

***anabūsniȝ** Runic: ᚱᚰᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /,a.na.'bu:s.niz/

noun · feminine · i-stem

Meanings

1. commandment
2. precept; instruction, injunction

Etymology

From **ana-* + **būsniȝ*, a deverbal noun derived from **anabeudanq*. The compound is attested in Gothic ᚱᚰᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ (*anabusniȝ*), where it translates Ancient Greek ἐντολή (*entolē*) in the Gothic Bible. Semantically, the compound represents a development from ‘something put forward/offered’ to ‘something imposed or prescribed’, hence ‘commandment’ (Lehmann 1986a: 31). In Old Saxon, the forms *ambūsan*, *anbūsan* are attested in the *Heliand* (Holthausen 1967: 2).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	anabūsniȝ	anabūsniȝ
Acc.	anabūsni	anabūsniȝ
Gen.	anabūsniȝ	anabūsniȝō
Dat.	anabūsni	anabūsniȝ
Inst.	anabūsni	anabūsniȝ
Voc.	anabūsni	anabūsniȝ

Descendants

ambūsan, ambūsan (Old Saxon)

𐌰𐌵𐌹𐌸𐌰𐌽𐌳𐌹𐌸 (anabūsns) (Gothic)

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