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Pronunciation: /'a.nu.lai.βaz/

proper noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

a male given name

Etymology

From the archaic personal-name element **anu-* + **-laibaz*, the latter a masculine name-form related to **laibō*. De Vries (1977: 418) reconstructs Proto-Norse **anulaibar* and interprets the name as ‘descendant of the primordial ancestor’, with **anu-* probably preserving an archaic sacral term for a venerated ancestor. After medial-vowel syncope, **anulaibaz* > **anlaibaz*; subsequent Proto-Norse loss of *n* with compensatory lengthening yielded Old Norse *Áleifr*, whose original *-ei-* is confirmed by early skaldic rhyme (Fulk 2018: 70). The second element belongs with **laibō* (Kroonen 2013: 323), but in masculine personal names had the specialized sense ‘descendant, heir’.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	Anulaibaz	—
Acc.	Anulaibā	—
Gen.	Anulaibas, Anulaibis	—
Dat.	Anulaibai	—
Inst.	Anulaibō	—
Voc.	Anulaib	—

Descendants

Anlāf (Old English)

*𐳚𐳛𐳜𐳝𐳞𐳟 | 𐳠𐳡𐳢 (***anulaibar**) (Proto-Norse)

Óláfr, Ǫláfr, Óleifr, Áleifr, Ǫleifr (Old Norse)

Olaf, Olav, Oluf (Danish)

Olaf (English)

Olev (Estonian)

Ólavur (Faroese)

Olavi, Uolevi (Finnish)

Áleifur, Ólafur (Icelandic)

Olav, Ola, Olaf (Norwegian)

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Óláfr, Óláfr, Óleifr, Áleifr, Óleifr (Old Norse)

Olaus (Latin)

Lávus (Faroese)

*𐳚𐳛𐳜𐳝𐳞 | 𐳟𐳠𐳡 (***anulaibar**) (Proto-Norse)

Óláfr, Óláfr, Óleifr, Áleifr, Óleifr (Old Norse)

Óli (Old Norse)

Ole (Danish)

Óli (Faroese)

Olli (Finnish)

Óli (Icelandic)

Ole (Norwegian)

Olle (Swedish)

*𐌱𐌰𐌶𐌰𐌱𐌰 | 𐌱𐌰𐌶𐌰 (***anulaibar**) (Proto-Norse)

Óláfr, Ǫláfr, Óleifr, Áleifr, Ǫleifr (Old Norse)

Olawær (Old Swedish)

Olof, Olov (Swedish)

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