Gnostic Runology – The "RIT" or "RITA" Rune (Historically)

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The "Reid, Rad" Rune According to Friedrich Fischbach (1900)

ᚱ ᚱ The Creation of the Fire by two pieces of Wood (a Wooden-Stick and a Wooden-Plate) was considered to be the most sacred, probably because it was also the oldest way. But more convenient was Wheel-Rotation [*Raddrehen*] around an Axis in order to start the Fire by Rubbing. This Fire-Wheel [*Radfeuer*] was important for all Dwelling-Places.

We find in some of the oldest settlements, many Villages with the Designation 'Wheel' [*Rad*]. There, they also gathered together for Consulting as a People's-Wheel [*Volksrad*].

From that form of Religious Worship it is known how many Spokes the Wheel had to have, and how many Men turned it alternatingly. Probably the turning was done through Straps, as with the Fire-Drill [*Feuerbohrer*], for a faster turnaround.

Strange is the similarity of this Rune with *Thôrr*'s Pickaxe. Since in *Thôrr-Donnar* the "R" is strongly emphasized as well as in his name "Roland" (the Rolling of the Wheels make a sound), so we may conclude that the three Runes: Th, O, R were dedicated to him. *Thorr* drives in the big Heavenly-Chariot [*Himmels-Wagen*] around the North star.

That the *Reid* Rune did not designate the Chariot-Wheel [*Wagenrad*], but at first only the Fire-Wheel [*Feuerrad*], is clear, but the poetry of the Skalds gave these Runes a very wide scope.

The "Rit, Reith, Rath, Ruoth" Rune According to Guido von List (1907)

ᚱ **rit, reith, rath, ruoth,** *Rita* [or Cosmic Law], *Rath*, Red, Wheel, to Clear, Ret (to soften by soaking in water, to prepare with water), Right [*Recht*], etc.

A Fifth I heard, when in cheerful Flight
a Projectile flies into the Flock;
No matter how swiftly it flies, I force it to stand-still
I Seize it with my Gaze.



The thrice sacred "*Rita*" [or Cosmic Law], the "Sun-Wheel" [*Sonnen-Rad*], the "*Ur*-Fire" (the Primordial-Fire, Divinity) itself!

The exalted Inner-Feeling or Introspectiveness [*Innerlichkeitsgefühl*] of Humanity is the Consciousness of one's own Divinity [*Bewusstsein der eigenen Göttlichkeit*], because "Introspection [*Innerlichkeit*]" is just "Being-With-Oneself [*Bei-Sich-Sein*]", and being with oneself is being with God.

Genuine 'People-of-Nature' [*Naturvolk*] are not people who are in the state of savagery, because those people live in the shackles of the most horrible Shamanism. On the contrary, the genuine 'People of Nature' already require a high Cultural-Level [*Kulturstufe*], but free from all and every Excess-Culture [*Ueberkultur*], since they still possess their whole original unclouded Introspection [*Innerlichkeit*].

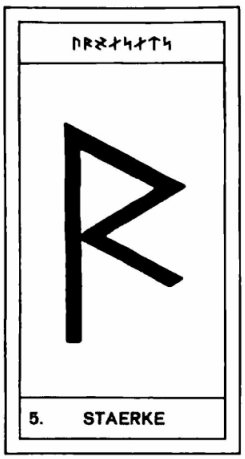
This is made obvious when one is unable to find one's God in one's own innermost Being [*innersten Wesen*], and so one begins to look for this outside of one's Self [*Ichs*] and in the outside World – "up there in the Starry-Heavens".

The less inward [*innerlich*] the Human Being is, the more outward [*äusserlicher*] their Life becomes; and the more a People lose their Introspection, the more pompous and ceremonialized their outward manifestations become (especially in the character of their Administration, Law, and Forms-of-Worship). However, genuine 'People of Nature' should be one in Recognizing: "I know what I trust, and that is why I am living it out."

Innate Divine-Introspection [*Gott-Innerlichkeit*] is, therefore, the basis for an impressive Defiance-of-Death [*Todesverachtung*] and for an unlimited confidence in God and in Self. This expresses itself brilliantly in "*Rita*" and which has the fifth Rune as its symbol.

Therefore, this Rune says: "I am my *Rod* (my Right/Law [*Recht*]), this *Rod* is invulnerable [*unverletzbar*], therefore I myself am invulnerable, because I am my *Rod*!"

The "Reit, Reith" Rune According to E.T. Kurtzahn (1924)



Exoterically: Advice/Counsel [*Rat*], Strength [*Stärke*], *Ruoth*.
Esoterically: *Rita* [the *Ur*-Right or Divine Right], *Ur*-Law [*Ur-gesetz*].
Generally: Advice/Counsel, Right [*Recht*], *Roth*, Wheel.

