

A (very) Basic Premier of Nordic Runes



Mannaz (M) – Rune of Self
Keyword: Man, Humility, Human Race, Open-mindedness, Growth



Gebo (G) – Rune of Partnership
Keyword: Gifts, Unions, Divinity, Offerings from gods to followers



Ansuz (A) – Rune of Signals
Keyword: Signs, Messages, Clarity of Mind, the Mouth, the god Loki



Othila (O) – Rune of Separation
Keyword: Home, Retreat, Inheritance, Native land, Shedding of old ways



Uruz (U) – Rune of Strength
Keyword: Sacrifice, Death and Rebirth, Old vs. New, Wild Ox



Perth (P) – Rune of Initiation
Keyword: Uncertainty, Secrets, Flight, the Unknown, Eagle, Phoenix



Nauthiz (N) – Rune of Constraint
Keyword: Sorrow, Hardship, Necessity, Pain, Shadow



Inguz (NG) – Rune of Fertility
Keyword: Beginnings, Completed Projects, Power, the Moon



Eihwaz (EI) – Rune of Defense
Keyword: Magic, Patience, Foresight, Decisions, the Yew Tree



Algiz (Z) – Rune of Protection
Keyword: Emotions, Opportunity, Warrior, Health, the Elk



Fehu (F) – Rune of Possessions
Keyword: Nourishment, Wealth, Fulfillment, Fortune, Vigilance, Cattle



Wunjo (W) – Rune of Joy
Keyword: Happiness, Love, Knowledge, Well-Being, Energy, the Soul



Jera (J) – Rune of Harvest
Keyword: Activity, Perseverance, Benefit, Fruitful Seasons, One Year



Kano (K) – Rune of Openings
Keyword: Fire, Torch, Concentration, Light, Friendship, Morning, the Dawn



Teiwaz (T) – Rune of the Warrior
Keyword: Battle, Courage, Victory, Sword of Heaven, Tiw, God of Sky



Berkana (B) – Rune of Growth
Keyword: Rebirth, New Life, Flowers, Blossoming, Cleanliness, the Birch Tree



Ehwaz (E) – Rune of Movement
Keyword: Progress, Transition, New Home, Path of the Sun, the Horse



Laguz (L) – Rune of Flow
Keyword: Water, Conductivity, Desire, Intuition, Desire, the Sea



Hagalaz (H) – Rune of Disruption
Keyword: Natural Disaster, Elemental Power, Hail, Sleet, Lack of Control



Raido (R) – Rune of Journey
Keyword: Communication, Union and Reunion, Riding, Healing, the Soul



Thurisaz (TH) – Rune of Gateways
Keyword: Moving On, Reflection, Inaction, Heaven, the god Thor



Dagaz (D) – Rune of Breakthroughs
Keyword: Knowledge, Transformation, Day, Self-Change, Prosperity, Death



Isa (I) – Rune of Standstills
Keyword: Impediments, Ice, Freezing, Shallowness, Submission, Winter



Sowelu (S) – Rune of Wholeness
Keyword: Life Forces, Energy, Light, Individuality, Path of Life, the Sun

The Blank Rune – Unknowable Rune
Keyword: Destiny, Beginning and End, Leap of Faith, Karma, the God Odin

Note: Some runes may be drawn in a reversed orientation. The meaning of this rune is usually the opposite of the norm.