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THE
WITCH'S FAMILIAR
RUNIC ORACLE

WELCOME

Merry meet magical folk, welcome to the ancient and magical world of runes and the Elder Futhark. This PDF guidebook is created to accompany my rune based oracle card deck, the Witch's Familiar Runic Oracle. This PDF is a starting point to understanding runes, it by no means covers the entire subject, but is rather a tiny little sip of a deep well, and if you find you enjoy working with these cards and their associated magical symbols, there is a big wide wonderful world of deep knowledge about Viking runes, out there, to dive into.

If you are a beginner, this book will help with your interpretation of both the cards and runes in general, if you are an established practitioner, please feel free to be guided by your own personal knowledge and understanding of runic law when reading.

I have combined each symbol with an animal companion, who I felt in some way reflected qualities of their associated rune. A witch's familiar is not a pet, but a creature that brings it's own powers and energies to aid the witch in magick. When you are doing a reading with these cards, please pay equal attention to the familiar as to the rune. Either one might bare a message for you, or be bringing their particular energy into the situation in question.

Each reader has their own associations and symbolism they attach to different animals, my relationship to a horse may differ from yours, the Universe/Divine/Spirit (however you describe the Sacred), will communicate with you in your language, using your symbols and it is important to be receptive to this.

WHAT ARE RUNES

Runes are an ancient Viking 'alphabet' and magickal tool, the inscriptions of which, are found all around the world, in all the places these warriors travelled to both trade and conquer. From Greece to Russia, to North America and North Africa. There are many stone monuments and graves, and a few artifacts left behind by them to help us understand the runes' meanings. These, combined with a number of 'rune poems' and a rich oral tradition, have given us the associations we have today. There are multiple runic alphabets, but the one most well understood and commonly used today is the Elder Futhark.

There are 24 runes in the Elder Futhark, the blank rune found in many commercial rune

sets is a modern fiction and does not appear in any historical context. Runes are grouped into 3 sets of 8 called aett. Each aett is dedicated to a god or goddess. The first aett to Freya, the second to Heimdall and the third to Tyr.

Much of the runes power lies in the fact that they are multifaceted. They can be used to divine the future, and while they each represent an idea, they also hold within themselves the power of that meaning. When a rune is selected, spoken or enscribed, it releases that power in the life of the person.

Some runes can be read in reverse or merkstave. Because these card are a different format to rune stones you might cast in a more traditional manner, I have given all the cards a reverse. This is generally a shadow or inverse meaning, and where applicable follows the merkstave of the rune depicted.

NAVIGATING THE PDF

For each card, I have given some insight into the chosen familiar, some details about the Runic symbol, a 5 word 'key' and a small suggestion of how the rune might form part of a magickal practice.

Each cards information page runs in the order of that runes place in the runic alphabet. To make it easier for the new reader to find the page easily, I will also list the runes in an alphabetical index below.

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A note on rune spelling, there are multiple ways to spell the names of each rune, and some runes have alternative names. I've followed my preference. You may know them by their other names or spellings. This is OK too. Follow the path that calls to you.



FEHU - SQUIRREL

The hard working and energetic red squirrel holds aloft her golden acorn, a lucky discovery after a successful forage.

It's takes effort, but she is richly rewarded and her family are well fed.

Red squirrel needs to be careful about hoarding all her nuts in one place. Her treasures are safer, when spread around a little.

Fehu is a high energy rune, it brings with it luck and fortune. As the first rune of the first aett, it speaks of beginnings.

This is the rune that refers to moveable property, like money or possessions. In a reading, it speaks of prosperity, in particular through your own efforts. Financial security, successful business/property/assets negotiations. The reduction of financial problems, unexpected good fortune. A sign of hope and plenty, success and happiness, including social success.

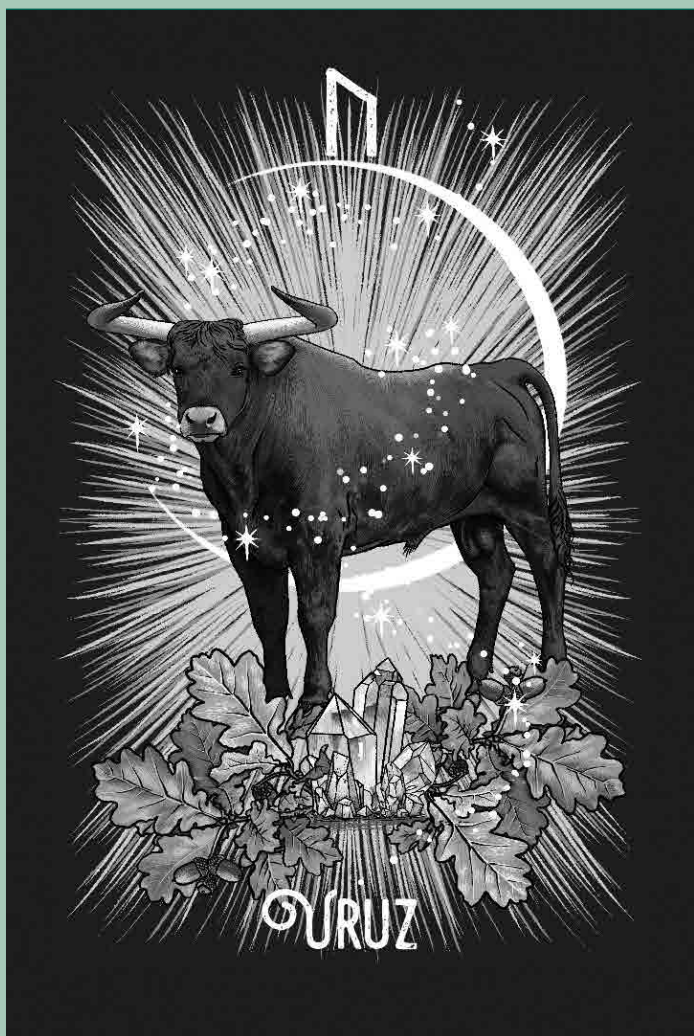
In reverse its an indication that a price must be paid, either for changed circumstance or happiness. It possibly indicates some sort of failure.

KEY

WEALTH
LUCK
ABUNDANCE
ENERGY
FERTILITY

MAGICAL WORKINGS

This is a good rune for attracting abundance.
It gives energy to spells



URUZ - BULL

The powerful bull stands strong and unyielding, obstacles fall away before his confidence and strength.

He possesses a deep calm, as fear has no place in his heart. He is absolutely certain of his own solidly grounded strength.

