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**Gungnir (Gungnir) (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 Njord 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.

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Chief Court Gothi, the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc.
and Herjan, Sons of Odin, 1519

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FROM THE CHIEF COURT GOTHAR

Heilsan Folk!

Ok, Megi Odin blessi þig allur.

My Mor (Mother in law) went to Norway to visit her own Mor and kin there. She left Vinland en route to Norway armed with a Thors Hammer, for protection in her travels. Who says that our Gods are mere archetypes, or that they are not real? Within the hour of the plane's departure, it was forced to land in Washington D.C. due to mechanical failure! Once her travel resumed, her flight took her through a cloud of volcanic ash rising from Iceland. Of course, she arrived safely in the Land of the Midnight sun...her Odal Land/Homeland. Though she now finds herself enjoying the autumn of her life, one thing remains true as ever in her life and accompanies her always in her travels to and fro the old country...

Big brother and friend Thor has never abandoned her. He remains ever loyal to his mortal kin. Heil Thor! The Gods not only blessed me with my own wife, but her wonderful mother as well. I love this great woman, immensely! Through our love and respect for our Gods, Folk and Nordic traditions, she has reconnected with lore and tradition which she had forgotten about long ago. Heil the Gods!!!

Exactly how one interprets Our Gods or defines their relationship therewith, is always, of course, a very personal matter. And to be certain, no matter the similarities each of us may share to a greater or, lesser degree, within such relationships with that which is divine, each one is, never the less, unique. Here at the HNO, while we follow a line of Fundamental Odinism and an unabashed love for our uniquely Aryan Gods and Folk, we believe that our trust and loyalty to who we are and where we come from should be tested and challenged often so that we don't become so secure in our beliefs that we somehow grow complacent and soft in our duty and our relationships with our Gods and our Folk with whom we share them with.

Towards such an end, life's trials and daily stresses will provide the proving grounds to confirm and validate one's beliefs and willed determination. But for our part, we endeavor to provide you with no frills spiritual content which one may mentally digest, consider and apply to one's purpose in life upon Midgard.

We hope to always be a successful vehicle for which you have been able to advance your own ideas regarding spirituality, and that we may continue to be thus.

May this issue of Gungnir serve your spiritual needs well and may you all enjoy the blessings of our Gods in Odin's holy name. Heil Allfather Odin!

Megi Goðanum blessi þig allur, ok fara með Odin. I remain yours in service and fraternal solidarity for the Gods, Folk and the 14 WORDS. Ek hinn Hammar, ok Ek Einherjar ok Oðinsonr!

Fundamentals of Odinism/Wotanism

Remaining True to the Elder lore

by Dr. Casper Odinson Cröwell, 1519-CCG

We've all heard tell of that old adage; Old habits die hard. More so, we all know it to be true.

The overwhelming population of Northern Heathens were not born thus. Rather, most of us were in fact born into a society of Abrahamic faith to some extent, greater or lessor. Here in Vinland (North America, U.S. & Canada), no matter our family or household, we were, from our earliest memories, exposed to, and indoctrinated with such subtle and subliminal messages regarding Christianity, for the most part, in what amounts to state sponsored religion if one is to be honest enough about it all, via the vehicle of such simple everyday occurrences within our lives such as money (In God we trust), sworn testimony (I swear to tell the truth, so help me God), likewise does that same statement occur in all forms of public, military and civil service swearing ins (...so help me God). The Pledge of Allegiance (One nation under God), God bless America, God save the Queen, God shed his light on thee, etc. etc. etc. The assumption is a fairly sound one that this God whom is always referred to is indeed the God of Abraham; Yahweh, of Biblical repute. Certainly it is 'He', whom is referred to rather than she, or they/them. Were the postulation put to a poll, most, if not all would arrive at the same conclusion as posited above.

Thus asserted, we may assume with some degree of confidence that those whose eyes peruse this very content were in fact exposed from the cradle up to the point at which they sought to reconnect with and return to the Gods and ways of their ancestors.

Whether that is fifteen years or fifty, it is great deal of brainwashing to undo, akin to a giant tangle of twine which must be untangled!

So then, no matter what Abrahamic faith you were exposed to at home, or even, lack thereof, you were deprived of religious freedom, via the Federal government, regarding who your notion of God was/is. You were told who God was/is every day of your lives, in one way or another. So then, deciding to pursue the old Gods and ways of your ancestors is laden with the awful burden of guilt! It certainly took a great many years to brainwash you. It will now require a very self-aware and conscious effort to eradicate that guilt. Acknowledging this is the first step forward. Now one must wade through the endless seas of available information out there, both erroneous and correct. That asserted, I'd like to point out at this point, that what works for anyone regarding their own relationship to that which is divine, is and should always remain a personal choice if such is to remain a sacred experience.

What available information one elects to educate oneself with in an effort to arrive at such paramount and lifestyle altering decisions, is another matter entirely.

For example, those who began their quest back to the elder way in the 1990's of the Common Era, had a great deal of the way back mapped out for them while those of us who began our journeys back in the 1970's CE had to figure it all out ourselves and in fact became many of the map makers in the 1980's CE, for what would constitute the way back to the old Gods and way.

To be certain, what would amount to my own first Blót in 1979 CE was really more in line with what we know from the lore today to be a Sumbel rather than a Blót.

