

***guda** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'yu.ǫǵ/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

god, deity

Etymology

Unknown. Traditionally derived from Proto-Indo-European **ǵ^hutóm* (neuter past participle), either meaning “(that which is) invoked”, from **ǵ^hewH-* (‘to call, to invoke’), or ‘libated, poured as part of a liquid offering’, from **ǵ^hew-* (‘to pour’), perhaps via the earlier meaning of ‘[libation made to an] idol’ or ‘spirit immanent in a burial mound’. However, the derivation from **ǵ^hewH-* would normally result in long *ū*, and the root **ǵ^hew-* only occurs in Germanic in the extended form **ǵ^hewd-*.

Another hypothesis is a derivation from Proto-Indo-European **g^{wh}utóm*, connected to Old Church Slavonic *ГОВѢТИ* (*gověti*) (gověti, ‘to revere’) (see Proto-Slavic **gověti*). A non-Indo-European origin has also been proposed.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	gudaḡ	gudō
Acc.	gudaḡ	gudō
Gen.	gudas, gudis	gudō̊
Dat.	gudai	gudamaz
Inst.	gudō	gudamiz
Voc.	gudaḡ	gudō

Descendants

***god** (Proto-West Germanic)

got (Old Dutch)

got (Middle Dutch)

gód, Gód (Limburgish)

***god** (Proto-West Germanic)

got (Old Dutch)

got (Middle Dutch)

god, God (Dutch)

god, God (Afrikaans)

***god** (Proto-West Germanic)

god (Old English)

god (Middle English)

god, God (English)

god, God (Scots)

God, gud, Gud (Yola)

***god** (Proto-West Germanic)

god (Old Frisian)

God (Saterland Frisian)

god, God (West Frisian)

***god** (Proto-West Germanic)

god (Old Frisian)

? (North Frisian)

God (Föhr-Amrum)

***god** (Proto-West Germanic)

got, cot (Old High German)

got (Middle High German)

Gott (Alemannic German)

Gott (German)

Göt (Vilamovian)

גאט (got) (Yiddish)

***god** (Proto-West Germanic)

got, cot (Old High German)

got (Middle High German)

? (Bavarian)

Gott (Cimbrian)

Gott (Mòcheno)

***god** (Proto-West Germanic)

got, cot (Old High German)

got (Middle High German)

Jott (Central Franconian)

Gott (Hunsrik)

Gott (Luxembourgish)

***god** (Proto-West Germanic)

got, cot (Old High German)

got (Middle High German)

? (Low German)

? (German Low German)

Gott (Plautdietsch)

***god** (Proto-West Germanic)

got, cot (Old High German)

got (Middle High German)

? (Rhine Franconian)

Gott (Pennsylvania German)

***god** (Proto-West Germanic)

god (Old Saxon)

gad, god (Middle Low German)

Gott (Low German)

Gott (Plautdietsch)

goð (Old Norse)

guð (Elfdalian)

Gud, gudur (Faroese)

gud, gu (Gutnish)

goð, guð, Guð (Icelandic)

gu, gud, Gu, Gud (Norwegian Nynorsk)

goð (Old Norse)

gud (Danish)

guuti (Greenlandic)

gud (Norwegian Bokmål)

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guuti (Greenlandic)

gud (Norwegian Bokmål)

𐌹𐌺𐌸 (**kuþ**) (Old Norse)

gup (Old Swedish)

gud (Swedish)

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gup (Old Swedish)

gud (Swedish)

𐌹𐌺𐌶 (**guþ**) (Gothic)

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