

Gnostic Runology – The “Kreuz” or Cross (Historically)

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The “Kreuz” or Cross as a Rune According to Friedrich Fischbach (1900)

Not mentioned as a Rune.

The “Kreuz” or Cross as a Rune According to Guido von List (1910)

In his book *The Pictographic-Script of the Aryo-Germans* (1910), List explains the *Kreuz* or Cross through the “Partitioning [*Teilung*]” of the *Is*-Rune. He begins with his description of the *Is*-Rune itself:

Kreuz +

The only one-stroke Rune is the *Is*-Rune **ᛚ** — *Is*, Ice, Iron, *Is* [*Ist*], Self [*Ich*], the One [*Eins*], the Existing [*Bestehende*] and Continuous [*Beständige*] — God! the One! the Only-One! —

is-Rune ᛚ ⊕ ᛚ

It is this One, the Only-One, but also the One in the Macrocosm, like the One in the Microcosm, the God in the Self [*der Gott im Ich*] (God in the single Individual, the “Self [*Ich*]”)....

He goes on to give some attributes of the *Is*-Rune’s first permutation:

The vertical **ᛚ** indicates the adeptic-positive-masculine Principle of the Divinity, while the horizontal **—** as *Tel* symbolizes the mediumistic-passive-feminine Principle of the Divinity...

tel-Rune — ⊖ —

Because it is not a Letter-Rune, the *Tel*-Rune is unpronounceable, and therefore, where it appears as a Rune, denotes the *Is*-Rune in passive use, and is then also read as an *Is*-Rune in the passive Sense.

After this, in order to explain the Cross, List first says the *Is*-Rune radiates down to the Earth through the **ᛚ** *Ar*-Rune as the ‘Sunlight-Rune [*Sonnenlicht-Rune*]’. Then the *Is*-Rune radiates back [*strahlt zurück*] through the **ᚦ** *Kaun*-Rune as ‘Capability/Expertise [*Können*]’. At that point:

...the Unification [*Vereinigung*] of the ... Divine- or Nature-Principle [*Gottheits- oder Natur-prinzip*] of the **ᛚ** “*Is*-Rune” with the **—** “*Tel*-Rune” takes place, and this implies the **+** Cross [*Kreuz*] (*Rod*, *Ruoth*)...

Since the **+** “*Rod*” (Cross) was a “Salvation-Rune [*Heilsrune*]”, it was never used as a “Letter-Rune [*Buchstaben-Rune*]” ... although it became a Letter-Rune in two Forms.

The first Form is ‘Compulsion [*Zwang*]’ in the downward pointing **ᚱ** *Noth*-Rune, and the second Form is in the upward pointing **ᚲ** *Eh*- or ‘Law-Rune [*Gesetzes-Rune*]’.

In high Symbolism these three Runes stand side by side as the “three Crosses [*drei Kreuze*]”, **ᚱ + ᚲ** and represent the ‘divine Law-of-Becoming [*göttliche Werdegeseztz*]’...

This highly-mystical *Ur*-Salvation-Glyph was (like so many other things) also christianized, and incorporated into the christian salvation-symbology in the Depiction of the “three Crosses on Calvary”.



Already the name "*Calvary*" proves this, because it dissolves *kala*-istically into *cal-va-ri*: "*cal*" (to change, to turn [*wenden, drehen*]), "*va*" ('*Fa*' – to do or make [*machen*]), and "*ri*" ('*Rita*' – Law [*Gesetz*]), therefore: "to make-turn or apply the Law [*wenden-machen das Gesetz*]"...

Summarizing, List seems to be saying that the Cross is a Salvation-Rune (not a Letter-Rune) and represents 'the Unification of the active-masculine and passive-feminine Divine- or Nature-Principles'. For him, the Cross is synonymous with the term *Rod* which is one's 'invulnerable Right [*unverletzbar Recht*]' as mentioned in the *Rita*-Rune.

The “Kreuz” or Cross as a Rune According to E.T. Kurtzahn (1924)

In his discussion of the *Is*-Rune, Kurtzahn says:

The *Is*-Rune furthermore forms the Cross-Trunk [*Kreuzesstamm*] as the positive masculine Component of the Cross in contrast to the horizontal, negative and feminine Cross-Beam [*Querbalken*].

The “Kreuz” or Cross as a Rune According to R.J. Gorsleben (1930)

In discussing the *Hagal* Rune (*Ha-Gall* = *Gall-Ha*), Gorsleben says:

For the true wise one, and the person who is knowledgeable about God, Christ is neither human nor God, but a symbol of the God-Man in its earthbound entanglement. Only the poor intellects ask for time and place of his birth.

