρον, τό tree (25)

Jessica ♥ Ai*den drawn*on a **tree**.

διάκονος, ὁ servant, deacon (29)

***Deacon*** is a transliteration of this word, and they were those appointed in Acts 6 as **servants** to preserve church unity.

δουλεύω I am a slave, serve, obey (25)

Maximus **was a slave** who would *duel you*in the arena to earn his freedom.

ἐκχέω I pour out, shed (27)

Valasquez left Silva with blood **pour out** of his head, the fight did not *End KO*but it was clear who the winner was.

Ἕλλην, -ηνος, ὁ a Greek, gentile, pagan (25)

*Hellen*ization refers to the spread of **Greek** culture and language.

*Hellen*is a total **pagan**, if she were to die today, she would be *Hellen*in hell.

ἕνεκα because of, on account of, for the sake of (26)

*Hanukkah*is celebrated **on account of**the recovery of Jerusalem.

ἥκω I have come (26)

Hellenike *Haiku*

**I have come** to learn

To learn Greek I aspire high

δεῖ by day αἱ-ψ

Ἰακώβ, ὁ Jacob (27)

***Jacob***is a transliteration of this Greek word (note: the similarity to James)

καθαρός clean, pure (27)

During the pandemic it has become *cathartic*to **clean**my hands.

κεῖµαι I lie, recline (24)

I lose my *key; my* **recline**r took them!

λυπέω I grieve, offend (26)

**I grieve**the end of *Lupe*Fiasc*o*’s career, but his antisemitic freestyle **offend**ed me.

Μαρία, ἡ Mary (27)

***Mary*** is a transliteration of this word, but the Spanish, *Maria* is even more directly derived.

Μαριάµ, ἡ Mary (27)

Same as above ***Mary*** is related to *Miriam*, both derived from the two forms of ***Mary*** in Greek.

µυστήριον, τό mystery, secret (28)

***Mystery*** is a transliteration of this word.

νικάω I conquer, overcome (28)

*Nike* took its name from the Greek goddess of victory, a synonym for **conquer** and **overcome**.

νυµφίος, ὁ bridegroom (16)

The **bridegroom**attended the *nuptials*with delight!

Νύμφη is “bride” and from it *nympho*mania is derived which is an obsession with sexual desires.

οἴνος, ὁ wine (34)

***Wine*** is derived from the Latin *vinum* which comes from this word and other PIE roots.

πνευµατικός spiritual (26)

*Pneumatic*and *pneumatology* derive from this word’s root.

Just like air flows through *pneumatic*tubesat the bank, **spiritual**life flows through the regenerate.

πόθεν from where? (29)

**From where**does this string of trash originate? Oh *possum*!

πόσος how great/much/many (?) (27)

**How great** is your kidney stone? 7mm. Oh that is going to hurt when it *passes*!

προφητεύω I prophesy (28)

*Prophesy*is nearly a transliteration of this term.

What does a *prophet do, yo*? **Prophesy.**

σός your (27)

What is **your** favorite Chick-fil-a item? The *sauce*.

σταυρός, ὁ cross (27)

The crux of human hi*story is*the **cross**.

στρατιώτης, ὁ soldier (26)

*Strategy*and *stratocracy*, a government rule of military leaders, are derived from this word.

All *strategies*are only as strong as the **soldier**’s ability to carry it out.

συνίηµι I understand, comprehend (26)

**I** cannot claim to fully **comprehend**God’s purposes in a destructive *tsunami*.

τελέω I finish, complete (28)

*Telic* and *teleology* derive from this word.

I turn on the *telly*and **complete** all 8 seasons of the show from start to **finish** in one sitting.

φρονέω I think, ponder (26)

I *frown*when **I** **think** deeply.

φωνέω I call (43)

I pick up the *phone*and **call**a friend.

χήρα, ἡ widow (26)

The church should *care a* for true **widows**, but it first falls to the family according to 1 Tim 5.

**Chapter 6**

ἁµαρτωλός, ὁ sinner (47)

Adam misquoted God, like MC *Hammer told us*, “Can’t touch this!” Then he became the first **sinner.**

ἀµπελών, -ῶνος, ὁ vineyard (23)

Walking the lush **vineyard**the farmer said, “I think this year’s crop will produce *ample wine*.”

ἀνάγω I lead up, restore (23)

The sermon comes to a climax, this **leads up**to the altar call, *and I go* to be **restore**d.

ἀναιρέω I take away, destroy, kill (24)

I shoot *an arrow*at the deer from 60 yards, and **I kill**it. **I take away**the deer home to feed my family.

ἄπιστος faithless, unbelieving (23)

The **unbelieving** atheist says *ape ist us*ancestor.

ἀσθένεια, ἡ weakness, sickness, disease (24)

Since we got this **disease**the **sickness**has made *us thinnea*and feel **weakness**.

ἀσθενέω I am weak, sick, in need (33)

Carol *is thinneo*, no? Yes but she **is** **sick**and **in need**of a doctor.

ἀστήρ, -έρος, ὁ star (24)

*Star* and *astrology*are derived from this word.

αὐξάνω I grow, increase (23)

When I brought an *ox on our* farm, **I increase**dour production overnight.

Augment, from Latin root *augere*can be traced back to this root and other PIE origins.

δέησις, -εως, ἡ prayer, entreaty, petition (18)

The start and end of my *days is***prayer**.

εἰκών, -όνος, ἡ image, likeness, form (23)

What is wrong with *icon*s in church?

If they aid illiteracy, nothing, but as soon as they become **image**s in **likeness**of God worshipped in place of Creator, that’s idolatry.