A bull, when encountered in your path, is a significant obstacle.

Uruz is a rune of power, but an untamed power, that is neither owned, nor controlled.

In a reading, it brings a message of strength, courage and overcoming all obstacles. It is primal life force. A time of great energy and health.

Business risks and speculations are successful. There is a sudden breakthrough, even when all seemed lost. Sudden or unexpected changes (usually for the better). Freedom, energy, action, courage, strength, tenacity, understanding, wisdom. The shaping of power and pattern, formulation of the self.

In reverse it has the qualities of obsession, uncontrolled rage, insensitivity and brutality. Weakness, misdirected force, domination by others. There is also sickness.

KEY

STRENGTH

POWER

HEALTH

ENDURANCE

MANIFESTATION

MAGICAL WORKINGS

Use for its healing powers on charms and talismans.

An untamed power, so use with care.



THURISAZ - WOLF

The wolf protects his pack and does not back down from a challenge. Unlike the Bull, which stands his ground, the wolf takes the fight to the adversary.

He is driven by an passionate internal fire, that can warm, but also burn.

If you don't heed the wolfs growl, he will eventually bite.

Thurisaz has an element of chaos, of destructive natural forces, aggression and conflict.

These are united for the purpose of defence, and protection. It can also represent potent male sexuality. Instinctual will, vital eroticism, a regenerative catalyst. It represents a tendency toward change - catharsis, purging, cleansing fire. Thurisaz is the sharp and painful stab of the thorn that jolts us awake and into awareness.

In reverse, its danger, defencelessness and betrayal. Explosive violence, strife and irritation. A bad man or woman.

KEY

PROTECTION

PASSION

DEFENCE

CONFLICT

MALE POTENCY

MAGICAL WORKINGS

While there are other good and probably better runes for protection, Thurisaz can be useful to defend against adversaries.



ANSUZ - RAVEN

The highly intelligent raven is always alert, and like Odin's Huginn and Muninn, always collecting information.

Flying high he has clear sight.

You can hear him crying out as he passes on messages of both good news and warning.

Ansuz is the rune of Odin, of the 'Divine Breath' of all creation. Also called the messenger rune.

In a reading, it brings a message of Divine inspiration, of creation, formation and transformation. There is the strong presence of your ancestors and the ancestral line. A revealing message or insight is indicated, Language, it's use and power, when correctly used is central to Ansuz.

In reverse it warns of misunderstandings, delusion and possible manipulation. Beware of bad advice.

KEY

COMMUNICATION

INSIGHT

DIVINE INSPIRATION

ORDER

TRUE VISION

MAGICAL WORKINGS

Powerful energy, tread with caution. Use to enhance spell work, improve communication, speed up unfolding of events and to release shackles (release best done on the full moon).



RAIDHO – HUMPBAC WHALE

The humpback whale traverses great oceans with a calm and gentle ease. The embodiment of going with the flow, he is connected to the deep rhythms and truths of the universe.

As the stars sway above him in the eternal cycles of our solar system, they govern the tides of the seas and the routines of his daily life.

When the whale is connected and attuned to the rhythms of life, he always moves easily in the right direction.

Raidho oversees the journey. There is a calm, confident, ordered energy to this rune. Forward motion in an orderly fashion.

Achieve your goals by being in the right place at the right time. Take ownership and control of your story. You are the leader of your life and as such developing a true and reliable inner-compass, is your greatest asset.

In reverse there is rigidity, stasis or restlessness. There is the energy of the 'control freak'.

KEY

JOURNEY

NATURAL RHYTHMS

ACTION

MOVEMENT

RIGHT PATH

MAGICAL WORKINGS

A blessing of safe passage, for the journey, wherever that may be.



KENAZ - BARN OWL

The acquisition of wisdom, knowledge and insight has been the owl's forte since the beginning of time. Sharp eyes that can see in the dark, what others need light to perceive.

The owl, the companion of many Goddesses across many cultures, she is a holder of their occult secrets.

For the unaware creature, the owl is fearsome.

Kenaz has the hot, bright energy of fire and the illuminating torch. It is the search for truth and knowledge. It is burning creative drive.

In a reading, Kenaz speaks of artistic and technical ability, honing your craft. It is the torch in the dark. It encourages you to be a self-starter, to take the initiative, with curiosity and intelligence.

In reverse it is the explosive volcano, the high raging fever. Fire, while essential is deadly. It can indicate weakening and ill health.

KEY
ENLIGHTENMENT
CREATIVITY
SKILL
OFFSPRING
LEARNING

MAGICAL WORKINGS

To aid in finding ones true path, it is also useful during divination practices. Be careful when combining with Fehu.



GEBO - SWAN

The swan knows the gift of lasting love. Joining with their partner, they exchange a promise, a bond of fidelity, of allegiance, of trust.

They live in the harmonious cycle of giving and receiving.

Each caring for, loving and protecting the other.

Beautiful and generous Gebu. Symbol of the sacred exchange.

To receive, you must also release. When blessed, you should in return bless. Honour your commitments and contracts, return like for like. Union comes in many forms: love, friendship, family and business.

In reverse, a message of imbalance, of bribery and the corrupt buying of influence. Greed and dishonesty. Giving too much, sacrificing too much, depletion.

KEY

GIFTS

PARTNERSHIP

SACRIFICE

FAIR EXCHANGE

HONOUR

MAGICAL WORKINGS

With its deep connections to energy exchange, it aids sex magic.

Use it to seal sacred unions, like handfasting.



WUNJO - HUMMINGBIRD

How joyful is the hummingbird as he dances in the between the flowers.

His happy energy, satisfied and in harmony with life, brings his wishes into being.

He dances his dance, surrounded by the jewel-like flashes of his friends and family.

Wunjo with it's ecstatic energy it a most welcome sight in a reading. It also has a certain bitter-sweetness as it is the final rune of the first aett, so it brings the whisper of change or a shift, like a magnificent sunset after a perfect day.

When this delightful rune pops up, you can expect joy, fellowship and harmony. It brings love, prosperity and fulfilment. A symbol of wellbeing.

In reverse there is a warning, a message of caution. Sorrow, strife and alienation can follow if you are blind to possible danger or deception.

