

THE RUNIC ODYSSEY
ORACLE

INTRODUCTION TO THE RUNES

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To my mother and to my love, who believed in me and motivated me to accomplish my dreams even when I was hopeless.

To all who supported me during the birth of this project. Sincerely, thank you.

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ABOUT THE DECK

What are the runes?

Runes are, at their creation, a sacred writing system. It is an alphabet called Elder Futhark used by the Scandinavian peoples, mainly for a magical, talismanic, divinatory use or for writing commemorative texts.

There are 24 signs, each sign corresponds to a sound, so a sequence of characters allows the transcription of a word or a sentence.

There are several Futhark like the so-called «modern» Futhark which has 16 Runes or the Anglo-Saxon Futhark which has 33 Runes. But we will focus our attention on the Elder Futhark, since it is the one that is mostly used nowadays for divination.

This one is divided into 3 groups of 8 symbols called Aettir (Aett in the singular), each of these groups has a particular meaning:

FREYA'S AETT - THE KNOWLEDGE : This Aett is the one of all beginnings, it symbolizes fertility and life force. It represents the first steps of a long Initiatic journey.



HEIMDALL'S AETT - THE POWER : This Aett is associated with the elemental forces of nature, what surrounds the human being and its manifestations.



TYR'S AETT - THE REALISATION : This Aett concerns the spiritual dimension of the human being, it evokes the path that each one of us must follow to reach the path of Knowledge and Wisdom.



Wyrd: The blank rune

The rune Wyrd (fate), also called Odin's rune, is not part of the Elder Futhark, nor of the Viking runes and is not present in any historical facts. It has no engraved signs.

Wyrd is a purely contemporary invention, notably introduced by Ralph Blum in his book «The Book of Runes» published in 1982. However, opinions are deeply divided on its use, as Perthro already represents the notion of fate and the unknown.

Some omit it, believing that it should not exist when others, on the contrary, use it in their readings, and see no drawback to this. There could be a long and intense debate on this subject. So use it if it suits you, or put it aside if it doesn't. I decided to introduce it to the deck to satisfy everyone's preferences. Indeed, it's easier to turn 25 runes into 24 than the other way. (See the meaning of the card page 71)

Origin of the runes

The word «rune» is a very ancient word meaning secret, mystery, whisper, which evokes in particular the notion of secret initiation transmitted orally.

According to Nordic mythology, the god Odin, in order to acquire knowledge of these sacred symbols, hung himself from the branches of the cosmic tree called Yggdrasil, hanging from the branches of the cosmic tree. ant nine days and nine nights of initiation, without eating or drinking. At the end of this self-sacrifice, he fell down from the tree with the sacred knowledge of the runes.

Historically speaking, the appearance of the runes is still quite mysterious and many opinions diverge regarding their appearances. The oldest trace of this Futhark dates back to 50 CE, and was used until about 800 CE.

How to use the runes?

As a divinatory tool, runes are used like tarot or oracles cards. Shuffle your cards while thinking of a question, pull one or more cards

according to the spread you have chosen and interpret this message by letting yourself be inspired by what the cards tell you. Complete your interpretation with the explanatory booklet or a book about the runes. Each rune has a general meaning. However, as with the previously mentioned divination tools, a card combined with others offers a unique message to interpret.

Reversed cards

During your reading, you may turn one or more cards upside down, which will then have a different, more or less negative meaning. Some people do not take into consideration the cards drawn reversed and it is just as well. You are free to use the cards as you wish and follow your intuition.

Moon Phase cards

Working with the phases of the moon is a good way to harmonize your intentions with the rhythm of the lunar cycle. Just as the Moon influences the ocean tides, the rise and fall of the Moon also reflects the rhythm of your own

lives. It can influence your emotions or your mental state. When you synchronize yourself with the rhythms of the Moon or align your daily activities with it, you may feel more balanced and in tune with what you are achieving. (See the meaning of the cards on page 73)

Purify your deck

Purifying your deck is not a must. Some people don't feel this need and it is fine. It is better to do what you feel is good for you. Being uncomfortable with having purified your cards when it doesn't suit you, and vice versa, can make your approach with it difficult. Others, on the other hand, can't imagine creating a link with their deck without first purifying it under a trickle of sage or incense smoke and then storing it next to a white or pink quartz for example. Let your intuition guide you in this ritual.

