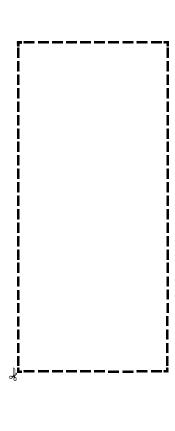
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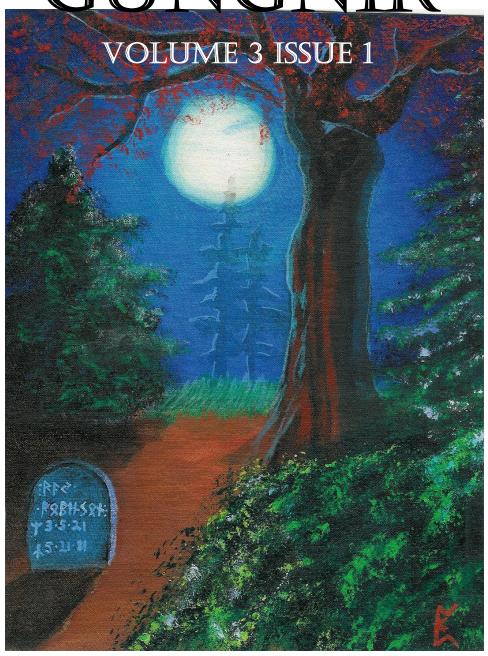
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A Missive from the Director...

by Dr. Casper Odinson Cröwell, 1519-CCG

FROM THE EDITOR

Heilsan Folk!

Springtide is about to erupt in an orgasm of color o in which the sweet Goddess Ostara spreads her gifts of birth, re-birth, renewal and rejuvenation all across the breadth of Midgard. Her beautiful smile may be seen both night and day just about everywhere one may rest one's gaze! The Summer Finding (Spring Equinox) will occur for the west coast of Vinland at 21:48 on the 19th at 00:48 on the 20th for the East Coast and at 05:48 on the 20th of Lenting (March) Universal time.

Ostara (April) 14th is SUMMARSDAG and the 1st Day of Merry Moon (May) is MAY-DAY. For a copy of the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. perpetual calendar of the Holy Year and days of remembrance, send a self addressed stamped envelope to the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc and we'll get one off to you.

Beginning with this issue of Gungnir, the religious/spiritual journal of the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. (HNO) will be available at \$5.00 per copy, or its content may be downloaded from our website at www.holynationofodin.org. We will not provide free copies except for very minimal exceptions. There will be no more replies to mail that does not contain a self addressed stamped envelope. This of course too has minimal exceptions. And of course, we can not reply to your missives right away. So please be patient. We are a conservative Odinist Church which serves our faith and folk community the world over, with an out reach ministry via the internet and Gungnir in addition to our legally ordained Clergy members. This is a full time job and it is all that we offer. Our satellites are the SONS OF ODIN 1519, Vinland/Vinland Kindred/Vinland Kindred Publishing and the VINLAND FOLK RE-SISTANCE which will soon have our on-line and mail order store open. You may locate any/all of them by logging on to the HNO website.

We would also like to include our affiliate, the SONS OF ALBION, whose PO Box is 422, Butte, Montana 59703. Further more, we welcome Brother Michael Stephan as an administrative member of the HNO and as the Executive Administrator of the VINLAND FOLK

CoverArt by Harvald OdinsonJones (Acrylic) We have grown over the past few years much faster than any of us had anticipated. While our incarcerated membership has evened out at just over 300, our free world numbers are anticipated to surpass two thousand this year and are world wide. With this volume of growth, we require new regional directors, administrators and more ordained Gothar. If this may be you and you do indeed meet our criteria for such a position, please contact us at our home office in Kingsburg, CA or at our website in order to apply. The HOLY NATION OF ODIN, INC. and the SONS OF ODIN, 1519 are both legal religious, non-profit organizations under 501(c) and registered in California. The HNO is a legal religious non-profit church and outreach ministry. The SONS OF ODIN, 1519 is an order of legally ordained Gothar (Priests). Both religious organizations are open to those whom are conservative and fundamentalist Odinists and who adhere to our rules and regulations and meet the criteria contained within the language thereof.

The next available issue of Gungnir will be the SUMMERTIDE issue. Back Issues of all Gungnir Volumes I and II are available at \$5.00 each.

We wish you and yours a happy and healthy Springtide. And we wish you the blessings of our Gods. Heil Allfather Odin!



In Frith & Service,

Dr. Casper Odinson Cröwell, 1519-CCG Allsherjargothi, HNO and 1519 National Chairman, Vinland Folk Resistance and Mrs. Cröwell, Executive Administrator



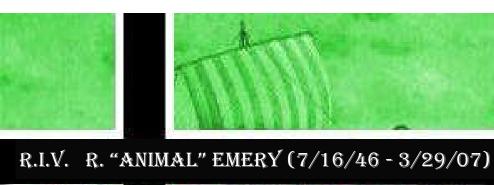
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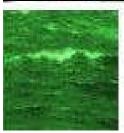


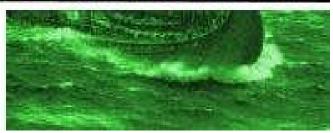
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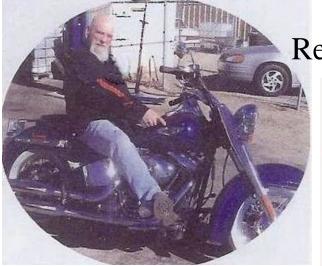
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IN MEMORY Residing in Valhalla



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It's been a struggle since
The day I was born
By the time I got older
My body was worn
My hell raising days are
Over and done
All who remember just think
Of them as fun
I have no regrets of my life
Through those years
So everyone celebrate, while
Shedding no tears.

Folk af Fjoturlund (Folk of Fetter Grove)



1 vs. 100

By Dr. Casper Odinson Cröwell, 1519-CCG

"Let no man become overconfident in his bearing that he fails to remain ever vigilant and prepared to battle the forces of chaos amassed against him.

For they offer neither truce nor reprieve."

- Casper Odinson Cröwell, Ph.D., DD

Some realities are best faced head on, so-to-speak, if ever they are to be confronted and overcome. Especially wherefore "Will" is in regard. One such reality, however unpleasant it may be, is the 1 vs. 100. Oh sure, in and of itself, it is innocuous enough. But when you consider these odds in conjunction with the incarcerated Folk walking the Northern Road, the reality is not a pleasant, nor conducive one wherefore our Faith, Folk and Families are concerned. You see, for every one hundred prisoners whom become adherents of any particular religion while incarcerated, only one is expected to either continue adhering to said religion,

or succeed at remaining free, once they are released from prison.

Where Odinists/Wotanists and Ásatrúars are in regard, we are no exception to the rule. In fact, some would say, quite the contrary is the instance. I must concede that I have certainly known many Odinist/Wotanist and Ásatrú prisoners whom upon their release from prison, either immediately or not long after, returned to a life of crime and vice. In fact, I myself am guilty of such an assertion. Though I believed at the time, that because I had consecrated some land to our Gods in the mountains and desert and I visited the Hörgs (Alters) there often, that my own transgressions were acceptable. They, of course, were not!

This did not render me an insincere Odinist by any means. For I have always been very devout if nothing else. Albeit, it did most assuredly mean that I was counterproductive to both my family and faith... Point blank! Fortunately I was able to exercise enough will to straighten myself out so as to become a productive member and contributor of our Faith and Folk community. But this did not occur until I finally took the Oath of the Gothar. Don't get me wrong, I had always contributed to our Faith and Folk community in many positive manners. It is just that those positive contributions meant little in light of my negative actions and the consequences and repercussions which accompanied my actions.

Just imagine, with what my wife, myself and a few Kinsmen have accomplished with this ministry thus far, how much greater those accomplishments would be were I free. For one, we would have an actual Hof/Temple and a Sacred Grove with weekly services. No question about it! Alas, this is one of those consequences which I alluded to earlier in this article. Such are the ramifications associated with our negative actions.

What might have been as opposed to what is; We must find a way to convert those "might have beens", into "the way that it is".

Now, I have employed myself as the example herein in an effort to disarm those souls whom may otherwise become defiant and disregard the worth of this content, had I pointed the imaginary accusatory finger at others. Though, Gods in Asgard know, there are many whom fit the bill all the same. I was once a liar, thief, drug addict, killer, whore monger, womanizer, bank robber and brutal problem fixer for wealthy, albeit unsavory types. I freely admit that I was all of these things. If anyone reading this feels that they too fit the bill for one or more of the above, there is no need to fret. You can change. I did. And you can too. There is nothing shameful about admitting that I was once any or all of these things.

The only great shame is if I had to look at myself in honest light and say that I am "still" these things. That would indeed be a genuine shame! Life is not about what you did yesterday, be it good or bad. It is about what you are doing today and what you elect to do on the morrow. "Good or Bad". The choice is 'ALWAYS' yours and yours alone to make.

Folk whom continue to use drugs, drink and embrace vice while incarcerated are doing themselves and their families, our faith and folk a grave disservice whether they elect to admit it to themselves or not. Does this mean that they are insincere in their being and Odinist/Wotanist or Ásatrúar? No! No, it does not. For only such a man or woman may truly answer that question themselves. What it does mean is that whatever positive contributions they may provide are more oft than not negated by their pernicious behavior and the consequences associated with them.

