

# Ahriman

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## English

### Alternative forms

- Ahirman
- Ahrimen
- Ahrimanes

### Etymology

From Persian **اهريمن** (*Ahriman*), from Middle Persian 𐭠𐭮𐭮𐭥𐭥𐭥𐭥𐭥𐭥 (*Ahremen*), from Avestan 𐬀𐬎𐬭𐬀𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎 (*aṇra mainiiu*), compound of 𐬀𐬎𐬭𐬀 (*aṇra*, “destruction, destructive”) and 𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎 (*mainiiu*, “spirit, mind, essence, emanation etc.”). Definable through the antithetical 𐬀𐬎𐬭𐬀𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎𐬎 (*aməša mainiiu*, “bounteous spirit”).

### Proper noun

#### Ahriman

1. The hypostasis of chaos, destruction, evil in Zoroastrianism.

#### Derived terms

- Ahrimanic

#### Related terms

- Angra Mainyu

## Translations

**±the hypostasis of chaos, destruction, evil in Zoroastrianism**

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