CARD OF THE DAY

Pulling a single card is the simplest method. It is often sufficient on its own to answer your question. Let yourself be guided by its message, by your interpretation that you also make of it.

THREE CARDS SPREAD



This is the most popular and simplest spread, even for those who are just starting to read cards. There are several ways to make a three cards draw. Here are a few examples:

1- Past / 2 - Present / 3 - Future

1- Problem / 2 - Cause / 3 - Solution

1- Mind / 2 - Body / 3 - Soul

THE ODIN'S CROSS



The Odin's Cross is a little more complex but provides an excellent answer to a general question.

1 - *West* - General overview of the context in which the problem is situated.

2 - *North* - Negative forces in action: what to watch out for regarding the problem at hand.

3 - *East* - Positive forces in action, the ones you need to rely on.

4 - *South* - Short-term evolution of the problem, its immediate future.

5 - *Middle* - Placed in the center of the cross, where the position of convergence is located, this rune indicates the long-term future of the problem.

THE HEAD OF THE GOD MIMIR



Also called 7 rune fortune-telling, this spread will answer the question: «how will my destiny change if...?» the rest is up to you to complete it according to what you want to know. Draw 7 runes by arranging them as above.

- 1- What's the real problem?
- 2- What are the external factors that interfere?
- 3- What are the elements of resolution?
- 4- What is the outcome and/or consequences?

NEW MOON SPREAD



This New Moon spread is intended to determine your intentions for the coming cycle, so that you can learn how to develop and manifest them for the full moon.

- 1- Where am I in my life right now?
- 2- What are the intentions I need to set up to evolve?
- 3- What are the new experiences I will have during this lunar cycle?
- 4- What are the positive changes that will occur?
- 5- What energy should I pay special attention to?

**MESSAGE OF
THE CARDS**

FREYA'S AETT

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THE KNOWLEDGE

FEHU

WEALTH • ABUNDANCE

*Wealth is a comfort to every man,
although every man must share it out greatly
if he would obtain a portion of the Lord's glory.*

Fehu represents material possessions, it brings an impulse in the material field and the evolution towards greater wealth. It is not about easy wealth or quick gains, but about things that are undertaken and become prosperous with work and perseverance.

Fehu is not only associated with the idea of wealth in the material sense, but also with the wealth that lies deep within yourself. Whether it is spiritual or emotional, it invites you to recognize a gift or talent that you have within you and thus unleash your full potential. It is a rune with many meanings, but all converge towards enrichment, creation and fertility.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Goods, money, wealth, self-awareness and inner wealth, the beginning of a new project, beginning, emergence, creation, health, strength, prosperity, fertility, love, happy family.

REVERSE MEANING

Failure, greed, loss, destruction, discord, boredom, accumulation, impoverishment.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Fire

Tree: Hazelnut, Elderberry

Herb: Nettle

Crystal : Garnet, Rhodonite

Animal : Cattle, Deer

Astrology : Aries

URUZ

STRENGTH • DETERMINATION

*The ox is single-minded and over-horned,
most savage beast, fighting with his horns,
well-known moor-stepper. That is a proud creature.*

While Fehu is the symbol of a domesticated cattle, Uruz is the symbol of the wild cattle following its primitive instinct. It represents natural force with its constructive and destructive side. It also symbolizes your ability to take on new challenges by facing them with the strength that is within you.

Uruz helps you to become aware of the freedoms you have in your life. The freedom of your choices, your desires, and how you make them come true. If you go against what you feel, Uruz warns you that it can be destructive and that not all means are good for achieving your goals. Let your instincts guide you while you remain in control.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Life force, good health, fighting for a goal, facing an event, intuition, instinct, creativity, transition, maturity, self-confidence.

REVERSE MEANING

Weakness, poorly controlled energy, brutality, fragile health, recklessness, impotence, hesitation, fear.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Earth

Tree: Birch, Elder

Herb: Sphagnum Moss

Crystal: Moonstone, Azurite

Animal: Bovidae in general

Astrology : Taurus

THURISAZ

STATIC FORCE • DEFENSE

*Thorns are severely sharp. To any thane
seizing it is an evil, measurelessly cruel
to every man who comes to rest upon it.*

Uruz represents the wild forces contained within us, Thurisaz, from a static inert force, calls for wisdom and mastery of these forces. It has both positive and negative meaning. It represents attack as well as defence, even if the latter primarily refers to a protective action which, like a thorn, is defensive, even quasi-passive against the aggressor. Thurisaz therefore invites you to balance the raw energies that animate you.

