# Coptic Braille Spec (6-dot)

Literary 6-dot Braille Code for Ancient Coptic (esp. Sahidic)

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## Source

Please refer to the transcribers’ preface in the braille edition of Bentley Layton, Coptic in 20 Lessons: An Introduction to Sahidic with Vocabularies and Exercises, (Leuven: Peeters, 2007), prepared for the University of Texas at Austin by Caroline Crews and Sarah Blake LaRose.

See also Daniel C. Smith and Sarah Blake LaRose, “Expanding the World of Biblical Studies to Scholars who are Blind: Creation and Implementation of a Coptic Braille System” *Near Eastern Archaeology* 87 (2024): 132–136.

## Letters:

⠁ ⲁ ALFA

⠃ ⲃ VIDA

⠛ ⲅ GAMMA

⠙ ⲇ DALDA

⠑ ⲉ EIE

⠸⠧ ⲋ SOU

⠵ ⲍ ZATA

⠱ ⲏ HATE

⠹ ⲑ THETHE

⠊ ⲓ IAUDA

⠅ ⲕ KAPA

⠇ ⲗ LAULA

⠍ ⲙ MI

⠝ ⲛ NI

⠭ ⲝ KSI

⠕ ⲟ O

⠏ ⲡ PI

⠗ ⲣ RO

⠎ ⲥ SIMA

⠞ ⲧ TAU

⠥ ⲩ UA

⠋ ⲫ FI

⠯ ⲭ KHI

⠽ ⲯ PSI

⠺ ⲱ OOU

⠩ ϣ SHEI

⠫ ϥ FEI

⠡ ϧ KHEI

⠓ ϩ HORI

⠚ ϫ GANGIA

⠣ ϭ SHIMA

⠳ ϯ DEI

Dialectical variants of certain letters have the same dot pattern as their usual form.

## Other Characters

⠂⠍ ⳥ MI RO

⠂⠏ ⳦ PI RO

⠐⠖ ⳧ STAUROS

⠂⠯ ⳩ KHI RO

⠂⠞ ⳨ TAU RO

⠂ combining macron/overline

## Punctuation

⠦ ⳻ OLD NUBIAN INDIRECT QUESTION MARK

⠦ ⳺ OLD NUBIAN DIRECT QUESTION MARK

⠲ ⳾ COPTIC FULL STOP

⠦ ⳹ OLD NUBIAN FULL STOP

⠦ ⳼ OLD NUBIAN VERSE DIVIDER

## Latin Punctuation and Characters

Whenever Latin characters, numerals, or punctuation are used, they are produced in accordance with UEB Grade 1.

⠼ Numeral sign

⠠ Capital letter sign

⠠⠠ Capital word sign