

***afti** Runic: 𐰇𐰆𐰇𐰇 | Pronunciation: /'ɑ̥f.ti/

adverb

Meanings

afterwards, later; again, once more

Etymology

From Proto-Germanic **after* by resegmentation as **aft-er* from original **af-ter*, with a new adverb **aft-i* formed on the model of goal/allative adverbs and prepositions in **-i* (a fossilized locative/adverbial element likely from the Proto-Indo-European locative case ending; see (Kroonen 2011a: 85–86)). A similar formation is **furi* < pre-Germanic **prh₂-i* (Kroonen 2013: s.v. **furi*). The original base is from Proto-Indo-European **h₂epó*. Compare Ancient Greek ἀπό (*apó*), Sanskrit अप (*ápa*), Avestan 𐬀𐬀𐬀 (*apa*), Latin *ab*, and Hittite 𐎠𐎡𐎣𐎤 (*a-ap-pa* / *āppa*/). For its posterior derivative **h₂ep-tero-* (‘farther back, later’); compare Sanskrit अपतरम् (*apatarám*) and Ancient Greek ἀπωτέρω (*apōtérō*) (Dunkel 2014: 79; Mallory & Adams 1997: 42).

Descendants

Proto-West Germanic *afti

æft, eft (Old English)

Proto-West Germanic *afti

eft (Old Frisian)

Proto-West Germanic *afti

eft (Old Saxon)

eft, ept (Old Norse)

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