ἐλεύθερος free (23)

The root of the *e*vo*lu*tionary *theory’s*a desire for **freedom**from a Creator God.

ἐνεργέω I work, produce (21)

I have enough *energy*to **work**all night to **produce**a final product by morning.

ἑορτή, ἡ festival (25)

*Hey Art***Festival**next week? I can’t wait to feast my eyes on that!

ἐπιστολή, ἡ letter, epistle (24)

***Epistle***is a transliteration of this word, a **letter**in antiquity.

ἐπιστρέφω I turn (around/back), return (36)

The Starbucks gets my drink order wrong, so **I return** it, and the barista says, “*A pastry fo* your trouble, an apple **turn**over.”

Ἠλίας, ὁ Elijah (29)

***Elijah*** is basically a transliteration of this word.

ἰάοµαι I heal, cure, restore (26)

*Yow my*finger got chopped of by the blade! I hope the doctor can **heal** it and **restore** my tenth digit.

ἰσχύω I am strong, powerful, able (28)

The Greek professor, discouraged by the 30% average, **was able**to *iscewo*the results with a massive curve.

καταλείπω I leave (behind), abandon, neglect (24)

I see the *catapult* and **I abandon**my post on the parapet.

κελεύω I command, order, urge (25)

“I *call you*to attention!!!!” The commanding officer **commanded** the battalion to **order**.

κρίσις, -εως, ἡ judgment, condemnation (47)

The final **judgment**will be the greatest *crisis*for the nonbeliever, ending in **condemnation**.

λευκός white, bright, shining (25)

Are there any famous Black men named Lucas? Maybe, but the top 10 are **white**, but number 13 is named “Lucas Black” (ranker.com)

µανθάνω I learn (25)

Benny Lewis is a polyglot who claims you can **learn**a language in 3 *month and no*longer!

µήν, -ος, ὁ month, new moon (18)

The new ***moon***marks a new **month** on the lunar calendar, the *main*traditional calendar of Asia.

µήποτε never, lest (25)

My son says, “I **never** go poo poo on *me potty* **lest** I have to wipe my own butt.”

µήτε and not, nor (34)

You may have one *mate***and not**more.

νεφέλη, ἡ cloud (25)

Where did the *nephelim*come from? The answer to this question is **cloud**y.

νοῦς, νοός, ὁ mind, understanding (24)

If you don’t **mind**I’ll tie my own *noose…* the criminal falls **under stand**, the noose came loose because he tied a slip knot!

ὀµνύω I swear, take an oath (26)

When *I’m new*to America, **I take an oath**to become a citizen.

παῖς, παιδός , ὁ/ἡ boy, child, son, servant (24)

As a **boy**I was a **servant**paid in *pies*.

πάρειµι I am present, have come (24)

Please, guard, **I have come**all this way, please *pareimit*me to speak to the queen.

παρουσία, ἡ coming, arrival (24)

Do you have a reason for **coming**? Just *perusing (*note word is participle form of πάρειμι in form)

πίµπληµι I fill, fulfill (24)

*Pimple me*face **fills** with puss.

πλῆθος, -ους, τό multitude, large amount, crowd (31)

You have such a **large amount**of board games, how do you *play those* all?

***Pletho*ra** is derived from this word.

πορνεία, ἡ (sexual) immorality (25)

If you habitually watch *porn ya*might soon turn to greater acts of **(sexual) immorality**.

προσευχή, ἡ prayer (36)

This *prosecu*tion team is the best the defense will need more than a **prayer**to win.

προσέχω I pay attention to, devote myself to (24)

Isn’t *Prosecco*basically champagne? **I**never **pay attention to** the difference.

προσκαλέω I summon, call, invite (29)

If the *pros call you* to **invite**you to the big dance, you better answer their **summon**.

Τιµόθεος, ὁ Timothy (24)

***Timothy***is a transliteration of this word.

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Chapter 7

ἁγιάζω I sanctify, make holy, reverence (28)

“*Haagen Dazs* ice cream is [**sanctified** among] all other ice creams; it is a cut above.” (credit: Keith Krell)

ἀγνοέω I do not know, am ignorant (22)

*Agnostics***do not know**if God exists.

I do not *acknow*ledge **I am ignorant**.

Αἴγυπτος, ἡ Egypt (25)

***Egypt***is a transliteration of this word.

ἀναχωρέω I go away, withdraw (14)

*Ana Kour*nikovais not satisfied **withdraw**[with a draw]

ἀντί instead of, for, in behalf of (22)

I put *anti*freeze in the oil fill port **instead of**the radiator, now I need a new engine.

βασιλεύω I reign, rule (21)

The **rule**is Neapolitan pizza must have *basil, you owe*it to the Italians to make it pure!

*Basilica*is the place the king **rules** and **reigns** (see *Beginning with NT Greek* chapter 1)

δέοµαι I ask, pray, beg (22)

**I pray** to the *demi*gods for help but they can’t hear.

δοκιµάζω I examine, test, prove (22)

When **I examine**my students I*dock most*for silly mistakes on their **test**but some **prove**worthy.

ἐκλέγοµαι I choose, elect (22)

*Ick legume***I** **choose**not to eat vegetables.

***Elect***sounds similar to the Greek word.

ἐκλεκτός chosen, elect (22)

Use above mnemonics

God ***elect*** *us*, we are **chosen**.

ζῷον, τό living thing/being, animal (23)

The quarterback is in the *zone*, he’s an absolute **animal**

A*zoo*is where **animal**s are kept in captivity for conservation and education.

