

Cognitive Verbs

Greek has a number of words for see, know, and understand. Some of them overlap in English, and so we miss some of the Scriptural meaning. Some of them overlap in Greek, and so we get confused as to their intent. Each of the following verbs has been give a unique subscript for easier identification (under the column head 'Sub').

Sub	Greek Word	Strong's	Central Meaning	Additional Meanings
KNOW				
ag	ana-ginosko	314	read (personally)	to know diff. between or among things (distinguish)
an	agnoeo	50	ignore	disregarding, or mistaking; a negative knowing; may be willful or negligent, or simply uninformed (do not know).
as	ana-gnosis	320	read (publicly)	to proclaim, disseminate general information
dg	dia-ginosko	1231	diagnose	analytical and exact knowing, to examine and determine for purposes of making a decision
eg	epi-ginosko	1921	realize	knowing above or beyond; coming to accurate, complete, thorough, or full knowledge; or the point at which known
ei *	eido	1492	perceive	perceive, notice, recognize, discover, see (figuratively)
ep	epistemai	1987	contemplate	focus attention on; acquaint with; seek to understand
gi	ginosko	1097	learn	coming to know or understand by experience
gn	gnostos	1110	know of	to hear or receive general information; e.g. the news, or knowing of a celebrity
is	isemi	2467	familiar with	knowing in a familiar way, as friends and neighbors
pg	pro-ginosko	4267	foreknow	predict, anticipate
se	sun-eido	4894	privy to	conscious of, to know “alongside” or “with”
mn	manthano	3129	learn	come to know by inquiry and practice, as a pupil
dk	dokimazo	1381	discern	To test, prove, assay, examine, as a teacher
SEE				
ab	ana-blepo	308	look up	to receive sight, or recover (lost) sight
ae	ap-eido	542	change focus	turn from one toward another, see from a point of view
al	altizo	816	stare	look up into steadfastly
bl	blepo	991	see (physically)	see with eye or mind, look at, face, experience, discover
db	dia-blepo	1227	see clearly	to look through, penetrating look, stare
eb	em-blepo	1689	look toward	to turn the eyes upon, turn gaze toward, behold, consider
ei *	eido	1492	notice	observe, notice, inspect, tell
gr	gregoreuo	1127	watch intently	be vigilant, pay strict attention, be cautious
hi	historeo	2477	investigate	inquire into, visit, become personally acquainted with
ho	horao	3708	look to	see with eye or mind, experience, pay heed, appear, glimpse or catch sight of
id	ide, idou	2396	behold!	2 nd pers. imperative, See! Look! Lo! (NT:2400 <i>idou</i>)
mp	muopazo	3467	near-sighted	to see dimly, or see fuzzily, <i>myopic</i>
op	optanomai	3700	look at	to behold, or to appear
pb	peri-blepo	4017	look around	to look about the perimeter
ph	photizo	5461	enlighten	to shine, illumine, bring to light, render evident, instruct
tm	theaomai	2300	admire	contemplate, view attentively, learn by observing, meet
tr	theoreo	2334	spectate	ascertain, view mentally (theoretical), enjoy presence
UNDERSTAND				
gz	gnorizo	1107	make known	to gain knowledge of (from 1097 <i>ginosko</i>)
kn	kataneo	2657	study	to fix ones eyes or mind on, consider intently
no	noeo	3539	ponder	perceive with the mind, consider, think about
si	sun-iemi	4920	understand	put perception with the thing perceived; juxtapose

* The English rendering of the Greek word *eido* is about equally split between *knowing* and *seeing* (300+ each).