

Gnostic Runology – The “THORN” or “DORN” Rune (Historically)

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The “Thôrr, Thurs” or Th-Rune According to Friedrich Fischbach (1900)



This Rune belongs to the Thunder-God *Thôrr*. It shows his sharp Hammer, the Thunderbolt [*Donnerkeil*].

In the North, the rounder Form also occurs. In the South, the Rune of the Battle-God *Tyr* (the Spear- and Sword-God) probably replaced the older Form, because we find there the Abbreviation without a Stem/Handle ▷ and the Pyramid-Form Δ .

In Nordic War-Legends, the Victory-Stone [*Siegerstein*] is often Mentioned. It is also possible that such heavy, sharp Thunderbolts were used to smash the Shield of the Opponents and this weapon was pulled back by Straps.

Thôrr brings Spring with the first Thunderstorm, because he chases away the Winter-Demons [*Winterdämonen*] when he comes out of the Mountains and blesses the Fields with his Hammer. He scatters the Lightning blessing Seed [*Blitze segnende Saat*].

His Heavenly-Thunderbolt had therefore originally no evil Meaning, but (similarly to the Light-Bringer Lucifer who became a devil) at some point the *Thôrr*-Rune also become the *Thursen*-Rune, although *Thôrr*'s task is to defeat the *Thursen* (Storm- and Cold-Giants).

The Lightning purifies the Air. The often simply numbing Lightning is the Sleep-Thorn [*Schlafdorn*], but it also brings that eternal Sleep. Therefore we also conclude that this Rune means Death [*Tod*].

In the past, Graves were planted with wild Thorns, because they keep Predators away and provide Protection for Songbirds. The Hawthorn sprouts new shoots after a long Frost and is therefore a Symbol of Re-Awakening [*Wieder-Erwachens*]. *Brunhilda* received *Odin*'s Sleep-Thorn and slept like Sleeping Beauty on the rock bed surrounded by Thorns and the *Waberlohe*¹.

It is also a Fire-Rune, note the words *Pûis* = *Pyr* = Fire and *Pur* = pure. *Odin* blessed *Baldur*'s² Funeral-Pyre with *Thôrr*'s Hammer.

The “Thorr, Thurs, Thors, Thorn, Dorn” Rune According to List (1907)



thorr, thurs, thorn = *Thor* (Thunder, Thunderbolt, Flash or Lightning), Thorn.

There's a Third I know, that suits me too well,
As a Fetter for my Enemies.
I dull the Swords of my Opponents;
Neither Weapon nor Defense helps them.

dorn=Rune 𐌳

This Rune is the “Thorn-of-Death” [*Todesdorn*] which is what *Wuotan* used to put the disobedient *Valkyrie*, *Brunhilda* (a female warrior), into a Death-Sleep (compare *Sleeping Beauty*). But in contrast to this, it is also the “Thorn-of-Life” [*Lebensdorn*] (the Phallus), with which Death is conquered through “Rebirth [*Wiedergeburt*]”.

¹ The *Waberlohe* is an impenetrable firewall in Germanic mythology. It surrounds the castle in which the *Valkyrie* (who has fallen into a magical sleep) lies until *Siegfried* is able to penetrate it and awaken *Brünhild*.

² *Baldr* is one of the *Æsir* gods, the son of *Odin* and *Frigg*. He's loved by all the gods, goddesses, and beings of a more physical nature. So handsome, gracious, and cheerful is he that he actually gives off light.

This threatening Character surely dulls the opposing Weapon (of the one Struck to Death), as well as the Might of the Powers-of-Death, through a constant Renewal of Life in Rebirth.

Therefore: “Preserve Your Self [*Ich* or Inner Being]!”

The “Thorr, Thurs, Thorn” Rune According to E.T. Kurtzahn (1924)

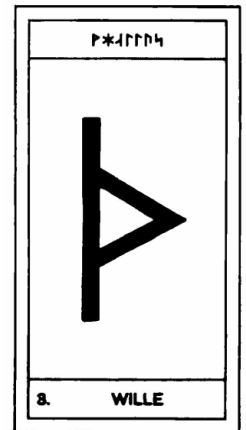
Exoterically: Will (and Action) [*Wille (und Tat)*].