It further must be asserted that the reality is if one is espousing such deleterious habits while inside the walls and wire, they will most certainly continue it upon their release.

Recently, I had a Kinsman whom for nearly eight years remained clean and productive after I helped him get straight. He went home over a year and a half ago, to a large family whom all of supported him in every way possible so as to assist him in the cultivation of a positive and successful lifestyle. He appeared to be doing well for nearly eight months to a year before he began to reach into his old bag of tricks, as it were. Though in reality, he began his sneaky and manipulative behavior about ninety days out of the gate. Needless to say, things are not well between him and those whom once believed in him and held out a hand to help him. In fact, he continues to place several of his family members in deliberate harm's way without regard for their safety and welfare. He had everything at his disposal to succeed except the two things required to make it, once paroled. 1) The honest self examination of one's reality, on a continuum. And 2) the will to succeed. Without these two components, failure is inevitable. How long one may last is a matter of mere conjecture. But failure is both imminent and inevitable, no matter who is on one's side, or how badly they want you to succeed.

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Another equally important thing to consider is 'Freedom of Association'. Or more pointedly, 'Desire' to associate! When one embraces a nonconducive lifestyle, it does not matter that one wears a Thor's Hammer around one's neck. Or that one may even harbor a genuine penchant for Vór Trú (Our Faith). Folk who seek to promote our Faith and Folk community in a constructive fashion, whether in prison or the free world have little or no desire to associate with those whom do not share their positive view and collective goals. And of course, no one acting in a negative manner has any credible or valid argument to levy, in suggestion or support thereof, their desire to be taken seriously by those fighting for our religion's parity within the greater religious community both in and out of prison.

This is a "Free" religion. True enough. But the dictum of Freedom of Association reserves the rights of our folk to determine whom we elect to assemble and associate with and whom we have no desire to include within our sacred Vés and Hofs (Enclosures/spaces & Temples).

Every time one goes back out to the free world claiming to be of the Gods they will be scrutinized thoroughly by our free folk, be they of our faith, or not. And more oft than not, they will be laying in wait for the 'F*#k up', to appear. Now I know that this does not seem right. But so many of our folk have been burnt before or know someone who has. It renders them, for the most part, and for their own survival sake, skeptics as opposed to believers in rehabilitation.

And if one sets about to prove them wrong solely for that purpose, they will likely fail. For the motive is impure. On the other hand, if one sets about to simply live their life in the free world (Or in prison) as a true Odinist/ Wotanist they will eventually earn the trust and respect of our free folk simply by virtue of the manner in which they conduct them self.

I am a Holy Man. I am therefore going to make myself available to the service of any of our folk whether they use dope or not, as long as they demonstrate an outward and honest profession of our faith. But let me be perfectly clear about my own ideas and defense of the right of freedom of association... I will always make my services available to those whom seek them out. But I will not seek out people to serve, nor would I allow any drug addict or non-productive/conducive person to assemble with either myself, my family or those kinfolk whom place their trust in me to serve their needs and safeguard their welfare, with the decisions which I arrive at. I will not ever purposely or deliberately expose any under my care or whom place their trust in me, to any potential and foreseeable harm!

So then, while freedom of association may indeed be a right we all enjoy. It too must be asserted that it is equally a privilege as well. One which must be earned. One should not entertain notions that one will be openly embraced or welcomed by any group of folk, if one acts in any manner contrary to that group's positive designs and goals. Nor should this be a surprise to any reasonable thinking person.

Your success or failure depends upon your will to succeed. Not some odds or statistics. The Gods stand with us always. That is a fact! Not an odd or statistic.

If only we could learn to fully exercise our wills and descry what our Gods seek to teach us, we too then could shift the odds in our collective favor.

To a day when 1 vs. 100 will assume a positive connotation to reflect that for every one hundred paroled Odinists back to the free world, only one will ever fail and return to prison!

For now, this remains an elusive fantasy. Whether it ever becomes a reality remains up to us. Both individually and collectively overall.

Heil Allfather Odin and the Gods in his venerable name!

I remain yours in Frith, service and fraternal solidarity.

The Ásatrú Disorder

By Gođi Vidar U. Odinson Harless, 1519-CG Director of Prison Ministries, HNO/1519

Like so many captive of Fetter Grove, and others, I was appalled when I read the testimony of Valgard Murray, when he was deposed as an "expert" witness for the State, in a civil rights suit brought on by an incarcerated Odinist in Ohio¹. My mind spun in confusion as I perused those ill-fated pages, inked with betrayal of kinship and resounding with sanctimonious disloyalty. Breathless and astonished a question formed in the chaos, "why". Laurel Owen may very well be correct in her assessment of Mr. Murray's "ignorance"², but I posit that this occurrence is but a symptom of a greater malady afflicting our faith community: "The Ásatrú Disorder".

Modern Ásatrú, begging for contemporary societal validation, has lost touch with it's holy roots and, like Yggdrasil at Ragnarok, is convulsively "quaking" as a consequence. The poison from which our faith is suffering, attractive as it be, is quite possibly the embracement of the 'Viking era' was a period of significant corruption, and a time which may rightly be described as "death throw".

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The lack of hierarchy and disregard for leader, as Stephen A. McNallen put it³, of historical Viking society has been transferred to our faith's reawakening. In many ways we lack contemporary societal validation, because we lack any real objective validity, as evidenced by our many events and organizations which promote "dressing up" and exhibit obvious disorder.

"Decentralization" is now often mentioned when describing our faith and/or faith community; it is however, entirely antithical to our cosmology, and the primal, ur-Odinic principle of "order". Decentralization literally means "without a center or focal point" and, in light of our current state of affairs, makes 'Ásatrú' synonymous with "chaos". If our faith remains beneath the branches of such a root-less tree, then we are truer to the etins than the Æsir, with more prophetic words never falling from the tongue of man:

"... if a generation suffers from defects which it recognizes and even admits and is nevertheless quite pleased with itself... resorting to the cheap excuse that nothing can be don to remedy the situation, then such a generation is doomed to disaster. 5"

Modern Ásatrú ignores the hierarchal "Allfather" precept in favor of the concept of "absolute individual freedom", by which the 'personal' is of more importance then the 'general', in relation to the welfare of the Folk. This is not to say that Ásatrú does not recognize Odin as Allfather, but that it essentially dethrones him, like parliamentary monarchies, and relegates him to a figure-headed role, stripping the spiritual and esoteric power of his being. Children are manifestations of their parents, as the Æsir and man are of Odin. He is the father of "all" and in absence of his spirit absolutely nothing is possible. In the Eddaic poem 'Gylfaginning', Gangleri began his questioning thus: "Who is the highest and most ancient of all Gods?"

"...high said: 'He is called AllFather in our language, but in old Asgard he had twelve names..."

Later in Gylfaginning, Gangler spoke: "Which are the Æsir that men ought to believe in?" ⁷

"...High said: 'There are twelve Æsir whose nature is divine... Then spoke third: 'Odin is the highest and most ancient of the Æsir. He rules all things, and mighty though the other Gods are, yet they all submit to him like children to their father..."

It has become gravely important for us, as a faith-community, to finally recognize Ásatrú as the way ward child of Odinism, which must be brought to heel.

There is something to be said of the mysteries of dagaz (), that the blessing of the valley is known by the bounty of the fells. We have known chaos for nearly the entirety of the modern reawakening and we are deluding ourselves if we ignore the inherent failure of our cause to date. For those who are devoted to faith and folk, in service of support, it is becoming painfully obvious that some semblance of "order"

is required () for any real future, as prescribed by 'Odinic Law'.

The blessed progenitor Rig, who is heit Heimdallr, who is heit Odin, bestowed upon his noble lineage, an evolutionary aptitude, with inherent risk and re-

ward (), from slavery ('Thrall'), to freedom ('karl'), to leadership ('jarl/earl'). This is the societal ordering principle, both subjective and objective, by which the dawn of civilization was wrought, and with it the greatness of our people. Depressingly, modernity bears the fruit of decline and the darkness of oblivion. However, we are not without hope for the future, for just as darkness must follow the twilight, so too is it ordained, that dawn must follow the night. The question is how long will we linger in the depths of blindness and insanity? Our answer lies our willingness and fortitude; the courage to slay our andvaric egos and embrace spiritual and temporal order, breeding a new generation of leaders and a healthy respect for their service: a return to reason. By this concept of reason, logic, and no matter how corrupted, the 'Rigspuls', that 'jarl' (leader), wise in runes is the inheritor of Rig.⁸

"...In runes he rivaled Rig the Earl; with wiles he warred, outwitting him: thus got for himself, and gained to have, the name of Rig and runic lore."