Then there's the entire 'reconstruction religion' affair, which seemed a harmless enough enterprise in its infancy, albeit the decades which would follow would demand more. Reconstruction implied cult like status as did it borrow a great deal from other pagan paths, etc. In essence, Ásatrú as it

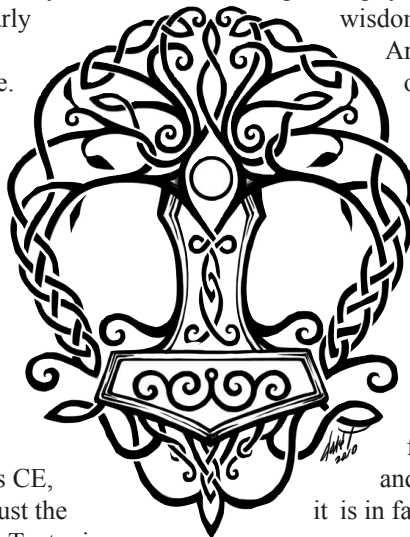
became known, as we knew it back then, was really just a form of New Ageism with the trappings of Norse (Viking Age) culture. Norse Wicca is more an accurate mantle with which to identify what was being called Ásatrú in the early 1980's CE. And as such, it was a reconstruction religion, to be sure.

The 1990's CE saw some positive changes within Ásatrú, albeit, the old way remained grounded in the Viking Age (8th to 11th century CE), as did much of the New Ageism remain in lieu of genuine tradition culled from the lore or added to some traditions. By this time, the more separatist minded movement of Odinism, having its roots in the mid 1980's CE, began to seek further back than just the Viking Age Ásatrú and into the Teutonic camp at that, rooted at the least, in the Bronze Age (4,000 to 500 BCE).

A comprehension of the entire Norse-Teutonic macrocosm demanded a respect for the entire composition of that which comprises the cultures and heritage of the Aryan Tribes on the whole, not merely the roughly three hundred years which constitute the Viking Age, nor merely the Scandinavian peoples within that three centuries. This became the Odinist pursuit. And the inclination of many Odinists to separate further from the Ásatrú was the latter's penchant toward come one, come all Universalist attitude regarding that which inherently belongs to the people of the Aryan Tribes exclusively... The Gods of our blood!

By the dawn of the twenty-first century, so many different groups and people were calling themselves Odinists, that it became necessary to widen the chasm betwixt those who call themselves Odinists but fail to live as thus, and those who ARE Odinists and do live as thus on a daily basis.

For those of us whom gather beneath the Banner



of Fundamental or Fundamentalist Odinism, no New Age dribble will do for us. For all which we do is rooted in the Lore (religion, myths, sagas, philosophy, histories, architecture, psychology, wisdom and traditions) of our ancient Aryan Ancestors. Not merely one age or another. And it is this lore which has become and remains our sacred foundation from whence we may wend forth from.

At the HNO, Inc., we are indeed Fundamental Odinists. All of our Blótar, traditions and rituals are derived directly from the historical accounts of our Ancestral Lore. Not what we 'Think' may have been the instance, but were in fact the instance! There is no mixing and matching of traditions here, unless it is in fact Norse-Teutonic (Germanic), across generational lines.

In coming editions of this column, the reader will be exposed to the fundamentals of Odinism as they exist in the Lore. In this discipline, the reader will be able to disconnect from the lifelong brainwashing which he or she suffered, while benefitting from a regeneration of spiritual/religious/traditional knowledge as it is derived from the genuine ancestral sources, as opposed to the modern new age - reconstruction perspective.

For us, there is no break in the link with our genuine ancestral past for us to reconstruct. We merely need to read it, apply it and live it.

I bid you all the blessings of our beloved Gods in Odin's holy name. Heil Odin!!!

"If authenticity is truly desired, then one must begin with the very root of origin; for there, may one, glean the fundamentals of such a thing. It then falls upon one to not only take it up, but apply it as well. That is authenticity."

- Casper Odinson Cröwell, Ph.D., DD

kindreds



Here at the HOLY NATION OF ODIN, we receive quite a number of requests regarding Kindreds and prospective membership therewith. In one sense, this is positive as it is indicative of the growing number of Odinists/Wotanists in search of others to assemble with. On the other side of that same coin, it is a negative inasmuch for all the positive growth our Folk are making, too little gain is the result! This is mostly due to back biting, lack of genuine Folk building efforts, or willingness to espouse authentic Fraternal Solidarity. It seems that so many desire leadership roles and popularity these days. Then when the hardships of reality begin to roll in, they roll away, leaving in their wake, distrust, animosity, bitterness and dissension. This has been one of the primary roadblocks in establishing and maintaining any worthwhile and long term confederation of Kindreds.

Here at the HNO, we promote the idea of Odinist/Wotanist Kindreds, Orders, Skeppslags (Old Norse for Ship's Crew), Félags (Old Norse for Fellowships), etc., which are autonomous albeit affiliated with the HNO. As each one is in fact autonomous, the leadership of each one is accountable to its own members and responsible for their spiritual welfare. Each Kindred, etc., elects to be an HNO Kindred (Affiliate) because they share and subscribe to our mission and philosophy and they oath among themselves to abide by the HNO's Folkish and Religious philosophy.

