

*austanē

Runic: ᚠ ᚢ ᚦ ᚷ ᚠ ᚢ ᚱ

Pronunciation: /'aʊs.ta.nɛ:/

adverb

Meanings

from the east

Etymology

From the *aust- stem of Proto-Germanic *austa- ('east') + *-(a)nē. PGmc *austa- is probably primary rather than a back-formation from *austra-, continuing Proto-Indo-European *h₂ews(-s)-to-, a -to- derivative originally meaning 'belonging to dawn; place of sunrise', from *h₂ews-os ultimately from *h₂ews- (Lühr 2017: s.v. ôst). The ending *-(a)nē continues a pre-Germanic instrumental formation *-o-neh₁ that acquired ablative directional meaning; compare Old High German *ôstana*, Old Saxon *ôstana*, and Old English *ēastane*, *ēastene* (Lühr 2017: s.v. ôstana).

Descendants

***austanā** (Proto-West Germanic)

ōstan, ōstana (Old Saxon)

***austanā** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēastan, ēastane (Old English)

easten (Middle English)

***austanā** (Proto-West Germanic)

ōstana (Old High German)

ōsten, ōstene (Middle High German)

austan (Old Norse)

eystan (Faroese)

austan (Icelandic)

austan, austa (Norwegian Nynorsk)

austan (Old Norse)

ǫstan (Old Swedish)

östan (Swedish)

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