It incites you to dominate yourself to control your persistent bad reflexes, your own impulses which prevent you from taking action. Exceed your limits and try to learn positive things from each situation, there is always good to be gained in these experiences.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Resistance, defence, danger, warning, fight, conflict, struggle, hardship, decision to be made, suffering, difficult moment, need to find stability, awakening.

REVERSE MEANING

Obstacles, danger, uncontrolled primary instincts, brutality, violence, hatred, betrayal, torment, meanness.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Fire

Tree: Hawthorn, Fir and trees with needles or thorns

Herb: House leek

Crystal: Hematite, Red Jasper

Animal: Scorpion and aggressive animals

Star: Mars

ANSUZ

WISDOM • INSPIRATION

*The mouth is the beginning of all speech,
a support to wisdom and a comfort to the wise,
and a prosperity and trust to every earl.*

Ansuz symbolizes intelligence, knowledge, mental abilities, it announces a period of spiritual awakening. You will be called upon to explore spiritual matters and try to acquire wisdom and understanding of events and people around you. In Ansuz you can see the time when it is good to take advice from elders and people who have more significant life experience than you have.

This will enable you to move forward in life with more prudence and moderation. Don't ignore messages simply because you don't like the content. Every experience can be a lesson to teach you to see the truth and your knowledge and wisdom.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Inheritance of knowledge, messages, communication, guidance, advice, creativity, wisdom, intelligence, inspiration, knowledge.

REVERSE MEANING

Misunderstanding or misinterpreting information, lying, manipulation, miscommunication.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Air

Tree: Ash, Lime tree

Herb: Fly agaric

Crystal: Lapis Lazuli, Agate, Sapphire, Aquamarine

Animal: Crows, geese and all the messengers of the sky

Astre: Venus

RAIDHO

MOVEMENT • TRAVEL

*Riding is a comfort to every warrior
in the hall, and very trying to those who sit upon
a powerful courser over the mile-paths.*

Raidho symbolizes movement, travel, overcoming challenges, departure and reaching the desired destination. It represents movement by means of transport but also by living beings. All these forms of movement can be symbolized by Raidho. It draws attention to travel, but it is not only a question of place.

It is also about the journey of life, taking decisions and initiatives, going in the right direction to achieve something new or different in your life. Raidho also symbolizes control and protection during a journey.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Movement, mobility, travel, spiritual path, union, reunion, progression, evolution, action, moving forward.

REVERSE MEANING

Period of crisis, instability, immobility, rigidity, various difficulties, lack of movement and progress, delays in deadlines, problems related to travel plans.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Air

Tree: Oak

Herb: Mugwort

Crystal: Ruby, Topaz, Sodalite

Animal: Falcon

Astrology : Sagittarius

KENAZ

CLARITY • CREATIVITY

*A torch is known by every living being to be on fire,
white and bright, most often burning
where the nobles rest themselves within.*

Kenaz symbolizes the flame, the fire in the form of a torch that allows us to see more clearly when everything is dark and keeps away the dangers of the night. It is the energy of the domestic fire, the technique that allows us to control the initial vital forces and new ideas.

Kenaz is the inner flame of the seeker, who, in the dark, moves forward with a torch in his hand to discover new things on his path. New ideas glow in the darkness.

It is the rune of the artist or craftsman, which can denote great abilities to manipulate energies on many levels: material, astral, mental, spiritual, social.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Creativity, concretization of projects, implementation capacities, acquisition of knowledge, development of new skills.

REVERSE MEANING

Lack of creativity and inspiration, disillusionment and false hopes, hidden things, darkening, abandonment.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Fire

Tree: Pine, Blueberry, Sewing tree

Herb: Cowslip, Ragged-robin

Crystal: Carnelian, Fire Opal

Animal : Dragon

Astre: Venus

GEBO

GENEROSITY • BALANCE

*Gifts are an honor and praise of men,
a support and a distinction, and to every wretch
mercy and meat to those who are free from other
possessions.*

Kenaz taught you to develop your inner light, Gebo teaches you to share this light with others. Gebo is a symbol of partnership, love and balance between giving and receiving, taking and giving. This rune reminds you that being good does not only mean giving. It is also about accepting and taking. However, giving with hidden intentions, and thinking that one is going to be loved because of it, will only lead to resentment and exhaustion. Share only what you can and what you really want to avoid feeling exploited and unloved.