Ἡρῴδης, ὁ Herod (43)

***Herod***is a transliteration of this word.

θεάοµαι I see, look at, behold (22)

**I see**you have many daughters Joseph Smith! *They are all my*wives.

θυσιαστήριον, τό altar (23)

Radical *enthusiast*s *are on* an **altar**inside the historic monument they are about to demolish.

Ἰουδαία, ἡ Judea (43)

***Judea***is a transliteration of this word.

Ἰωσὴφ, ὁ Joseph (35)

***Joseph***is a transliteration of this word.

καθεύδω I sleep (22)

For my **sleep**study they put *cathodes*on my body to monitor brain and body activity.

κἀκεῖνος and that one, he also (22)

He had his *cake and was***he**ate it **also**.

κατεργάζοµαι I do, achieve, accomplish (22)

*Cauterize my*wound, it gets infected and smells like **achieve**[a cheese].

κατηγορέω I accuse (23)

When **I accuse**teenagers of being irresponsible, I am making a *categorical*judgment.

κατοικέω I live, dwell, reside (44)

The cat **lives** in that oak tree, so we call it *Cat Oak*.

κοιλία, ἡ belly, stomach, womb (22)

A baby *coils up*in the **womb**before birth.

κοπιάω I work hard, labor (23)

**I work hard** on my book, so I secure a *copy*right

κωλύω I hinder, prevent (23)

*Koala*s have a slow metabolism that **hinder**s their activity; they sleep 18-20 hours a day.

Μακεδονία, ἡ Macedonia (22)

***Macedonia***is a transliteration of this word.

µέρος, -ους, τό part, share, district (42)

*Marrow is*the inside **part**of the bone.

µηκέτι no longer (22)

KFC’s potato wedges were popular, but they *make it***no longer**

νέος new, fresh, young (23)

***New***sounds like this Greek word and is related to it.

πεινάω I hunger, am hungry (23)

**I**have **hunger***pain*

πειρασµός, ὁ temptation, trial, test (21)

When Eve saw the *pear as moist*as heaven’s dew, she could not withstand the **temptation**and had to give it a taste **test**.

πέραν on the other side (23)

I saw a man at muscle beach with an iguana on one shoulder and a *par*rot ***on*****the other side**.

περιβάλλω I put on, clothe, dress (23)

Whenever **I clothe** myself, **I put on**a *pair of bolos*

πληγή, ἡ blow, plague, wound (22)

The ***Plague*blows**[different blow] through and manifests in softball size open **wounds**.

ῥύοµαι I rescue, deliver (17)

I *ruined my*life in sin and need **rescue**

σήµερον today (41)

To train for the marathon I will do the *same run***today**I did yesterday plus 0.5km until I get to 42km.

σκεῦος, τό vessel, jar, object (23)

Putting an **object**in a **jar**full of water *skews*its position and size viewed from outside.

τελειόω, τό I complete, make perfect (23)

Luke *tell Lea “Uh oh!*I thought you **make perfect**wife, but you’re my sister!

φαίνω I shine, appear (31)

Wise man 1: “What’s that **shine** in the sky?” WM 2: “Sheol ‘*f I know*! When did it **appear**?”

χαρίζοµαι I give freely, grant (23)

“You got *carrots on my*face and all in my hair!” The hostess exclaimed. The guest was chewing a carrot when he had exploded in laughter. “Please **forgive**me! I’ll **give freely** a slap on my face.”

Notice this word is the verb form of *χαρις* “grace.”

χιλιάς, -αδος, ἡ a thousand (23)

David’s mighty men were *killas* Josheb-basshebeth killed about **a** **thousand**men at one time.

A *Kilo*meter is **a thousand**meters

**Chapter 8**

αἰτία, ἡ cause, reason, accusation (20)

*I tee a* golf ball and hit it, like Newton’s cradle, **cause** and effect.

Ind*ict ya* with an **accusation**.

ἅπας all, everybody, everything (34)

Mr. Miyagi calls **all** his students grass*hoppas*.

Don’t *half pass* the test, answer **all** the questions as best you can.

ἀπέχω I have received, am distant (19)

The team used *a pick* in the first round and **has received** a star player.

ἀργύριον, τό silver, money (20)

*Ag* is the periodic table abbreviation for **silver**.

We ran an *auger on* the X and found a treasure chest full of **silver money**.

γενεά, ἡ generation, family, descent (43)

***Gene*ration** to generation shares **family** *gene*tics.

γένος, -ους, τό race, descendent, family (20)

Os *Guiness* is a **descendent** of the *Guiness* Brewing **family**.

γεωργός, ὁ farmer (19)

*George* Washington was a tobacco **farmer**.

γονεύς, -έως, ὁ parent (20)

Wife to husband, “*Good news!* We are going to be **parent**s!”

διαµαρτύροµαι I solemnly urge, exhort, warn (15)

Constantine **warn**ed, “*Do ya martyr my* brothers, you die!”

διδαχή, ἡ teaching [as content] (30)

The early church writing, *Didache*, is not inspired **teaching**, but it is helpful.

*Didac*tic literature is **teaching** organized logically.

ἑκατοντάρχης, ὁ centurion, captain, officer (20)

ἑκατόν + άρχης = ruler of 100 (*cent* = 100) aka **centurion**.

The **captain** of the football team *hecka taunts rookies* into submission.

ἐφίστηµι I stand by, appear (21)

The airline put me on **stand by**, so I clench *a fist aiming* at anyone who **appear**s in my way.

ἐπι + ἱστημι = **stand by**

ἡγεµών, -όνος , ὁ governor, ruler, leader (20)

*hegemony* refers to a **leader**’s dominance over a people.

The senator runs for **governor**, but *hedge’s many* bets in case she loses.

θερίζω I reap, harvest (21)

When the farmers **reap** the **harvest**, *they rids* all the corn of their stalks.

