

***andaswarō**

Runic: ᚠ ᚢ ᚦ ᚭ ᚱ ᚷ ᚹ ᚺ

Pronunciation: /'ɑn.də.ˌswɑ.rɔː/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

answer, reply; a statement made in response

Etymology

From **anda-* + **swarō*, literally ‘counter-statement; statement in reply’. Barðdal & Eythórsson (2020: 212) argue that the Germanic meaning ‘answer’ preceded ‘swear (an oath)’, the latter developing from ‘answer before a court of justice’. Kroonen (2013: s.v. **swar(j)an-*) reconstructs the noun as **swaro-* but regards the deeper Indo-European etymology of the **swar-* family as uncertain. Rix and colleagues (2001: 613) relate it to PIE **swer-*, with earlier Germanic ‘speak, sound’. The feminine *ō*-stem is directly supported by Old English *andswaru*; Old Norse (*and-*)*svar* represents a parallel neuter formation **swarq* (Seebold 1970: 481).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	andaswarō	andaswarōz
Acc.	andaswarō	andaswarōz
Gen.	andaswarōz	andaswarō
Dat.	andaswarōi	andaswarōmaz
Inst.	andaswarō	andaswarōmiz
Voc.	andaswarō	andaswarōz

Descendants

***andaswaru** (Proto-West Germanic)
 andswaru, andsware (Old English)
 andsware, answere, answar, answer (Middle English)
 answer (English)
 answere, answer (Scots)

***andaswaru** (Proto-West Germanic)
 ondswer, ondsere, ondser (Old Frisian)
 andswar, andswōr, antswōr (Old Saxon)

andsvar, annsvar (Old Norse)
 ansvar (Danish)
 andsvar (Faroese)
 andsvar, ans (Icelandic)
 ansvar (Norwegian)

andsvar, annsvar (Old Norse)
 andsvar (Old Swedish)
 ansvar (Swedish)

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