The idea being that while we are in fact an outreach ministry, if enough Folk whom are either members of the HNO or associated with us, form/establish

Kindreds, Orders Skeppslags or Félags, then we can establish a link on our site which is dedicated to showcasing and promoting HNO Kindreds, etc., news of their happenings and functions, photos and reports, which may be viewed by others. Links to each would be available and Folk in any area can contact other Folk. Kindreds grow, divide and multiply in this fashion. Eventually we could hold local 'Things & Moots' and an annual National one with the possibility of a world-wide 'Thing (ON Assembly) every three or four years.

We get out of anything what we are willing to invest into it! The HOLY NATION OF ODIN, Inc. is an outreach ministry/religious institution that belongs to the honorable people of the Aryan Tribes and Clans. Its potential growth is entirely up to our members and associates.

It all begins with three or more people forming a Kindred, etc... If only twenty of our members put this plan into action, within a year or two we'd have a healthy Nation of Kindreds and Families. Heil Odin!

Let this be the year of positive Folk building and Fraternal Solidarity within the HOLY NATION OF ODIN. Form a Kindred today with family or friends, and apply to become a registered HNO Kindred/Affiliate. Remember, a Kindred, etc., can be as few as three people or as large as you like. It can be a family of three, husband, wife and child, or it can be a Crew, Brotherhood or Sisterhood dedicated to our ancient religion.

Those of us whom comprise the HNO & 1519 administration/leadership, constitute the "Vinland Kindred of the HNO/1519". We invite you to join us as we seek to determine our own destiny and fate with our combined might and deeds in support thereof! Heil our noble Gods and Goddesses, and heil our holy Allfather Odin!

We remain yours in service and Fraternal Solidarity.

For Gods, Folk and the 14 WORDS!

The Administration and Court of Gothar of the HOLY NATION OF ODIN, Inc.

Prédikan I - Hávamál 59, 67

by Vidar Odinson Harless, 1519 GC/CW

Everyone within our community will notice that we do not make a habit of passing around collection plates at blótar; especially HNO blótar. This is by no means because we do not require monetary donations to sustain our organizational endeavors, but rather because we view blótar as a reverent communion with the Allfather Odin, and His Holy Host; not as a fundraiser.

*Here or there
would they have me in,
if no meat at the meal I craved,
or hung two hams
in my good friend's home,
after eating one of his own.
[Havarnal 67]*

It is exceedingly clear, from the Hávamál 67, that hospitality should not be a profitable endeavor. With this in mind, the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. does not place any price upon our spiritual hospitality. We welcome those who wander to our door with "meat and dry clothes", "a drink...a towel, and the prayer to partake." [Hávamál 3-4]. It is our honor to be "estate and substance for those who have nothing else." [Old English Rune Poem : X :] However, just as the HNO has a responsibility to be there for those who wander, with no spiritual home, those who Farmatýr has blessed with "power and blessedness" [OERP : X :] must be there as well; if they are truly of the Host. If our faith is indeed a living faith (and it is), then we must live by the faith we profess.

It has long been a complaint among the Greater Holy Nation of Odin that our detractors, and spiritual nemeses, have so-called "war-chests", dedicated to our spiritual demise; to the extermination and extinction of our faith, our ancestral weltanschauung [worldview], and ultimately our Folk. The truth of the matter is that members of other faiths, especially Abrahamic faiths, are putting their money where their mouths

are. The Jews make it their creed to obtain their wealth from Gentile nations, but remit it only unto other Jews. Christians, as a rule, generally donate, or "tithe", at least ten percent of their incomes to their Church, as well as "throwing something in the offeringplate on Sunday". Muslims made "charity" [alms], in their community, one of the Five Pillars of Islam. Mormons have been persecuted, outcast, and vilified since their founding; yet they have thrived because of their strong commitment to their Church, financially, and spiritually. The success of this idea has been fundamentally proven. Financial support directly contributes to organizational success and, in some instances, it's survival.

Every Odinist understands that independence is a virtue which is expressed the loudest, and practiced the least. We all treasure our individuality, but this is not independence, it is responsibility. The truth of the matter is that independence is a precursor to interdependence; as it is between the Goðanum and Aryanity. Each and every independent person has a role to play in the success of the nation; in this case the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. We are one, in faith, and as a Folk; in life, death, and eternity. Whatever we build, we bequeath unto our posterity. If this is debt, and dishonor, then they (we) will be enthralled, and enslaved, to moneylenders. If this is glory, and honor, then they (we) will be glorious. "One word led me to another word", and talk is cheap, "one work led me to another work", and "fair fame will fade never"; fair fame is won by deeds alone. [Hávamál 141,76]

What every person does, or does not do, is entirely up to them, but the support one gives (:X:) to a cause is directly proportional to one's sincere devotion to that cause. Fundamental Odinism is not a "herd" faith, but rather we are encouraged to form a "pack" mentality. We do not follow shepherds, who "lay down green pastures" for us, but rather leaders, of noble blood, and ironwills, who guide us in our hunting. Those who do not hunt, with the exception of "pups", do not eat. You either help sustain your society, or you are not really of that society.