Esoterically: Phallus, Seed, *Donar*.

Generally: Thunder, Lightning, Thorn, Death and Life as Opposite-Poles.

Manifold and to some extent seemingly opposite are the Meanings of this profound Rune! On one hand, the peculiar Form of the Rune symbolizes a Thorn, which resembles an *Ithyphallus* [Erect Phallus], the Thorn-of-Life [*Lebensdorn*], which indicates the Expression of the 'Will to Life [*Willens zum Leben*]' through Procreation-Readiness [*Zeugungsbereitschaft*].

On the other hand, however, there is also the implied condition of Death (necessary to define Life) together with Rebirth in almost infinite Change or Exchange [*Wechsel*]: “No Life without Death”, but also: “No Death without Life!”



Nothing and no one is able to resist this iron Law [*ehernen Gesetz*], because in a futile Battle one's Sword is dulled!

Happy is the one who has recognized their real SELF [*wahres ICH*] within as Jesus Christ, the Son – because they will respect their physical Life correspondingly less and (like our noble ancestors) will absolutely and gladly give away this ephemeral, allegorical Life for Honor, Liberty and their Fellow-Human-Beings...

The “Thorn, Thurs, Dorn” Rune According to R.J. Gorsleben (1930)

Letters Th or D and Number 3.

Thorn, thurs, Thor's Hammer as a Thorn-of-Procreation and -of-Death [*Zeugungs- und Todesdorn*]. Self-Assertion in the Realm-of-Force [*Kraftreich*], the Vault-of-Heaven, the ASA-THOR, the Architect-of-the-Worlds [*Weltenbaumeister*], rotating upon its Axis. The World-of-Drives (that is, of Instincts and of Urges).

Dr. Friedrich Teltscher's *Ur-word* is *Ziel* meaning “Goal/Aim” as well as Destination, Objective.

*A Third one I grasp, if Danger threatens,
To bind the Enemy with Magic
So I dull the Steel of the angry Opponent,
And like a Stick his Sword no longer cuts.*



Thorn = Will and Action: *Donar*, Thunder. The *Don-Aar* (*Aar* means Eagle), the *Ton-Aar* (*Ton* is Tone or Sound). Both *Don-Aar* and *Ton-Aar* = the sounding Sun; that which Sounds in the Divine Will [*göttlichen Willen*]. Sound is the Dance of Atoms from which the Universe is built.

Thorn [*Dorn*] is the Thorn-of-Life [*Lebensdorn*], the Wick-of-Life [*Lebensdocht*] = the Phallus, the Symbol of the 'Will to Life' by means of Procreation-Readiness [*Zeugungsbereitschaft*], but it also means Death caused by Life, the Thorn-of-Death [*Todesdorn*], but which leads then to Rebirth.

No Life without Death. No Death without Life!

Eternal Death [*ewigen Tod*] has been praised by the Catholic Church, but it was forgotten that without eternal Life there is no eternal Death, because each is the Opposing-Pole of the other, and neither is conceivable without the other.

No Sleep without Awakening, no Death without Birth, no End without Beginning.

With the Thorn-of-Death [*Todesdorn*] *Wodan* put the *Valkyrie Brunhilde* (a female warrior) into the Death-Sleep and surrounded her with *Waberlohe* that only the person could cross who is “unafraid-of-death” and who therefore is worthy to awaken her with the “Thorn-of-Life [*Lebensdorn*]”.

The *Thurs*-Rune is the Rune of the Thorn, or of the Dowsing-Rod [*Wünschelrute*], and hence of body-magnetic Transmission [*körpermagnetischen Übertragung*] or 'Od-magnetic transfer'.

The male Magical-Thorn [*männliche Zauberdorn*], the Thorn-of-Awakening [*Weckdorn*], overcomes the Thorn-Hedge of the Selection-Castle [*Wahl-burg*], the Rampart-Castle [*Wallburg*], the Bride-Selection-Place, the Thunder-Hedge, the Thun-Ar-Hedge: *Tun* = Fence, *Ar* = Sun, therefore the Sun- or Fire-Fence.

