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**Thoughts on the Etymology of PSlav. *\*straxъ*[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Abstract**: The article deals with the origin of Proto-Slavic *\*straxъ* ‘fear’. Five etymological solutions have been discussed in order to determine the most convincing among them. The positives and the negatives of each etymology are summarized in a table. It turns out that all five hypothesis are problematic to a certain degree and this fact puts even the best candidates in the range of possible, but not certain etymologies.

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