

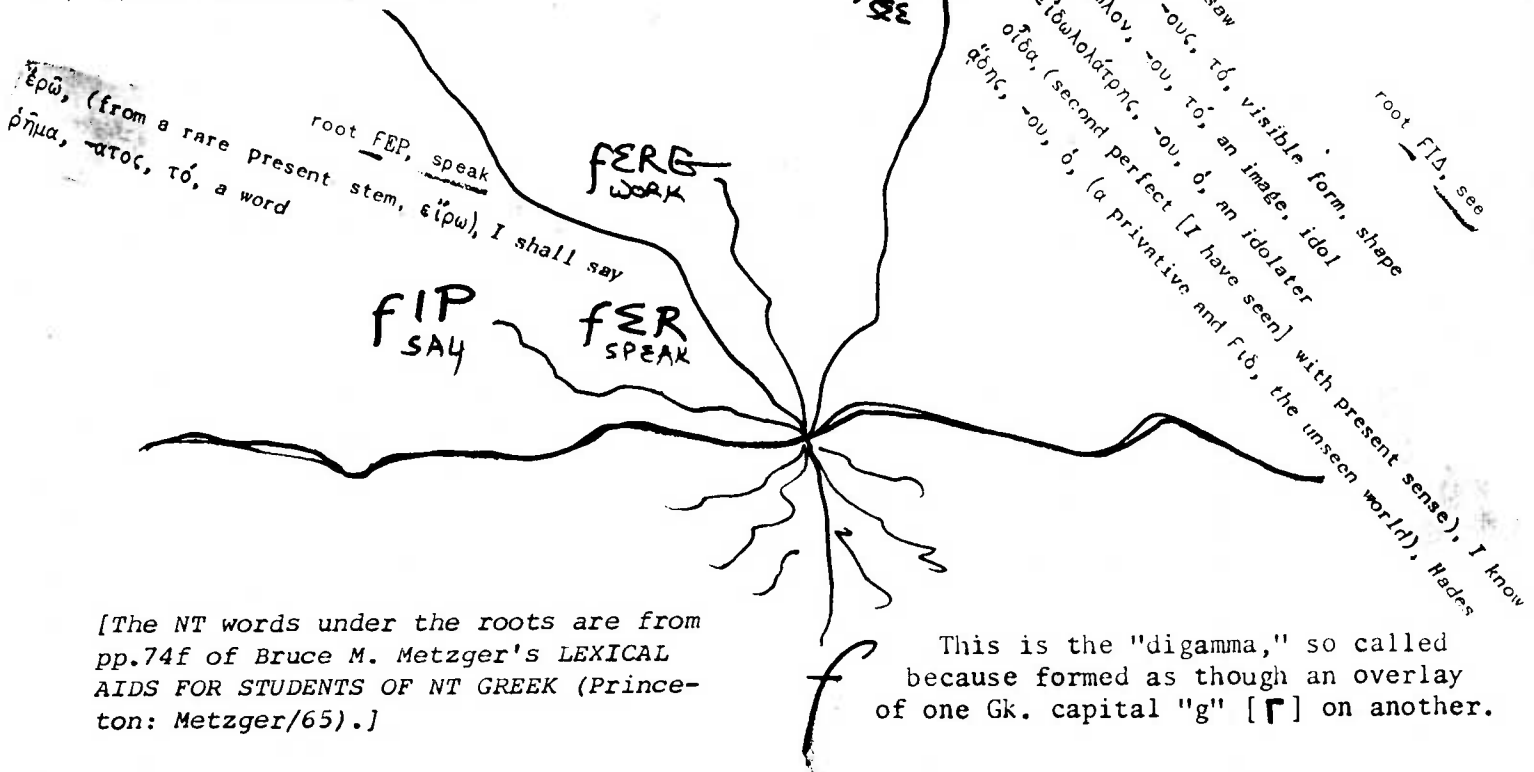
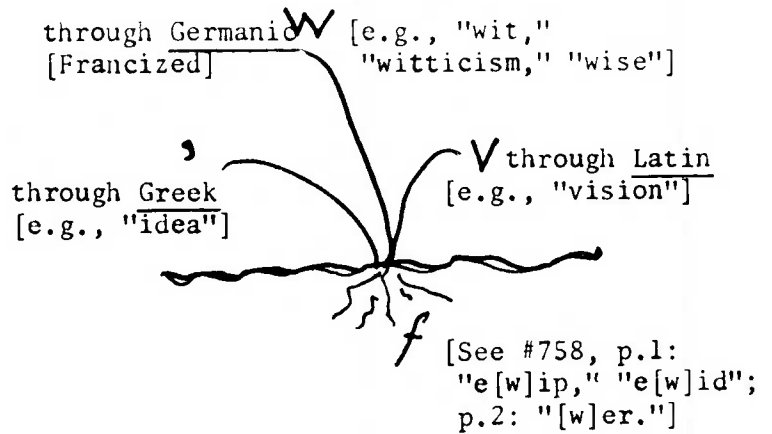
"ROOTS": The CIA [underground] letter in the Greek alphabet.....Elliott #767

This thinksheet displays the behavior of a certain single primordial sound beginning certain I-E roots and represented by "digamma," which in very ancient Greek was written somewhat as our English "F," "f." In NT roots beginning with that sound, we get words meaning "speak" [from this root also, "word"], "work" [directly from this root], and "see" [thus, "vi-sible"; but also "vision" and "idea"]. Gather those up and you realize that the sound can come into English as initial glottal stop [e.g., "idea"], "w" ["word," "work"], "v" ["vision"]. Add your English dictionary, then use Strong for the three roots, then catch for-you juicy scriptures, and make something of it all! You could hit, for that third root, also "veda" and "wisdom"! In these few words all these languages are in action: Sanskrit, Greek, Latin, Teutonic [Anglo-Saxon, English]! From your knowledge of these cultures, what cross-meanings can you catch? And what Hebrew-world parallels?

root FEP, work

- ἔργον, -ου, τό, work
- ἐργάτης, -ου, ό, a workman
- ἐνεργέω, I work, effect
- συνεργέω, I work along with, co-operate with
- συνεργός, -ού, ό and ή, a fellow worker
- ἐργάζομαι, I work
- ἐργασία, -ας, ή, work, business, profit
- κατεργάζομαι, I work out
- γεωργός, -ού, ό, (a worker in the earth [γῆ]), a farmer
- λειτουργός, -ού, ό, (a public [λαός] minister), a servant
- πανουργία, -ας, ή, (ability to do anything, cleverness), craftiness, cunning
- ἀργός, -όν, idle, lazy (contracted from ἀ-εργός)
- καταργέω, I bring to naught, abolish

How digamma enters English:



[The NT words under the roots are from pp.74f of Bruce M. Metzger's LEXICAL AIDS FOR STUDENTS OF NT GREEK (Princeton: Metzger/65).]

This is the "digamma," so called because formed as though an overlay of one Gk. capital "g" [Γ] on another.