This Rune is of particularly profound Meaning. *Rita, rit* makes up part of the word "Ritual". *Rita* is the *Ur*-Right [*Ur-Recht*], that which is inseparably connected with the Unity of Science and Religion (in the sense of Re-Connecting with the divine *Ur*-Cause).

Here by the term 'Right' is primarily meant "what is born with us and which, in Life, is, unfortunately, almost never Spoken of", thus the "eternal Right, which hangs above so-called inalienable rights".

This divine Right, this divine Strength, has always been based on Introspection [*Innerlichkeit*]. Introspection gives Science and Religion the Strength that allows us to survive decades of Adversity remaining victorious Despite everything.

It seems almost as if the Hebrew Word for 'Law' = *Tora* [or *Torah*] is a kind of Anagram of *Rita* with the substitution of the "I" for the "O". When written anagrammatically:

T
O A
R

R
A I
T

From *Tora*, we receive *Tarot* (referencing that philosophical System borrowed from the secret Egyptian Temple-Service); and from *Rita*, we receive *Tarit* (related to the ancient word '*Tarisk*' meaning "I demand the Answer", which is the question being Justifiably asked by a Defendant).

The *Tarit* is similar to the Tarot and we are entitled to use it for Divinations and Prophesies-of-the-Future (Casting-of-Lots by Runes), just as the Egyptians were with the Tarot. The *Tarit* is based upon the sacred Runic-Alphabet, the *Futhork*; however, instead of *Tarit*, we favor the beautiful-sounding word *Rita*.

If the Practitioner has reached the real Consciousness of their own Divinity in themselves, then they are indeed able to bring a "Spear-Projectile" to a standstill with the Gaze, as is mentioned in the Rune-Song-Text.

The "Rit, Reith, Rad, Rod" Rune According to R.J. Gorsleben (1930)

Letter R and Number 5.

The *Rad, Rit,* or *Rechit* Rune, the resting Head of the talking Horse *Gautatyr*. The Creative-Word of God, which makes the World-of-Space into the Image of the divine Rhythm.

Dr. Friedrich Teltscher's *Ur*-word is *Verfließendes* meaning 'that which is Passing' as well as Elapsing and Passing By.



This I know as a fifth, if in hostile flight
An arrow shoots into the crowd
No matter how brightly it rattles, I block its power
By grasping it tightly with my eye.

RIT = council/advice; right; red; wheel; *ruoth-kreuz, radkreuz* ⊕ or wheel-cross (symbol of God's court); the Cosmic law; *Rota-Tora* (reversal) = original law.

This Rune expresses the rrrolling [*rrrollende*] movement of the Wheel [*Rades*], of the Sun and tells us: "I am my *roth*, my Advice/Counsel [*Rat*], my Right/Law [*Recht*]! This Right, my own Advice/Counsel, is inviolable [*unverletzlich*], therefore I myself am inviolable."

It is *Rota, Rita*, the *Re*-ligio(n) = connecting back to the Divine, in contrast to the relics (that which are from this Earth, that which has been left behind). In the ancient Initiations, their Religion was Science and Right/Law [*Recht*] in one.

This Rune is the Right/Law [*Recht*], the *Roud*, the Advice/Counsel [*Rat*] to oneself, of which Goethe says regarding this:

"As for the Right/Law [*Recht*] that is born in us –
alas, none careth to Discern/Investigate [*Frage*] it".

All true Culture is based on an unwritten blood-rooted Right [*blutempfundenen ungeschriebenen Recht*], and all Laws are ultimately made for the purpose of doing away with this *Ur*-Right [*Ur-Recht*]. This occurs in cases when people want to turn Injustice into Law as a result of a conscious or unconscious deviation from this original Right (the *Ur*-Right).

This divine Right/Law [*Recht*], *ruod*, Wheel [*Rad*], one's own Advice/Counsel [*Rat*], the origin of one's own 'Sense of what is Right' or Interior-Right/Law [*Rechtsinnerlichkeit*], is independent of any external Form or Definition.

Rita, rit is the *Ur*-Word for Ritual, and the word *Thora* or *Torah* is Hebrew for 'Law'. Thus, the 'Law of Thor [*Thors*]' is the Inversion of the word *Rota* or *Rita* and, in this case, also of the concept *Rota, ruot* = Right/Law [*Recht*]. It is the same word "Tarot" which has been handed down to us from the Egyptians, the Bavarian *Tarock* card game, in the Zend language it is *Tarisk* or *Tarit*.

