

***aimaz** Runic: ᚦ | ᚦᚦᚦ Pronunciation: /'aj.maz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

1. steam, vapor
2. smoke or reek rising from heat or fire

Etymology

Probably from pre-Germanic **h₁óy-mo-s*, an o-grade **-mo-* noun to an otherwise poorly attested Proto-Indo-European root **h₁ey-* of uncertain meaning, perhaps ‘heat, give off vapor/smoke’. Kroonen (2013: 11) takes Old Norse neuter *īm* as internal evidence for **h₁ey-*, making the older derivation from **h₂eyd^h* much less likely. There are no secure IE cognates. A relationship with PIE root **h₂eyd^h* seems plausible, just not possible as a direct origin. Comparisons with Hittite    (*i-nu-zi /inuhzi/*) from PIE **h₁eh₃y-* (Kloekhorst 2008: 165–66) are incompatible with the North Germanic forms in **īm-*. Related to **aimuzjō*.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aimaz	aimōz, aimōs
Acc.	aima	aimanz
Gen.	aimas, aimis	aimō
Dat.	aimai	aimamaz
Inst.	aimō	aimamiz
Voc.	aim	aimōz, aimōs

Descendants

eimr (Old Norse)

- em** (Danish)
- eimur** (Faroese)
- eimur** (Icelandic)
- eim** (Norwegian)
- ēmber** (Old Swedish)

ím (Old Norse)

- ím** (Danish)
- ím** (Faroese)
- ím** (Icelandic)
- im** (Norwegian Nynorsk)
- im** (Swedish)

***aimat'ak** (Proto-Finnic)

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