



# AŽDAHĀ

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**AŽDAHĀ** “dragon,” various kinds of snake-like, mostly gigantic, monsters living in the air, on earth, or in the sea (also designated by other terms) sometimes connected with natural phenomena, especially rain and eclipses.

- i. *In Old and Middle Iranian.*
- ii. *In Persian literature.*
- iii. *In Iranian folktales.*
- iv. *Armenian aždahak.*