We all understand that we are living in financially difficult times, and placing food on the family table is, and must always be, of primary concern on our list of priorities. The Holy Nation of Odin does not want our member's money when it would prove detrimental to familial welfare. What we would like to encourage is that everyone look at their budget, and see if as little as three percent could be put towards serving our...your community, as a member of the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. If this fractional support cannot be foUnd to donate, then you might examine how much you spend on other discretionary things, such as fast food, hobbies, etc. Most Odinists are quick to pledge their lives for the faith; we only ask that you forego a few hamburgers. Remember that you are not merely a supporter of this fundamental ministry, but a member and, as such, have a vested interest in helping us build this Holy Nation. For the sake of perspective, we are speaking about three cents (.03¢) on a dollar; three dollars (\$3) on a, hundred. Individually this may seem inconsequential, but together we can all make a difference.

Nevertheless, we know that not everyone can afford this, and that is okay. Our faith is genetic, not contractual, and the Holy Nation of Odin is not some "members only" club which you simply pay to be a part of. We are in need of true support, in whatever form that may come. If you are cash-strapped, no worries. The Holy Nation of Odin can always use volunteers, artists, connections, etc. Everyone can do something, even if they have very limited resources. The Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. must support itself.

Betimes must rise who few reapers has and see to the work himself, much will miss in the morn who sleeps, for the brisk the race is half run.
[Hávamál 59]

So, though we do not actually pass around a collection-plate, we still need our membership to step up and play a meaningful role in our Sacred Mission: to bring the Fundamental Ministry of the Allfather Odin to out Folk. We cannot achieve our mission without the support of those who have

awakened to Him; for the Father of Victory only bestows His blessings upon those who FIGHT! By your membership, you have chosen not to stand by, and watch the world crumble around you, but rather to join us in our fundamental devotion to our true Holy Father, and the Fourteen Words. Follow that choice now with action; sacrifice (:X:) for our victory (:↑:), and the Almighty Lord of Hosts, Odin shall be among our Holy Vangard.

Notes:

1. "The Old Norse word, "prédikan", means "preaching", or "sermon". The HNO has embraced the term for inclusion in HNO blótar. [see the upcoming HNO Blótarbók, due for release in 2014.]
2. "Farmatýr" is a heiti/by-name of the Allfather Odin, and used to refer to Him as the God of Trade here .
3. "Goðanum" is the Old Norse plural word for the Gods & Goddesses . The use of "Aryanity" is designed to indicate our Folk as a whole .



On Responsible Fidelity

By Goði Viðar U. Odinson Harless, 1519-CG/CW

“To whom do we owe our loyalty? This question was, rather slyly, posed to me during a recent session of impromptu Odinic fellowship. “Should we be loyal only to known associates, or to all of our people, regardless of their affiliations? This fledgling kinsman asked. It is indeed an important question, for all too often we tend towards dagic (:✘:) extremes wherefore we place such fidelities. As is so frequently true, the answer is neither universal nor singular, but definitely plural...and fundamental.

Though fidelity is, and must always be, a “selfless” principle, we should always remain cognizant that such nobility flows from personal honor, and integrity, which are derived from a loyalty to these ideals, as well as the “man in the mirror,” so to speak. Our Honorable Herjan is wont to say, “It is an impossible proposition for one to honor our Goðanum, or our Folk, where one’s own honor is forfeit.” Thus, we must guard our honor as we would our lives for, when one’s hamingja is lain upon Ørlóg, they are the same. “...one thing, I wot, will wither never: the doom over each one dead.” (Hávamál 77)

In terms of primarily exoteric priority, and naturally from an Odinic perspective, we owe our fidelity to our families [specifically the “nuclear” family]. There is, within a proper family structure, an overriding sense of unity, although the prevalence of modern dysfunction does throw a wrench into the engine. This “unity” is one of blood, and spirit, a derivation of genetic hamingja, shared between parents and children. I understand that some will think that I am mistaken here in using hamingja, instead of Ørlóg, but it is deliberate, I assure you. I am speaking to the “transferable” nature of hamingja, and it’s aggregate substance, as applied to “living” progenitors.

A living parent’s hamingja has not yet been incorporated into a child’s Ørlóg, for it is still in the formative process, yet there can be no doubt as to the significance their hamingja will have upon the child. Thus, there is maintained a precariously impermanent relationship, ever Verðandic, and yet consisting of a strength which defies definition, or exhaustive explanation. Perhaps the closest we can come to such a definition is in an old Icelandic Code of Law, which gives the hierarchy of social responsibility:

“A man must first maintain his mother. If he can manage more, then he must also maintain his father. If he can do better still, then he must maintain his children. If still better, then he must maintain his brother and sister. If better again, then he must maintain those people whose heir he is, and those he has taken in against promise of inheritance. If yet better, he must maintain the freed man to whom he gave liberty.”

And furthermore:

“If a man cannot maintain his mother and father, he must approach his nearest kinsman who has the means, and offer to work as his slave, in order to payoff the loan necessary to keep his mother and father alive.” (‘The Viking Age’, Foote & Wilson, p.120)

The assignment of our socio-familial responsibility to our parents before our children may seem a very foreign concept these days, but it serves to reveal the historic, and cultural, emphasis on honoring first from whence we came, then where we are going. Without the former, one can hardly value the later, at least not properly.