KEY

JOY

PLEASURE

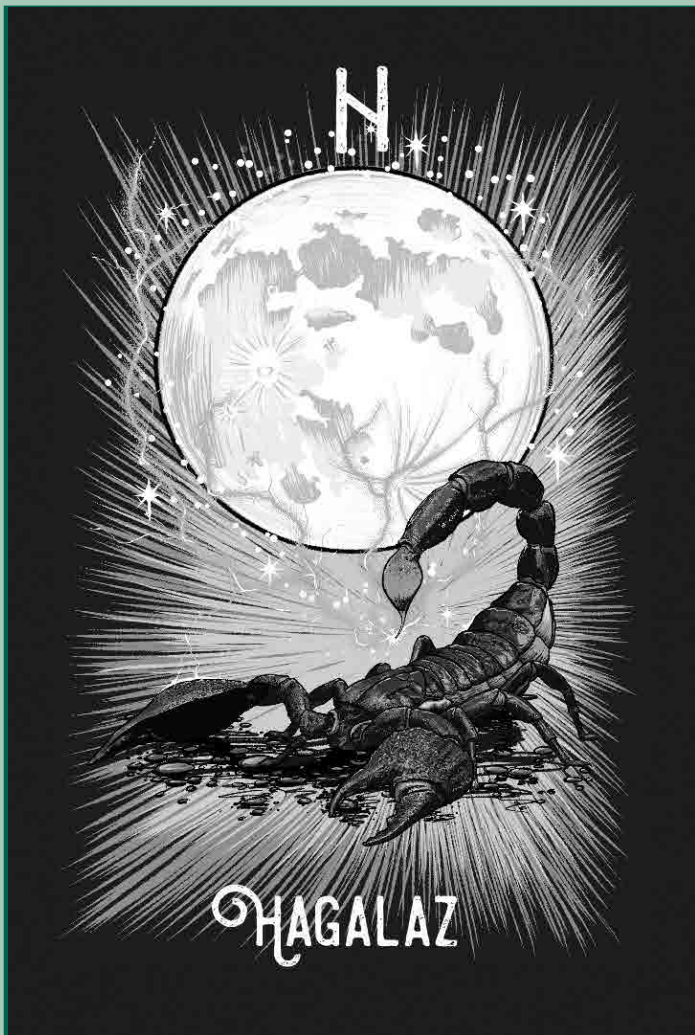
BELONGING

KINDRED

PROSPERITY

MAGICAL WORKINGS

A wonderful rune for health and happiness spells.



HAGALAZ - SCORPION

The scorpion, is not soft, fluffy or gentle. She is however vital to balance. Without her sharp sting to clear the weak, the stagnant, the diseased... life would never be able to grow stronger and renew.

Hagalaz is an icy storm, but it's hail and ice will melt, and become water to nourish new growth. The first rune of the second aett, it is the beginning of a testing time, only by overcoming the storm will you develop and grow.

Also called the mother rune, it is a destructive force of nature, the storm is out of your control, and it feels painful and unfair, but this disruption or unwelcome change will bring positive transformation and long-term gain.

In reverse, a warning of stagnation, victimhood and clinging to the past. Avoid placing blame.

KEY

DISRUPTION

ENDINGS/BEGINNINGS

TRANSFORMATION

RADICAL CHANGE

COMPLETION

MAGICAL WORKINGS

Often an intimidating rune to work with, but a good aid in moving through a stormy time and finding the growth on the other side. Helpful for shadow work.



NAUDHIZ - HONEY BADGER

Is there any creature more tough, tenacious, robust and resilient than the honey badger? No matter what life throws at her, she uses it to learn and grow, and become even stronger.

Whether she is battling a deadly snake, or finding a way for her family to survive an arid environment, she casts aside frivolous wants and focuses on essential needs.

Necessity is the mother of invention is a saying that is perfect to describe the energy of Naudhiz. It is the unimaginable pressure that creates diamonds.

Naudhiz tells you something you probably already know - 'life can be hard', but it is often through your suffering, your labour, that you truly learn the powerful stuff you are made of. In a reading, this is the message, you are made of bold and powerful magic, have faith, persevere.

In reverse it speaks of toil and drudgery, moral cowardice and of unfulfilled, unrecognised needs, unhealthy attachment.

KEY

NEED

RESISTANCE

EFFORT

DELAYS

CREATIVE FRICTION

MAGICAL WORKINGS

Call on Naudhiz during challenging times to build strength and stamina for the duration, and learn the lessons you need to learn.



ISA - BAT

As the temperature drops, the bat quietyens and turns inward. The business of life comes to a standstill, and she uses this in between period for self-reflection, and to build inner strength, for when it will all start again. She pulls all her awareness and resource in towards herself, concentrating her power.

Isa sounds like ice, it means ice, it is also the symbol of 'I' or the self. In the Northern tradition, ice is the formative element, the essence of all things.

Isa is a very strong rune, with an element of danger. The inward facing, quieting stillness can lull you to sleep and in the bitter cold, sleep can bring death. The message of Isa is one of going inward to find strength, self-reliance, self-awareness and self-acceptance. It halts activity until a change is made, from within or without.

In reverse, there is dullness, blindness, self-centeredness and egotism. Emotional disconnect and coldness.

KEY

STILLNESS
SELF-CONTROL
FOCUS
STABILITY
STASIS

MAGICAL WORKINGS

A soothing rune for times of emotional distress. Combines very effectively with meditation to quiet the mind and calm the emotions.



JERA - HONEYBEE

After all the diligent efforts of the time before, the honeybee finally reaps the sweetest harvest.

The honeybee is connected and attuned to the slow, ever-moving cycles of nature and time.

There are many steps and stages the honeybee needs to move through before its efforts in the wild flower fields bring the joyful harvest of honey.

As the 12th rune, and Jera speaks of the yearly cycles, of tilling, sowing and reaping. Awaiting the sometimes slow cycle of change with patience, planning and hard work. Jera has a slow, steady and joyous energy.

Jera calls you to pause for a moment and pay attention. You will reap what you sow, are you sowing for the future you want? Also ask, is the timing right? Jera indicates a total and happy completion, your reward is coming.

In reverse it is bad timing, poverty, conflict, being out of sync.

KEY

FRUITION

BALANCE

ABUNDANCE

CYCLES & RHYTHMS

HARMONY

MAGICAL WORKINGS

Beautiful Jera, wonderful to work with during the blossoming cycle of conception, pregnancy and coming to birth.



EIHWAZ - CAT

The bright eyed, little black kitten is wise beyond his years, he holds the wisdom of many lives. Like Tarots death card, black cats are viewed with fear, but little black kitten knows the beauty of transformation.

With every new life he moves closer to Enlightenment.

Eihwaz has both a serious nature, and the light swift energy of renewal. A rune of the mysteries of life and death.

