


Coptic Lesson 7: Three New Coptic Letters

Letter	Shape	Pronunciation	Example
Shy	Ϩ ϣ	Sh (as in Sh ake)	ϣαι (shai =feast)
Theta	Ϡ ϡ	TH (as in Th ink) T (as in T ree) if it follows: ϣ.Τ.Ϡ.ϡ	Ϡαι (Thai = this) ⲁϢⲠⲁϤⲉϢⲉ (As-pa-zes-te = Greet)
Fee	Ϥ ϥ	PH (as in Ph one)	ϥερι (phe-ri = new)

Examples

Word	Pronunciation	Word Meaning	
Παϣωνϥ	Pa-Shons	The Coptic month of Pashans	
Ϩοπρα	Shop-ra	Shobra, Egypt	
Ⲁⲩⲁⲛⲁⲥⲓⲟϥ	Atha-nas-ios	Athanasius	
ϤολϤοϠⲁ	Ghol-gho-tha	Golgotha	
Ϥεραϥιμ	Se-ra-pheem	Seraphim	
Ϥαλαϥελ	Fa-la-fel	Falafel	
Ϥιλιπποϥ	Phi-lip-pos	Philip	
Ⲍⲉⲃⲧ	Le-vt	Beets	
Ⲍⲁⲕⲁⲛⲩ	La-ka-nee	Unction (Lakan)	