



RUNE CHARMS FOR WARRIORS AND FOR PEACE

I've been asked numerous times by soldiers and family members for magical charms to aid and protect our soldiers and news corps in the Middle East and elsewhere. I've put together a collection of Galdrastafir -- Viking era "magical staves". Most of these talismans are very ancient and effective.

According to tradition, the Aegishjalmur "helm of awe" should be worn over the forehead, perhaps scratched or drawn on the inside of one's helmet. Its purpose is protection and "irresistibility" in battle (as in the Borg's, "Resistance is futile."). One could also draw it on one's forehead with saliva or blood. It could be used as a tattoo.

The Vegvisir "runic compass" will help prevent one from getting lost--that's one I'd want tattooed, like Icelandic singer Björk. Or one might scratch or draw it on the inside of one's helmet. This one can also be drawn on one's forehead with saliva or blood.

Gapaldur and Ginfaxi were traditionally used in "glima", viking wrestling, but are also valid for combat of any nature. The charms historically were carried in one's shoes or drawn on one's feet. Do not use as a tattoo.

Odin's Illusionary Rune was used to make the bearer invisible or shape shift, such as the Viking berserkers who took on the form, strength, and courage of bears in battle. Do not use as a tattoo.

Hraethigaldur and Ottastafur "terror staves" would be carried over one's breast, so consider putting them in a pocket or perhaps scratched onto dog tags. Do not use as a tattoo.

Svefnthorn "sleep thorn" will aid one in sleeping under the most adverse conditions. Lay it under the pillow or bed. It will also put someone else to sleep. Do not use as a tattoo.

Powerful binding and breaking locks and fetters are two sides of the same coin. I'd want the Lásabrjótur "lock breaker" tattooed right along side the Vegvisir.

Above all, a warrior needs good luck. The best luck of all is an end to war. No matter what our politics, we all want all our troops to come home healthy. Please join me in praying for peace, the safety of civilians, and to bring our men and women home as soon as possible.

One does not have to be a pagan to use these talismans. Some of the greatest Icelandic rune wizards were Christian clergy and bishops. Use of rune magic does not involve devil worship or the invoking of Satan or demons!



Aegishjalmur
protection,
irresistibility in battle



Vegvisir
Runic compass
prevent getting lost



Gapaldur
Success
in combat



Ginfaxi
Courage
in combat



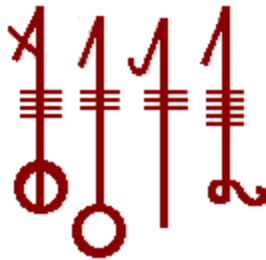
Odin's Illusionary Rune
Camouflage & deception



Hræthigaldur
Put fear in enemy



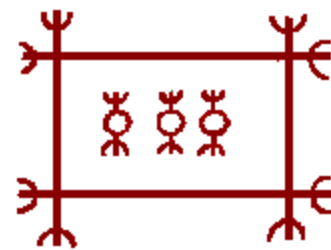
Ottastafur
Put fear in enemy



Svefnthorn - "Sleep thorn"
Place beneath pillow or bed
for restful sleep



**Powerful binding
of prisoner**



Lásabrjótur - "lock breaker"
Break locks & fetters
Get free from bindings



Gibu Auja
good luck



Good health



Healing



End strife



Peace