I am often fond of noting that the Germanic concept of 'freedom' is by no means absolute, but conditional to appropriate, and/or inevitable, consequences. A

free-person must accept the 'Law of Causation', runicly corresponding to Jera (), and understand that in thus lies the dictation of their freedom. There is and can not be 'one' truth, or way of being; only a river of righteousness, fed by many trirutaries, some greater than others. So it is with the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. that we establish core principles, from the fundamental message of Allfather Odin and invite all children of Heimdallr, who feel an especial kinship to our cause, to lend their divine spark to our holy flame, melting the manifestations of contraction and stagnation, thereby increasing our contribution to that holy flow; Elivagar. 9

...By giving the honor and integrity of the clan first consideration the individual was best able to maintain his own freedom. Wunjo is the mystery of harmonious existence of varied affiliated forces... When all members of the clan are harmoniously working together, while integrated into their environment in a syncretic manner, a true state of holiness exists. ¹⁰

Centralization, while demonized today, is the example laid down by our divine ancestors, which enabled the glorious empires of our people to rise. Even the Athenian Empire, paragon of "democracy", maintained central and sole authority in the citizens of Athens. Through out their great empire, the rulers and administrators were of 'one' persuasion, Athenian; and by no means herself. For further illustration, reference the Roman Catholic Church, which despite ubiquitous ineptitude, hypocrisy, immorality and obvious falsities, maintains a prestigious and ascendant dominion, commanding loyalties and obedience from "our people". This may primarily be ascribed to Roman Catholicism being founded in "pagan" Roman Pontifical structure (i.e. order) and thus inherently amenable to "our people". Seeking the advancement of our Folk and the fulfillment of the Great Re-Awakening, we have only to examine millennia of decline and act to reverse it. The more de-centralized we become, the closer we inch toward the precipice of dissolution and ultimate annihilation.

Some will inevitably decry these words as "Totalitarian", and perhaps they are. It should be emphasized that "Totalitarianism" is founded in "totality", the embracing of oneness, completeness, collectivity and entirety; ultimately representative of "Unity" As I've previously intimated, there is no "one" way, but we are "one" Folk, in need of "one" nation and "one" leader. Rüna screams to us that centralization is essential

to our very beings, from the primal patterning of Hagalaz (), to the convergence of God and man in Mannaz () and the unity of balance that lends to the Odinic paradox in Dagaz (). Centralization provides organized leadership upon which our folk may depend, spiritually and socially confirming, and enduring etinic chaos, while embracing and utilizing the diverse, yet sympathetic forces () of our Folk. Such must not devolve into micro-management, but allow for autonomy and latitude for growth, while preserving a foundation of values and principles central to the 'honor and integrity' of our Folk and Faith community.

Thus in the near future we may be asked to lend ourselves to leaders, and/or as leaders, and I pray that the breath of Odin fills us with the will to embrace this holy call. I realize that, for incarcerated individuals, this may prove a daunting endeavor, but I remind you all that Hroptátýr, who is heit Odin, is the foremost patron of our condition and,

if you value his patronage, you must abide his ministry. This message also holds rue and self-determining will, we all become the charges of Hroptátýr, that noble Chieeftain?

Allfather commits us to his holy charge;

Odin vertú sæl í alheiti:

The High One's dominon must for now recede,

For man must prove divine.

In utter darkness true to us remained;

Odin vertú sæl í alheiti:

Light of Askr and Embla Like holy orb of night,

Enduring life e'en in decline.

Gimli rises ever above the deluge and is reborn;

Odin vertú sæl í alheiti:

Lif and Lifthrasir shall from holy baum emerge,

Our noble lineage blessedly refined. 12

Thus we are guided, by our Gods and lore, to establish orderly structure base upon honorable leaders (Jarlar), tempered by wisdom (Runa), so that Midgard

may more closely resemble Asgard (\times) and man more fully realize our divine na-

ture (). Heil Hroptátýr í alheiti! Farr með Oðin í friþ ok frænda.

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WHAT STRENGTHENS US

BY HARVALD ODINSON JONES, 1519-CGDC

As I sit down to write this short article, two questions run rampant through my mind. These questions are something that I always ask myself since I had an experience a few years back. They are 1) In promoting my faith, have I done all that I could have to ensure that if I died at this very second it would have been enough? 2) What else could I do, that needs to be done?

The answer to the first question is always sadly "no", even if our spiritual path of Odinism was a mainstream religion there will always be someone who would need to be reawakened to the old ways. Because of this answer I am forced to ask the second question. The answer is only limited to what my imagination can come up with that may be needed or required by the folk that I serve.

These two questions were first asked after an experience that I had, where a very simple message was passed along to me. Even though the message was quite simple, it changed the way that I looked at things from then on. Up to that point, I had looked at my studies of the Runes, Gods, and ceremonies only as something of a personal gain. I believed that the more that I learned and achieved would only make me a great man of the folk, for the faith; where I would be of those that would lead our folk back to their Trú ways.

This experience was led by Casper Odinson Cröwell, my brother and Allsherjargothi of the Holy Nation of Odin. Casper asked another brother of ours, Ganglare Simas and I "if we would like to go do something in his cell?" Ganglare and myself were/ are always up to, and willing to do anything of a spiritual nature. I knew that was what Casper was talking about and without hesitation agreed. We followed him down to his cell and closed the door, so that there wouldn't be any distractions. After a short time of preparation, Casper started his guided meditation where we were led back through time with brief "stops" so that we could see just how far back we were going. Eventually we made it back before the worlds were formed, before Ginnungagap, when only Odin existed as conscious thought. At this point the guided part of the meditation ended and Casper asked us, "what does Allfather tell you?" It took a second, but Allfather's face formed out of nothingness and told me "whatever strengthens you, strengthens me." Just as fast as he appeared he disappeared. I didn't share this with either Casper or Ganglare, this is the first time that I have shared this experience with anyone. Just as Allfather said these few words to me, I say them to you, "Whatever strengthens you, strengthens him."

The more that you do to gain wisdom, grow in physical stature or to gain fame, do so not as Joe or Jane, but as Joe the Odinist or Jane the Ásatrúar. Do not bash your faith over someone's head, but don't shy away from it either. Jews, Catholics and Christians don't have to hide their spiritual beliefs and neither should we. For those of you who are thinking that a possible uncomfortable situation may arise do to someone who is ignorant of our faith or one who may have the wrong impression - this is another good reason for you to go and study the lore and meditate upon the wisdom. The more that this is done, the stronger Allfather becomes, the more this is done, all the more people become aware of the old ways, the more this is done, the stronger his Holy Nation becomes.

Now you may be thinking that you don't have anywhere to study or meditate or to do blót, but let me say just one thing, if three guys in a prison cell can find a place, anyone can. If you can't, you're coming up with to many excuses. Do not allow an excuse to rob you of wisdom that Allfather or the gifts that any of the Gods/Goddesses may be willing to share with you. I guarantee you that if your mind and spirit are open, healthy and free of clutter that you will benefit from it in ways that you never would have expected, even if the Gods don't make a showing.

HAIL The Folk! HAIL the Holy Nation! HAIL Odin!

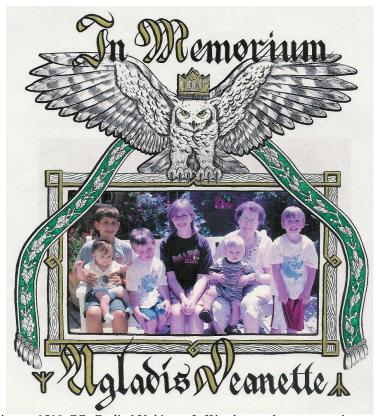
Kialar's Claron

By T.A.Walsh, 1519-CG/CW

If you call yourself an Aryan
If you would be honored Trú
You must answer Kjalar's Clarion
In everything you do
You must keep your word to Brothers
If the Brothers bond is Trú
And in business with all others
Your kinder will be watching you
Never take what would be given
Don't borrow what you don't need
Drive the nails that must be driven
Don't loose your hammer, drink your mead
Spend some time with all your Elders
And don't forget the one you wed

Don't try to stray, Frigga will tell her For she rules the marriage bed Never lone your light to losers Don't deny a hungry man And be patient with poor choosers We all walk the paths we plan Never sing, unless you want to Don't disrupt a symphony Say your prayers just like you want too But don't decide what's right for me Practice Trú and honorable judgment It is your character, you see That will determine how your life's spent And if an Aryan you be





Ek Viðar Uglatékkr Odinson, 1519-CG, Goði okUglúngar Joffúr, do pen these stanzas in memory of Jeanette Pemberton, paternal edda of my foster-son, Randvér Uglasson, in honor of her ascension to the Disir of Asá-Ugla-Sippé, clan of the Owl.

- From mystic blue fells hap mickel-meed arose, a wight of loving care; daughter of earls, but of carl-kin born, a tine of Embla withal fair.
- 2. Reared to become, aye a mickle-matorn trú and guardian of her line: from her would grow oaks-of-honor, and 'er born a blushing kind.
- 3. Leman of blood and edifying mentor aye, the holy well of earls; valor-stones from her won dutiful bearing and fiery meet head-curls.
- 4. The heath-lions of noble old odal-lands were manifest in her hand: blessed is she truly, under Ymírs old skull, a goddess of draupnir's band.

- Ring tossers born, or by Baléyg's breath sworn, weep for the stone-chain lost;
 rejector of Fensalír is odal-seed Disir ay, and defender 'gainst kin-dross.
- 6. Sapling's soul-hoard, heeder of kin-call ay, riding the harmer-of-sails; hjalm-breaker of etins and doom-of-várgr, stronger ay, than fire-gales.
- 7. Edda was she heit, to Randvér to wit, her embracing falcon-perch care:
 Edda is she heit, to Uglúngar-kin, who pray for her ardor spare.
- 8. Blessed are they, who in this life wit the birth-elm's sweet kiss; lucky as Leif, are we now who wot:

 The flame-stoker, as Úgladís!