Eihwaz speaks of those things that are timeless, eternal and immortal. It deals with our initiation into the mysteries. It brings a message that there will be testing and transformation. Death and rebirth.

In reverse, there is destruction, blockage, forward motion stalled.

KEY

MAGICK
LIBERATION
REBIRTH
SPIRITUAL AWAKENING
PROTECTION

MAGICAL WORKINGS

Include Eihwaz in rituals when the veil thins, or when you call on your ancestors.

A magical protector and facilitator.



PERTHRO - SNAKE

The two headed snake with her third eye open, she is able to see all that is fate, and the as yet unmanifest. Living between the known and unknown, prophesy is her domain.

Cosmic and primal laws unfold before her and she moves between its patterns, playing out her unique journey with the choices she makes with free will.

Perthro, like Eihwaz is a deeply mysterious rune, and deals with the fundamental mysteries of the Universe. The flow of individual and collective fate.

The arrival of Perthro in a reading is a good omen, while still speaking of the outcome being as yet unknown. Individual choice interacting with the fates. There is an underlying joyfulness to this rune.

A birthing rune connected to women's mysteries, which is probably why it is also connected to gambling for the ancients.

In reverse, beware! Failure is likely, take no chances. Don't rush.

KEY

GOOD OMEN

FATE

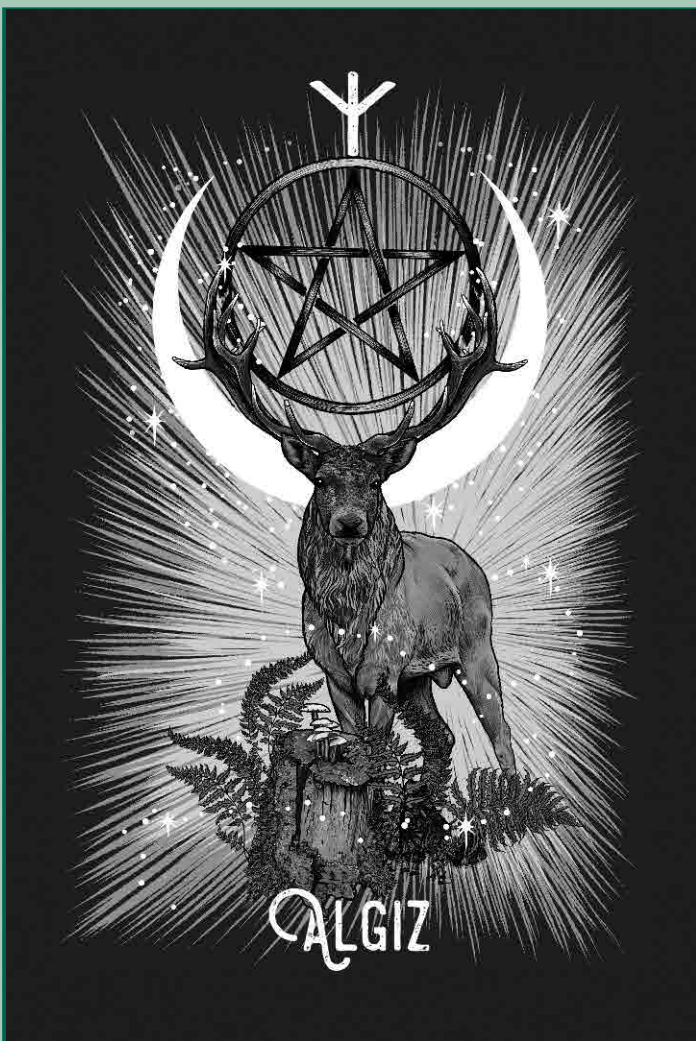
UNKNOWN

INITIATION

OCCULT

MAGICAL WORKINGS

As a birthing rune, carve on an amulet as a charm for wellbeing of mother & child, and for a quick pain free labour.



ALGIZ - STAG

The king stag stands proud and tall, with mighty antlers he bestows his protection on all in his kingdom.

Leading by example, the stag teaches the young how to show courage in the face of fear.

Algiz energy brings a powerful connection to divine consciousness. An aid to speak with and commune with spirit and the higher powers.

In a reading it speaks of a connections with the Gods, an awakening. Of having been granted divine protection. This divine protective force is also a teaching force, and you are encouraged to be in a state of listening.

In reverse, there is a hidden danger, fear, disconnection from divine source.

KEY

PROTECTION
DEFENCE
COURAGE
INDEPENDENCE
HIGHER SELF

MAGICAL WORKINGS

One of the best runes for protection charms. An aid in overcoming the fear of death.



SOWILO - KINGFISHER

The sun flashes off the brilliant feathers of the kingfisher, as he bursts from the water, droplets sparkling like diamonds. Filled with pure life force, the vibrant little bird has boundless energy and overflows with wellbeing.

Sowilo holds within it the radiant energy of the sun. It is the energy of life, strength of character, completeness.

This rune speaks of clear vision, the victory of good over evil, of light dispelling the dark. Good fortune awaits you, everything is positive. You have the energy to overcome whatever is facing you. It speaks to you about your life goals.

In reverse, there is a message of false goals or the loss of goals, a false success, bad advice.

KEY

SUCCESS
SENSUALITY
WHOLENESS
LIFEFORCE
VICTORY

MAGICAL WORKINGS

A healing rune
Wear to enhance life-force energy



TIWAZ – EAGLE

From the greatest heights, the eagle has a balanced and even perspective of the world. Liberated from the tight personal viewpoints of those on the ground, he is able to see the true lay of the land and the universal and cosmic ordering principles that, with higher consciousness, bring true and beneficial law and justice.

Tiwaz has a just and righteous, 'warrior' energy. Honour is a defining quality.

With this rune comes the message that a good and just outcome will result. The scales will be balanced. You might be asked, in a position of leadership, to make personal sacrifices. Do what you know to be right, courage and a right cause will be victorious.