Next, one should rightly render fidelity unto one’s extended family, or clan/ætr . These are our grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, as well as those tied by oath, or fosterage, though blood-oaths are more appropriately defined as “immediate” family (“as if born from the same mother”). The loyalty again expressed in the category is, as intimated by the term “extended family”, necessarily extended from

the aforementioned “nuclear family”.

Here we pause to consider the association of responsible fidelity to Óðrœrir, that which “stirs to ecstasy”. Óðrœrir was born of the actuated blood of Kvasir, and was contained in three vessels, which would imply that it must be obtained in three ‘draughts’. The first container is called “Boðn”, meaning “vessel”. Adolf Hitler famously said that “the state is the vessel which contains the nation”, and “the family is the smallest, most important unit of the state”. So, perhaps the first wisdom to be gained from the blood of the “wisest of the Æsir” (Ynglinga saga 4) is the importance of our family relations, as the basis upon which all else may grow.

The ensuing category may come across as Odinicly “partisan”, so to speak, but it is here ascribed to a fundamentalist structure of fidelity, so breathe, and try to take it in stride. You might just find you agree! After one’s clan, fidelity must then descend to Kindred, and the Holy Nation of Odin. This means the righteously (:↑:) ordered (:⚔:), and organized folk (:⚔:) community; gathered, and directed (:⚔:), on a spiritual, and metagenic, foundation, so as to maintain the bonds, and obligations, of kinship between the Goðanum, and Aryanity. Whether proudly claimed, or simply ignored, all Kindreds who follow, and advance, the fundamental precepts of the Almáttki As, through the trú rites of “Odinism”, rightfully belong, and reside, within the ranks of Odins Holy Nation.

We must now consider all of those Folk who comprise what we shall call the ‘Greater Holy Nation of Odin’. They consist of ostensible “Odinists”, as well as all of those similarly associated, on a spiritual basis (e. g. Asatru, Theod, Irminist, etc.), but who may fall short of the rigorous standards of the fundamentalist doctrines, otherwise known as the generic “Odic Community”. Folk of this category are to be considered the “outer-circle”, or frontier-folk, of the Holy Nation of Odin. They are closer to the path of Truth than those who still blindly fumble through life in darkness, and ignorance, thus meriting a greater fidelity than common “Folk”.

The Holy Nation of Odin, and the Greater Holy Nation of Odin, represent ‘Són’, the second initiation of Kvasis dreyra, and the ‘reconciliation, or atonement’, of the children of Heimdallr (Voluspa 1). We therefore come together, and unite our many ‘vessels’ (boða), in a sacred, and mighty Host, in ultimate service to each other, and “insight to Odin” (Havamal 1 60).

Last, but certainly not least, we must maintain our loyalty to the Folk, who comprise the bloodline of Alfaðir Oðin; the descendants of Askr and Embla (Voluspa 17-18). Regardless of social pedigree, our folk, born of the ‘White As’ (Gylfaginning 27), bear an inherited claim to our troth, or fidelity. We should never forget, for the sake of religion, politics, finance, or prejudice, that the very foundation of our existence, and the residence of our souls, lie with our blood. With this consideration in mind, even the “bible thumper” on the corner, be he of Aryan stock, deserves a portion of fidelity, for our deeds are our own, as is our honor, and not contingent, or predicated upon the “worth” of the subject. Perhaps a loyalty displayed to those of our “lost” folk will stir something in them which changes their life, and turns them into “worthy” individuals. I have personally witnessed such transformations.

This final category of fidelity would embody the Æsiric (:⚔:) within our people, which is our inheritance (:⚔:); the container, and the contained: Óðrœrir as the vessel, and the draught; the state, and the nation. Aryanity is, and must always remain, a ‘noble’ people; and thus, each of us bears the paramount responsibility of being truly noble... and loyal.

I TRULEIKR ER HEIBR MINN
(MY LOYALTY IS MY HONOR)



Fundamentals of Odinism/Wotanism

True Blótar Dates and Funerary Rites

By Dr. Casper Odinson Cröwell, 1519CCG

As Heathenism/Paganism had sought to re-establish itself throughout the latter three of four decades of the twentieth century, many well-meaning Folks set about laying the foundations for more than the re-institution of authentic heathen/pagan religious/spiritual rites and customs. Indeed, our own Ancient Way/Religion), and then they went and labeled it all one faith - Ásatrú.

That none among our religious leadership had ever sought to correct such maladies, but rather continued to perpetuate them, says a great deal to the serious seeker, of our legitimacy as a religion. Especially if such a seeker, has amassed a deep knowledge of our lore, myths and sagas.

We must, however, never forget the contributions that those forerunners did in fact contribute to our beloved religion. We certainly owe them a great debt of gratitude, to say the least.

That posited, we at the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. have sought to correct the afore mentioned maladies over the past eight years. While we have made some important strides toward achieving thus, we have a long haul ahead of us yet. To be certain, it is a continuing labor of love and an honor and privilege to serve our Gods and Folk; One which we don't take lightly.

