

***agaz** Runic: 𐌱𐌰𐌶𐌵 Pronunciation: /'a.ɣaz/

noun · neuter · z-stem

Meanings

fear, dread; terror or awe in the face of something threatening

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂éǵʰ-os* ~ **h₂éǵʰ-es-os*, an old neuter s-stem built to **h₂éǵʰ-*. In Proto-Germanic the inherited s-stem alternation survives as **agaz* ~ **agiz-*; the daughters then remodeled the stem in different directions, e.g. Gothic 𐌱𐌰𐌶𐌵 (*agis*) as a neuter a-stem and Old English *ege* as an i-stem (Kroonen 2013: 4; Ringe 2017: 110, 149, 310). Cognate with Ancient Greek ἄχος (*ákhos*) and Proto-Celtic **āg-ī-* (Mallory & Adams 1997: 247; Ringe 2017: 110). A recent Celto-Germanic treatment takes the Celtic and Germanic verbal word family as inherited from the same PIE root rather than as a special Celto-Germanic innovation (van Sluis et al. 2023: 214).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	agaz	agizō
Acc.	agaz	agizō
Gen.	agiziz	agizô
Dat.	agizi	agizumaz
Inst.	agizē	agizumiz
Voc.	agaz	agizō

Descendants

- ***agi** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - eġe, æġe, eiġe** (Old English)
 - eye, eȝe, eie, eiȝe, eyȝe, eȝȝe** (Middle English)
 - ey** (English)
- ***agi** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - egī, aigi** (Old High German)
 - egibāri, egibāro, egilīh, egitior** (Old High German)
- agi** (Old Norse)
 - ave** (Danish)
 - agi** (Faroese)
 - agi** (Icelandic)
 - age** (Norwegian Bokmål)
 - age, aga, agje, ågå** (Norwegian Nynorsk)
- agi** (Old Norse)
 - awe, age, aghe, aȝe, ahe, au, aue, aw** (Middle English)
 - awe** (English)
 - awe, aw** (Scots)
- agi** (Old Norse)
 - aghi** (Old Swedish)
 - age** (Swedish)
 - aga** (Swedish)
- 𐌱𐌿𐌱𐌰 (agis)** (Gothic)
- ***agiz** (Vandalic)

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