



Letter	Reference	Meaning
Τ	Tau -- “You will have a parting from the (Ton) companions now around you.”	This may be an unwelcome parting from friends or a welcome release from enemies.
Υ	Upsilon -- “The situation holds a noble undertaking (Huposkthesis).”	There is some issue under consideration. Look for opportunities to practice virtue.
Φ	Phi -- “Having done something carelessly (Phaulos), you will thereafter blame the Gods.”	Take responsibility for your actions; don’t blame the Gods (or fate, society, or nature) for your own failings.
Χ	Chi -- “Succeeding, friend, you will fulfill a golden (Khruseos) oracle.”	This admirable oracle will be fulfilled by you attaining your ends. Your success is likely.
Ψ	Psi -- “You have this righteous judgement (Psephos) from the Gods.”	The majority of the Gods concur that this result (whatever it is) is appropriate, fair, and righteous.
Ω	Omega -- “You will have a difficult (Omos) harvest season, not a useful one.”	There will be a poor harvest or difficult autumn. Too early grasping the fruits of your labor will yield a poor return.



The preceding is an authentic ancient Greek alphabet oracle, from an inscription in Olympos. Each letter of the alphabet has a corresponding oracle, and the first word of the oracle (in Greek) begins with that letter.

F. Heinevetter, *Wuerfel- und Buchstabenorakel in Griechenland und Kleinasien*, Breslau: 1912, p. 35.

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Α	Alpha -- "The God says you will do everything (Hapanta) successfully.	Your endeavor will turn out well and you will meet your goals. You will have good luck.
Β	Beta -- "With the help of Fortune, you will have an assistant (Boethos): the Pythian."	If you are fortunate, Apollo will help you. but the God will only assist; ultimate responsibility is yours.
Γ	Gamma -- "Gaia [the Earth] (ge) will give you the ripe fruit of your labors."	You will have a successful harvest. The Mother of All will bring your labors to a fruitful conclusion.
Δ	Delta -- "In customs/laws, inappropriate strength (Dunamis) is weak."	Act with restraint and precision. Knowing where and when to strike is more important than strength.
Ε	Epsilon -- "You desire (Eraô) to see the offspring of righteous marriages."	Here, marriage may be taken metaphorically to refer to any alliance or union.
Ζ	Zeta -- "Flee the very great storm (Zalê), lest you be disabled in some way."	Save your energy for when it can be effective. Sometimes flight is wiser than fight.
Η	Eta -- "Bright Sun (Helios), who watches everything, watches you. "	The life-giving Sun is an enforcer of oaths and promises, and knows the truth in your heart.
Θ	Theta -- "You have the helping Gods (Theoi) of this path."	You may go forward with confidence; you are under divine care.
Ι	Iota -- "There is sweat (Hidrôs); it excels more than everything.'	Hard work is the surest means of success.

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Κ	Kappa -- "To fight with the waves (Kuma) is difficult; endure, friend."	The oracle sees you are struggling; hold on and know you're not alone.
Λ	Lambda -- "The one passing on the left (Laios) bodes well for everything."	The oracle may mean that an apparently negative or sinister thing/event may be a blessing in disguise.
Μ	Mu -- "It is necessary to labor (Mokhtheô), but the change will be admirable."	Hard work will result in a good return, a change for the better.
Ν	Nu -- "The strife-bearing (Neikêphoros) gift fulfils the oracle."	Something will be given (or received) that brings strife with it.
Ξ	Xi -- "There is no fruit to take from a withered (Xêros) shoot."	Harshness and stinginess will achieve nothing. You can't get blood from a turnip; you can't get water from a stone.
Ο	Omicron -- "There are no (Ou) crops to be reaped that were not sown. "	What we spread about, comes back to us. You must plan ahead in order to achieve anything.
Π	Pi -- "Completing many (Polus) contests, you will seize the crown."	If you persist, after many trials you will succeed. Persevere through adversity.
Ρ	Rho -- "You will go on more easily (Rhaion) if you wait a short time."	If you will hold for a short time, you will be able to succeed more easily, but don't wait too long.
Σ	Sigma -- "Phoibos [Apollo] speaks plainly (Saphôs), 'Stay, friend.'"	Neither advance nor retreat; the best action is inaction. It is not time to move away.