One look at most Ásatrú or Odinist/Wotanist calendars of religious Rites will illustrate the legitimacy of what I have previously asserted. One will note that both solstices and both equinoxes assume the dates of primacy. Thereafter, the four cross quarter dates assume their place in

many calendars. Then follows several localized observances in addition to days of remembrance. In addition, I point out that none of this is a bad thing. It is just not traditional nor fundamental, wherein accuracy is in regard.

The Solstices are representative rites and observations of agrarian significance as are the equinoxes. And to be sure, these were important seasonal tides of the year for our, and every other, farming folk in the world! They remain equally as important today among farmers. However, they are not the traditional dates of our Ancestors of Northern Europe. Therefore, they do not constitute nor represent the genuine fundamentals of Odinist/Wotanist Blótar dates. They are in fact, the dates of primacy among Wiccans and New Agers. There is nothing wrong with holding Blót on these dates. I do. It is after all a matter of respect for the sowing and reaping of the fields, and Harvest celebrations definitely have their place among our Folk traditions. However, with the exception of the Winter Solstice (Midvinterblót) during the Yule Tide, the Summer Solstice and two equinoxes should not assume the predominate stations in our Fundamental Holy calendar.

In chapter eight of the Saga of the Ynglings (Ynglinga Saga), found in the Heimskringla, (The History of the Kings of Norway), Odin institutes the law regarding Blótar (Sacrifices.) A sacrifice (Blót) is to be made for a good season at the beginning of winter. This is the Winter Nights (Veternaetur) which occurs on both Saturday and Sunday (Laugardagr and Sunnasdagr) which begins on the first Saturday between the 11th and the 17th of October (Hunting.) A second Blót is to be made in midwinter for good crops. This is the Midwinter Blót (Midvinterblót), the actual Yule (Jól) which occurs on the Winter Solstice. And the third Blót is to take place in the summer (Summarsdag) for victory. This occurred in the month of Ostara (April) which is the date of summer's beginning in the old calendar. So for us today, whom are Fundamental Odinist/Wotanists, these three Blótar dates are fundamental dates:

Veternaetur/Winter Nights – which begins on the first Saturday between the 11th and the 17th of Hunting/October – Dísar Blót

Midvinterblót/Jól/Yule – which occurs on the Winter Solstice, on or about the 21st of Yule/December

Summarsdag/Sigrblót/Victory Blót – which occurs on the 14th of Ostara/April

These dates and they alone, are the only recorded dates of mandated Blótar which occur anywhere in print within our Sagas, Lore, or Myths. Period!

Nowhere else in any of our texts will one find any sacrifices/blótar mandated by Odin. Nowhere! This is not to infer that all other rites and Blótar are insignificant or somehow relegated to the office of the non-important. For this would be a grave error indeed! It does however illustrate what is fundamental, as by Odin's mandate. And what is not, but rather predicated upon regional, tribal and geographical differences.

Just as Odinism/Wotanism and Ásatrú are not the same religion, Fundamental Odinism/Wotanism is not the same as mainstream Odinism, for lack of a sounder terminology. We seek to draw our theology,

philosophy and liturgy from the annals of history rather than the flights of fancy and whimsy, nor wishful sentiment. We are not politically correct, we don't apologize for this, nor do we espouse any Universalist, egalitarian, or airy-fairy warrior type agendas.

We are the Living Einherjar and Valkyjar! We are men and women of stalwart and genuine warrior ethic, ever ready we stand to defend our Gods, Folk and future!

Fundamental implies just that; that which is rooted in origin and history. Let us consider for the moment, funerary rites from the Fundamental Odinist perspective... While anyone may elect to mark the end of their time upon Midgard/Earth as they wish, once the Gods have gathered them up, why would any Odinist, let alone, Fundamental Odinist choose anything but cremation? For Allfather Odin tells us that fire speeds the soul upon its way. There is a reason why we say as a part of our religious liturgy, during the lighting of the Sacred Flame, portion of the Blót, "It is the first mystery and the final mercy." The final mercy is the all-consuming fire, the pyre/cremation.

Once again from chapter eight of the Ynglinga Saga; "Odin ordains the burial rites: All the dead are to be burned on the pyre (our ancestor's cremation) together with their possessions, and that everyone would arrive in Valhalla with such wealth as he/she had with them on the pyre, and that the ashes were to be scattered at sea or buried in the ground. Cremation is a fundamental rite in Odinism/Wotanism, which marks one's journey home to the Gods and ancestors. It is ordained by Allfather Odin!

The fundamentals scribed herein warrant our devout consideration as genuine Odinists/Wotanist, for those of us whom adhere to Vor Forn Siðr, it is absolute for us to respect and observe first, what has been passed down to us by our ancestors as far back as we may discern. Certainly millennia further back than the Viking Age (8th century to 12th century.) And it's good thing too, because if we based the origin of our religion in the seat of

the Viking Age, we'd all have to die with a sword in our hands to get to Valhalla! By going back as far as we can to the cradle of our Folk's origin, we merely have to live true to our Gods and Folk and live lives predominated more by virtue than by vice. Heil Odin!!!

In coming installments of "The Fundamentals of Odinism/Wotanism", I shall address ritual tools, Blót structure, the reckoning of time, etc...

I cannot tell you this enough... That it is truly a privilege and honor to serve our Gods and Folk.