Ἰσαάκ, ὁ Isaac (20)

***Isaac*** is a transliteration of this word.

ἰχθύς, -ύος, ὁ fish (20)

The *ichthus* is the Christian **fish** symbol sometimes found on bumpers.

καθίστηµι I bring, appoint (21)

**I appoint** only *Kathys to my* cabinet.

κοινωνία, ἡ fellowship, communion (19)

Every *coin owna* among the first Christian **fellowship** volunteered their money for the poor among them.

λατρεύω I serve, worship (21)

Gym rats **worship** *lats*, *and rows* **serve** to bulk them up.

µετανοέω I repent (34)

µετα + νους = change of mind

Once I *met an a*nnoying person; **I repent**ed from that relationship.

µνηµονεύω I remember, think of, mention (21)

*Mnemoni*cs like this help me to **remember** my vocabulary and **think of** the glosses.

νηστεύω I fast (20)

The only way **I fast** is in a foreign country with *nasty ew* food!

ξύλον, τό wood, tree, cross (20)

I have a *xylo*pho*n*e made of **wood**.

Jesus was crucified like an *exile on* a **cross**, nailing our debt to a **tree**.

προάγω I lead out (20)

Because I am a *pro*, *I go* first. **I lead** the **team** out of the chute onto the court.

προστίθηµι I add (to), increase (18)

Once I turn 40, **I add** a *prostate* exam to my physical since my chance for cancer has **increase**d.

πωλέω I sell (22)

Joseph Smith **sold** a great story about fighting off grown attackers to keep the gold plates, outrunning them for miles home even though he had *polio*.

σκηνή, ἡ tent, booth, tabernacle (20)

I make a **tent** out of tanned deer *skin*.

σοφός wise, clever, skillful (20)

*Sopho*more*s* are not **wise** but they think they are **clever**.

στρέφω I turn, return (21)

My tonsils **turn** into daggers when I have *strep throat*.

συνέδριον, τό Sanhedrin, council (22)

***Sanhedrin*** is a transliteration of this word.

τέρας, -ατος, τό wonder (16)

The magicians pinned Moses to the wall, “*Teras* [tell us] how you do these **wonder**s!”

τιµάω I honor, revere (21)

*Timothy* came to faith by **honor**ing God (*τιµάω* + θεος) in his heart as God.

When you arrive on *time* you **honor** the host.

τοσοῦτος, -αύτη, -οῦτον so great, so large, so many (20)

“*Toss?! You Toss* all our tea off the harbor!?!? Now you die!” The Boston Tea Massacre was **so great** a turning point in colonial America because **so many** died.

τρέχω I run (20)

Do you want to go on a *trek*? *Oh*, **I run** everywhere I go; you are too slow.

τροφή, ἡ food, nourishment (16)

The pigs eat their **food** from a *trough*.

ὑπακούω I obey, follow (21)

The people *hype* *a coup* because they no longer wanted **to obey** or **follow** their leader.

[same mnemonic for ακούω, because of overlapping semantic domain, but note this is ὑπο + ακουω]

ὑπηρέτης, ὁ servant, helper, assistant (20)

I do not want an **assistant** with *hyperactive* tendencies.

χιλίαρχος, ὁ military tribune, high ranking officer (21)

Don’t get on the wrong side of a **military tribune**, or they’ll *kill yar ‘cause*they are **high ranking** **officer**s and you are a grunt.

χιλία + αρχος = Ruler of 1,000, so he is a **high ranking officer** compared to a centurion, ruler of only 100.

χρεία, ἡ need, lack, necessity (49)

**I need** 128 *crayo*ns for 3rd grade, but I **lack** 64 because my parents don’t think that many colors are a **necessity**.

ὡσεί as, like, about (21)

My friend *Jose* runs **like** a Cheetah, he is **about as** fast as Usain Bolt.

**Chapter 9**

ἀδελφή, ἡ sister (26)

Do you know my **sister**, A*delle*’s *fa*mous?

ἀληθῶς truly, really (18)

*A lathe is* **truly** the mother of machining tools.

Ἀντιόχεια, ἡ Antioch (18)

***Antioch*** is a transliteration of this word.

ἀποκάλυψις, -εως, ἡ revelation (18)

The book of **Revelation** details the *apocalypse*.

ἀπώλεια, ἡ destruction, ruin (18)

Mount Vesuvius brought **destruction** to Pompeii and N*apoli*.

ἀριθµός, ὁ number, total (18)

*Arithmetic* is the study of **number**s.

Ἀσία, ἡ Asia (18)

***Asia*** is a transliteration of this word.

βλασφηµία, ἡ blasphemy, slander (18)

***Blasphemy*** is a transliteration of this word.

δεσµός, ὁ bond, chain, prison (18)

To be in **prison** is a *dismal* experience.

δῶρον, τό gift, present, offering (19)

Jesus knocks on the *door* *in* your heart to offer the **gift** of eternal life.

εἰσπορεύοµαι I go in, enter (18)

Smeagol**goes** **in** the cave, strokes his ring, and *whisper*, “*You are my* precioussss!”

ἐπαίρω I lift up (19)

*A pyro* **lifts up** *a pyre* to burn a bonfire.

ἐπάνω above, over (19)

*A pawn? Oh* no! You should not keep a pawn over a rook.

ἐπιβάλλω I throw over, lay on, put on (18)

**I lay on** *a pin ball* machine to get the ball to go into the jackpot.

εὐχαριστέω I give thanks, am thankful (38)

**I give thanks** for the *Eucharist*, remembering what Jesus did for me.

“*Your car is totaled*.” “Well **I am thankful** to be alive.”