This is also the significance of the Fairytale of ‘Sleeping Beauty’, who sleeps the Hibernation of Infertility, until the Prince, the Knight, the Fearless-One, arrives, penetrates the Thorn-Rose-Hedge and Awakens the Virgin with kisses, who is sleeping the Sleep between Death and Rebirth and whose destiny is to give birth to the Son of the Hero, before she falls again into the long Sleep-of-Death.

Part of the *Thorn*-Rune is also the Office/Department of the “Dragon”, who has the Rotating-Power [*Drehgewalt*], to draw, the Procreation-Power [*Zeugungsgewalt*] in the ancient Electoral-Regulations [*Wahlordnung*], for which reason he had also the Virgins in his Custody, which “dying-only” he left to the “fearless” man, who is not afraid of the *Thor*-, Threat-, Rotation-Law, that is the Law-of-Becoming and -of-Passing-Away [*Werde- und Stirb-Gesetz*].

Therefore, we often find the Dragon in the Place of the Thorn-Rune in Coat-of-Arms. Other representations of the Thorn are: a Tip, a Spear, and the Scorpion. The Scorpion, astrologically speaking, is the Awakening-Thorn [*Weckdorn*], the Stinger-of-Life [*Lebensstachel*] as well as the Singer-of-Death [*Todesstachel*], and rules over the Sphere of Sex [*Sphäre des Sexus*] in the Zodiac.

If F *Fa* represents the Father, the Begetter (Generator/Producer) [*Zeuger*]; and U *Ur* is the *Ur*-Mother, the *Ur*-Womb; then T *Dorn* or Thorn is the Third, *Thor* (the Son of *Wotan*).

Thor and *Tyr* (both Sons of *Wodan*) are the Sons-of-the-Thorn of the Thorn-Hedge.

Through the Narrow-Door [*Tür*] (*Tyr*) of Childbirth we enter Life and through the large Door/Gate [*Tor*] (*Thor*) of Death we leave it again.

This Rune teaches that the Human-Being is subject to the Law of eternal Rebirth. During one's earthly Life, through useful Combat, one's Sword gets dull. Whosoever is capable of preserving their true Self [*wahres Ich*], recognizes that everything Temporal is merely a Parable.

The *Thorn*-Rune is consecrated to *Thor*, the Turner [*Dreher*], the one who Turns; as well as the Group-of-Three [*Dreier*]; and the Trinity of [1] Becoming, [2] Ruling (Being), and [3] Changing (Rotating) to new Arising.

The Double-Thorn-Rune  approaches one of the shapes of the  *Ehe-* or Marriage-Rune.

Only Marriage creates the Human Being in its entirety through Man & Woman, who beget the Third one (who is more than them both). According to the Runic-Sequence from *Fa* (the Father, the One) and *Ur* (the Mother, the Two) originates *Thor* (the *Tro*, the Three, the Third one), the Child. This Child becomes the Connection between two Human-Beings...

The  Thorn-Rune awakens the Thoughts & Feelings of the Youth of Humanity and of the individual Human, of their “Paradise”, and of the Dancing-Time in Life [*Tanzzeit des Lebens*].

The Demonic side of the Thorn-Rune is Deception [*Trug*], while on the Theonic side is the Three, the “Troy”, the Loyalty [*Treue*], like the ancient Faith which was a Knowledge entrusted to the Druids.

The *Ur*-Word (*Ziel* meaning “Goal/Aim”) also refers to Destruction [*Zerstörung*] = *Zer*. Furthermore it refers to Dying, Perishing, Starving, Drought and Concealing: the Helmet-of-Concealment or *Tarnhelm* (a magic helmet in Richard Wagner’s Ring Cycle Operas).

The “Thor, Thurs, Thorn” Rune According to S.A. Kummer (1932-1933)

 (D/Th) The D- or Th-Rune, *Thor*, *thurs*, *thorn*; Thorn is Will and Action. Thunder [*Donner*]; *Donar*, the Thunderer. *Donar* = *Don-Aar*, the singing Sun, the thundering Sun, *Thor*’s Hammer. The Door/Gate [*Tor*] – Numerical value 3.

