



DRIWAY

DRIWAY- (or *Driβi-*), Younger Avestan noun from the *Vidēvdād*; it is not a substantive but an adjective in *-i-* referring to a defect of the body defined as “the mark of Anra Mainiiu” (see [AHRIMAN](#); *Vd.* 2.29) or, in the compound *akaranəm.driβi-* “eternal *driβi-*,” to the fly that embodies the demon of corpses (*nasu*; *Vd.* 7.2). It is also the name of a *daēuuu* (see **DAIVA-*; *Vd.* 19.43). It is not certain whether the vowel *i* in the first syllable is original or whether a derivation from reconstructed **d(h)rb(h)i-* must be assumed. Beside being attested only in late texts, the word *driβi-* belongs to a vocabulary so special that its etymology cannot be taken as certain, despite suggestions put forward by Jarl Charpentier and H. W. Bailey. A relation with *driβika-* (*Vd.* 1.8), rendered as “sobs” by the Pahlavi translator (*Avesta*, tr. Darmesteter, II, p. 10 n. 21), is also uncertain. The word probably referred either to a skin disease (*AirWb.*, pp. 46, 778; cf. Charpentier: *Flecken*) or to drooling (Bailey).

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