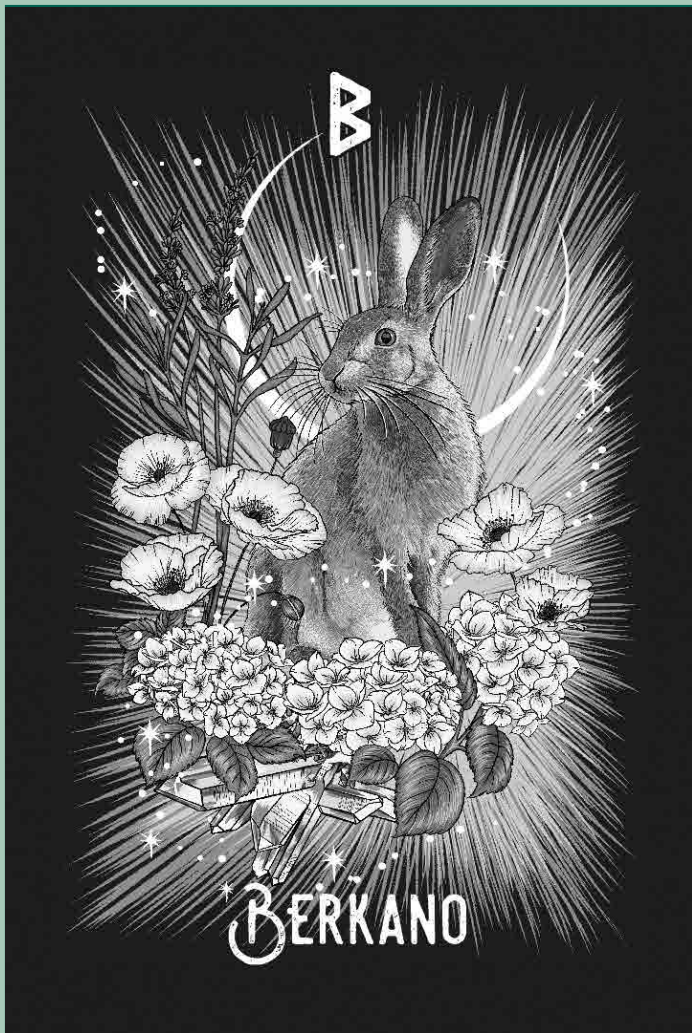
In reverse, it speaks of injustice, imbalance, defeat, over-analysis, tyranny.

KEY

JUSTICE
HONOUR
SACRIFICE
LOYALTY
VICTORY

MAGICAL WORKINGS

Use in workings for the support of a just and successful outcome in legal matters.
Call on Tiwaz for justice.



BERKANO - HARE

In the spring time fertile and fecund mama hare brings forth an abundance of new life. She is the great mother. A gentle mother and a fiercely protective one.

The great, timeless cycles of the earth flow through her, generation upon generation.

Berkano holds within it the mature female wisdom of the mothers of our mothers, of the grandmothers of our grandmothers.

Berkano speaks of female fertility, it is also the safety and shielded sanctuary of the womb. When you get this rune in a reading, there may be a birth - of a child, an idea, a new goal.

In reverse, there is a message of stagnation, infertility, conspiracy or insecurity.

KEY

BIRTH

SANCTUARY

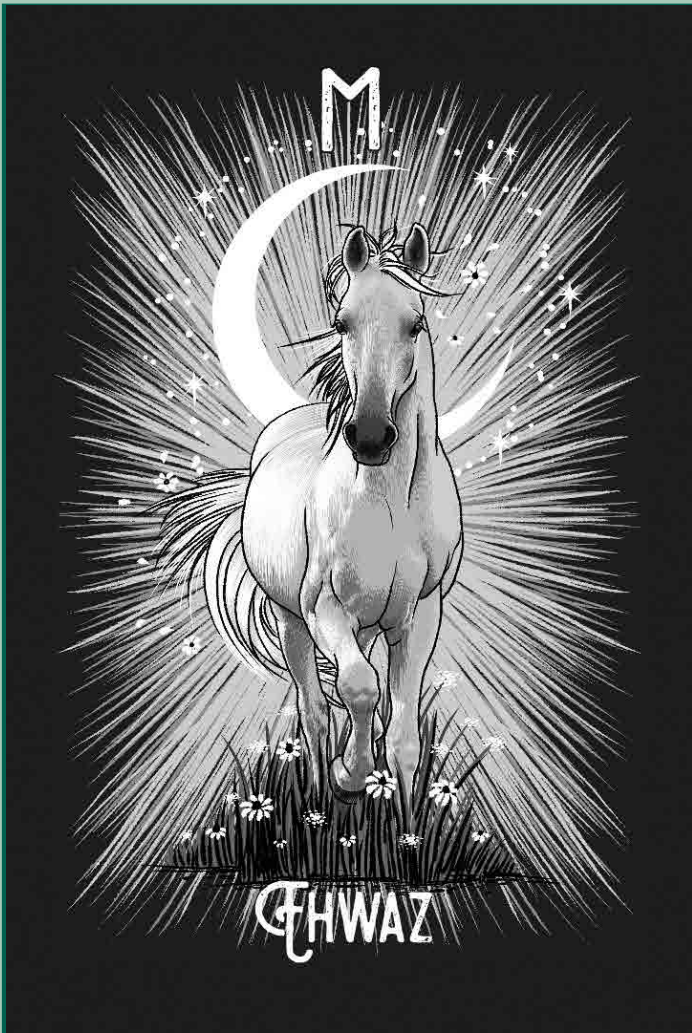
FERTILITY

LIFE CHANGE

SECRETS

MAGICAL WORKINGS

A powerful healing rune, with an additional emphasis on purification and detoxification, especially in combination with Lagus.



EHWAZ – HORSE

The horse, that trusted helper, the stalwart companion on the longest journeys. The horse has worked in companionship and trust with humanity for millennia. The horse knows the power of working as a team, of co-operation.

Ehwaz, while a swift energy, uses no force, it's way is persuasion, suggestion and invitations of friendship. The power of this rune lies in union and partnership.