θυµός, ὁ passion, anger, rage (18)

I threw my *thermos* down in **rage** and all the coffee dumped out; more **anger**.

καταγγέλλω I proclaim, make known (18)

“*Cat!” Angela* **proclaims** her love for her pet over her fiancé.

κατακρίνω I condemn, pass judgment on (18)

The big *cat attacks a Rhino* and is **condemned** in a kangaroo court.

κενός empty, vain (18)

*Ken knows* nothing. His brain is **empty**.

κλαίω I weep, cry (40)

[blubbering kid] “**I** not ***cly***ing[**cry**].”

κληρονοµέω I inherit, obtain (18)

I put my daughter *Claire on my* will as sole beneficiary to **inherit** all my wealth since my sons are a disappointment.

κοιµάω I (fall) asleep, die (18)

“Your father and I are going to have *coi*—” “*Ma! Ew*. At least tell me you are going to **sleep**.”

κρείττων better (19)

A salad with *crouton* is **better** than without.

κριτής, ὁ judge (19)

Don’t **judge** me with your *critic*ism.

The word *critic* is derived from this word meaning **judge**.

κτίσις, -εως, ἡ creation, creature (19)

*Tisk, tisk*, you are a **creature** worshiping the **creation** rather than the Creator.

κώµη, ἡ village, small town (27)

*Come* to our **village**! We have the best water in the world!

Λάζαρος, ὁ Lazarus (15)

***Lazarus*** is a transliteration of this word.

µαρτύριον, τό testimony, witness, proof (19)

The *martyr* *on* the stake bore **testimony** of the goodness of God despite the flames consuming his flesh.

µεριµνάω I am anxious, worry (19)

“Merry Christmas!” “*Merry?! Mmm nah… Oh* **I am anxious** because I spend more than I can afford on gifts.”

µνηµεῖον, τό grave, tomb (40)

*Many men* go to the **grave**, only one rose on the third day.

οὔπω not yet (26)

Did you pay your taxes? *Oooo poo!* **Not yet**.

παλαιός old, former (19)

When Siddhartha Gautama was **old** enough to leave the *palace*, he realized his **former** faith in Hinduism failed his people.

πάντοτε always (41)

“You should **always** wear *pants out, yeah*?” “Yes, here in the UK “pants” means “underwear.”

παράπτωµα, -ατος, τό transgression, trespass, sin (19)

Because of Pharoah’s **sin**, the sixth plague brought *polyp tumors* [boils].

παρατίθηµι I place before (19)

During the *apartheid* in South Africa, leaders **placed** white minority Africans **before** black Africans.

πότε when? (19)

Mom, I need to go *potty*! **When?** Right now!

προφητεία, ἡ prophecy (19)

The *prophet tell ya* a **prophecy**.

συνέρχοµαι I come/travel together, go with (30)

“Should I wear this dress or this blouse?” “Whichever makes you ready *sooner. Come, I* want to **travel together** but we need to leave now.”

ταράσσω I stir up, disturb, trouble (17)

*Ta rascal* always **stirs up** the pot and **troubles** his parents.

φιλέω I love, like, kiss (25)

**I love** *filet o* fish so much I could **kiss** it!

**Chapter 10**

ἀνθίστηµι I resist, oppose (14)

I take *antihistamines* to help me **resist** sinus reaction to allergens.

ἀποκαλύπτω I reveal, uncover (26)

The book of Revelation **reveals** the *apocalypse* *to* the attentive reader.

ἀρέσκω I please (17)

If **you** do not **please** the tyrant, *ya risk yo* life.

βρῶµα, -ατος, τό food (17)

If you ma bro, *bro ma* some **food**.

γρηγορέω I am awake alert, watchful (22)

I set my alarm to a *Gregorian* chant, **I am awake** every morning without snooze.

διάβολος, ὁ devil, accuser, slanderous (adj) (37)

The **devil** is *diabol*ical.

ἐξίστηµι I amaze, confuse (17)

“Big foots *exist, Amy!*” **I amaze**, and **confuse**, my friends with my conspiracies.

ἐπαύριον tomorrow (17)

My dad let out *a power yawn* which means he will nap until **tomorrow**.

ἕτοιµος ready, prepared (17)

“*Hey Thomas*, are you **ready** to see Jesus?” “I doubt he’s risen.”

I **prepared** you a nice *tomato* sandwich.

θησαυρός, ὁ treasure, storehouse (17)

My *thesaurus* is full of vocabulary **treasure**.

ἵππος, ὁ horse (17)

*Hippos* are like a river (Gk. *potamos*) **horse**.

Καισάρεια, ἡ Caesarea (17)

***Caesarea*** is a transliteration of this word.

κἄν and if, even if, if only (17)

**If only** I *can* fly, I *can* touch the sky!

καταλύω I thrown down, destroy, abolish (17)

You **destroyed** my *cattle*! *You owe* me $50,000 or we are about to **throw down** at this hoedown!

κατέχω I hold back, restrain, hold fast, possess (17)

κόπος, ὁ work, labor (18)

To be a *cop is* hard **work** in today’s climate, and what’s worse is they can’t form **labor** unions.

κρυπτός hidden, secret (17)

*Crypto* currency is a **hidden** **secret** to financial success (or ruin).

κρύπτω I hide, conceal, cover (18)

**I hide** the fact I have *crypto* because it is so valuable and **cover**ed by the FDIC if it is stolen.

µήτι [interrogative particle expecting an negative answer] (18)

You got a particle in your eye, *matey*? No! But you got a log in yours!

νίπτω I wash (17)

I never watched *nip/tuck* because I didn’t want to have to **wash** out my eyes and brain.