The symbolism of Gebo is not limited to the exchange, material, but also to the bonds that you weave through communication and the attention you give to each other.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Gift, love, partnership, loyalty, synergy, harmony, balance, exchange, generosity, reconciliation, association.

REVERSE MEANING

Gebo cannot be interpreted in reverse.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Air

Tree: Mountain Elm, Ash tree

Herb: Heartsease

Crystal: Rhodochrosite, Malachite, Jade

Animal: Bee, Dolphin, Whale

Astrology : Pisces

WUNJO

JOY • HARMONY

*Joy is enjoyed by those who little know of woe,
pains and sorrow, and to those who have of
themselves
profit and bliss and also many citadels.*

Wunjo is the result of Gebo: it symbolizes the joy and harmony that comes from sharing.

Wunjo indicates that joy is obtained by being in harmony with what surrounds you.

Even in the face of adversity, Wunjo, pushes you to keep a positive mood, an inner peace, a unity with the world, the people, the nature. Wunjo can strengthen the positive aspect of other runes and weaken the negative aspects of them.

It reminds us how much optimism and positive thinking in the face of our efforts is rewarding. Learn to appreciate your moments of happiness so that they continue to resonate within you when an event presents itself to you.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Joy, pleasure, happiness, good news, satisfaction, friendly or loving understanding, material and spiritual comfort, mutual understanding, fullness.

REVERSE MEANING

Isolation, unwarranted mistrust, lack of confidence in oneself and in others, grief, conflict.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Earth

Tree: Chestnut, Guardian oak, Ash tree

Herb: Flax

Crystal: Aventurine, Lapis lazuli

Animal: Animals living in a herd or pack

Astrology : Leo

HEIMDALL'S AETT

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THE POWER

HAGALAZ

DESTRUCTION • CRISIS

*Hail is the whitest of grains.
It comes down from heaven's breeze,
the wind's showers rolls it down, and after it
becomes water.*

Hagalaz is the rune of unforeseen events and obstacles, sudden and unexpected hazards. Like hail, this seemingly evil weather, unpredictable as it is, is capable of destroying everything in its path. But which eventually turns into water, the source of all life. This is a signal that encourages you to change your way of life and to move away from situations that no longer serve you.

Take advantage of this moment of crisis to change what no longer suits you at work, in a relationship or in your habits. These catastrophes push you to act to get what your heart really desires. They are only stepping stones on the road to your goals.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Unforeseen event that leads to awareness, change, disruption, destruction to rebuild, obstacle, stagnation, difficulty in evolution.

REVERSE MEANING

Hagalaz cannot be interpreted in reverse.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Air

Tree: Oak, Yew (*Taxus baccata*)

Herb: Lily of the Valley, Bryonia

Crystal : Celestite, Quartz

Animal: Beaver

Astrology : Aquarius

NAUTHIZ

NECESSITY • HARDSHIP

*Need is a constraint on the breast, although it often
comes to the sons of men
a help and a healing of every one, if they hearken to
his demands before.*

Nauthiz is the rune of necessity, but also a symbol of determination that invites you to pay attention to your real needs and necessities. It tells you that you have the inner strength to get through unpleasant situations or obstacles over which you feel you have no control. Provided that you know how to accept them and make the sacrifices necessary to progress on the path of life.

If you didn't have these obstacles to make you change, you would stagnate in a situation that will not serve you. Nauthiz invites you to release frustration, impatience and let energy flow freely around you. Do not lose sight of the essential.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Period of deprivation, difficult constraints, restraint, distress, sacrifice, resistance, problem, needs or desires, patience, hard work, loneliness.

REVERSE MEANING

Nauthiz cannot be interpreted in reverse.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Fire

Tree: Beech, mountain ash, bird's-eye rowan

Herb : Bistort

Crystal: Onyx, Obsidian

Animal : Dog

Astrology: Capricorn

ISA

INTROSPECTION • EGO

*Ice is really cold, measurelessly slippery
glistening clear as glass, most like gemstones
a floor created by frost, and a fair face.*

Isa symbolizes blocked situations, a fall of energy, periods of immobility, isolation, a period of calm and solitude, but not the end. Isa invites you to turn back on yourself, to work on concentrating your energies to prepare the rebirth that will follow this phase of stagnation. Just as ice, which on the surface appears pure and quiet, hides underneath an explosion of fertility that is ready to happen. Now, everything will come in due time, and for the moment, Isa reminds you that you must be patient.

