

κεφαλή, ἡς, ἡ (Hom.+) gener. 'head'.

1. the part of the body that contains the brain, *head*

a. of humans, animals, and transcendent beings. Humans: **Mt 5:36** (on swearing by the head s. Athen. 2, 72, 66c; Test12Patr; PGM 4, 1917; cp. Juvenal, Satires 6, 16f); **6:17; 14:8, 11; 26:7; 27:29f; Mk 6:24f, 27f; 14:3; 15:19; Lk 7:46; J 13:9; 19:2; 20:7; 1 Cor 11:4b** (JMurphy-O'Connor, CBQ 42, '80, 485 [lit.] 'his head'='himself'), **5ab, 7, 10; 12:21; Rv 18:19** (cp. Josh 7:6; La 2:10); 1 Cl 37:5; 56:5 (Ps 140:5); B 13:5 (Gen 48:14); Hm 11:20; Papias (3:2 [not g and h]); GJs 2:4; 9:1; AcPl Ha 11, 1.—Animals: B 7:8 (of the scapegoat Lev 16; cp. vs. 21).—In apocal. presentations in connection w. human figures: **Rv 1:14; 4:4; 9:7 12:1; 14:14; 19:12**; w. animals: **9:7, 17, 19; 12:3** (s. δράκων); **13:1, 3; 17:3, 7, 9** (cp. Ael. Aristid. 50, 50 K.=26 p. 517 D.: ὄφθη τὸ ἔδος [of Asclepius] τρεῖς κεφαλὰς ἔχον. A person sees himself in a dream provided with a plurality of heads Artem. 1, 35 p. 37, 14: δύο ἔχειν κεφαλὰς ἢ τρεῖς. Also the many-headed dog Cerberus of the underworld in Hesiod, Theog. 311 al. as well as Heraclit. Sto. 33 p. 49, 14); Hv 4, 1, 6;10; of angels **Rv 10:1**.—The hair(s) of the *head* (Philo, Leg. ad Gai. 223) **Mt 10:30; Lk 7:38, 44 v.l.; 12:7; 21:18; Ac 27:34**. τὴν κ. κλίνειν *lay down the head* to sleep **Mt 8:20; Lk 9:58**. Sim. **J 19:30** (s. Hdb. ad loc.). κινεῖν τὴν κ. (s. κινέω 2a) **Mt 27:39; Mk 15:29**; 1 Cl 16:16 (Ps 21:8); ἐπαίρειν τὴν κ. (s. ἐπαίρω 1) **Lk 21:28**; *shear the head*, i.e. *cut the hair* as a form of a vow **Ac 21:24**; cp. **18:18**. Of baptism ἔκχεον εἰς τὴν κεφαλὴν τρις ὕδωρ D 7:3. Of the anointing of Jesus' head IEph 17:1. κατὰ κεφαλῆς ἔχειν *have (someth.) on the head* (s. κατὰ A 1a) **1 Cor 11:4a**; also w. specification of object ἐπὶ w. gen. **Rv 14:14**; Hv 4, 1, 10; or εἰς 4, 3, 1. ἐπάνω τῆς κ. *above his head* **Mt 27:37**. Also πρὸς τῆς κ. **J 20:12**. (ἀστὴρ) ἔστη ἐπὶ τὴν κ. τοῦ παιδίου GJs 21:3 (cp. Mt 2:9).—Well-known expr. fr. the OT: ἀνθρακας πυρὸς σωρεύειν ἐπὶ τὴν κ. τινοῦ **Ro 12:20** (s. ἀνθραξ). A curse-formula: τὸ αἷμα ὑμῶν ἐπὶ τὴν κ. ὑμῶν *your blood be on your own heads* (s. αἷμα 2a and cp. Demosth., Ep. 4, 10 τ. ἄδικον βλασφημίαν εἰς κεφαλὴν τῶ λέγοντι τρέπουσι; 6, 1; Maximus Tyr. 5, 1d; Aesop, Fab. 206 P.=372 H.//313 Ch.//222 H-H. ὁ θέλεις σὺ τούτοις ἐπὶ τῆς κεφαλῆς γένοιτο; Phalaris, Ep. 102 εἰς κεφαλὴν σοί τε καὶ τῶ σῶ γένει)=you are responsible for your own destruction **Ac 18:6**; cp. GPt 5:17.

