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[German : *auf*, up (from Middle High German *ūf*, from Old High German; see **upo** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *Klärung*, a making clear (from *klären*, to make clear, from Middle High German *klæren*, from *klār*, clear, from Latin *clārus*; see [CLEAR](#)).]

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