There is no point in spending your energy in frustration or anger. Focus your energies on trying to learn more about yourself and act independently and thoughtfully.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Period of reflection, self-awareness and self-control, monotony, immobility, lack of change, delay, slow, calm, rest, reinforcement, patience, loneliness.

REVERSE MEANING

Isa cannot be interpreted in reverse.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Water as ice

Tree: Fir, Alder

Herb: Henbane

Crystal: Tourmaline in the form of a needle

Animal: Seal, White bear

Astre: Moon

JERA

ACCOMPLISHMENT • LIFE CYCLES

*The new year is the hope of men, when God allows,
the Holy Heaven's King, the earth to give
her bright fruits to rich and poor alike.*

Jera represents change, mostly positive. It echoes the cycles of life, the seasons that are born and give way to the next, so is this perpetual change.

This rune speaks of rewards for past efforts and invites you to celebrate this achievement. However, you must be patient, in tune with the slow rhythm of nature and accept the repetitive aspect of life.

There is a season for every action, for resting, planting, cultivating and harvesting.

If the right actions are done at the right time, prosperous harvests will be assured.

It is useless to hope for evolution if your actions are not in accordance with the goal you hope to achieve.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Effort rewarded, accomplishment, end of a waiting period, harvest, hopes, achievements, change, development, abundance, repetition.

REVERSE MEANING

Jera cannot be interpreted in reverse.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Earth

Tree: Fruit trees, Oak tree

Herb: Rosemary

Crystal: Citrine

Animal: Swallow, Stork

Star: Sun

EIHWAZ

TRANSFORMATION • RENEWAL

*The yew is an unsmooth tree without,
hard, fixed to the earth, a warden of fires,
supported by its roots, a joy in the home.*

After Jera's cycle, which reminded you of your dependence on endlessly renewed cycles, Eihwaz marks the break of this rhythm to change your perception of the world around you and reach another level of reality and experience. It symbolizes a spiritual death, you will have to give up things you thought were fundamental. An important and essential life change may be about to come to you and may seem full of uncertainty, but it will soon become clear that such a change is necessary. Eihwaz advises you not to be afraid of these upheavals; it is the necessary condition for your rebirth and evolution.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Questioning, reversals or future transformations, rebirth, regeneration, wisdom, movement towards the light, initiation.

REVERSE MEANING

Eihwaz cannot be interpreted in reverse.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: All

Tree: Yew, Grey Poplar

Herb: Mandrake

Crystal: Topaz, Quartz, Fossil wood

Animal: Snake

Astrology : Scorpio

PERTHRO

CHOICE • DESTINY

*Perthro is always a play and laughter
to the proud where warriors sit
in the beer-hall, happy together.*

Perthro is the rune of fate as a cause and effect mechanism that is not always predictable. Everything you do has consequences. Taking responsibility for your destiny also means taking responsibility for the consequences of your actions. Perthro represents the dice cone: no one can know in advance whether the numbers drawn will be good or bad, but it is up to you to adopt the right attitude and face your fate regardless of the outcome.

Perthro synthesizes this principle, life can hide elements of your existence, which will be revealed to you, without you expecting them to arrive. Perthro is also the rune of remembrance, memory, problem solving and esoteric knowledge.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Acquisition of new knowledge, hidden and revealed secret, events that lead to decision making, mystery, unknown, divination.

REVERSE MEANING

Unexpected and harmful events, bad luck, betrayal, unhealthy behaviour, what seems clear hides deeper aspects and meanings.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Water

Tree: Beech, Aspen, Apple Tree

Herb: Aconite

Crystal: Onyx, Amethyst

Animal: Crow

Star: Saturn

ELHAZ

PROTECTION • SHIELD

*Elk-sedge keeps its home most often in the swamps,
it grows in the water, and grimly wounds,
it burns the blood of any man who grasps it*

Elhaz, a rune strongly linked to magic, is the rune of communication with the divine.

