# Research history and etymology of the word *isa* from the Funeral Sermon

As opposed to former attempts at its etymology, the present author takes the word *yʃa* (= *isa*) 'indeed' from *Sermo super sepulchrum* to be a compound coined in Proto-Ugric: '1' (numeral) + 'as soon as' (postposition) > 'totally, fully' (adverb) > 'indeed' (adverb), and sees the subsequent fate of the inherited adverb as follows: Ug *\*ükə̆-šaɣʁ ~ \*üjə̆-šaɣʁ* > OUg *\*ŭ̆kə̆-šă̆ɣʁ(-t) ~ \*ŭ̆jə̆-šă̆ɣʁ(-t)* (> Vogul *\*ŭ̆k-šăɣə-t* >> LU *ɛk-šaɣə-t-əl* 'alle(s) auf dieselbe Weise; all in the same manner' ~ Ostyak *\*ĕj-să̆ɣʁ-t* >> V *əj-să̆ɣi̭t* 'заодно; together, at the same time', Trj *əj-să̆ɣi̭t* 'auf gleiche Weise; in the same manner', KoP *əj-să̆χat* 'вдруг; suddenly', KazSyŠur *ĭ-sa* 'alle, alles, ganz; all, every, totally'), ~ Hungarian *\*üjə̆-šaɣʁ* >> †*i-sá* 'indeed'.

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