I remain in service to the Gods, Folk and Vor Forn Siðr, in Odin's name do I oath.
Dr. Casper Odinson Cröwell, PhD., DD
Director of Religious Services
Holy Nation of Odin, Inc.

"If we do not forge our swords in the fires of history, how then can we shape our own destiny?"

-The Honorable Herjan,

Casper Odinson Cröwell, 1519-CCG

Requirements and Rules for the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc.

The Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. is an outreach ministry dedicated to the ancient religion of Odinism. Fundamental Odinism is an ethnic religion which is native and belongs to the people of the Germanic Tribes of Europe (i.e. the peoples descended from the Norse, Teutonic, Celtic and some Baltic and Slavic tribes).

Membership (Individual or Kindred) within the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. is open to our folk who are free of any crimes against our faith, our folk (e.g. women, children, elderly, the handicapped, etc.), or our Gods (i.e. the laws of nature). What does, or does not constitute such a crime can be evaluated on a case by case basis by the Court of Gothar.

While the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. does espouse a priest class (Goðard), each kindred is free to determine their own spiritual and tribal needs. The Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. does recognize ordained clergy from religious organizations within the Odinist religious community.

The Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. does not condone homosexuality any more than any orthodox faiths (as Islam, Catholic Church, etc.)

do! It is our position that homosexuality defies the very laws of nature, family procreation and therefore, our Gods and Goddesses.

The Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. does not espouse, condone or endorse any gang activity.

A kindred shall consist of at least three members, and meet on a regular basis.

The Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. will not interfere with the function of its kindreds unless petitioned by a majority of members of said kindred for aid.

Each kindred belonging to the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. is expected to submit annual updates, listing its members as well as its accomplishments. A copy of their by-laws shall be updated and submitted annually as well. Failure to do so may result in your membership being revoked.

Any kindred can be removed for any cause from the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. by a majority vote of its' Board of Directors.

These rules are to be approved or amended annually as needed.

Information regarding membership in the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. is available online. Membership is free.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE HOLY NATION OF ODIN, Inc.

Founded by the Sons of Odin, 1519 Vinland Kindred, the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. is fundamentally Odinitist. That is to say that we believe in an all pervading divine spirit which manifests itself throughout the cosmos and the laws of nature and is therefore self-evident within the realm of nature. To us, that divine spirit is the All-Father Odin whom without, all else would fail to be possible. The All-Father Odin is pure spirit and the primordial conscious thought. He too is thereafter, the very will of that first thought. The Gods and Goddesses of the Germanic Tribes are therefore manifestations of the spirit of All-Father Odin.

We do not bow our heads, or bend our knees before our Gods. We do not worship them as our masters. We honor them by seeking to emulate their noble qualities and conduct ourselves and live our lives with a great degree of personal strength, honor and courage, just as our ancestors did prior to the advent of Christianity. Our Gods are our friends and our kin. We are their descendants, their living folk.

We promote the Germanic Tribal system as opposed to the minute, albeit not discounted, Viking Era model most within our faith community adhere to. We well acknowledge that it was the latter part of that era which corrupted our native faith and ushered in the conversion of the alien and bedouin Christian faith among our unsuspecting ancestors. It was also during this era that troth to kin became bankrupt in exchange for the enticing lures of non-folk in foreign lands. Whereas the Germanic Tribal system may be traced back in time for millennium, the great love, respect and troth for their native culture inexorably in tact!

We hold that nothing is more sacred than our blood, for therein lies the entirety of our ancestry, both Gods and Folk.

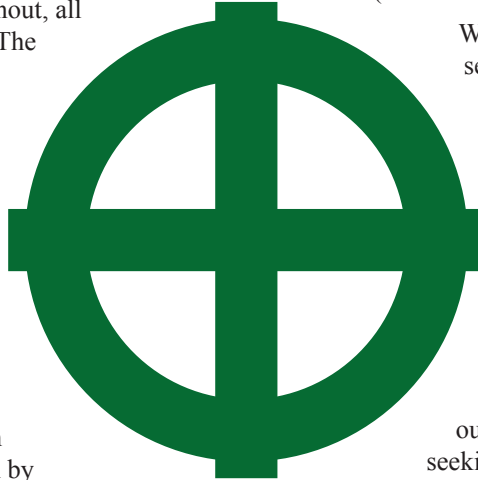
We promote a genuine respect for our spiritual leadership and Elders and we recognize the merits of structure, hierarchy and the ordained Gothard (Priesthood).

We hold that tradition does not seek to store the cold ashes of the past, but rather seeks to keep the flame alive for future generations.

We hold that our holy and sacred rites and ceremonies are not open to the public, for either scrutiny, or criticisms. And that only those of our faith may bear witness to, or participate in our holy rites, or those sincerely seeking to learn to follow our noble faith.

We well acknowledge that the groves are indeed sacred and play a major role in out-door Rites. But we hold that the Hof is equally as sacred and to the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc, our Hof, as they once were in elder days, are once again, our houses of the holy.

We hold that the Eddas, Sagas, Lore and myths are all certainly valid learning texts wherefore discovery and comprehension of our faith is in regard. Albeit, we well acknowledge that they have long since been tainted with the corruption of Christian scholars and a myriad of interlopers with designs to cast an unfavorable light upon our noble faith. We further hold that what constitutes the body of literary works of the Aryan people from antiquity to the present time warrants both the respect and study of our folk, and we promote the study of these critical works of history, philosophy, art and



intellectual medium as a valid means of restoring our own unique indigenous culture and heritage.

