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Ritstjóri

Í ÞÓRSHOF

A Reflection

There she sat upon a small seat this maiden in Þórhof (Thors Temple) and she watched me as I entered to pay Ása-Þórr respect. Her hair was long and blond-yellow like spun gold from the sun, and sky blue eyes to match the cloak she was wearing.

Looking further I saw she was a Gyðja for upon her arm was Þórr's holy Oath Ring, and upon her head she was wearing a scarf. She was beautiful this daughter of the Northland!

I had brought ale as libation, for Þórr was my patron God. I poured it out before his image and gave thanks to Þórr for help I had earlier sought. The maiden smiled and before I left I heard her say in the tongue of my fathers: Þórr sé með þér! (Thor be with you!) and I replied: og með þér! (and with you).

I left and I still remember that maiden with hair like gold. Perhaps I wondered later, had Þórr sent me there that I might notice her?!

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Looking Northwards
with
Óðinn and All the
Æsir at our side!

A PRAYER TO FREYJA

Hail to Thee Frú Freyja fair and bright, we greet you this Spring As the life giving sun returns with its warming light. O Goddess, You who are Queen of the Dísir, protect and guard our hearth and Home, bring peace and love to the hearts of those who remember and give Thee honor and due worship, Goddess of love, protectress of Families. At this spring time and as always we bid Thee hail!

NOTE: Our Lady Freyja can be honored in many ways. A Freyja-Blót on Friday Her sacred and lucky day is one way. Libations of mead, wine, beer or ale, and food may be given as offerings and sacrifice to Her. She is not only Queen of the Vanir and fertility, but is head of the female protective spirits said to attach themselves to individuals and families. These are the 'Dísir, or Dísir of Freyja.'

Ása-Þórr, Vor
Vínur og Guð



Heill Þórr!



við Trúa á Þórr

ÞÓRR YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Þórr was the most popular best loved of all the Gods in ancient and the late Viking period in Scandinavia as personal and place names prove, and his temples were scattered all over the sacred Northland. Þórr is the son of Óðinn our 'Allfather' and his silver hammer symbol became the sign of Pagan defiance when the unnatural alien cult of the Christians was making headway rape into our Odinist homelands.

Þórr stood for strenght and might and was the God of the everyday people, farmers and seamen, travelers ect... and most popular with the landfolk in Norway and Iceland, especially Iceland.

Þórr's memory and worship did not die with the end of the Viking period, his worship and memory continues on with those of whom the Ása are a reality, and with especially the great religious revival that is taking place not only in the Northlands of Scandinavia and Germany in Western Europe, but in Óðinn's other great land, America. Now more than ever the values of what Ása-Þórr stood for, strenght, might, courage, and sheer Norse determination are needed! On his day Þórsdagur and at all times let us worship and remember the red-bearded God of Thunder of whom our forefathers loved so well, and kept the might of the snowy Northlands strong and Pagan free!

NORSE MUSIC

Music that would capture the soul-essence of the Norse Religion is Richard Wagner's greatest work, RING OF THE NIBELUNGS (an immense series of four operas, DAS RHEINGOLD, DIE WALKURIE, SIEGFRIED, and DIE GOTTER-DAMMERUNG). We especially recommend such pieces as 'Magic Fire Music; Entry Of The Gods Into Valhalla; Siegfried's Rhine Journey and Funeral Music.' If anyone knows of further music that captures the spirit of our faith, please let us know so we can pass it on to all of our kinsmen.



ÁSATRÚ I DAG

We can today consider ourselves indeed lucky that anything and any accounts of our Norse faith have survived at all, for the fury and zeal the Christians took in wipping out Ásatrú was almost complete!

Now after about a 1000 years of neglect and so much lost, perhaps forever, we must rebuild and reconstruct that which is missing and restore our beloved faith not only in the Northlands from which it came, but everywhere our kinsmen live. We must reach out to the young and show them the way. For the curse of Christianity has infected so many, and alienated not only the youth of America, but in Europe as well. We must do all we can to reach out the young ones in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, England, Canada, Iceland and all over the U.S. where those of our ancestry and racial culture exist. We must rebuild the temples, and shrines, replant the sacred groves and raise up our children in the wisdom of Odin and the strength of Thor. We must make the ways of Ásatrú imbeded in our people again and revive those soul-racial memories that made us great. For the seeker of his, or her 'roots' worship and recognition of the Old Gods must become reality!



