

***audaz** Runic: ᚱᚲᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'au.ðaz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

wealth, riches

Etymology

Possibly from the same Proto-Indo-European verbal base underlying **h₁ówHd^h_ṛ*, reconstructed as **h₁ewh₁-d^h*- and associated with giving or excreting milk and swelling with liquid. Latin *uber* developed the secondary senses ‘abundant, rich’, with *ūbertās*, providing a close semantic parallel for ‘full of milk, productive’ > ‘abundant’ > ‘wealth, riches’ (de Vaan 2008: 636; Melchert 1986: 110–111; Szemerényi 1955: 281–86). Orel explicitly compares **audaz* with Latin *uber* (Orel 2003: s.v. **audaz* ~ **audan*). Alternatively, Kroonen (2013: 40–41) derives the term from **Heu-d^hh₁*- ‘weave’, with ‘wealth, fortune’ arising through the mythological concept of fate being woven; this semantic step was already questioned by Szemerényi and more recently by Nuti (2023: 107–109).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	audaz	audōz, audōs
Acc.	audą	audanz
Gen.	audas, audis	audô
Dat.	audai	audamaz
Inst.	audō	audamiz
Voc.	aud	audōz, audōs

Descendants

***aud** (Proto-West Germanic)

ōt (Old High German)

ōd (Old Saxon)

***aud** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēad (Old English)

ead, ed (Middle English)

auðr (Old Norse)

eyður (Faroese)

auður (Icelandic)

auðr (Old Norse)

øþer (Old Swedish)

öd (Swedish)

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