ORIGINAL SIN

by Dr. Casper Odinson Cröwell, 1519-CCG Allsherjargothi, SONS OF ODIN, 1519 and HOLY NATION OF ODIN, INC.

We all know the story of original sin... Or, do we? Well, let's see. As we are told, the story goes something like this.... God (Yahweh) created man (Adam) and woman (Eve) from his rib, to people the Garden of Eden. He pointed out two trees which he informed them were sacred, the tree of life and the tree of knowledge. Both being fruit bearing trees, God told the couple to freely eat of the tree of life, and ye shall never grow old and die. However, eat not of the tree of knowledge for I forbid it! If you violate my law ye shall know death and all of man after you as well; For ye will introduce sin into the world. So spoke God. Of course, Eve was tempted by a snake (Satan) in the tree of knowledge, who told her to taste an apple which she did and from this act, all of mankind is condemned as a consequence. Ergo, Original Sin á la Old Testament.

The first thing any sane person of average, or above intellect, should ask themselves is; "What kind of God forbids you, his children, from gaining in knowledge and then thereafter, punishes you and your entire line of descendants for seeking said knowledge? Moreover, what kind of sane person who has considered this, would elect to follow such a God? And blindly at that! A slave whom has no confidence in him/herself. That's who. Just consider the gravity of the situation for a minute. A man wrote this story about 1,680 years ago, just as I am now writing the words which you rest you very eyes upon today. A MAN! And for nearly two thousand years since then, an overwhelming portion of the world's population has subjected itself to this form of bondage associated with original sin while they lift their hands empyrean while singing about God's love. What strange love this is! First of all, I contest this notion of original sin. If anything constitutes original sin, how about the fact that so many intelligent people have been duped into forsaking their indigenous traditions and cultures in exchange for the trappings and enslavement of a Bedouin faith conceived and chronicled by Canaanites AKA Jews. That's who wrote the Bible, the Torah and the Koran. Or how about giving birth to the very conception of 'Woman' being the root of all evil for mankind? This is not only ludicrous it is evil in and of itself. For it laid the very foundation, one might even say of Biblical proportion, to treat women as inferior species. Think about it for a moment. The very gifts of our Gods are our women! Holding within them, the very hope for the next generation of our family and tribal line. They have been made to suffer inequality until just about a 50 to 70 years ago here in Vinland (U.S & Canada) and still continue to be persecuted in many places in the world! The very promise of humanity's continuity resides within our women, and still, intelligent men and women would place their trust and faith in this God who has placed the burden of original sin upon her tired shoulders? I'll tell you what a sin is. It's weak men from an era nearly two thousand years ago, while seeking accountability for poor crops, failure to produce a male heir, or any and all woes which besieged them, assigning the blame for ill fortune in their lives and land, to their women via the vehicle of the 'Fable' of Adam and Eve. Another sin is with that crime against women, man began a tradition which continues to this day... Shifting accountability and reassigning blame where it is not warranted, simply because it is convenient.

This work is not designed as an attack upon any religious philosophy, nor is it intended as a slight upon anyone whom subscribes to a given theology. It is a study in facts and perspective in an effort to arm intelligent men and women with the factual information to render an informed decision regarding their own spiritual welfare and thereafter, the growth and advancement thereof.

So then, let's examine the scope of what most refer to today, albeit erroneously so, as traditional religion. Traditional would actually imply a thing's origin to be rooted both within the means of antiquity and indigenous culture and heritage. Ergo, we shall simply address this subject by its legitimate genus; the Abrahamic Faith. Or more accurately, plurally; faiths. Christianity actually has its roots within Judaism. Abraham, born 2000 BCE in Mesopotamia (Iraq today), heard the voice of God (Yahweh) which commanded him to take his family and relocate to Canaan (later called Palestine and now called Israel), so he did. But after many bad years of drought Abraham once again, packed up his family and tribe, now called the people of the land of Canaan, or Canaanites, later called the Israelites and today's Jews claim to be descended from this tribe of Bedouin Semites otherwise known as the Hebrews. Though no validity may be afforded to such a claim. Of all the world's Jews today, less than 1/2 of one percent would actually carry the genetic DNA marker which a genuine Hebrew of four thousand years ago would possess. The reality is that the overwhelming majority of those whom call themselves Jews today, are actually descendants of the Khazars, or even outright Caucasians whose ancestors, at some point in their lineage, converted to Judaism to become God's Chosen People, as it were. But getting back to Abraham, he moved his people yet again, as earlier I had mentioned. This time from Canaan to Egypt which is how the Hebrews came into bondage under the dynasty of the Pharaohs. We all know the story of Moses which follows thereafter. Abraham died at the age of 175 in 1825 BCE and this is when Judaism begins to congeal. As an actual theology it would not institute a Rabbinical Priesthood until after Moses led the Hebrews out of Egypt and died himself, and Joshua led them back into Canaan.

Christianity may arguably begin with the martyrdom of the Jewish prophet, Jesus. Jesus, born in the year between 8 to 4 BCE, was considered by his followers to be the Christ (Greek - Anointed One / Christos), or the Messiah as it were. He was crucified around the year 27 or 30 CE. Upon his death, his first twelve disciples became the Apostles of Christ, all Jews, and they began to spread his teachings, or what they claimed were his teachings. But the legitimate founding of the Christian church has its origin in the fourth century Common Era (CE), when in 324 CE the Emperor Constantine, by official decree, declared Christ -ianity the official state religion of the Roman Empire.

Islam begins with Mohammad (also sp. Muhammad) (570 CE - 632 CE), whom had a vision in approximately 590 CE, while he was praying in a cave in Mecca. It is written that while praying in this cave, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mohammad and informed him that he was to correct the perversions which had occurred within Judaism and Christianity at the hands of their respective earlier prophets. And that he was to complete the divine revelation of God (Allah) which had begun with those religions. Or more historically correct, which had begun with Ibrahim (Abraham) hearing the voice of Allah (God) approximately 1985 to 1980 BCE, as it is portrayed in the second Sura of the Qur'an (Koran).

Abraham is credited as the father of Judaism, Christianity and Islam by the adherents of all three faiths. The story of creation, as it were, is the same in all three faiths and their respective holy writs. The Book of Genesis is the first book of both the Jewish Torah and the Christian Bible (Old Test.) and may be found in the Second Sura of the Islamic Qur'an (Koran). These three faiths all have their origins in what was once called Mesopotamia but is today called Iraq. Further more, all three are based solely upon blind faith and obedience in an unseen God. The eldest among the three is Judaism which begins when Abraham hears the voice of God sometime after 2000 BCE, approximately 4,000 years ago.

Conversely, the indigenous religious / Spiritual beliefs of every race of people on earth had existed in one form or another since the very beginning of their respective Ancestral lineages. For those of us of White-European ancestry and heritage, that origin is in the religions / spiritual paths of that which we today call Odinism/Wotanism and Ásatrú.

The Gods, "Our Gods", of these Norse-Teutonic religions, as they exist today, had also existed, unmolested, in Europe for at the least (recorded history) six thousand years contra the 'Less than' one thousand years in which Christianity has existed in Northern Europe to date (2008 CE). However, artifacts excavated from caves and dig sites as well as megaliths spanning the breadth of Europe, are overwhelmingly indicative of the presence of our Gods, with their same attributes, as far back as Cro-Magnon (Proto-Nordic) man, some 40,000 years. Clearly ours is one of the oldest religions on the face of the earth (Midgard), in one context, or another. The history of the White-Aryan race is seated in the late Paleo-lithic period. Additionally, it is an absolute at 37,000 to 40,000 years! Though it has been argued by scholars as possibly dating as far back as 50,000 years. However, as a barometer, I shall follow the rule of inexorable credibility and stand by the historical fixture of 37,000 years and leave the debate thereof older estimates, to those so inclined to posit thus within the scope of their own works. The late Paleolithic period is fixed at 35,000 BCE.

The old Testament Bible was in fact created in 325 CE by the Council of Nicaea. It was of course and is an inexorable fact, created one hundred and twenty-five years "AFTER" the New Testament Bible, which was developed by the Church in 200 CE, 1,808 years ago.

In 724 CE, Boniface (St. Boniface) the Christian Missionary, cut down "Thor's Sacred Tree" (a sacred Oak) of Geismar, in Hess, Germany, in an effort to destroy the old Heathen/Pagan religion.

Charlemagne murdered tens of thousands of Odinists during his reign. Refusing to be baptized as a Christian, eating meat during Lent, Cremation (the funerary rite dedicated to Odin) and pretending to be baptized, were all offenses punishable by death! According to Arthur Kemp, ("March of the Titans"), in 768 CE Charlemagne began a 32 year long campaign of genocidal evangelism against the Heathen/Pagan Saxons (Germans) in Western Germany. This campaign began with the cutting down of the Irmunsul at the Exteresteine. The Irmunsul is symbolic of Yggdrasil, the World Tree which supports the heavens and all

In 722 CE, in the name of Christ, he ordered the death of every Saxon man, woman and child who refused to forsake their own Gods and accept Jesus Christ. Christian Priests served as the executioners. In 782 CE, at Verden, he ordered the beheading of 4,500 Saxons in a single day!