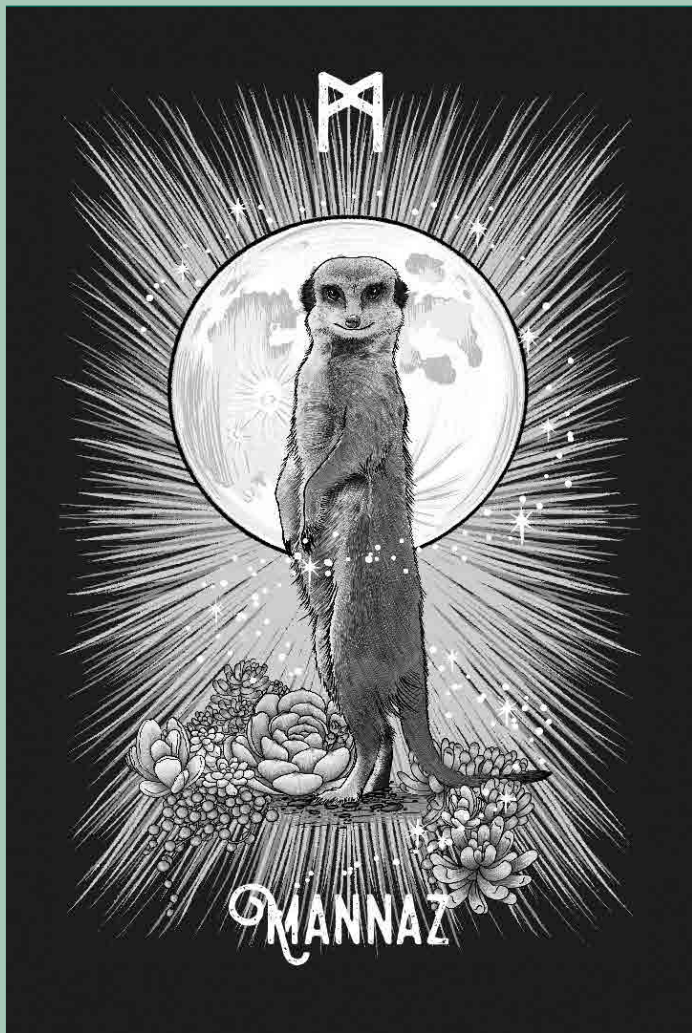
Ehwaz points to symbiotic relationships, to the joining of individual and harmonious beings. It encourages you to find flexibility, to be adaptable and pragmatic. This is the time to go with your heart or intuition, not your head.

In reverse, it speaks of injustice, imbalance, defeat, over-analysis, tyranny.

KEY
TEAMWORK
TRUST
HARMONY
MARRIAGE
LOYALTY

MAGICAL WORKINGS

Work with this rune if you want to enhance your communication with animal companions.



MANNAZ – MEERKAT

The keenly intelligent meerkat takes joy in family and kin. Each individual contributes their own strengths to the betterment and success of the clan and society.

As much as Mannaz speaks of the joy found in clan and kinship, this rune is of the rational mind and intelligence rather than emotion and instinct.

When presented with this rune, it is time to leave emotions and return to the rational and intellectual. It speaks of the seed to divine intelligence in the human soul, and our united collective potential. This is a time of the mind, memory and learning.

In reverse, there is depression, blindness, self-delusion, bigotry, intellectual arrogance.

KEY

HUMANITY
INTELLIGENCE
AWARENESS
SOCIETY
LEARNING

MAGICAL WORKINGS

An aid to accessing the collective unconscious of earth and humanity.



LAGUZ - SEAHORSE

Tiny seahorse, floating in the great waters, she feels it's ebbs and flows. In this great ocean of life, the universal ocean, in her softly shifting dream state, she knows the unity of all life and its connection that flows through past, present and future.

In her world, water is everywhere, it pervades all things, and is the living energy that is the source of everything.

Symbol of the unconscious, of invisible life forces, the dream state and the shadow. This is a powerful rune in the way water is powerful, and multi-faceted and changing as water in it's many forms.

Laguz calls you to release the struggle and 'go with the flow. Spend time in meditation and allow your deeper intuitive state to speak and guide you. It reminds you that on life's journey, not all can be controlled and change is the only constant, and without it life becomes stagnant.

In reverse, expect storms and waves. Depression and a withering. Illusion and fantasy. Possible emotional blackmail, over-all toxicity.

KEY
FLOW
MEMORY
DREAMS
THE UNCONSCIOUS
FATE/KARMA

MAGICAL WORKINGS

Clairvoyance and future sight are enhanced by Laguz. An aid to working with the dream state and astral projection.



INGWAZ - LION

Still and with energy slowly building, the full maned lion sits poised for action. He holds within himself the potential for an explosive release of energy. He is the alpha and father of his pride.

If called to it, he will make the ultimate sacrifice, to ensure the survival and growth of the new and young.

Ingwaz is a rune of growth, of the spark of life, the germinating seed. It has enormous creative potential and is the fertile male principle in balance with Berkano's female.

If you receive this rune, consider taking time out, find some separation or even isolation to create space for transformation and internal growth. It is time to build up your energy stores. A time may be coming that will require an explosive expenditure of energy.

In reverse, there is impotence, immaturity, scattered energy, wheels spinning but no forward movement.

KEY

CREATION
WHOLENESS
HARMONY
EVOLUTION
ENERGETIC BURST

MAGICAL WORKINGS

Use Ingwaz as a container, to hold energy ready for release.



DAGAZ - BUTTERFLY

Change, dynamic and dramatic! Who could imagine the stunning butterfly would spring from the little caterpillar. As the delicate butterfly unfurls its new wings, this is the dawn of a new day and it is granted a new and higher awareness that it could previously ever have imagined.

Below it, hangs its cocoon, the place where before and after met, the place where opposites meet.

Dagaz has a beautiful, brilliant, light filled energy. It is the awakening and clarity that daylight brings. When this rune comes up, there is hope and happiness, possibly a bold change, a new beginning. It is a good time to start something new. Where timing is a question Dagaz refers to a daily cycle, in contrast to longer gentler time periods like Jera's year cycle

Dagaz also speaks of balancing opposites, light/dark. mental/emotional, masculine/feminine, uncertainty/certainty etc.

In reverse, it is an ending, a limit, not the right time for change. Blindness, hopelessness are also here.

KEY

BREAKTHROUGH
AWAKENING
ENLIGHTENMENT
BALANCE POINT
TRANSFORMATION

MAGICAL WORKINGS

A good rune for spells if you want to block the bad, but still allow the good through to you.



OETHALA - HERMIT CRAB

Look at the beautiful home the little hermit crab has inherited from the crab that came before him.

Passed from one crab to the next, if each generation treats it with care and contributes their own positive acts, acts of care, upkeep and enhancement, the ancestral property will remain strong and give strength to the lineage going forward.

There is much debate whether Othala or Dagaz is best considered the final rune of the 24 rune sequence. I have chosen to support Othala, as it is a poetic completion of the beginning started by Fehu. So we started with a rune of mobile expansive prosperity and new beginnings, and end with the return to the ancestral home and more permanent generational wealth. This birthright is both physical and spiritual, it can also be both 'positive' and 'negative', in that it could be pointing you to look at ancestral wounds. Which when healed will open the way to the 'homecoming' you desire.

Othala asks you to look at your place in time and space, both in terms of the inheritance that is coming to you, as well as the inheritance that you will leave. It calls for the wise management of resources.