She brings you precious help from the spiritual world. Symbol of protection against the potential negative flows that seek to reach you, Elhaz warns you against false spirituality and illusory ambitions. She advises you to connect with your higher self so that you can make the right decisions and feel safe and protected in this world. It is possible that your path may be strewn with dangers, but do not be afraid, for you have within you a great power of protection. However, remain prudent, divine protection accompanies you, but do not let yourself go into excesses unless it turns against you.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Prevents against negative influences, indicates the presence of protection (natural or supernatural), help or guide, awakening, higher life, shield, magic in general.

REVERSE MEANING

Vulnerability, hidden danger, warning, turnaround, future trouble.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Air

Tree: Oak, Yew, Torminal sapwood

Herb: Angelica

Crystal: Aquamarine, Chrysocolla

Animal: Moose, Swan, Goose

Astrology : Cancer

SOWILO

VICTORY • ENERGY

*The sun is ever a hope to seamen,
when they carry themselves over the fishes' bath,
until their brine-horses bring them to shore.*

Sowilo is the rune of accomplishments, successes, victories over obstacles, good health and life force on a daily basis, it is a more permanent success than Jera.

Attached to the sun, it represents knowledge, light, an inexhaustible source of energy and brilliance, shadows fade away and what was hidden appears. Sowilo indicates a renewal of positivity and progress. It helps you to keep confidence in yourself, in your personal projects and guides you towards your own accomplishment by illuminating the path of your spiritual journey. It reminds you of the need to move forward even after you have achieved success.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Success, potential, power, achievement, good health, life force, motivation, boundless energy, glory, hope.

REVERSE MEANING

Sowilo cannot be interpreted in reverse.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Air

Tree: Noble Laurel, Oak, Juniper

Herb: Mistletoe

Crystal: Topaz, Citrine, Amber

Animal : Eagle, Hare

Star: Sun

TYR'S AETT

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THE REALISATION

TIWAZ

COURAGE • JUSTICE

Tir is a certain token, it keeps its troth well with noble men. It is always on its journey over the clouds of night, never wandering.

Tiwaz opens a new cycle on the path of spiritual initiation. It represents justice, responsibility, but also sacrifice. In order to achieve the success you desire, sacrifice is necessary. It can be hard work, financial investment or significant stress.

Tiwaz brings the strength to see things rightly and justly to win your case if you are in your right mind and keep your word with honour. It reminds you to make and keep commitments in your professional and private life. These notions in your relationships with others are essential.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Justice done, courage, leadership, authority, justice and legal matters, honour, faith, loyalty, honesty, impartiality.

REVERSE MEANING

Overanalysis, oversacrifice, injustice, imbalance, defeat, tyranny, stress, conflict.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Air

Tree: Oak, Chestnut

Herb: Coneflower, Sage

Crystal: Sodalite, Sapphire, Lapis lazuli

Animal: Bear

Astrology : Libra

BERKANO

FERTILITY • GROWTH

*Birch lacks fruit, even though it bears
shoots without seed. It is lovely in its branches,
high in its crown and fairly adorned,
laden with leaves, pressing into the breeze.*

Berkano is the rune of fertility, the rune of new beginnings, of renewal, of life changes both in evolution and relationships, of birth and physical and spiritual rebirth.

Let these changes happen and open the doors to new opportunities that present themselves to you. It evokes a period of creativity as well as the ability to move forward with your projects and bring them to fruition through work and effort.

It indicates a time of abundance, domestic stability and material wealth.

Berkano is very evolutionary on all levels, it helps you to develop your view of the world and its possibilities.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Birth and rebirth, beginning of a cycle, motherhood, fertility, regeneration, investment, abundance, positive changes, prosperity.

REVERSE MEANING

Delayed development, feelings of stagnation, lack of creativity, lack of growth, inability to move to the next level.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Earth

Tree: Birch

Herb: Alchemilla vulgar

Crystal: Moonstone, Chalcedony

Animal: Wild boar, Sow

Astrology : Virgo

EHWAZ

TRUST • PARTNERSHIP

*Horses are for earls the joy of noblemen,
a steed proud in its hooves, where the heroes about
him,
prosperous on horseback, weave their speech,
and ever a comfort to those on the move.*

Ehwaz embodies the bond, what unites, much like the relationship between a horse and its rider: both are interdependent and bound by a relationship of mutual trust.