Tarit is an Inversion of the word *Rita*, or *Rota*, the Wheel [*Rad*], which was always the Symbol for the Right/Law [*Recht*]. Therefore *Rod*, the Wheel [*Rad*] or the color red is always part of Powers of justice [*richterlichen Gewalten*], including that of the Executioner, who breaks the Criminals on the wheel [*Verbrecher räderte*] and destroys them with the Wheel [*Rad*], the Law [*Recht*], that they violated. The Runes are older, more original than even the Tarot-Cards; thus, all Casting-of-Lots, Pulling-Cards, all Divination goes back to the Runic-Futhark, to our sacred Rune-Alphabet.

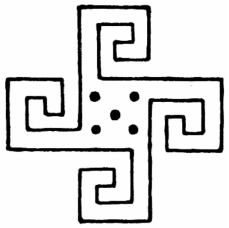
Knowing that all Language, all Culture, and all Human-Divinity [*Gottmenschentum*] flows out of our ancient inner Source/Spring [*Quelle*], we become Conscious of our own divine-spiritual Plentitude-of-Power [*geistgöttlichen Machtvollkommenheit*] and then we are, Indeed, able to banish the "Spear of Materialism" by grasping it with the 'Gaze of the Spirit' (as the Stanza tells us).

Everything that circumscribes or circles around something, and that expresses Movement with the Rrrr.... Rotating, spiral-like Development, a Range/Row/Set [*Entwicklung*] in general, Succession and Overlapping, the Rhythm, Horseback-Riding [*Reiten*], and the Rule [*Regel*]. 'Rrrrrrr' is Vortex of the Sun, the Rrrrhythm in general, the Up and Down.

The Symbol of the R-Rune is, as we have said, the Wheel [*Rad*], Turning vertically around its Axis, the ⊕ Sun-Wheel [*Sonnenrad*], the eternal Course-of-the-Sun and, figuratively speaking, the straight Course of eternal Natural-Law [*ewigen Natur-Rechts*], of the *Rota*, the Rotation.

The *Rit*-Rune has the Numeric-Value of 5. According to the 5, the *Rita*-Right/Law- [*Rita-Recht-*] or *Rota*-Rune, the *Feme*-court was called the "Five", and the right Hand (with its 5 Fingers) was symbol of the Law [*Rechtes*] and of Justice.

In Egyptian hieroglyphs, the 'R' is expressed by the symbol of the 'talking Mouth' or by 'a Head with a Ritual-Headband' 𓊪, similar to the *Od-Othil*-Rune. This Priest is the "*Rita-er*", the Knight [*Ritter*] or who lives and judges [*richtet*] according to the *Rita*, as well as the Horseback-Rider [*Reiter*], the Right-Hand-Man [*Rechter*], the Savior [*Retter*], the Hero [*Recke*], and the Highly-Exalted [*Hochaufgereckte*], the one who is Upright [*Hofaufgerechte*]!



The Meandering-Band-Pattern (which is ritually used everywhere) shows the rhythmic, horseback-riding Movement of the 'R' and it represents the Course-of-the-Sun [*Sonnenlauf*]. A Combination of the Hook-Cross or Swastika [*Hakenkreuz*] with the Meandering-Band-Pattern is represented on the back side of a Cretan silver coin from around 500 BC, showing the connection of these Signs with Sun- and Procreation-Myths [*Sonnen- und Zeugungsmythe*].

In the Indian teachings, the 'Path for the Mastery of the physical Forces [*Beherrschung der physischen Kräfte*]' is called "*Riddi-pada*", which is simply the Horseback-Rider's Path [*Reiter-Pfad*], the Knight's Path [*Ritter-Pfad*]. It is the *Rita*-Path, the Rhythm-Path, that of Chivalry. The *Rita*-Human, the right/just Human, the rhythmic Human, the Horseback-Riding-Human...

The Prayer of the first Human was certainly Dance. Out of the Rhythm, out of the Dance, out of the Rotation of the World: the first Ritual and the first system of Worship originated. Everything within us and around us is turning: Sun, Moon, Stars, and even Blood-Circulation! All Stone-Circles, all Labyrinths, were Places-of-Dance, where people emulated the Dance-of-the-Sun, the Dance-of-the-Worlds. Dance regulates also the *Rita* of the Flesh, the Build-Up and Breakdown (or Increase and Decrease), Procreation and Death, Rejection of consumed Life-Substances.