b. in imagery οὐκ ἔκλινας τὴν κ. σου ὑπὸ τὴν κραταιὰν χεῖραν *you have not bowed your head under the mighty hand* (of God) GJs 15:4. Of pers. (Plut., Galba 1054 [4, 3] G. as κ. ἰσχυρῶ σώματι, namely of the Galatian territories) Christ the κ. of the ἐκκλησία thought of as a σῶμα **Col 1:18**; cp. **2:19** (Artem. 2, 9 p. 92, 25 ἡ κεφαλὴ ὑπερέχει τοῦ παντὸς σώματος; schol. on Nicander, Alexiph. 215 ἡ κεφαλὴ συνέχει πᾶν τὸ σῶμα); Christ and Christians as head and members ITr 11:2. (SBedale, JTS 5, '54, 211-15; New Docs 3, 45f [lit.]; not 'source': JFitzmyer, NTS 35, '89, 503-11.) S. mng. 2a.

2. a being of high status, *head*, fig. (of Asclepius IG II², 4514, 6; in gnostic speculation: Iren. 1, 5, 3 [Harv. I 45, 13]. ὁ μέγας ἄρχων, ἡ κ. τοῦ κόσμου Hippol., Ref. 7, 23, 3).

a. in the case of living beings, to denote superior rank (cp. Artem. 4, 24 p. 218, 8 ἡ κ. is the symbol of the father; Judg 11:11; 2 Km 22:44) *head* (Zosimus of Ashkelon [500 AD] hails Demosth. as his master: ὁ θεῖα κεφαλὴ [Biogr. p. 297]) of the father as head of the family Hs 7, 3; **of the husband in relation to his wife 1 Cor 11:3b; Eph 5:23a**. Of Christ in relation to the Christian community **Eph 4:15; 5:23b**. But Christ is the head not only of the body of Christians, but of the universe as a whole: κ. ὑπὲρ πάντα **Eph 1:22**, and of every cosmic power κ. πάσης ἀρχῆς καὶ ἐξουσίας *the head of all might and power* **Col 2:10**. The divine influence on the world results in the series (for the growing distance from God with corresponding results cp. Ps.-Aristot. De Mundo 6, 4): God the κ. of Christ, Christ the κ. of man, the man the κ. of the woman **1 Cor 11:3cab** (s. on γυνή 1). JFitzmyer, Int 47, '93, 52-59.

b. of things *the uppermost part, extremity, end, point* (Pappus of Alex., mathematician [IV AD] in the 8th book [ed. CGerhardt 1871 p. 379 τῆς κεφαλῆς τοῦ κοχλίου=at the point of the screw; Judg 9:25; En 17:2; Jos., Bell. 2, 48, Ant. 3, 146; oft. pap. of plots of ground) κ. γωνίας *the cornerstone* (so M'Neile, Mt ad loc.; REB (*main*) *corner-*

stone, and w. proper omission of the alternative rendering at 1 Pt 2:7 in NEB mg.; the cornerstone thus forms the farthest extension [cp. PFlor 50, 83] of the corner, though JJeremias, *Αγγελος* I 1925, 65-70, ZNW 29, 1930, 264-80, TW IV 277-79 thinks of it as the *capstone* above the door; so also OMichel, TW IV 892, V 129 [diff. 151]; KSchelkle, RAC I 233f; RMcKelvey, NTS 8, '62, 352-59 [lit. 353 n. 1-3]. S. HGressmann, Pj 6, 1910, 38-45; GWhitaker, Exp. 8th ser., 22, 1921, 470ff. For another view s. lit. s.v. ἀκρογωνιαίος **Mt 21:42; Mk 12:10; Lk 20:17** (on these three pass. s. JDerrett, TU 102, '68, 180-86); **Ac 4:11; 1 Pt 2:7** (Selwyn ad loc.: "extremity and not height is the point connoted"); B 6:4 (all Ps 117:22).—κ.=*capital* (city) (Appian, Illyr. 19 §54) **Ac 16:12** D (but 'frontier city' AClark, Acts of the Apostles '33, 362-65 and JLarsen, CTM 17, '46, 123-25).—B. 212. Schmidt, Syn. I 361-69. DELG. M-M. EDNT. TW. Sv.