

Prepositions

“A preposition is a word used as an aid in the expression of substantive relations.... It is called ‘preposition’ because in its use it is regularly placed before the noun.

“Nearly every preposition may be prefixed to a word and thus add a new idea to the word or modify or even intensify the meaning of that particular word. A very frequent use of prepositions is in composition with words for the purpose of expressing emphasis or intensity.

“A very important fact to remember in studying prepositions is that each one, unlike the English use, may be used to express one or several either kindred or diversified ideas. The best way to determine the meanings of a preposition is to study it in its various contexts and note its various uses.”

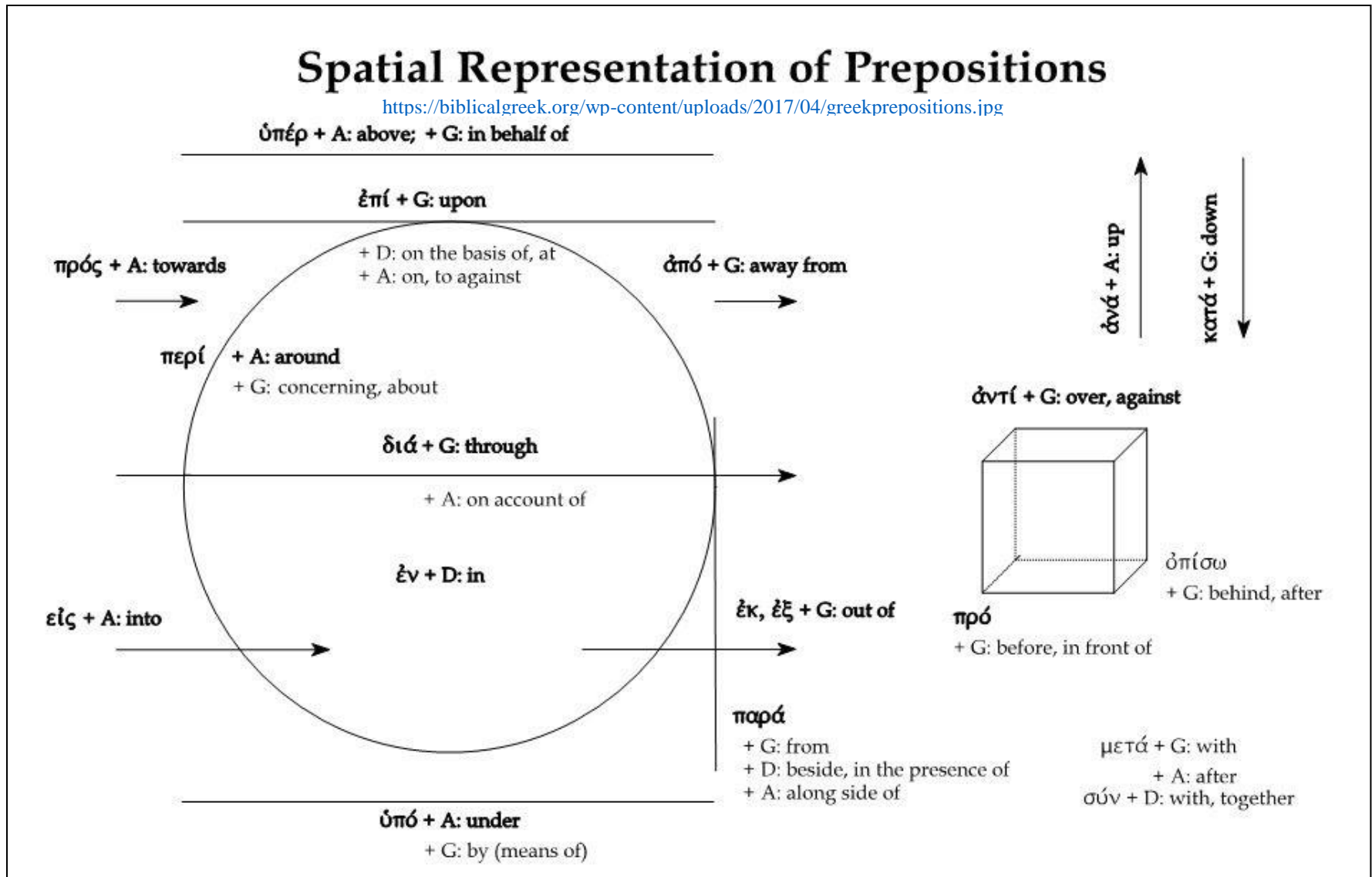
Dana and Mantey, *A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament*, 96,ff
cf Murray J. Harris, *Prepositions and Theology* (Zondervan, 2012).

	Sense	In Composition	Genitive	Dative	Accusative	Remote Meanings
ἀνά	up	up, back, again			up, again	
ἀντί	face to face	face to face, against	against, instead of			
ἀπό	off, away from	off, back	from, away from			by, on account of
διά	two	two, between, through	through, by		because of	by, through (agency), by means of
ἐκ, ἐξ, ἐχ	out of	out of, away, emphasis	out of, from			on, by means of
ἐν	within	into, in			into, in	in, upon, against, among, with reference to, as, because of, for the purpose of
εἰς	within	within, in, on		in, on, with, by		besides, into, because of
ἐπί	upon	upon, emphasis	upon, on (emphasizing contact)	upon, on, at over (emphasizing position)	Upon, on, to, up to (emphasizing motion or direction)	in, against, for, after, on account of, in the time of, in addition to
κατά	down	down, emphasis	down from, down upon		along, according to	with reference to, in, before
μετά	in the midst of	with, after, to express change or difference	with		after	
παρά	beside	beside, emphasis	from	before, beside	beside, beyond, along	
περί	around	around, emphasis	about, concerning		about, around (physical sense)	in behalf of, with, in everything
πρό	before	before	before			
πρός	near, facing	near, toward, emphasis		at	go, toward, at, with	for, pertaining to, on, on account of, in order to
σύν, σύμ	together with	with, together, emphasis		with, together with		besides
ὑπέρ	over	over, more, beyond	in behalf of, instead of		over above, beyond	concerning, than
ὑπό	under	under	by (agency)		under	

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Spatial Representation of Prepositions

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