This theme repeated itself the world over where Christian Missionaries found savage Pagans in their journeys.

The tactic of brutal conversion to Christianity by threat of death had continued in Europe until the year 1,000 CE when Europe was declared by the church as fully Christian. The last hold outs were the people known to history as, the Vikings. While less significant raids had already occurred, the 'Official' beginning of the "Viking Age", as it has come to be known, occurred on June 8, 793 CE with the raid upon Lindisfarne located on the coast of Britain. There is much speculation as to whether or not the forced conversion to Christianity and murderous Christian torment of Pagans was the reason why the Norse raiders chose the Christian monastery targets or if it was solely based upon the wealth which they possessed.

What is not speculation but rather, fact, is that no matter what one may present in the way of facts, to a believer of one of the Abrhamic Faiths, they are not going to believe anything contrary to what they had been taught and built their whole life's foundation upon. For many people today, it is easier to continue living a lie than to re-organize the way they lived their lives, based upon what they now know is the truth.

The truth is really simple. Jesus was a Bedouin Semite, a Jew. All three Abrahamic Faiths are indigenous to the Bedouin peoples of the Middle East. Were it not for the forced conversions and imported Bedouin faiths, the world would not be so Christian, Jewish and Islamic today. All of those Bedouin peoples still have their indigenous cultures and heritage. Think about that, because the truth is in the telling here folks. The reason why they still have their indigenous ways about them is because they never forfeited them, their indigenous religion, or their ancient homelands. In fact, they have fought war after war believing that it is worth dying for if need be. Because they understand that without that loyalty to which they owe their very existence to, they would be forced to assimilate and watch the ways of their ancestors perish. It is easy for them to descry, you understand. For they have witnessed its very occurrence with the Nordic peoples of the world. Where Aryans (and other races as well) have been forced to convert, or did so of their own volition, they have forfeited nearly all that is indigenous to them in lieu of the desert God's promise of a better next life in some paradise/heaven. Because of this detrimental theology, people have shunned the ways and traditions of their own indigenous ancestors. They have been told that they are of no account in the next and eternal life, so why bother with such trappings here? But ask yourself this... How many poor Clergy members of the Abrahamic faiths have you seen? More so, how many poor or run down houses of the holy have you ever seen where the clerical hierarchy hold their court. None! That's how many. If these wealthy and nice trappings are so unnecessary, then why are all the main Cathedrals, Mosques and Synagogues so lavish and wealthy?

I'll tell you what friends. If there is an after life, it will be based upon what you did with this life and how you lived it. Did you honor and respect the very traditions that your own ancestors fought and died for to pass onto you? Or did you forfeit them in lieu of adopting some strange and foreign ways? You would be well served to consider such queries, friends. Cause to my way of believing, we will all answer to our own ancestors, all the way back to their beginning, more than we will answer to any Gods! You see, to them, the original sin won't be about some fable out of the Bedouin's desert Faith. No, no. To them, Original Sin will be all about the day that their descendants shunned them and turned their backs on the traditions, customs and beliefs which they killed for and laid down their own lives for just to pass onto us!

We should "<u>all</u>" endeavor to respect "all" others right to subscribe to whatever religious/spiritual views each person feels so inclined to pursue. For it is an individual pursuit, first and <u>for most</u>, prior to any seeker ever arriving at the doors of any physical Temple of "any" faith. But we should <u>never</u> forget just how those faiths came to be, nor should foremost we ever forget or disregard whence we have come from.

May Allfather Odin touch your mind. May Allmother Frigga touch your heart. May Tyr touch your soul. And may Thor teach you how to wield your own Hammer and smash the chaotic forces which threaten your return to the ways of our ancestors.

Heil Odin! May the holy Æsir and Vanir bless you in his venerable name. I remain yours in Frith, service and fraternal solidarity.

"Sympathy, the thing itself, is always coveted by the undeserving. For those souls whom warrant it, seldom desire it."

-- Casper Odinson Cröwell, Ph.D., DD



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WALPURGISNACHT & BELTANE: THE PAGAN ROOTS BEHIND MAY DAY

by Joey Pedersen

I sing of brooks, of blossoms, birds and bowers; Of April, May, of June, and July flowers, I sing of Maypoles, Hock-carts, wassails, wakes, Of Bridegrooms, brides and of their bridal cakes. --Robert Herrick

May is a beautiful time of the year. The Earth is bursting with life. The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming and men and women's hearts are glad, full of laughter and mirth. This is the season when the rebirth of our Earth Mother is celebrated and a renewing of the spirit is made.

In modern times we've come to refer to the first of May as "May Day", marking the time of year with parades and other superficial celebrations, but the pagan roots of this holiday went much deeper.

In Celtic tradition Beltane was a much anticipated occasion. A huge fire was kindled and celebrants would dance around it, singing songs of fertility and renewal. The fire was seen as a symbol of the Sun's life-giving forces ands ability to give warmth and energy to the Earth Mother. Indeed, the very name Beltane means, "bright fire".

To our ancestors, the Earth's bounty was everything and the difference between a year of good crops or a poor ones was fundamental. Thus it's easy to see and imagine how much a ritual such as Beltane meant to them and why so much effort was placed in a celebration of the Sun's energy.

Another major ritual which took glace at the beginning of May in Celtic cultures was the Maypole dance. The Maypole was a symbol of fertility and rebirth, a representation of the life force that flows within us all. Young men and women would dance around the pole, weaving ribbons around it as they sang joyous songs. This was a great time of the year for young lovers to meet. Indeed, in Celtic tradition marriages commonly took place on Beltane and newlyweds would make their vows around the Maypole.

In Norse tradition, the beginning of May was also a time of year when the renewal of life was celebrated. The correlations between the Celtic May festival and the Norse May festival are many.

At Walpurgisnacht, the Scandinavians also danced around Maypoles, which to them, represented a symbol of potent life force, fertility, and a renewing of all life. This holiday was associated with several deities, among them, the goddess Freya who symbolizes fertility, and the god Frey who is associated with the very essence of the life force - the Sun.

One interesting aspect of this time of the year for the Norse is that they saw Walpurgisnacht as a time to reflect upon death. This may strike some as odd, but without death there can be no rebirth and our Scandinavian ancestors not only realized this, but celebrated it. They saw in the changing of the Earth's seasons a steady flow of life fading into death and springing forth yet again in a renewal of energy. Looked at this way, it's easy to see how one can celebrate the beauty of life by reflecting upon the mysteries surrounding death.

In today's world we seem to have lost touch with the true meaning behind what is now called Mayday. We no longer appreciate the Earth's renewal process, nor do we use this time of year to reflect upon our own energy and the direction its taking. How wonderful it would be for us if we reached back through the years and embraced the traditions of our ancestor opening ourselves to their ancient wisdom. It lives within each of us, only waiting to be tapped.

So whether this season is Beltane to you, Walpurgisnacht, or simply Springtime, use this time of year to renew your life force and reflect upon the beauty of our Earth Mother, returning to life, yet again, after a deep slumber.



The Sun, the Sun, the glorious Sun! How bright he shines on sea and dun! Golden are his every ray, Giving life on this Mayday.

The birds sing, the fires burn, All because the Sun returns! This flame I light, to guide the way And usher in this new Mayday!

BECOMING By Shon Eric Magnuson - Varner AG-HNO

OUT OF THE SEA OF ENDLESS TIME BORN OF A SEED OF FIRE AND RIME COALESCENCE OF MIST AND RAIN A TERRIBLE ROAR AND MIGHTY STRAIN ASGARD ABOVE I REACH AND KNOW ROOTS RUNNING DEEP IN HEL BELOW I AM THE TREE OF LIFE AND DEATH OF NEVER ENDING WIDTH AND BREADTH RUNES ARE WOVEN THROUGH ALL OF ME THEY ARE THERE BUT NOT ALL CAN SEE YET YOU MAY SEE THEM FOR A PRICE IF THOU KNOWEST HOW TO SACRIFICE MARKED WITH SPEAR YOU'LL LEARN TO GIVE, EMBRACE THE RUNES, TO DIE AND LIVE OF ALL THE THINGS YOU WISH TO GAIN NONE WILL COME UNLESS THROUGH PAIN WHEN RUNES YOU GAIN TO KNOW AND HOLD AS I HAD DONE IN TIMES OF OLD WITH WISDOM'S EYES YOU WILL SEE CLEAR AND KNOW IN DEATH THERE'S NAUGHT TO FEAR HUNG ON A TREE OF ENDLESS TIME BORN OF THE SEED OF FIRE AND RIME A WARRIOR NOW WALKS THIS LAND NO EVIL WILL WITHSTAND HIS HAND

PRACTICAL RUNE WORKINGS

by Scott Tolley, Gothi, HNO

First of all, let me apologize for letting so much time lapse between articles. The last thirteen months have been totally crazy - to say the least. County Jails, Federal Transfer Centers, Half-way Houses - you name it, I've seen it. However, that's all water under the bridge now. I did my time - all 162 months of it - now I am finally backup in the mountains of Montana, and am enjoying the Hel out of it! Got me a job at a little lumber- mill and I am taking things nice and slow.