οἰκοδοµή, ἡ edification, building (18)

Did you hear Greece bought the Cleveland Browns and are **building** a new stadium called the *Okay Dome*?

ὀλίγος little, few (40)

**Little** *Ollie goes* to school a **few** days a week in Brisbane riding a dingo.

ὁµοίως likewise, similarly (30)

Was Jesus godly **similarly** to the Father? *Homey was* God of God, same as the Father, don’t be an Arian.

οὔ no (17)

Marry me? *Ew*, **no**.

 πάθηµα, -ατος, τό suffering (16)

For Buddhists, to be free from **suffering**, the eightfold *path is a mu*st.

παραχρῆµα at once, immediately (18)

Do you drink your coffee black? No, I ask *para crema* **immediately**!

πάσχω I suffer (42)

Jesus **suffer**ed as the *paschal* lamb.

περιτέµνω I circumcise (17)

Take the knife and *pare it* – *em no!* Isaac, this is the covenant sign. **I** must **circumcise** you.

πλήρωµα, -ατος, τό fullness, fulfillment (17)

To *play rummy* you want a **fullness** of sets and runs.

ποιµήν, ένος, ὁ shepherd (18)

The **shepherds** of Jesus’ day were *po’ men*.

πόλεµος, ὁ war, battle, fight (18)

*Polemics* are verbal **battle**s.

πολλάκις often, frequently, many times (18)

*Paula kiss* up to contestants on American Idol **many times**, but Simon tells ‘em straight.

πυλών, -ῶνος, ὁ gate, entrance (18)

The *pylons* mark the **entrance** of the **gate**.

στέφανος, ὁ crown, wreath, reward (18)

*Stephen was* **reward**ed with the martyr’s **crown**.

τίκτω I bear, give birth to, bring forth (18)

Koalas **give birth** **to** joeys the size of a *tic tac*.

τύπος, ὁ type, example, pattern (15)

***Type*** is derived from this word.

***Type*** your own resume and only use an **example** as your **pattern**! First check it for *typos*.

ὑποτάσσω I subject (38)

Jesus **subject**ed himself to take on humanity, fully God, fully man, *hypostatic* union.

ὑψόω I exalt, lift up (20)

**I exalt** your dad, he *hoops! Uh oh*, until I **lift up** the goal higher than 8’.

φανερός manifest, visible, clear (18)

**Funner** is not a word! Is that **clear**? Then why is it **visible** in a dictionary?

χρυσοῦς golden (18)

This *cross is* on my **golden** necklace.

**Chapter 11**

ἀθετέω I nullify, reject, set aside (16)

The British Amish father asked why his daughter missed curfew, “*A theatuh! Ohh…* **I reject** you from our family and community.”

ἀνακρίνω I judge, examine, call to account (16)

*The Anacreons* **judged** that Thespis had mined palladium from their asteroid and **called** them **to account**. [From *Foundation* by Isaac Asimov]

**I judge** the judge who uses stickers *and a* *crayon* for official court documents.

δείκνυµι I show (33)

*Dick* [Nixon] *knew me*. **I showed** him how to use the shredder.

δεῖπνον, τό dinner, supper, banquet (16)

 The family feud put a *dampen* *on* the **dinner banquet**.

δέσµιος, ὁ prisoner (16)

does *MIAs* mean **prisoner**? No that is POW.

δηνάριον, τό denarius (16)

***Denarius*** is a transliteration of this word.

διαλογίζοµαι I consider, ponder, reason (16)

*Dialogue is my* preferred method to **reason** with others and **consider** their viewpoint.

διατάσσω I order, direct, command (16)

This fast food *diet is so* great. **I order** burgers all the time.

διψάω I am thirsty, long for (16)

When **I am thirsty**, I *dips all o* my face in the river.

διώκω I pursue (45)

*The Romans dey yoke up their horses and****pursue****Christians to****persecute****them.*

ἐκτείνω I stretch out (16)

**I stretch out** before my high-*octane wo*rkout.

ἐλπίζω I hope (31)

**I hope** *‘elp is o*n the way!

ἐµβαίνω I go in, step in, embark (16)

When **I embark** on a cruise, I *ain’t buy no* overpriced souvenirs.

ἔπειτα then, next (16)

I built my house **next** to a endangered species habitat. **Then** *a PETA* rep tore it down.

ἐπιθυµέω I desire, long for, lust for (16)

*A Perfume ya* wear makes me **desire** you.

ἐπιλαµβάνοµαι I take hold of, catch, arrest (19)

*A pink lambo on my* bumper, **I arrest** Barbie for tailgating.

ἐπιµένω I stay, remain, persevere (16)

To be an *AP man you* have to **persevere** through the end of the exam.

ἐργάτης, ὁ laborer, worker (16)

During COVID the *ER* *got used* to being short on **worker**s.

εὐλογία, ἡ blessing, praise (16)

A *eulogy* is a **blessing** for the grieving family and **praise**s the deceased.

εὐσέβεια, ἡ godliness, piety (15)

*Eusebius* is a church father whose **godliness** lived up to his name.

Ἔφεσος, ἡ Ephesus (16)

ζῆλος, ὁ/τό jealousy, envy (16)

What rhymes with **jealousy**? *Zealous…*y.

θεµέλιος, ὁ foundation (15)

The *Themelios* journal explores **foundation**al beliefs of the historic Christian faith.

κακῶς badly, wrongly, wickedly (16)

The witch *cackles* **wickedly**.

κατέρχοµαι I come down, arrive, put in (16)

To get to the *catacomb* ***I* come down** below the city.

µέχρι until (17)

*Mech Warri*ors was such a good game **until** joysticks phased out.

