

*aḡnaz/aḡna

Runic: ᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦ

Pronunciation: /'aθ.naz/, /'aθ.nã/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

a year

Etymology

Traditionally from Proto-Indo-European **h₂ét-no-*, a **-no-* formation beside the rare verbal base reflected by Sanskrit अतसि (*atasi*) (de Vaan 2008: 43–44; Rix et al. 2001: 273). Cognate with Latin *annus*, Oscan *aceneis*, *akenei*, and Umbrian *acnu* < Proto-Italic **atno-* (de Vaan 2008: 43–44; Kroonen 2013: 40). Root accent is required by Germanic (Ringe 2017: 137), since suffixal accent would have produced ***atta-* by Kluge's Law (Kroonen 2013: 40). Alternatively, **atno-* may continue Western PIE **h₂etmno-*, connecting Old Irish *amm* and Gaulish *amman* (Stifter 2017: 220–222; Weiss 2022: 129). Gothic is attested only as dat. pl. ᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦ (*aḡnam*), which cannot distinguish masculine from neuter.

Gender/Declension

Based on a single, ambiguous attestation in Gothic, it is unclear if the original noun was masculine or neuter, with a slight bias towards masculine, given the Latin cognate's gender.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	apnaz; apnaꝥ	apnōz, apnōs; apnō
Acc.	apnaꝥ	apnanz; apnō
Gen.	apnas, apnis	apnô
Dat.	apnai	apnamaz
Inst.	apnō	apnamiz
Voc.	apn; apnaꝥ	apnōz, apnōs; apnō

Descendants

𐌱𐌰𐌺𐌵𐌶𐌿𐍂 (apnam) (Gothic)

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