

***erknaz** Runic: ᚱᚱᚳᚰᚱᚰᚰᚰ Pronunciation: /'er.knaz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

pure, holy, genuine, precious

Etymology

Unlikely to be from Proto-Indo-European **h₂erǵ-* ('white, shining'), which would give Proto-Germanic **ark-*, but instead seems to represent Proto-Indo-European **h₁erg-*. Possibly cognate with Tocharian A *yärk-* ('to honor, venerate'), Tocharian B *yarke* ('honor, reverence').

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	erknaz	erknō	erkna, -atō	erknai	erknōz	erknō
Acc.	erknanō	erknō	erkna, -atō	erknanz	erknōz	erknō
Gen.	erknas, -is	erknaizōz	erknas, -is	erknaizō	erknaizō	erknaizō
Dat.	erknammai	erknaizōi	erknammai	erknaimaz	erknaimaz	erknaimaz
Inst.	erknanō	erknaizō	erknanō	erknaimiz	erknaimiz	erknaimiz

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Nom.	erknô	erknō	erknô	erknaniz	erknōniz	erknōnō
Acc.	erknanu	erknōnu	erknô	erknanunz	erknōnunz	erknōnō
Gen.	erkniniz	erknōniz	erkniniz	erknanô	erknōnô	erknanô
Dat.	erknini	erknōni	erknini	erknammaz	erknōmaz	erknammaz
Inst.	erkninē	erknōnē	erkninē	erknammiz	erknōmiz	erknammiz

Descendants

***erkn** (Proto-West Germanic)

eorcnan (Old English)

erkan, erchan (Old High German)

***jarkn** (Old Norse)

jartegn, tein, ᚗᚱᚲᚗ ᚗᚱᚲᚗ (**iartiknum**) (Old Norse)

jærtegn (Danish)

jarteikn (Icelandic)

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jartegn, tein, ᚗᚱᚲᚗ ᚗᚱᚲᚗ (**iartiknum**) (Old Norse)

iärtekn, iärtighne (Old Swedish)

järtecken (Swedish)

𐌺𐌹𐌿𐌽𐌰 (**airkns**) (Gothic)

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