162 months is a long time, no matter how you look at it (especially for failure to register a sawed-off shotgun), and getting out after such a stretch was a little overwhelming. I'm still in a state of shock, somewhat. But, like I said, I'm taking everything nice and easy and I am beginning to adjust. Please bear with me for a minute or two and I'll see if I can get this old antique of a computer to cooperate with me somewhat so that I can start getting you your PRACTICAL RUNE WORKINGS out on a regular basis. I have a lot that I want to share with you, and a lot that I want to learn as well. Let's see if we can't learn a little together here. We will both be the stronger for it.

Before I begun, let me first wish you all had a Happy and Healthy Yule-Tide! This is a special time of year - it can truly be a magical time of year as well. A lot of power can be obtained during the Yule-Tide. It is a time of re-birth; of new beginnings; the cycle starts anew. Take advantage of this time and strengthen yourself. It is a time to make your mind stronger, and to heal up old wounds. Lets see if we can't do a little of both with a little help from the ancient art of *PRACTICAL RUNE WORKINGS*.

In my last article I gave you the first half of a healing rite. Yet, before I resume that ritual, I would like to start anew - to get back to the basics, so to speak. The runes can be used practically to assist one in this time of re-birth. Okay, where to begin? The runes can be very complex - almost confusing at times. Well, lets start with the most logical place to start - the beginning.

In order to use the runes practically, one must first have a good, basic knowledge of the runes that you plan to use. A little studying is in order, as well as a little meditation. Now don't get excited, by meditation I don't mean that you have to sit in the middle of the floor, naked, chanting strange noises. What I mean here is that whenever you read something to do with the runes, take a little time out and think about what you are reading. Really study the information and think about how you could use that information practically. A strong link needs to be built between you and the runes, and the best way to build that link is to start gathering all the information that you can find on the runes and start studying this information relentlessly.

Try learning to meditate on this information not just as you are studying it, but while you are going through your regular routine for the day. When possible, think about what you have been studying as your day progresses. This form of meditation is an art in itself, and can be very beneficial in your quest for ancestral knowledge. After all, that is the true key to working with the runes practically - ancestral knowledge. Once you can begin to access this knowledge, everything will all begin to fall into place very nicely. I think you will be surprised at the results, I know I was.

I primarily deal with the Elder Futhark in my workings of this sort. I feel that the elder runes are more properly suited for what we are trying to accomplish here. Some folk might disagree with me on this point; however, I have found through personal experience that these runes fit my needs almost perfectly. I think you will too. So... let's start at the beginning, and take a close look at the first rune of the **ELDER FUTHARK: FEHU**.

Okay. Fehu is the first rune of the Elder Futhark and as so is one of the most recognizable runes. However, that does not mean that everyone is an expert on the true meaning of this stave. Let's do a little digging and see what we can gain from Fehu.

Most people associate Fehu with money. After all, the traditional meaning of this rune is: cattle - the measure of wealth of our ancestors. However, this is not necessarily a form of wealth that can be taken for granted. Just like the cattle of our ancestors, Fehu is a power that needs to be tended to in order to prosper. If left idle for too long a time it is likely to grow stagnant and perhaps become unhealthy. Like money, Fehu needs to circulate to grow stronger. If used wisely, its power is literally unlimited.

If we dig a little deeper we can find other aspects of this rune as well. Fehu, being the first rune of the elder futhark, contains the creativity needed to expand. The power of Fehu helps the runes that follow to not only come into being, but to actually radiate with the creative fire that is its core. This creative aspect of Fehu also tends to lend itself to the craftsmen of our folk. It is a very beneficial rune if used properly, yet can be dangerous if used frivolously.

Remember, Fehu holds the fire of creativity at its core, but also has the ability to fuel the fires of the ragnarok if abused. If its energies are not kept in motion and carefully controlled, it has the capability to cause much discord -- even within the clan. However, if you keep all of this in mind and use the earthly energies found within Fehu wisely, this rune will assist you in growing to new heights.

The deities primarily associated with Fehu are the Gods and Goddesses of the Vanir: Frey, Freyja and Njord. The Vanir are deities of fertility, the fertile earth and of abundance. Joy, sexual energy and courage in battle describe the life force of these deities. Both Frey and Freyja are directly connected to livestock - such as the newborn calf in the spring. Of course Njord is a god who governs wealth.

All in all, Fehu is a very powerful rune; a very beneficial rune. It's a rune of positive energy, creativity, good health, wealth and true strength in all matters. Study on its aspects and meditate on how you can use these powers to spark the creative fire within yourself. Study on how you can absorb these powers into your own being - to become one with this ancient stave. This rune holds the key to helping unlock one's ancestral-soul. This is a very important rune to one who is starting down the path of the Elder Futhark. Learn all you can about it, and the collective knowledge of the runes to follow will come much easier.

Until next time, I remain in your service
- Scott Tolley

"RITUAL" by Ron McVan, Gothi, HNO

"Long ago and far away-We worked by night and hid by day; We could not in the open go - Because the church did fear us so. They feared us for our power was true - Because our magick they could not do - And so they cried with evil smirk, "Lets burn them all - tis devil's work!" And burn they did and torture, too - But still we managed to come through - And so today our path is free - To worship Lord and Lady. We work our rites just as of old - Now in the open free and bold; we did not change or go away - We tell the world - "We are here to stay!"Author Unknown

Sir James Frazier, a Scottish anthropologist, was one of the first modern thinkers to examine the nature of the meaning of magic. In his seminal treatise, THE GOLDEN BOUGH, published in 1890, Frazer said that magic involved the belief that humans, through their rituals, could directly control natural forces---whereas religion required the propitiation of divine powers who might then intervene on behalf of the human suppliants.

From that time of man's earliest awareness of magic and religion, humans have employed ritual as a means of expressing their involvement in the powers of the universe as a process of gaining contact with those powers, and of causing them to manifest themselves to people. The religious community imposed its will upon the gods in the form of prayers or even threats. The gods were compelled to obey the officiating priest, if the liturgy was correctly performed, and if the incantations and the magic words were pronounced with right intonation. The well-informed priest had an almost unlimited power over all super-natural beings on land, in the water, in the air, in the upper worlds or the lower worlds.

To the spiritually enlightened, ritual has always been an essential practice. All the forces of Nature are beyond limited human technology and understanding. Our precarious existence in nature brought about the need for such forces to be symbolized and controlled through ritual practice. During the Middle Ages the essential, arcane pagan rituals were absorbed into the Christian church, It was not until the late nineteenth century that these ancient, ethnic traditions of ritual magic would begin to re-emerge to a significant degree. Ritual is a process of dramatizing what is being significantly expressed, so that the whole aspect of humans---their

bodies, emotions and minds---are employed in causing a total experience.

Ritual makes use of all the senses---sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch---and uses all the methods of drama and all the techniques of religion. Ritual magic centers on symbols, which serve as keys to the subconscious by which it is possible to communicate concepts and ideals beyond words or intellectual understanding.

Every professional body builder will tell you that the secret to successful results is a "consistent" workout program. Ritual practice is no different, the more you perform on a regular basis, the greater the results.

The aim of ritual magic is a transcendental experience---an experience beyond the limitations of the mind. In ritual the priest or Gothi strives for a consciously controlled and directed journey inward, relying not upon synthetic or chemical experience, but upon the utilization of natural faculties, which we possess, but rarely use.

The ultimate end of ritual magic is not the causing of spectacular and apparently supernatural effects, but the transformation of the individual from a limited physical consciousness into what is best described as an cosmic consciousness---fully alive and oriented beyond the restrictive confines of the material world bringing our awareness closer to the higher dimensions of the astral realms of the gods. A well conducted ritualistic ceremony, performed with the same care as an experiment in the chemical laboratory, will always have the expected result. To know the mysterious affinities that connect all things is sufficient to set the mechanism of the universe into motion.

In outdoor Wotanist ritual, as with most general pagan ritual, it is customary that a bonfire be positioned at the center of the designated sacred circle. Tourches are then positioned at each of the cardinal directions at the circle perimeter. The horg or staller, which is positioned in the north, is adorned with the customary candles. Fire serves as the source of our inspiration and courage. It warms our bodies and souls, and fuels our gifts of creativity as well as inviting the astral spirits.

The cauldron has been a long time tool of the trade in ritual among all Euro-pagans, particularly the Celts. The Cauldron of Cerridwen and the Cauldron of Bran are well known in Celtic mythos. The cauldron might be identified by the various other names such as the Cauldron of Life, the Cauldron of Divination, the Cauldron of Rebirth or the Urn of Fiery Transmigration.

It is not always easy to find large cast iron cauldrons, yet if one can be obtained it would serve as a very useful ritual item in Wotanist and just about any Euro pagan ceremony. The cauldron can serve as a vessel for divination and inspiration or a meditative medium for generating ideas and thoughts. For ceremony it can be filled with water with a shiny object placed in the bottom of it to act as a focal point of concentration. The cauldron represents the essence of Mother Nature. The three legs represent the triple aspects of the Goddess (or the Norns), and its belly is the womb. The magical significance of the cauldron is very potent.

