

***astaz** Runic: ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'as.taz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

a branch or bough of a tree

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₃ósd-o-s*, a thematic masculine noun (Ringe 2017: 89). Cognate with Ancient Greek ὄζος (*ózos*) and Old Armenian ոստ (*ost*). Hittite 𐎶𐎠𐎶𐎶𐎶𐎶 (*ḫa-aš-du-er* /*ḫašduēr*/) may also be related, but its cognate status is uncertain (Beekes 2010: 1050, s.v. ὄζος; Kloekhorst 2008: 326–27; Martirosyan 2010: 533–34, s.v. *ost*). Beekes claims that the cross-language evidence points to an original preform **Hosdg^{wo}*-. Alternatively, Lubotsky speculatively analyzes the underlying form as an old compound containing **h₃esth₁-*, perhaps **h₃esth₁-g^{wer}*- ‘bony bulge’ (Kloekhorst 2008: 327, citing Lubotsky, personal communication).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	astaz	astōz, astōs
Acc.	asta	astanz
Gen.	astas, astis	astô
Dat.	astai	astamaz
Inst.	astō	astamiz
Voc.	ast	astōz, astōs

Descendants

***ast** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***ast** (Old Dutch)

ast (Middle Dutch)

ast (Dutch)

***ast** (Proto-West Germanic)

ast (Old High German)

ast (Middle High German)

Ast (German)

Aascht (Luxembourgish)

***ast** (Proto-West Germanic)

ast (Old Saxon)

ast (Middle Low German)

𐌱𐌰𐌽𐌰𐌹𐍃 (asts) (Gothic)

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