It encourages you to keep your commitments, to be faithful to the word you give, but also to the help you bring to others in their evolution. It is not an individual path, but a collective path of mutual support. You are not alone and you can count on the people around you and being careful not to make mistakes and to know who is worthy of your trust and who is not. It also symbolizes movement, which encourages evolution, adventure, discovery and constant progression.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Fast and positive evolution of a situation, promise, trust, bond, unity, duality, movement, strength, loyalty, help.

REVERSE MEANING

Obstacles to progress, lying, betrayal, deception, mistrust, an inability to act, communicate or act in unison.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Earth

Trees: Ash, Oak

Herb: Ragwort

Crystal: Agate, Opal

Animal : Horse, Squirrel

MANNAZ

HUMANITY • AWARENESS

*Man is in mirth, dear to his brother;
though every one must depart to another place,
because the Lord wishes, through his own doom,
that our wretched flesh be commended to the earth.*

Mannaz is about man and humanity in general. This rune reminds you that men are connected to each other by their deep nature. To withdraw from the human community is to lose sight of what is essential. The help of those close to you is precious, do not seek to isolate yourself. Mannaz is also directly related to an individual's place in a community, his performance and the way he is perceived. It invites you to forget about differences and warns against feelings of superiority and otherness that are only an illusion.

Since humans have a limited time in their fleshly existence, it is important to realize that every moment is important to serve its purpose.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Association, cooperation, team spirit, awareness, reflection, harmony in relationships, tolerance, acceptance.

REVERSE MEANING

Isolation, confrontation, lack of confidence in self and others, hostilities, depression, lack of support.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Air

Tree: Maple, Black Alder, Holly

Herb: Madder

Crystal: Turquoise, Amethyst, Chrysocolla

Animal : Fox

Star: Jupiter

LAGUZ

INTUITION • EVOLUTION

*The waters seem to men to be broad,
if they should venture upon an unstable ship,
and the sea-waves terrify them so,
and the brine-horse cares not for his bridle.*

Laguz indicates that a phase of growth and evolution is on the horizon, things are moving. It also indicates a stage, a passage on your individual path. In order to facilitate this inner journey, you should trust your intuition.

Perceive the reality and the hazards that lie beneath the turbulent surface of the events of your existence and look beyond the surface to grasp their deeper meaning.

Let yourself be carried along by the current, and trust your first instincts. Symbol of purification, it accompanies the cleansing and healing of your harmful habits. Listen to your deepest self, putting aside your selfish and vain ambitions.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Intuition, instinctive understanding of things, inspiration, artistic creation, dreams, movement.

REVERSE MEANING

Mental confusion, illusions, uncontrolled impulses, perseverance on the wrong path, lack of inspiration.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Water

Tree: Willow, Apple tree, Wicker, Ash tree

Herb: Leek

Crystal: Coral, Opal, Pebbles

Animal: Salmon, Dolphin

Astre: Moon

INGWAZ

GESTATION • INTERNAL GROWTH

*Ing was first among the Eastern Danes
seen by men, until he soon afterwards
departed over the ways, a wagon running after him.
Thus bold men named this hero.*

Ingwaz, rune of inner growth, creation and completion, can indicate the end or beginning of a cycle. Ingwaz possesses an inner potential, concentrated and inward looking, like a seed that has all the energy of life within it, it evokes the moment when you gather your strength before taking action.

However, Ingwaz must open up or blossom to realize this full potential. She invites you to be coherent, focused, organised and rigorous before bringing your projects to life.

It can also mean spending more time in nature or paying more attention to the natural order of things.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Situation rich in potential, latent energy ready for implementation, fertility, harmony, gestation, internal growth, regeneration, concentration, reflection, new projects.

REVERSE MEANING

Ingwaz cannot be interpreted in reverse.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Water, Earth

Tree: Apple tree, Hawthorn, Hornbeam

Herb: Sloe

Crystal: Moonstone, Coral

Animal : Goat

Star: New Moon

OTHALA

ANCESTRAL HERITAGE • POSSESSIONS

*A homeland is very dear to every man,
if there he may enjoy in his household
what is right and fitting, very often with its fruits.*

Othala reminds you of the importance of the initiatory teachings that you inherit from your ancestors, through the traditions and myths that are your true heritage. Othala strengthens your ties with other members of your entourage or your family in general. You benefit from the teachings of your predecessors, do not waste this precious knowledge by considering it with contempt, for it is it that will put you on the right path if you take the time to meditate on it. Othala also represents maturity. Whoever has known, throughout the trials, how to come out enriched by the difficulties, but also by the joys that life has put in his path, he will be able to draw wisdom and knowledge to help himself and advise others.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Stable situation, security, success, harmony with family, friends, ancestors, material or spiritual heritage, estate, homeland, home, past knowledge, traditions, wisdom, values.