The name for pagan ritual dancing is known as the "carole". A carole is a circle of dancers holding hands or opening into a linked chain. The word comes from the Greek "choros". From the 16th century onwards the Christian Church abolished such joyous dancing, soon to be replaced with singing inside the church, resulting in our present use of the word "carol" which has now become a traditional form of singing common to the Christian holiday season that parallels the pagan Yule season.

Some of the standard ritual tools are the rune staff, the rune gandr (short wand), blessing bowl or (boli), rune set, sejdr drum, ceremonial drinking horn, evergreen sprig, sword, ceremonial Thor's hammer, oath ring (draupnir armband) and spear.

It may be preferable to some kindreds to incorporate the wiccan cup and athame for particular rituals that can call for the symbolic joining of the male and female elements. Certainly one might consider using a stang on a regular basis, which is symbolic of Wotan in the guise of the horned god Herne the Hunter, as well as the world tree Yggdrasil!.

The stang is a staff made out of ash wood with a double pronged end. (similar to Poseidon's trident without the middle prong) The prongs can be carved out of wood or may be fashioned from a metal pitchfork. A carved stag head or Greenman face is fastened beneath the prongs as the totem protecting spirit of the deity.

Through the practice of ritual past and future, realms collide in the delusion and illusion of the present now. It is here where man struggles with myriad unseen forces in the effort to find meaning in the chaotic materialistic circus shuffle of existence on earth.

Aryans born in today's hectic times have inherited a teetering apathetic world full of discord, corruption, senseless war, anti-White oppression, national fragmentation, mass mind manipulation, ignorance and severely urgent ecological concerns over all of which wisdom and leadership are frightfully absent. It is our duty to immediately address and turn these conditions around so that the future generations of our children be spared such obstacles which destroy race, culture and civilization, and make quality folkish life virtually impossible.

Man 'has long recognized that there are cosmic forces of a dual nature always at play in our material world. These are opposing positive and negative forces which can be described in the simple terms of good and evil. They are responsible for the formation of each human life and the determination of its destiny.

Over the centuries man has, to some degree, come to grips with at least a few of the invisible forces that permeate the physical world. He has learned to harness and utilize such phenomena as electricity, magnetism, radio waves, gravity and atoms, yet he has hardly begun to understand the ways of nature---the occult and unseen forces. The horse that shies at a blowing bit of paper, the lion that does not dare approach a fire, the dog that cowers before an unseen presence, unlike man, retain an extra cautious respect to the super-natural and the unexplainable. Or is it likely that animals see something that we are not capable of seeing with our limited vision and senses? In truth, man is more in the dark today concerning the super-natural world than he was in ancient times.

We know not who among the dead controls our destinies. Our race and ancestry are linked and bound together by those influences and sympathies, which in the truest sense do determine men's fates. Race is

a unit of which man is but a fraction. What other men in the past have done, said, thought, makes up the great iron network of circumstance that envisions and controls us all. We, to a large degree, take our faith on trust. The mind is the access which spirits have into the corporeal human world.

Rites, rituals, myths and legends express directly or symbolically some leading idea, according to which the mysteries of being are supposed, to be explained in deity. The intricacies of mythical genealogies are a practical acknowledgement of the mysterious nature of the Omnipotent deity, displaying in their beautiful but ineffectual imagery the first efforts of the mind to communicate with nature. Our sacred mythologies are a shared heritage of ancestral memories, related consciously from generation to generation. Myth is a part of the structure of our unconscious mind and is encoded within the genes and DNA of our body.

A ritual does not merely repeat the ritual that came before it---but is linked to it and continues it, whether at fixed periods or otherwise. The ethnic rituals that we perform can be as profound today as in olden times. There is tremendous knowledge and spiritual power to be experienced through its practice.

Christian churches banned pagan ritual for over a thousand years so that the clergy could covet occult powers for their own use and devices. The sacred ancient pagan mystery teachings that were not burned out of existence have been forever hidden away from public access to this very day. It is no accident that the spiritual centers such as the Temple at Dephi have lain dormant in rubble for many centuries, nor that numerous sacred pagan temples throughout Europe were eradicated and churches built atop these old spiritual centers.

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All attempts of the Christian Church to abolish and subvert the pagan rites and rituals will ultimately fail, as these practices belong to the magic of Nature and the arcane mysteries alone. Science also toys with tipping the balance of Natures laws. This was aptly phrased by the Scottish Romantic poet Thomas Campbell:

"When science from creation's face Enchantments veil withdraws, What lovely visions yield their place To cold material laws."

The more science encroaches on the freedom of the individual, the more mankind will turn towards the indigenous, ethnic spiritual practices. For if he does not, he will become extinct. It is vital that man comes to nature's aid in the effort to combat the industrial colossus which is an everpresent threat to the survival of mankind and the existence of our very planet as well. Letting the essential meaning in ritual become apparent of itself is the surest way to comprehend our own manifestation of being and the universe in which we live. This is one of the purposes of the seasonal rituals, for these rites saturate us and harmonize us with a focused cyclic essence of oneness in nature and our gods in today's world as well as our past and future. The old mystic teachers knew exactly what they were saying and doing. May their wisdom always remain within us and guide us in our quest through life's journey.



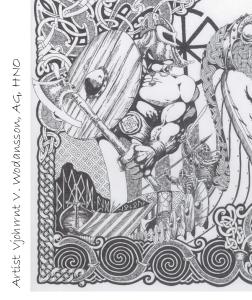


Something Higher

By T.A. OdinsonWalsh, 1519-CG/CW

Soldiers of The Cause Here we'll ask of you much more You'll be challenged without pause Like you've never been before Here the courage of conviction Will be asked of you each day Lest there be a contradiction In examples that we lay Minions of the movement Here we will take you to task 'Til the questions of improvement Be the ones you need not ask And the will to dig much deeper Is instinctually ingrained Even when the mountain's steeper You'll climb on despite the pain Warriors, one and all Will you rally 'round this fire Will you hear this battle call Will you take our people higher Than they've allowed themselves to be Through standards low and coarse Uplift, unite, make the world see The focus of your force





ANGLO-SAXON SOCIETY

by Richard Kemp, Gothi, HNO

The Anglo Saxons were a Germanic people whose customs and traditions predominated in England for over 600 years, (from about 410 C.E. through 1066 C.E.). They were part of a preliterate society, meaning that their history, customs and laws were not committed to written records. Rather, theirs was an oral tradition maintained in the spoken word by their poets or bards, called scups. Because they did not leave written records, much of the early Anglo Saxon history is dependent upon the writings of 8th and 9th century monks like Venerable Bede, Gildas, and Asser. However, it has been possible for scholars to piece together

early Angle Saxon life from narrative histories collected by the aforementioned monks and from artifacts discovered in burial sites that date from the 5th, 6th and 7th centuries.

It is known that the early Anglo Saxons lived in a rural society organized into relatively small tribal units known as the "cynn". The modern words kin or kindred have their origins from this Anglo Saxon term as everyone in the cynn were more or less related to one another.

Life in a Saxon community was frequently difficult and has been compared to some third world countries of today. High infant mortality, warfare, starvation through famine or poor nutrition, plagues, and hard physical labor caused few to live much beyond 40 years of age. Because life was so difficult, it was imperative that each community be truly united to a degree modern folk would consider stifling.

It should be noted that the family unit was very important to the Saxon. The cynn was considered an extended family or tribe in which everyone was provided with food, shelter and protection. In exchange, each member had roles to fill essential to the overall survival of the community. Villagers were responsible for growing all their food and manufacturing everything needed by the community. Their year was divided into a pattern of plowing, sowing, and harvesting. Every single day consisted of retiring to bed early and rising before the dawn.

Anglo Saxon society was very structured. The typical village was a cluster of huts built around the hall of their Hlaford or lord. They shared ponds and common land for grazing livestock and were issued fields for growing crops. A fence was built around the village to keep out wolves, predators and hostile neighbors.

There was a hierarchy within the community. Essentially the Hlaford or lord was owed allegiance or tribute from everyone in the cyan. In exchange for their pledge of fealty to their Hlaford, the lord made certain everyone was provided with both protection and land to sustain their families.

Even though the Hlaford was granted royal status he did not live on a grand scale. Compared to the Roman standard of living the Angle Saxon lord lived under barbaric conditions. His palace was simply a large wooden barn protected by earthworks and fenced with crude stakes.

Beneath the Hlaford were three distinct classes. The highest class, the thegns or nobles, consisted of landowners and warriors. Thegns acted as advisors to the chieftain, and later to kings, forming a council called the Witan or sages. They enjoyed a higher standard of living according to their rank. Most thegns resided in halls constructed of logs with a thatched roof. These halls are not to be confused with the barn-like feasting hall of chieftains and kings, like Hrothgar's mead hall in the Beowulf story. Rather, they were sufficient to use as a home for a thegn's family and slaves. In later periods, thegns lodged in halls of stone with thin windows in the walls called "eye-slits". Shields, tapestries and racks of antlers decorated the walls. Rushes were strewn on the floors. Tables and benches were arrayed around a big log fire where all the meals were prepared. At night the benches would be pushed back and the floor was padded with bedding for use as a sleeping area. The inside was illuminated by lit candles and torches made from bundled rushes.

