

***ferhuz²** Runic: 𐍆𐍂𐍩𐍺𐍺 Pronunciation: /'fɛr.xuz/

noun · masculine · u-stem

Meanings

1. body
2. life, being, existence
3. the world

Etymology

([Ginevra 2021](#)) derives this from Proto-Indo-European **pérk-u-s* ~ **pr̥k-éw-s* ('earth, land; originally perhaps 'the dark/spotted/colorful one'), from **perk-* ('colored; speckled') with 'life/person' developing from 'earthly life, earthly being'. He specifically notes that Gothic 𐍆𐍂𐍩𐍺𐍺 (fairhūs) in the Gospels means 'the earthly world', often in opposition to heaven, and that Old Norse fjör and Old English feorh 'life' can be understood from 'earthly life / being on earth'.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	ferhuz	ferhiwiz
Acc.	ferhų	ferhunz
Gen.	ferhauz	ferhiwô
Dat.	ferhiwi	ferhumaz
Inst.	ferhū	ferhumiz
Voc.	ferhu	ferhiwiz

Descendants

***ferh** (Proto-West Germanic)
| **feorh, feorg, ferh** (Old English)
| | **fere, vore** (Middle English)

***ferh** (Proto-West Germanic)
| **fērah** (Old High German)
| | **vērch** (Middle High German)
| | | **Ferch** (German)

fjor, fjorr (Old Norse)
| **fjör** (Icelandic)

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