

***aftanē** Runic: 𐰇𐰆𐰚𐰚𐰇𐰚 Pronunciation: /'ɑ̥f.ta.nɛ:/

adverb

Meanings

from behind, behind

Etymology

From **aft-* + **(a)nē*. The base **aft-* was secondarily abstracted from **after* after reanalysis of **after* as **aft-er*; **after* itself continues a locative comparative formation **ap(o)-tero-*, from Proto-Indo-European **apó* + **-tero-* (Kroonen 2013: 3; Watkins 2011: s.v. *apo-*). The suffix **(a)nē* belongs to the Proto-Germanic directional system, where prepositional/adverbial bases form an allative, locative, and ablative series, perhaps ultimately involving PIE **-néh₁* (Dunkel 2014: 60–62; Kroonen 2011a: 85–92).

Descendants

***aftanā** (Proto-West Germanic)

æftan (Old English)

aptan (Old Norse)

aftan (Faroese)

aftan (Icelandic)

attan (Norwegian Nynorsk)

𐌱𐌰𐌿𐌳𐌰𐌽𐌰 (**aftana**) (Gothic)

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