

The Basic Creeds of Odinism

These are encapsulated in the Nine Noble Virtues and Charges of the Odinic Rite.

The **Nine Noble Virtues** are:

Courage - Truth - Honor - Fidelity
Discipline - Hospitality - Industriousness
Self-Reliance - Perseverance

And the **Nine Charges** are:

1. To maintain candor and fidelity in Love and Devotions to the tried friend: though he strikes me I will do him no scathe.
2. Never to make a wrong some oath: for great and grim is the reward for the breaking of plighted troth.
3. To deal not hardly with the humble and lowly.
4. To remember the respect that is due to great age.
5. To suffer no evil to go un-remedied and to fight against the enemies of Faith, Folk and Family: My foes I will fight in the field nor be burnt in my house.
6. To succor the friendless but to put no faith in the pledged word of a stranger people.
7. If I hear the fool's word of a drunken man, I will strive not: for many a grief and the very death growth from such things.
8. To give kind heed to dead men: straw dead, sea dead or sword dead.
9. To abide by the enactments of just authority and to bear with courage the decrees of the Norns.

The Importance of the Odinic Rite

The Rite provides a 'home' for those seeking restoration to Odin's Nation. In times of confusion and perversity, we stand like a rock in dark turbulent waters. Those with strength of heart and will can hold this rock and pull clear of the polluted torrent.



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There is nothing that more clearly defines a Folk's Identity than its natural Religion. The organic religion of any Folk will define their Identity and encapsulate the potential of that Folk group more than anything else. This is because it is the sum of that Folk and the shared experience and wisdom of that Folk. The Folk unit is a manifestation in the world of form of the God Forces of their religion and thus the Religion continues the link, both biological and spiritual, with their ancestors, their Gods and the Earth. It binds Past, Present and Future. It defines what a Folk was, what it is and what it can be.

The Natural Religion of Northern Europeans is Odinism: it is our Heritage, our Identity and our Destiny.

Odinism is a holistic system – it is complete. It has its mythology, its esoteric and exoteric aspects – the mystical and mundane – all!

Why Use Odinism and Not Something Else?

It has been said that our early ancestors had no name for their religion. This is probably true, but in those times all the community lived by the religion, there was no need for a 'name' – there were no other religions known to them.

Things obviously changed when stranger folks were encountered and of course

stranger religions. Obviously, in this day and age, in order to identify which religion is ours, we must name it.

Odinism was used by some of the first pioneers during this revival of our faith in the modern era to describe this ancient religion. Others use similar terms such as Asatru, Nordism, Irminism, Armanism, Troth, Vanatru, etc. These are all synonymous terms used to define the same religion. However, in order to limit confusion, only Odinism will be used here.



The 'Faith,' the religion of a 'Folk' is an expression of their link with the Gods of that Folk entity. The 'Family' is the basic structure for that Folk organism. It balances the masculine and feminine principles of existence, the dynamic outgoing and the receptive, the need to nurture and guard. These three things are totally interwoven. Defense of one is defense of all. Striving for one is striving for all. In this balance is wholeness and growth. The motto encapsulates all.

The Celebrations of Odinism

The celebrations and their practices are by no means the 'whole' of Odinism. Though, in a very real way, each day of our lives is a celebration. However, it is widely recognized that the most effective way of impressing on the individual the wisdom and ethics of a religion is through ritual.

One of the most important celebrations is Odinism is called Blot (pl. Blotar). Blot is a time to celebrate very consciously and deliberately our link with the God Forces, the Ancestors and our Folk Soul: our link with all existence. The Odinic Rite celebrates Blotar monthly as follows:

Charming of the Plough	January 17
Vali	February 14
Summer Findings	March 20
Sigurd	April 23
Ragnar Lodbrok	May 22
Midsummer	June 21
Sleipnir	July 26
Discovery of the Runes	August 25
Winter Finding	September 20
Hengest	October 12
Einheriar	November 11
Mother Night	December 20

A full explanation of each Blot is detailed in The Book of Blotar of the Odinic Rite: The Authentic Rituals of the Odinic Rite. It can be purchased through the Odinic Rite.

Outside of Blot, Odinists also celebrate the cycles of life such as birth, marriage and death.

The OR also conducts a cycle of 'world-wide' blots, details of which are given in the OR Briefing (the members journal) and on the OR E-list.