We promote solidarity among and between our brothers and sisters of our collective faith/ folk community.

We adhere to and promote the “Nine Noble Virtues” of Odinism/Asatru, as well as the “Rede of Honor” and other viable and conducive codes of honor.

Membership within the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. is open to folk (both individuals and/or Kindreds, Hearths, Kiths, etc.) who are free of crimes against our faith, our folk (e.g. women, children, elderly, handicapped, etc.), or our Gods (e.g. the laws of nature).

The Holy Nation of Odin, Inc.:

-Is an ethnic religion which is native and belongs to the people of the Germanic Tribes (e.g. people of European descent including the Norse, Teutonic, Celtic and some Baltic and Slavic Tribes).

-Does not espouse, condone, or endorse any gang activity.

-Does not condone homosexuality anymore so than does the Catholic, Jewish Orthodox, or Islamic religious institutions. It is our position that homosexuality defies the very laws of nature, family procreation and therefore, our Gods!

-Does not dress up in any “period costume” clothing, nor do we enforce a dress code.

-Does not mandate the wearing of a beard for men or long hair for women. Though we do strongly encourage thus out of respect for our Gods and Goddesses.

The ultimate choice is left up to the individual.

-Does have an official ordained Gothar (Priesthood) (Male & Female) which is overseen by a “Court of Gothar”. Every Gothi (Priest) and Gythia (Priestess) designated a member of the Court of Gothar will wear a beard (long hair for females).

The length and style of the beard is up to the Gothi. The choice to wear long hair up or down is up to the Gythia.

-While there exists within the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. a system of legally ordained clergy, we do recognize the time honored right of each Kindred to elect their own Gothi/Gythia as they see fit.

The Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. is a legitimate non profit incorporated religious Institution, an Outreach ministry/church which is operated and administered by a legal Board of Directors.

It is both the mission and desire of the Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. to correct the many maladies which has held the progress and advance of our noble faith, in a continued state of arrested development for far too long now. Also, to provide a structured alternative, which up to this time has been absent within the Odinist faith/folk community.

I remain in service to the Gods and Folk of the Holy Nation of Odin. Heil All-Father Odin! And Heil the holy Æsir and Vanir in his venerable name.

In Frith with thee,

Dr. Casper Odinson Cröwell,
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ADDENDUM TO THE MISSION STATEMENT

OF THE HOLY NATION OF ODIN, Inc.

While the past year found us at the HNO, Inc. a bit sluggish and minimally productive due to a host of ongoing projects and the usual ordeals associated with daily reality, we remain steadfast and stalwart in our commitment to serve your spiritual/religious needs and the sacred mission of the 14 WORDS.

This year will find us busy in an effort to provide you with fresh and current material/content germane to the Fundamentals Odinist/Wotanist religion and Aryan Tribal Folk building.

New content will be uploaded and available regularly and the GUNGNIR publication will address religious/spiritual and cultural/heritage matters as they pertain to the membership and associates of both, the HOLY NATION OF ODIN, Inc. and SONS OF ODIN, 1519. GUNGNIR will be produced bi-annually in the summer and in the winter, beginning with issue 14.

We'd also like to establish a network of HNO Kindreds they year. But this requires groups of you, in three or more to come together for said purpose. (see HOLY NATION OF ODIN, Inc kindreds, et al.)

The efforts of the HNO require a great deal of selfless investment, as well as personal financial investment. We look at what we do in service to our Gods and Folk, as a great privilege. Far too few come along to assist us in any way, even though it will cost them nothing more than some of their time. But those who did come along with the promise to assist, and then they failed to produce... It slows our efforts drastically! This is the malady which we face in the past year and it was very draining on so many fronts. We have redoubled our commitment and will focus our efforts and the resources at our disposal towards the most effective ends of fulfilling our sacred and noble mission.

To the many of you who have displayed both patients and loyalty as well as great faith in our holy mission, we reciprocate the same and we thank you for your honor and loyalty.

We anticipate a spiritually prosperous year and future. One blessed fully by Odin, the Gods and the Norns (Fates.) We hope that you'll join us and continue to support us as we seek to honor our oath to serve and defend our Holy Gods and Folk in the name of Allfather Odin. Heil Odin! And heil his Holy Nation!!!

We remain in service and fraternal solidarity,

The Court of Gothar and Administration
Holy Nation of Odin, Inc. and Sons of Odin, 1519
Vinland Kindred
For the 14 WORDS

"A man devoid of honor, is no use to any men of honor, except in a disposable capacity."

-The Honorable Casper Odinson Cröwell, Ph.D., DD



A little Valkyrie's Prayer
by Harvald Odinson Jones, 1519-CGDC

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I give to Allfather my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I ask of him, my soul to take.

So, I may aid the warriors in the fray,
when they have fallen, to find their way.
To that holy and sacred hall,
where only the bravest go when they fall.

If it's not my time to pass away,
I will teach and care for my folk another day.
To grow wise, strong and trú,
so that I may do what I'm 'spose to.

This is my promise from me to him.

THE VALKYRIE

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