Next in rank, beneath the thegns, were the ceorls. Ceoris (or churls) were peasant farmers or servants of the thegn and lived under the thegn's protection. The ceorls owed military service to the chieftain or king, and still retained the rights of freemen (which is to say they had some property rights and were able to bring grievances or make petitions at the "tun moot" or legal gatherings.

A typical ceorls house was a wooden hut, without windows, covered with a roof of thatch. A hole in the roof allowed smoke from the cooking fires to escape. The doorway was generally an opened space covered by an animal hide. Oftentimes there was very little furniture in the home. Perhaps a table, a few stools and a chest to hold blankets and bedding. It is assumed most of the ceorls homes were dark, smoky hovels with the glow of a hearth fire to light the interior as most ceorls were too poor to afford candles.

At the very bottom of this society were the slaves. Slaves were not under the protection of the law and were subject to their master's whims. Slaves consisted of war prisoners, criminals, or the children of ceorls who were so poor they sold their children into a life of bondage. The slave was generally allotted the most undesirable and dirtiest tasks. Unlike some ceorls, the slave could not own land, but it was possible the slave could be freed from bondage.

Everyone, no matter his class, had gender specific duties within the Saxon community. Men were expected to be as good at farming as they were at being warriors. During certain times of the year some men were busy bringing land under cultivation, driving their oxen driven ploughs through the narrow strips of field, while other maintained their jobs in the village working as blacksmiths, cobblers or potters. All healthy men were duty bound to serve in the fyrd or militia. All of the men were expected to keep nearby bridges and roads in good repair. They were to build and maintain their fortifications and assure their weapons were in good repair.

Women played an integral part in the Saxons flourishing textile industry. They were in charge of spinning and weaving wool and flax. Saxon women made all the family's blankets and clothes. They made woolen trousers (held in place by cross-gartered leather straps), woolen tunics, and cloaks for their husband's and sons. They made women's wear consisting of woolen dresses to be worn over tunics and hooded cloaks or mantles. Women were guardians of the hearth fires and had to be knowledgeable in herbs, and poultices, midwifery and childcare. They maintained the household and prepared the household meals, usually porridge, cheese, wayside weeds, barley cakes, wild berries and fruit. Seldom did she serve meat dishes except on feast days. Women often wore chatelaines about their waist from which they hung household keys and knives as a mark of their important station.

In peacetime, the men and boys were sent home to tend the crops and animals. When harvest season arrived, the entire community went out to lend a hand. Though each family had its own strip of land, everyone helped with the harvest. Armed with sickles they went out to the fields. They beat the corn to separate the grain and often ground the grain to flour by hand.

All Saxons were renowned for their feasting. Most Old English verse refers to "the joys of the mead hall." The Roman historian Tacitus writes, "...no nation abandons itself more completely to banqueting than the German" and that "... drinking bouts lasting a day and a night are considered in no way disgraceful.

Feasts would generally be celebrated in the Hlaford's hall. Thegns and warriors sat at the high table, while ceorls sat lower down. Women had a table of their own. Children sat on the floor with the dogs.

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Saxon girls were expected to learn to be good housekeepers and wives like their mothers. Generally girls were married by age 12 or 13 in a marriage arranged by their parents, but they were not forced to wed. Once the girl agreed to be married, a bride price was paid and the bride would be given in marriage with a wedding feast.

The Saxon diet rarely included meat except on feast days. Venison, roast boar, stuffed eels, wild game, butter, cheeses, and loaves of bread were some of the fare one might find on the table at a Saxon feast. Honey would be served as a sweetener and horns of ale, mead and spiced wine were passed around the hall to drink.

At the conclusion of the feast and between courses, there was entertain-ment. Sometimes there was dancing or singing accompanied by a harp, lyre, or bagpipes. The Saxon bards, called "scups" would be known to tell stories of legendary heroes, gods or kings.

Up through the 8th century most Saxons in Britain were polytheistic. Many of their deities were fierce and warlike. Their primary deity was Woden, whose name meant "furious one." Tiw was their god of war; Thunor, the thunder god; Frig, the goddess of love; and Erce, the earth mother. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are days of the week named after Anglo Saxon gods. Even the word Easter is named after a Saxon goddess of fertility, Eostre.

Saxons worshipped outdoors and sacrificed honey cakes, animals and sometimes humans to their deities. They believed in spells and magic. In the afterlife, Saxons believed those warriors who died valiantly in battle would go to Valhol where they'd feast and drink and fight, but never die, daily listening to stories about brave heroes and the battles they fought.

Saxons even believed their nobles were descended from their gods and heroes. Many Anglo Saxon genealogies include the Anglo Saxon gods Woden, Seaxneat, or Baldeg as their progenitors. This descent from the gods created a bond between the people and their ruler for it is highly possible that the Hlaford, chieftains and kings of such noble lineage officiated in religious rites and would guarantee the essential support of the gods to this agricultural society thoughout the year.

In addition to his other duties, the hlaford, chief or king was expected to enforce the law. Much of Germanic law was self-regulatory in that the victim's relatives sought redress from the aggressor and his in. Every person in Anglo Saxon society had value or wergild placed upon him. Even body parts had wergild. A poor ceorl, unable to pay wergild for injuring someone, was forced into slavery. Slander someone and the slanderer could have his tongue severed if he failed to pay wergild. Murder someone and fail to pay the victim's family wergild, a blood feud between the murderer and victim's family would be in effect. The king played a role in guarding the rights of those who did not have relatives, and would intervene if traditional methods did not seem to be working or threatened internal peace.

Anglo Saxon society did not have a police force, but everyone knew the penalties. "Bootless crimes" or crimes punishable by death included treason against the king, murder or arson. Hanging was the most common form of execution.

The punishments for most property crimes were cruel yet fair. Hands, ears or noses could be severed or the perpetrator might be scourged or set in stocks.

Jury trials were not implemented until the latter half of the 9th century when Alfred the Great reigned over the Saxons in Wessex. Prior to the trial by jury, if there was no evidence of guilt, there was a trial by ordeal where the accused might drink a cup of holy water, then was bound and tossed into a nearby body of water. If the accused sank he was deemed innocent and if he floated, was found guilty.

Accused slaves didn't get a trial. They were placed in stocks, whipped or hanged as the owner saw fit.

Saxon society could be brutal yet they had many diversions. As was mentioned earlier, they feasted and drank every bit as hard as they worked. They enjoyed the performances of minstrels and entertainers who roamed about the countryside, some traveling with performing animals. Bear and bull baiting were a popular sport. Saxons loved to hunt deer, boar and hares with their dogs for both food and sport. Horseracing, hunting and hawking were popular sports amongst the thegns.

Traveling merchants were known to peddle their wares from village to village e.g., "Purple garments and silks; precious gems and gold; strange raiment and spices, wine and oil; ivory and brass; copper and tin; sulfur and glass" and many more things were traded. These items were purchased with silver bars and other metals since the Saxons did not have coins as a medium of exchange until the 8th century. As trade with other countries increased, Saxon merchants found they needed coin to conduct trade so pennies and sixpences made of silver and gold were forged.

By the 9th century, outside influences picked away at the Anglo Saxon way of life. The Danes exploited the disunity of the various Saxon kingdoms divided by internal feuds. Ceoris and slaves say a chance to better their station in life by uniting with the Viking invaders. Within 100 years, the Danes would control half of England and the last Saxon king would reign in 1066. The Vikings and Normans would shift the economic paradigm away from the Saxon agricultural society toward a more urbanized society more reliant on manufacture and trade than subsistence farming. Yet, as this article shows, traces of Anglo Saxon influence, from language and laws, to customs and traditions, can still be found that affect English speaking society to this very day.

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by Harvald Odinson Jones, 1519-CGDC

May we have a Nation Though it doesn't hold any ground We know its residents And no boundaries are bound!

May we have a Nation Where Allfather is praised Our ancestors are cheered And horns are raised.

May we have a Nation That stands proud and strong Where all stand for what's right And do no wrong.

May we have a Nation Which grows day by day Whose people hold Trú To what they say.

May we have a Nation That will defend with their swords It's family and folk Whose goal is the fourteen words.

May our Father bless our...
May we be deserving of our...
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*Gungnir (Gung-nir) (Old Norse; 'the Swaying One')

Gungnir is the name of All-Father Odin's mighty and infallible spear. When Odin sacrificed one of his eyes at Mimir's Well in exchange for the great knowledge which he so desired, he decided to commemorate the holy occasion, by breaking off a branch from the holy world tree; "Yggdrasil", which had over shadowed the sacred well/spring. From this bough, All-Father fashioned his beloved spear, Gungnir. At Loki's bidding, the dwarf; Dvalin, forged the spear's head/tip. Gungnir never fails to hit its mark. Oaths sworn upon its tip cannot be broken, and those whom Odin casts the spear over, become dedicated to him and are destined to assume their place in Valhalla when they pass from Midgard. Both Odin and Njørd grazed themselves with the spear in an act of dedication to Odin. Such rituals of dedication to Odin continue to this day.

May Gungnir mark your soul and lead you to that all holy place in his divine presence. Heil All-Father Odin! And Heil the holy Æsir and Vanir in his venerable name.

-Dr. Casper Odinson Cröwell, 1519-CCG Allsherjargothi, Sons of Odin, 1519

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