

*Agilaz

Runic: ᚱᚰᚱᚰᚰ

Pronunciation: /'a.ɣi.laz/

proper noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

1. a male given name; Egil
2. Egil/Egill, the legendary archer of the Wayland/Völundr cycle, brother of Wayland/Völundr and Slagfiðr

Etymology

Probably from **agjō* + **-ilaz*, with **-ilaz* functioning here as a hypocoristic or individualizing suffix. This analysis is semantically attractive for the legendary archer and connects the name with Proto-Indo-European **h₂ék-ih₂* ~ **h₂ék-yéh₂-s*, from **h₂ék-*. Compare Latin *acus*, *aciēs*, Ancient Greek *ἀκίς* (*akís*), and Sanskrit *अस्त्रि* (*aśrí-*) (de Vries 1977: 95; Kroonen 2013: 4; Ringe 2017: 146). Another possibility is a derivation from **agaz* + **-ilaz*, from PIE **h₂eg^h-*.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	Agilaz	—
Acc.	Agila	—
Gen.	Agilas, Agilis	—
Dat.	Agilai	—
Inst.	Agilō	—
Voc.	Agil	—

Descendants

***Agil** (Proto-West Germanic)

Agilus (Medieval Latin)

Aegel (Old Saxon)

***Agil** (Proto-West Germanic)

Ægel, Ægil (Old English)

Ayel (Middle English)

Eagle, Egley, Ayle, Ale, Ayley, Oiley (English)

***Agil** (Proto-West Germanic)

Agil, Aigil, Eigil, Egil (Old High German)

Eigil, Aygel, Aigil, Aigel (Middle High German)

Jagel (German)

Jogaila (Lithuanian)

Egill (Old Norse)

Egil (Faroese)

Egel (Sami)

Egill (Icelandic)

Egel (Sami)

Egel, Egil, Eiel, Eigil (Norwegian)

Egel (Sami)

Egill (Old Norse)

Eghil (Old Danish)

Eigil, Ejgil (Danish)

Eikili (Greenlandic)

Egill (Old Norse)

Æghil (Old Swedish)

Egil (Swedish)

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