



DARVĪŠ

DARVĪŠ, a poor, indigent, ascetic, and abstemious person or recluse (Av. *drāgu-*, *driyu-* “the needy one, dependent”; Lommel, pp. 127-28; pace *AirWb.* 777: “poor, needy; Mid. Pers. *driyōš* “worthy poor, needy; one who lives in holy indigence”; Pāzand *daryōš*; NPers. *daryōš* > *daryōš* > *darvīš*). Paul Horn (*Etymologie*, s.v. *dervēš*) connected it with New Persian *derīg* “regret, sorrow,” a connection that Heinrich Hübschmann (*Persische Studien*, p. 62) rightly doubted. (For further discussion of the word, see Lommel, p. 129, with references; *Borhān-e qāte’*, ed. Moʿīn, II, p. 846.)

i. In the pre-Islamic period.

ii. In the Islamic period.