ὁµολογέω I confess, profess (26)

In my *homily I get all* amped up to **profess** the gospel.

παραγγέλλω I command, charge (32)

**I command** you, “Stop eating my *pringles!*” “Once you pop, you can’t stop!”

παρέχω I offer, grant (16)

God **grant**ed us a child, now my wife is *preggo*.

πλησίον neighbor (17)

God *place ya on* your block to reach your **neighbor**.

πλούσιος rich, wealthy (28)

πλοῦτος, ὁ/τό wealth, riches (22)

ῥίζα, ἡ root, source, shoot, descendent (17)

τιµή, ἡ honor, value, price (41)

ὑποκριτής, ὁ hypocrite, pretender (17)

ὑποµένω I remain, endure (17)

ὑποµονή, ἡ endurance, perseverance, patience (32)

φεύγω I flee, avoid (29)

χάρισµα, -ατος, τό gift, favor (17)

ὦ O (direct address) (17)

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Chaptger 12

ἀνέχω I endure, bear with (15)

The ancient Celts and some modern African and Asian cultures **bear with** *a neck “O”* and **endure** neck stretching to achieve a standard of beauty.

ἀνοµία, ἡ lawlessness (15)

The guard said to the murderer, “Your own **lawlessness** landed you here, don’t blame me.” “*Ah no me uh!* I didn’t do it.”

ἀπάγω I lead away, bring before (15)

**I lead away** the enemy army on *a pogo* stick. [από + ἀγω]

βλασφηµέω I blaspheme, defame, slander (34)

***Blaspheme*** is a transliteration of this word.

γνωστός known, notable (15)

Everyone *knows those* silent “k”’s are **known** Greek holdovers into English.

γυµνός naked, poorly dressed (15)

The *gym* “*No’s*” include coming to class **naked** or **poorly dressed**.

In ancient Greek culture, the *gymnas*ium was attended **naked**.

∆αµασκός, ἡ Damascus (15)

***Damascus*** is a transliteration of this word.

δέρω I skin, beat (15)

I *dare you* to **beat** me in a game of Halo 2.

διδασκαλία, ἡ teaching, instruction (21)

“Your **teaching** is boring!” “*Did I ask ya, Leah?*”

εἶτα then, furthermore (15)

The mouse *ate a* cookie, **then** he asked for milk.

ἐντέλλοµαι I command (15)

**I command** the army to charge! *An’ tell em I* sent you.

ἐπαγγέλλοµαι I announce, proclaim, promise (15)

“Look *up!*” “*Angel, Oh my!”* “**I announce** your Savior’s birth and **promise** salvation!”

εὐχαριστία, ἡ thankfulness, thanksgiving (15)

Though often associated with personal contrition, the *Eucharist* is best received with united **thanksgiving**.

καταλαµβάνω I seize, attain, overtake (15)

**I seize** the city by *cata*[pult] *lamb on yo* heads!

Καφαρναούµ, ἡ Capernaum (16)

***Capernaum*** is a transliteration of this word.

κλείω I shut, close, lock (16)

Please *cleyo*se[**close**] the door and **lock** it!

κλέπτης, ὁ thief (16)

The wealthy woman was a *klepto*maniac, a rotten **thief** who could afford what she stole.

κληρονόµος, ὁ heir (15)

My only **heir** is *Claire on Ma’s* side.

κτίζω I create, make (15)

I *cuttedz yo* card into tiny pieces, say the magic word “*Ktidzo!”* and voila, **I create** your card from pieces!

λῃστής, ὁ robber, bandit, revolutionary (15)

The *laziest* person is a **robber**.

λύπη, ἡ grief, sorrow, pain (16)

**Grief** will make you *loopy* with **sorrow**.

µοιχεύω I commit adultery (15)

“*Mike you owe* me an explanation. Why did you disappear?” “**I commit adultery**.”

νοµίζω I think, suppose (15)

**I think** the life of a *nomad is so* difficult.

ξηραίνω I dry (up), wither (15)

*The rhino* has **dry** skin.

ὅθεν from where (15)

**From where** do you hail? *Hoth in* the Hoth solar system.

οἰκουµένη, ἡ world, inhabited earth, humankind (15)

*A cue* [ball] is like *a mini* **world**.

ὁµοιόω I compare, make like (15)

“*Home boy you* **make** yourself **like** God.” “I AM.” They picked up stones.

οὐδέποτε never (16)

“Son, *use da potty!*” “**Never**!!!”

περισσότερος greater, more (16)

In *Paris a terrace* is **more** than in Louisville.

πλήρης filled, full, complete (16)

*Play your ace* and that makes a **full** house, Aces over Kings!

προσδοκάω I wait for, look for, expect (16)

We **expect** the judge to *prosecute* the criminal. Now, we **wait for** the verdict.

σεαυτοῦ yourself (43)

When you become an adultyou *set out* ***you*rself**.

σκοτία, ἡ darkness (16)

On average, Nova *Scotia* experiences more **darkness** than Alberta.

συκῆ, ἡ fig tree (16)

Jesus cursed the *sucky* **fig tree**.

Jesus wanted a fig. *Psyche*! The **fig tree** is not fruiting.

συλλαµβάνω I arrest, catch, become pregnant (16)

The *sole lambo* in town belongs to a drug lord. **I catch** him and **arrest** him before the city **becomes pregnant** with drugs and crime.

συνίστηµι I recommend, commend (16)

**I recommend** you “Come and *see*” *and* “*Stay with me*.”

σφραγίς, -ῖδος, ἡ seal, mark, inscription (16)

*Sphragis*tics is the science of **seal**s.

