IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

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There are 24 letters in the Greek Alphabet:
alpha beta gamma delta epsilon eta zeta theta iota kappa lambda
mu nu xi omicron pi rho sigma tau upsilon phi chi psi omega.

Each of the couplets below includes the names of 2 of these letters. They are not in alphabetical order.

When it comes to Greek, PSI makes SIP
While PHI is really a broken HIP

Take B from BETA to brew the TEA
And when HI leaves CHI we're left with C

OMEGA plus N – it's GAME ON!
While UNSPOIL makes UPSILON

SIGMA plus O metamorphose to IMAGOS
EPSILON comes from a LIP and a NOSE

IOTA plus MC explodes into ATOMIC
OMICRON transposes into MORONIC

An elementary particle, or eleven, is XI
Circumference over diameter equals PI

It always comes first, because its ALPHA
And in Afghanistan is a place called KAPPA

One single micron is the same as MU
A single neutrino is represented by NU

E added to THAT gives us THETA
But adding E to AT only produces ETA

The BALM AD. makes use of LAMBDA
Volcanic MAGMA flows into GAMMA

An HOUR minus U transposes to RHO
While TAU plus O is a motor, AUTO

Take L from DELTA and we had a DATE
And ZETA less Z made sure that we ATE