REVERSE MEANING

Immaturity, carelessness, lack of foresight, worthless inheritance, taking calculated risks.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Earth

Tree: Hawthorn, Apple tree

Herb: White clover, Goldthread

Crystal: Bullseye, fossils, Turritella

Animal : Wolf

Astre: Full moon

DAGAZ

AWAKENING • BREAKTHROUGH

*The day is the Lord's message, dear to men,
the renowned light of the Measurer, a mirth and
troth
to the prosperous and the wretched, useful to all.*

Dagaz symbolizes the day and its succession with the night. She teaches you that the ultimate truth is that of eternal restarting, the quest is never finished because the nature of the universe is cyclical, the goal to be reached merges with the starting point, there is no beginning and no end, the day perpetually succeeds the night. Dagaz announces the discovery of the self after a process of transformation, questioning, or awareness. It makes you progress in the field of spirituality, so that you can access things that were previously hidden to you.

A very positive rune, it indicates that you are in tune with yourself and your position in life. A balance has been achieved.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Major changes, transformation of living conditions, evolution towards greater harmony, clarification, enlightenment or understanding of a problem that has remained obscure until now.

REVERSE MEANING

Dagaz cannot be interpreted in reverse.

CORRESPONDENCES

Element: Fire and Air

Tree: Fir, Birch, Oak, Spruce

Herb: Orvale

Crystal: Tiger's Eye, Sun Stone

Animal : Rooster

Astre : Half Moon

THE BLANK RUNE

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THE FATE

WYRD

UNKOWABLE • SECRET

Wyrd, rune of destiny indicates that the events that are about to happen are not up to you and must remain secret or hidden. Wyrd doesn't decide for you, you have your own free will, your freedom to make your choices when faced with a possibility. Nevertheless, she advises you to follow the natural course of things and not to try to control everything. It helps you to understand that during the course of your existence, anything can happen: a happy event, a birth, a success or just like a death, physical or symbolic.

DIVINATORY MEANING

Irreversible and inevitable event, secret, silence to the question, destiny, unknowable, uncontrollable.

REVERSE MEANING

Wyrd cannot be interpreted in reverse.

MOON PHASES

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THE INTENTIONS

NEW MOON

NEW BEGINNINGS

Think of the New Moon as a new beginning, but also as a moment of retreat, a time when you can regain the strength to start again.

KEYWORDS

New beginnings, renewal, starting over.

WAXING CRESCENT

SET INTENTIONS

The waxing crescent represents intentions, hopes and wishes. After renewing your energies under the new moon, your intentions and wishes are ready to be planted.

KEYWORDS

Conception, development, planning.

FRIST QUARTER

TAKE ACTION

Keep moving forward in the face of obstacles and start putting your ideas and plans into action. Be prepared to make decisions that will make them happen.

KEYWORDS

Challenge, strength, determination.

WAXING GIBBOUS

REFINE AND IMPROVE

This is a good time to adjust and improve the culture of your ideas and intentions. Prepare for the realization of these through your actions, creativity and commitments.

KEYWORDS

Adjustment, revision, patience.

FULL MOON

CELEBRATION

It represents the achievement, the realization of your objectives and the success of your projects. It is a time to celebrate your ascension and to reflect on how far you have come.

KEYWORDS

Achievement, progress, abundance.

WANING GIBBOUS

INTROSPECT

This phase represents a time of reflection, of purification after this ascension. Take note of all the discoveries made during the Full Moon. Remember to practice and express your gratitude.

KEYWORDS

Cleaning, reflection, observation.

LAST QUARTER

RELEASE AND LET GO

Now it's time for you to free yourself and let go. Get rid of the unnecessary emotional and physical clutter that you have accumulated over this last cycle.

KEYWORDS

Liberation, letting go, transition.

WANING CRESCENT

REST AND REFLECT

You may feel empty during this time. This is a good time to withdraw from the world and rest. Prepare yourself for the approach of the end of a cycle and the preparation of a new one.

KEYWORDS

Resting, contemplation, relaxation.

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