In reverse, lack of customary order, poverty, and homelessness are there. Possible bad karma, a tendency towards prejudice and tribalism.

KEY
HOME
INHERITANCE
GROUP PROSPERITY
HERITAGE
ANCESTORS

MAGICAL WORKINGS

During a quiet time at home, draw Othala on your feet to connect you with the land and your ancestors. You can also use this tool to aid you in standing your ground and setting boundaries.

CASTING YOUR RUNE CARDS

As you work with your deck, you will develop a relationship with it and your own special way of reading the cards. To get you started, I have included a few spread you might find helpful.

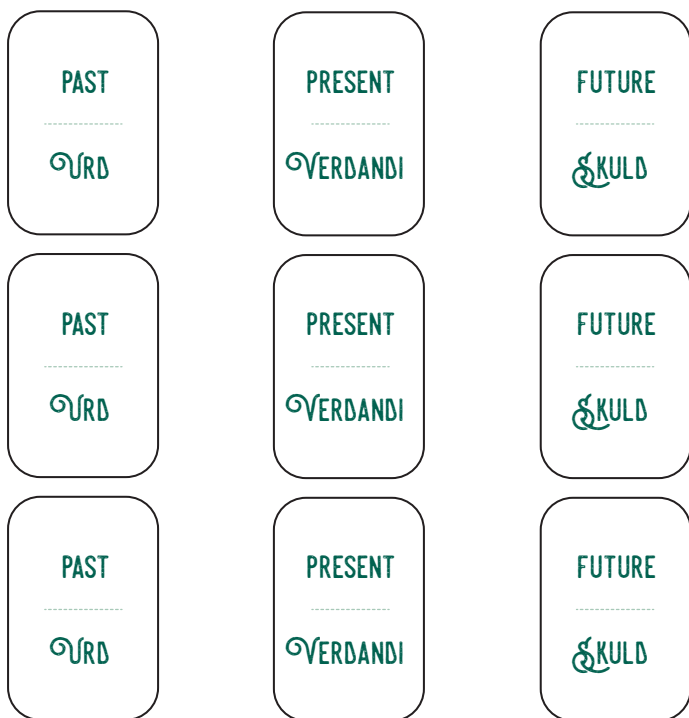
THE 3 SISTERS SPREAD

The three sisters Goddesses Urd, Verdandi and Skuld are known as the Norns, they weave humanity's fate. Urd, is in charge of the past, Verdandi the present and Skuld the future. Shuffling the cards, first ask what in the past , whether positively or negatively, has contributed to the current situation, and select a card. Repeat, asking what, whether positive or negative, is maintaining the current situation, and finally, shuffle for what the future holds and may come to pass, laying all the cards in place.



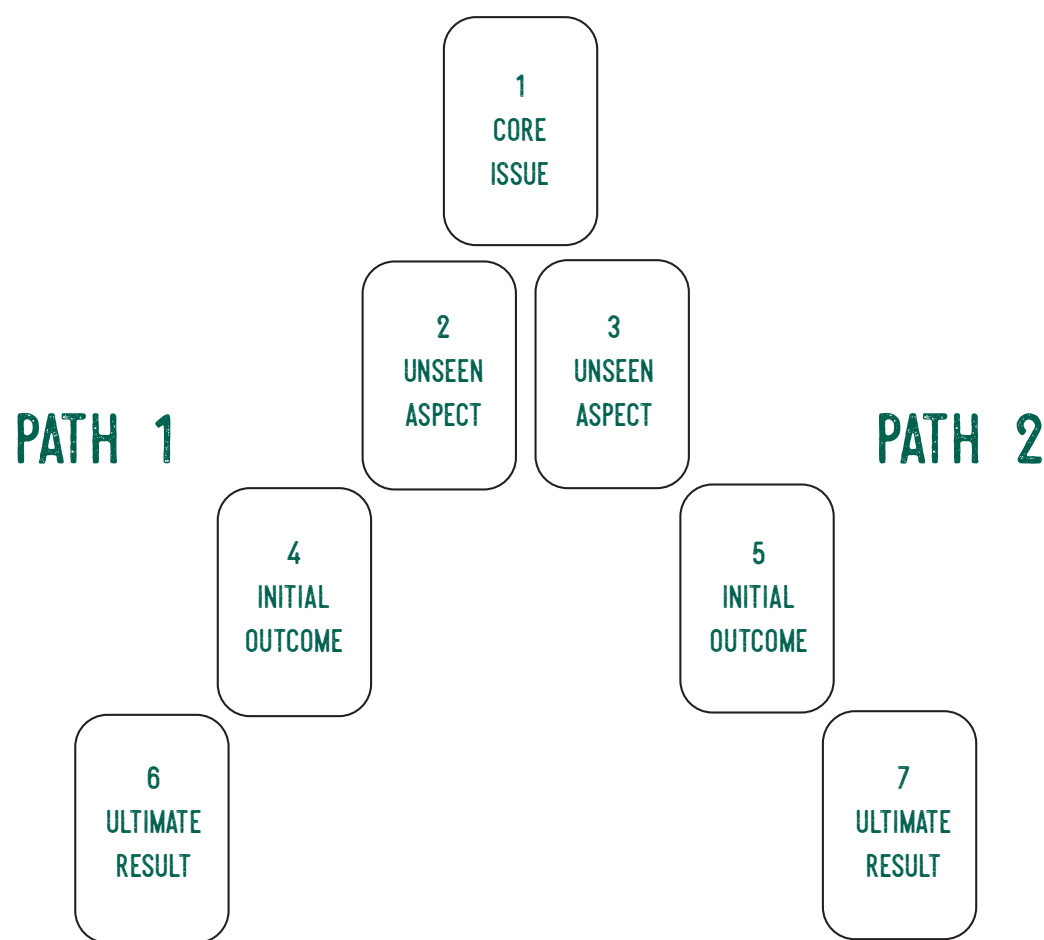
3 TO THE POWER OF 3 SPREAD

For a much more indepth reading, you can expand the above into a 9 card reading, following the same approach, but laying 3 cards for each Goddess.