This Rune is dedicated to *Thor*, whose Hammer strikes in the Triad: Becoming – Prevailing – Being – and Passing-Away to new Arising. *Thor*, the Third, the Three, Loyalty, those (such as the Druids) who were entrusted with high Faith, Knowledge, and Magic.

With the Three (Spirit – Soul – Body), I blunt the Steel of the angry Opponent; with *Thor*’s Hammer I meet all threatening Dangers.

Through the Thorn, the mutual spiritual and physical Re-Polarization of Man & Woman takes place in Marriage. It is the Rune of the Divining-Rod, the magnetic, physical *Od*-Transmission.

The Thorn-of-Fate, the Thorn-of-Life (the Phallus), the Symbol of Life, of Procreation. This reminds us of Sleeping-Beauty who is awakened by the Thorn-of-Life.

The Thorn-of-Death with which *Wotan* put *Brunhild* into the Sleep-of-Death. However, it is also the Thorn-of-Death, which leads to Rebirth: no Life without Death, no Death without Life.

The Thorn-of-Life  and the Thorn-of-Death  are the Bind-Rune of the *Dag*-Rune  the Double-Thorn, the Dual-Type, the Winter-Solstice-Symbol, the Rune of Mother Earth.

The Demonic of the Thorn-Rune  is black Magic, spiritual and physical Destruction, spiritual and physical Death. Animal Procreation.

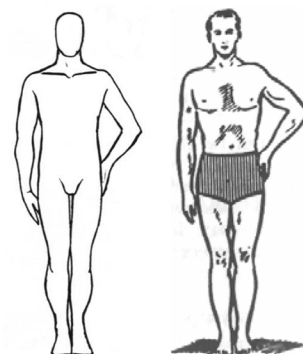
Motto: “Realize your physical and spiritual Self [*Ich* or Inner Being]!”

Full Body Rune Exercise(s):

From the *Ich*-Rune-Position, the Practitioner places the left Hand on the left Hip, creating an angled left Arm. This is the *Dorn*-Rune-Position.

The *Thor-Dorn*-Rune-Position has the following Sound-Formulas:

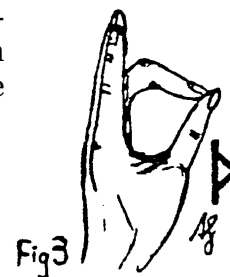
“ta-te-ti-to-tu” and “da-de-di-do-du”.



Hand Rune Exercise (‘Mudras’ or ‘Rune-Grips’):

The Rune Practitioner should take up the *Ich*-Rune-Position (Military “At-Attention”); this is followed by a deep Breathing-Exercise three times, with thoughts directed toward physical and spiritual purification; which must be observed with all the Rune-Grips.

The Rune Practitioner stretches the left Arm upwards and taking the Hand-Position of Figure 3. Sing “d-a-a” three times (for 3 Minutes each), during which higher Tones are to be held longer. At the deepest Tone they are focused in the Feet.



Remember that each Rune-Grip must be repeated three times (for 3 Minutes each, followed by a short Pause in the *Ich*-Rune-Position between sets), since otherwise no satisfactory Collection of Subtle-Force [*Feinkräfte*] can be reached in the Hand-Centers.

Here, too, cosmic Subtle-Forces [*kosmische Feinkräften*] begin to accumulate in the Hand, which is experienced as Tingling in the outstretched Finger-Tips, as well as in the Ring-Finger and the Tip-of-the-Thumb. During the Pause, thoughts are directed to the Absorption of Solar-Forces.

After finishing the Exercise, the collected Subtle-Forces are to be directed throughout the entire Body by conscious-willpower [*willensbewußt*]. The astral Color-Vibration is bright Yellow.

Higher astral Laws can also be triggered through this Rune-Grip. This depends entirely on how much cosmic Force-Current [*kosmische Kraftströme*] the Rune Practitioner is able to take in and feed into the Body. The deeper the inner Immersion, the stronger the Accumulation of Forces will be.

This Rune-Grip also has the following Sound-Formulas: “de-di-do-du”.