Ye*s! Frog is* for dinner. I am tired of eating **seal**.

τολµάω I dare, am courageous (16)

**I dare** you to *tell ma yo* failed your classes this semester.

χορτάζω I feed, satisfy (16)

**I feed** my sourdough starter a *quart of dough*, that will **satisfy** it.

ὡσαύτως likewise, similarly (17)

*Ho’s Autos* is **similarly** priced to Lyre’s Tires.

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Chapter 13

ἄκανθα, ἡ thorn (14)

*Ah cancer* is the **thorn** in my flesh.

ἀκοή, ἡ hearing, report, ear (24)

“Boys, are you **hearing** me?” “*Ahkay*, Mom!”

ἀλλότριος strange, foreign (14)

*A lottery is* a **strange** way to structure your **foreign** policy.

ἀµφότεροι both, all (14)

“*I’m fatter, oy!*” “No, I am.” “You’re **both** fatter than **all** the Baptist fathers.”

ἀναγγέλλω I report, announce, proclaim (14)

*On a guillo*tine platform, **I proclaim** my innocence to the executioner, but there is not **announce** [an ounce] of mercy, he **reports** my guilt and drops the blade. [same mnemonic as ἀπαγγέλλω]

ἀνάκειµαι I lie, recline (14)

*I knock my* head on the table. I think **I** will **lie** on the floor for a while.

ἀνάστασις, -εως, ἡ resurrection (42)

*Anastasia* is named after the **resurrection**.

*“Ana,* ‘*Stacy’s* Mom,’ does not need a **resurrection**. That song is garbage!”

ἀπειθέω I disobey (14)

You must by A Bathing *Ape. It’s so* expensive, so **I disobey** and buy OBEY.

I have general *apathy* toward the rules, so **I disobey** them.

ἀτενίζω I look intently (14)

**I look intently**at her and ask, “Are you from Nashville? Because *A ten is all* I see.”

αὔριον tomorrow, soon (14)

*Orion* will begin appearing in the night sky again **tomorrow**.

ἀφίστηµι I mislead, go away, fall away (14)

I wish that *Office Tammy* would **go away**, she is annoying.

γράµµα, -ατος, τό letter (of alphabet), document (14)

Study the first chapter of your *gramma* well to learn all **letters** of the alphabet.

διαλογισµός, ὁ thought, opinion, dispute (14)

A *dialogue is most* helpful to share competing **thoughts** in a **dispute**.

ἕκτος sixth (14)

This is *Hector’s* **sixth** beer; someone should cut him off.

ἐλάχιστος smallest, least, insignificant (14)

*I lick his toes!* I think he said to be **least** we must wash each other’s feet.

ἐπεί because, since, for (25)

*Up high!* I leave him hanging **because** I don’t touch other hands **since** COVID.

ἐπιτρέπω I allow, permit (18)

If you rearrange the letters in **permit** you can almost get *epitrepo*.

ἐπουράνιος heavenly, in heaven (19)

*Ah poo! Rainiest* day, water coming down from the **heavenly**.

κρίµα, -ατος, τό judging, judgment (27)

*Crime* deserves **judgment**.

νήπιος, ὁ infant, child (15)

If a nursing **infant** *nip ya’s*… you want to cry like a **child**.

ὀφείλω I owe, ought (35)

**You owe** me a game of *Othello*. You **ought** to call it Reversi.

ὀψία late, evening (15)

*Oops ya* look at the time! It is **late** in the **evening**.

παρθένος, ἡ/ὁ virgin (15)

The *parthenon* got its name possibly because it housed **virgins**.

παύω I stop, cease (15)

*Pow! yo* **stopped** in your tracks and the fight **ceases**. One punch from Francis Ngannou and lights out.

πέτρα, ἡ rock, stone (15)

*Petra* is known for its structures carved in **rock**.

ποτίζω I water, give to drink (15)

I bring my watering *pot to each zone* and **I water** my plants.

προλέγω I tell beforehand (15)

The *prologue* is what the author **tells** you **beforehand**.

πώς somehow, perhaps (15)

If I pro*pose*, **somehow perhaps**, she may say yes.

ῥαββί rabbi, master, teacher (15)

***Rabbi*** is a transliteration of this word.

σαλεύω I shake (15)

*Salut! Salut! Oh* **I** must **shake** your hand!

*Salute your* officer, don’t **shake** his hand.

Σαῦλος, ὁ Saul (15)

***Saul*** is a transliteration of this name.

σκάνδαλον, τό stumbling block, trap, temptation (15)

Bill Clinton could not resist **temptation**, so we had a *scandal on* our hands.

συµφέρω I bring together (15)

The *symphony* **brings together** sounds across the full orchestra.

σφραγίζω I seal, mark, certify (15)

If you kiss thi*s frog as your* true love, it will **seal** his fate as a prince.

ταχέως quickly, soon, hastily (15)

You better pay your *taxes* quickly, or you may face penalty.

τέλειος perfect, complete, mature, adult (19)

Are you *telling us* to be an **adult** you should be **mature**?

τράπεζα, ἡ table, meal, food (15)

A *trapeze* forms a rectangle like a **table**.

The *trapeze* artists swung to the **table**, taking a bite of **food**, before gravity swung them back!

[*tra -* four + *ped* – foot = **table**]

ὑπακοή, ἡ obedience (15)

The *hypocho*ndriac exercised full **obedience** to the CDC’s recommendations.

χόρτος, ὁ grass, hay (15)

You must *cut ya’s* **grass** often, or it will grow like **hay**!

ὠφελέω I help, aid, benefit (15)

*Oh fair* [lady] *let yo’* hair down, and **I** will **help** you out of that tower!