

***aiwaz** Runic: ᚱ | ᚱ | ᚱ ᚹ Pronunciation: /'aj.waz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

1. long time, age, eternity
2. law

Etymology

In the temporal sense, from Proto-Indo-European thematic **h₂ey-w-o-s*, created by remodeling the older ablauting **h₂óyu ~ *h₂yéw-*, ultimately from root **h₂ey-*. Cognates include Sanskrit आयुः (*áyuḥ*), Old Avestan 𐬀𐬀𐬀𐬀 (*āiīu-*), Latin *aevus/aevum*, and Ancient Greek αἰών (*aiṓn*), the latter enlarged with **-on-* (Beekes 2010: 46–47; de Vaan 2008: s.v. *aevus/aevum*; Kroonen 2013: 16; Watkins 2011: s.v. *aiw-*).

The meaning ‘law, right, established custom’ is confined principally to West Germanic. Kroonen (2013: 16) compares Latin *iūs*, *iūris*, from PIE **h₂yew-es-*, and regards the etymology as identical with the temporal noun, perhaps through the notion of ‘something enduring, traditionally established, or permanently valid’.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aiwaz	aiwōz, aiwōs
Acc.	aiwā	aiwanz
Gen.	aiwas, aiwis	aiwō
Dat.	aiwai	aiwamaz
Inst.	aiwō	aiwamiz
Voc.	aiw	aiwōz, aiwōs

Descendants

***aiw, *aiwu** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēwa (Old Dutch)

io (Old Dutch)

ie (Middle Dutch)

***aiw, *aiwu** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēwa (Old Dutch)

êwe, êeu (Middle Dutch)

ieuw (Limburgish)

***aiw, *aiwu** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēwa (Old Dutch)

êwe, êeu (Middle Dutch)

eeuw (Dutch)

eeu (Afrikaans)

***aiw, *aiwu** (Proto-West Germanic)

āwa, ā (Old English)

ō, ā (Middle English)

***aiw, *aiwu** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēwa, ēwe, ē (Old Frisian)

ā (Old Frisian)

iuw (West Frisian)

***aiw, *aiwu** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēwa, ēuua, aeuaa, ēo, ēa (Old High German)

ēwe, ē (Middle High German)

Ee, E-e (Alemannic German)

Ehe (German)

***aiw, *aiwu** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēwa, ēuua, aeuaa, ēo, ēa (Old High German)

io (Old High German)

ie (Middle High German)

je (German)

***aiw, *aiwu** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēo, io, ēu, ē (Old Saxon)

ê, ee, eje, ewe (Middle Low German)

Ehe (Low German)

***ǿ | ǿǿȳ (*aiwar)** (Proto-Norse)

***ǿ | ǿǿȳ (*aiwar)** (Proto-Norse)

æ, ei, ey (Old Norse)

æ (Icelandic)

***ǿ | ǿǿȳ (*aiwar)** (Proto-Norse)

æ, ei, ey (Old Norse)

aye, ai, agg (Middle English)

aye (English)

𐌺𐌿𐍂𐍄 (aiws), 𐌺𐌿 (aiw) (Gothic)

***aika** (Proto-Finnic)

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