

***alpī** Runic: ᚦᚦᚦ | Pronunciation: /'al.θĩ:/

noun · feminine · ĩn-stem

Meanings

1. oldness, eld
2. period of life or time, age
3. olden times, yore

Etymology

Possibly from a reformulation of Proto-Indo-European **h₂él-ti-* from root **h₂el-*, as an *ĩn*-stem ([de Vries 1977: s.v. elli](#)). It belongs to the same word family as **alaną* and **aldaz*. West Germanic **aldĩn-* reflects later analogical generalization of **d* ([Ringe & Taylor 2014: 232](#)).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	alpī	alpīniz
Acc.	alpīnu	alpīnunz
Gen.	alpīniz	alpīnô
Dat.	alpīni	alpīmaz
Inst.	alpīnē	alpīmiz
Voc.	alpī	alpīniz

Descendants

***aldi** (Proto-West Germanic)

- eldi**, ***aldi** (Old Dutch)
 - oude**, **elde** (Middle Dutch)
 - oude** (Dutch)
 - elde** (West Flemish)

***aldī** (Proto-West Germanic)

- ild**, **yld**, **æld**, **eld**, **ieldu**, **ildu**, **ildo**, **yldo**, **ældu**, **eldo** (Old English)
 - elde** (Middle English)
 - eld** (English)
 - eild**, **eeld** (Scots)

***aldī** (Proto-West Germanic)

- elde** (Old Frisian)
 - jelde** (North Frisian)
 - jeld** (West Frisian)

***aldi** (Proto-West Germanic)

- altī**, **eltī** (Old High German)
 - elte**, **alte-**, **alta-** (Middle High German)
 - Älte** (German)

***aldī** (Proto-West Germanic)

- eldī** (Old Saxon)
 - olde** (Middle Low German)

elli (Old Norse)

- elli** (Faroese)
- elli** (Icelandic)
- ælle** (Old Swedish)

elli (Old Norse)

- ælde** (Danish)
 - elde**, **elda** (Norwegian)

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