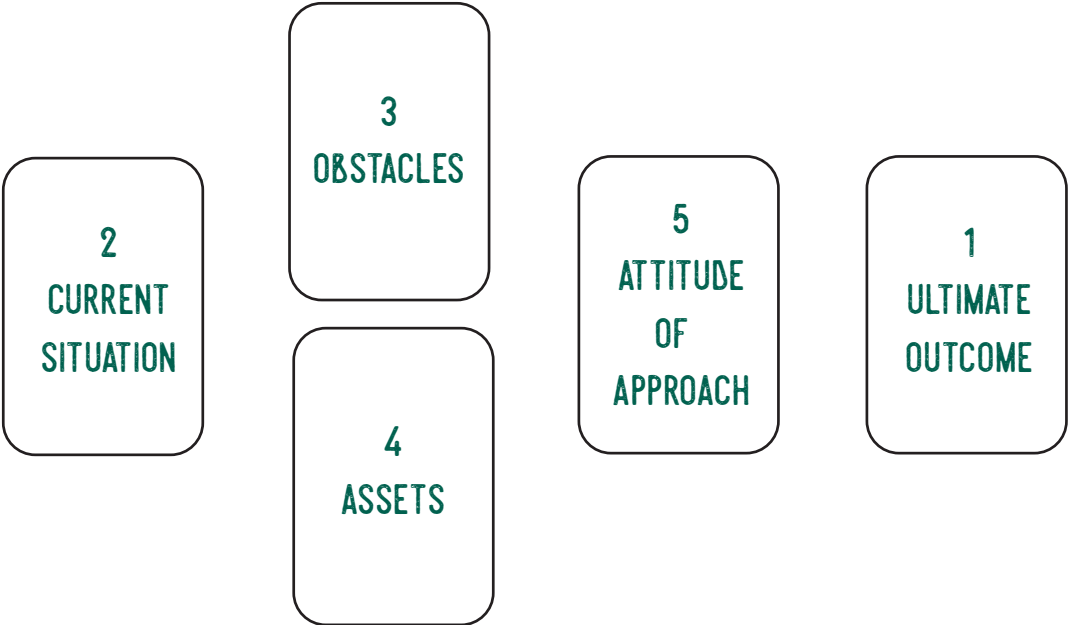
FORK IN THE ROAD SPREAD

If you are faced with two paths or choices, this reading can weigh up your options, comparing each road ahead.



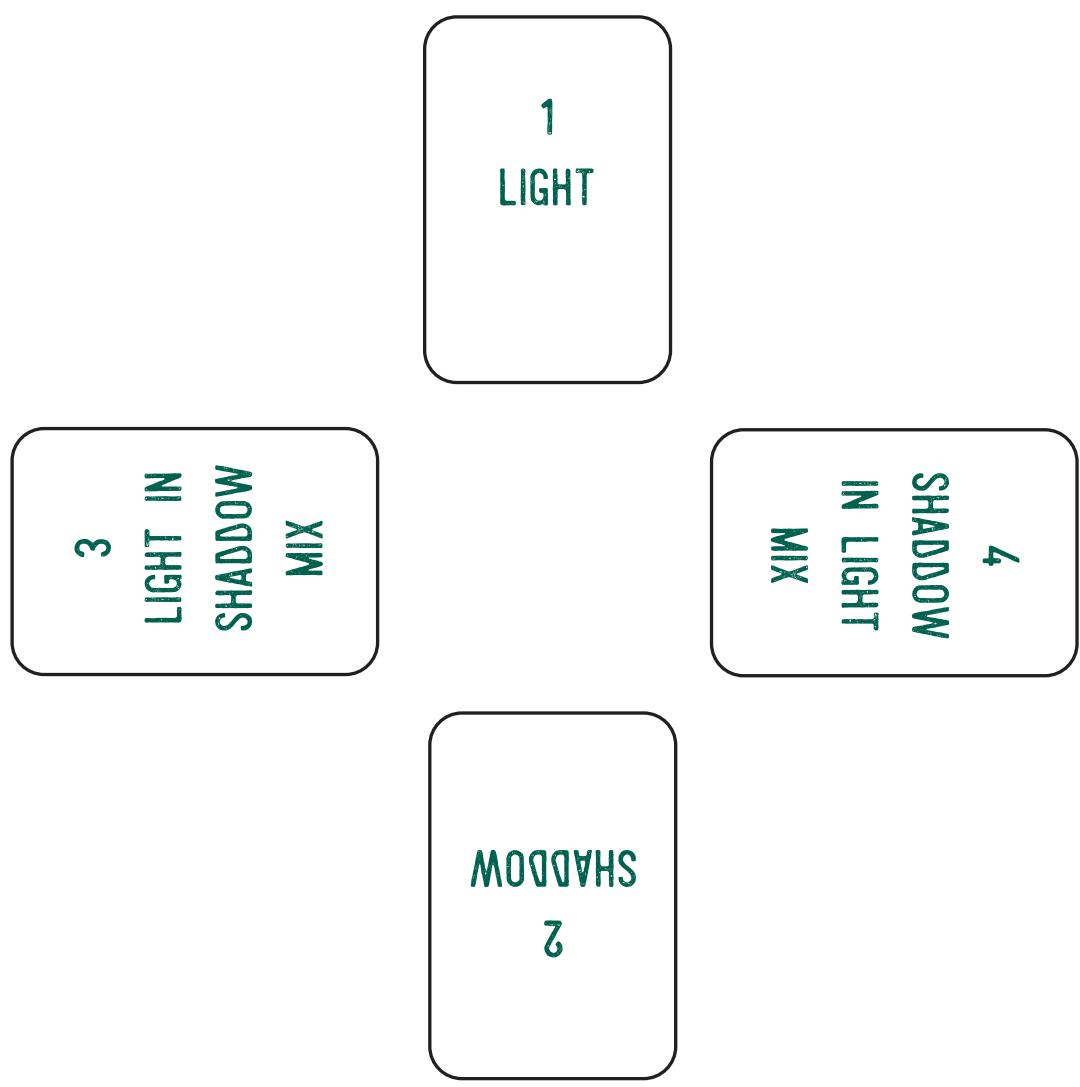
THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME SPREAD

What is an outcome you hope to achieve Go through the deck and find the card that most closely represents your goal. Place it in position 1. Then shuffle for the other 4 positions.



FULL PICTURE SPREAD

If you want to look at a situation from all angles. The cards will be read based on their position in the spread (reversed in the spread, not reversed when pulled). Cards 3 and 4 represent either the silver lining on a cloudy day, or that one cloud in an otherwise sunny blue sky. So for these, consider both upright and inverse meanings, but weight them differently.



I hope these cards have inspired a passion for this ancient magical system and the special animal companions we share this planet with. I have truly enjoyed bringing this deck to life, and I hope as it continues its journey with you, you get just as much pleasure from it too.

Brightest Blessings
Athene