The *Rita*-Human is the one who should eat real, right food, *Rota*-like sun-ripened foods, in order to continuously absorb new Living/Vital-Substances [*Lebens-Stoffe*], Vitamins and therefore preserve keep eternal Youth. The *Rita* (*Rota*, *Tora*, Tarot) is the Law of 'auspicious, purposeful Procreation' wisely followed by the ancients. This is Life as Movement, which gives the incentive to laugh [*ridere* in Latin]!

Friedrich Nietzsche, the Poet of rhythmic Thinking, rejoices in the innermost Possession and Knowledge of the meaning of the *Rit*-Rune in the Words:

> *"Hail to whosoever creates new Dances,*
> *Let us Dance in a thousand Ways*
> *Our Art is to be called Free,*
> *And our Science is to be called Happy!"*

The *Rit* Rune is composed of the *Is*-Rune ᛁ and the inverted *Sig*-Rune ᛋ. With this, it represents: Human Victory [*Mein Sieg*] over the lower Self [*das niedere Ich*]!

The "Rit" Rune According to S.A. Kummer (1932-1933)

(R) The *R*-Rune, *Rit*; Advice/Counsel [*Rat*], Right, Wheel, *Rod, roth, ruoth*, red, ret, *Rita*, *Rota* (the holy inviolable, innate Right). The Rune of Rights, Justice and Righteousness. – Numerical value 5.

The R-Rune expresses Movement, Rhythm: racing, running, riding, roll, rubbing, rushing, talking, murmuring, etc. Wheel, the rolling Sun-Wheel, the cosmic Rhythm, whisper, rustle, and so on.

The sacred innate Right, my Advice/Counsel, my Right is inviolable: it is in me, *Rita*, Religion. *Ararita* the procreation Right, the Law. The *Rit, Rita* Rune is the Symbol of the great Ritual, the All-Right or Universal-Right; the Internal, unwritten Right experienced within.

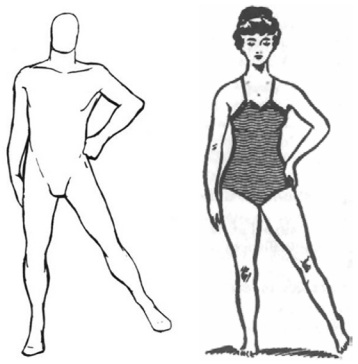
The Five-Fingered-Hand, the right Hand, the Symbol of Rights. The Quintet Right of the *Vehmanen* Judges (which were a "proto-vigilante" tribunal system in Germany active during the later Middle Ages, based on a fraternal organization of lay judges called "Free Judges" [*Freischöffen*]), the Peoples-Right, the *Vehm*-star ☆ , the Five-Pointed-Star, the upright Pentagram (white Magic), the Knight [*Ritter*], the Hero [*Recke*], the Savior, the Right.

Red, the Color of the Judge, Executioner. The Symbol of the *Rit*-Rune is the five-petalled Rose, the secret fragrant Right, the Parable of the Secrecy of the divine Right that is kept in the Heart, which acts, but does not speak.

The Demonic of the *Rit*-Rune is: Unjust, Unholy, Predatory, Revengefulness, disharmonious Rhythm, black Magic.

Motto: "I am my own Right and Knight/Warrior [*Recht und Recke*]!"

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; the left leg is also extended to the same side to make the shape of the *Rit*-Rune-Position.

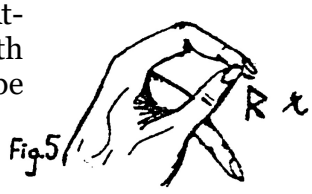
Its Sound-Formula is: "ra-re-ri-ro-ru."

For the "R", *Rit*-Rune-Position, above all, the Practitioner must have Control of the physical Forces and Activation in the cosmic World-Rhythm.

Whosoever takes Possession of this Rune internally will always be able to preserve eternal Youth.

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 also be observed with all the other Rune-Grips.



Now raise the left Arm vertically upwards, the left Hand takes the Position of Figure 5, representing the *Rit*-Rune Grip.

One purrs "r-r-r" siren-like (with good deep breathing), rising and lowering the sound.

One's inner Thoughts are directed to higher Counsel/Advice [*Rat*], to one's innate Right and to the cosmic Rhythm.

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.

This Rune-Grip produces a rhythmic Warming of the Hand and enables Activation into the cosmic World-Rhythm, whereby the higher Centers are strongly stimulated and magical Abilities unfold within the Rune Practitioner.

Here, too, a conscious-willed [*willensbewußte*] Circulation through the whole Body should not be forgotten.

As astral Color-Vibrations, Kummer was able to observe various Colors, such as: whitish-yellow, pink, fire-red, orange.

Further Sound-Formulas of the *Rit*-Rune are: “ra-re-ri-ro-ru”.