Christianity continues to go under each year, and we modern day Norsemen must be ready to give our support and light a candle in the gloom of a post-Christianity and keep 20th century materialism Atheism and just lack of common belief from swallowing up our alienated kinsmen who will be left hanging when nothing left is for them to hang on to. In this sense we are our brothers and sisters keeper. It will be our duty to help bring them home to Odinism.

The road ahead is long and much has to be done, but already we are working for our cause. It is going to take all of us working together, united in our work to restore the Old Ways and we are going to have to put our beliefs in action. We are going to use even some of the tools that the Christians used against us such as the printed word and news media. We will hold public Blöts and spread our literature far and wide, and instead of telling stories of David and Solomon, we will recount the Sagas and instill the words of Hávamál into our sons and daughters! We must not be afraid of defending and informing others of Ásatrú at our jobs, school or wherever. We must let our kinsman know there IS another way than Christianity, and that the cursed churches with their lies never will tame the spirit our people have within us. And when the day does indeed come that Odinism is rightfully restored to its place, then we can go back to being real people, and sing the old songs in the groves once more and see the natural world purified under the wise eyes of Father Odin.

HULDUFOLK Í ÍSLAND

The 'Huldufolk' are the 'Hidden People', or the Fairylike beings of ancient Iceland, and belief in them was very strong even to this day. The Fairy tradition existed strongly in Iceland as well as the rest of heathen Scandinavian lands. Unlike late Fairy traditions in Celtic countries, Icelandic Fairies were human size and well feared as were Trölls, the grýla (type of monster with a sheeps body, but walking upright like a man), the skrímsli (water monster) the lýngorm (a creature that has a special likeness for gold) or lake monster, and the nykur, or water horse.

There are Icelandic tales of people meeting a 'huldumaður', hidden man, or a 'huldukona', hidden woman and being taken away by them to their other world. To have a álög or curse uttered by a elf woman was indeed a dreaded thing indeed.

Did the Huldufolk ever exist and do they exist today?! To ask such a question is like asking like did and do the mighty Ása exist! For our Norse ancestors, belief in Elves, Trölls, and the spirits of land was common practice. The 20th century has no effect on this old belief, or beliefs no more than should yesterday. In fact with the accepted scientific acknowledgement that other life than human and openness of other worlds than our own might and do exist, we can so understand that it is nothing to laugh at as simple superstition, and we can also see that as just recently a Fairy mound was saved from damage from a road building by concerned people in modern Iceland.

Reading and study of the Huldufolk by those interested will be a joy to other aspects of our age old faith. A recommended book well worth the reading and information is 'Icelandic Folktales And Legends' by Jacqueline Simpson found in your local library or elsewhere. One interesting point we found similar to other Fairy traditions is that in Iceland, 'red' is a common Fairy color.

For those of us who follow Ásatrú, honor and religious respect should be given to the Huldufolk who if respected should not be at all times feared, but welcomed since they are of the old ways.

SNORRI GOÐI

Snorri Sturluson (1179-1241) was a great medieval Icelandic poet and historian. His major work was the 'Heimskringla', a history of the kings of Norway up to his time. He probably also wrote 'The Saga Of Egill Skallagrímsson', one of the best Icelandic sagas about a great poet of the 900's who was one of Snorri's forefathers. Snorri wrote the 'Prose Edda' as a textbook to instruct the young poets of his day in skaldic poetry. Snorri was a wealthy and powerful man in Iceland. He became involved in a power struggle in Norway between Hákon Hákonsson and Skule Bardsson. Snorri supported Skule, who was defeated by Hákon. Snorri disobeyed Hákon's orders not to leave Norway in 1240, and Hákon ordered him killed in Iceland.

We of Ásatrú owe much to Snorri who has helped to preserve much of the knowledge of Norse Paganism, and despite the fact that he was once a good goði and who like many not knowing any better embraced the poison of Christianity, we of Ásatrú honor him!



ÓÐINN er Guð, Guð er ÓÐINN, Hann er vor faðir.

Þor, er sonur ÓÐINS



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