The *Ur*-Christ reaches back in time much farther than the beginnings of the "historical" Christ, and this should be the essential result of the research, no matter how well-founded the individual facts may be viewed.

Like Christ, Wodan hangs on the World-Tree and "consecrated myself to myself!"

This World-Tree Cross, this "wood" is nothing else but the Cross upon which the 'son of God' "dies". The Christ hangs on this World-Cross in the universe, and people who believe the letter have never understood the language of parables, which is noticeable in the myth of Christ.

Now the "Christians", for nearly two thousand years (since the supposed physical death of an executed person), have not grasped the deeper meaning of this symbol. These "Christians" and this "Christianity" truly have to perish so that it will be possible for humans to again achieve the state of being the 'son of God' and a higher state of wisdom by means of the daily self sacrifice.

Whosoever cannot and does not want to sacrifice themselves will never come "to the father"; this is what the image of Christ on the cross wants to impart into us.

We have to understand and have the insight that we are led collectively towards a new process of "Christianization", of crystallization, of becoming *Krist* (in an supra-denominational meaning) which is related to *Ur-Law*. This is the high teaching of providence and the genuine goal of life for a humanity who is striving in an upward direction.

This path of Cosmic "Christianization" did not begin a few centuries ago, but existed long ago. It reached heights of success in earlier times, from which heights we sank down just in this era of the Christ during the Piscean age.

The death on the Cross is the mystical death which precedes the spiritual rebirth or new birth. "Unless you become like the children, you cannot gain the kingdom of heaven".

The sacred symbol of death on the Cross is an eternal task that all of us have to fulfill, every person for him or herself. One can only do it for all, when all do it for the one.

The All-One "Christ" is One in all of us: what a beautiful and elevated meaning!

The "Kreuz" or Cross as a Rune According to S.A. Kummer (1932)

✚ The high-holy Cross, *Kreuz*, the Initiate's Rune. The Symbol of the Cosmic *Ur-Fire*. – No numerical value given.

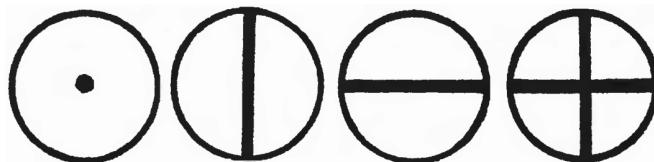
"Climb high to the Mountains, Peace in the Heart,
Closer to the *Ur-Force* [*Urkraft*]; now look down to the Valley!
Take up the Cross, forget all the Pain;
Envelop yourself, like Christ, a holy Multiplication."

Rune, '*runa*' means "secret Whispering, secret Counseling". In old northern Germanic it is '*runar*' "Rune-Realization, Wisdom, magical Word-Order". It is related to the Anglo-Saxon '*runian*', the English '*roun*', Old High German '*runen*', and Middle High German '*runene*' meaning: "to murmur", as in a "Mystery/Secret" or "to say secretly".

Related to this, the Templars gave us the following in the *Zohar*:

"When *Alfator* (All-Father) the Hidden-One [*Verborgene*] wanted to reveal himself, he began to make a luminous Point. Before that bright Point had Broken-Through and Emerged, the Infinite-One [*Unendliche*] was quite hidden and did not spread Light."

Our Ancestors, who told us about it, symbolically depicted this Becoming [*Werden*] as the following drawing shows:



Through this Symbol, All-Father's Will in Space [*Weltall*] – as well as the Revelation of his Will in the Depths of Eternity is implied. – Then All-Father sent his Spirit-Ray [*Geistesstrahl*] up and down from the Point. Thus commenced the Beginning of Time, of all Things in the Eternal.

The horizontal Ray indicates What-Is-To-Come and What-Has-Been, while the vertical Ray in a Circle means the Spirit of the all-pervading, the 1, the Beginning of all Things.

As the divine Spirit-Ray blazed through the cosmic Nebulae, upwards and downwards, forward and backward, it also blazed out sideways, to the right and to the left. Three Dimensions in Space – Length (or Depth), Width and Height – were now inherent in the cosmic Bodies. The intersecting Spirit-Ray of All-Father had brought it into Existence.

The Spirit of the Blazing-Cross made the World tremble, setting the Ether in Motion and creating Oscillation/Vibration [*Schwingung*] in the Universe.

The divine Fire [*göttliche Feuer*] in the Cosmos had burned through the four Arms of the Spiritual-Cross of All-Father, of which the Edda says "without something that burned, it burns without end".

It is the high-holy Cross, the Character of which was abused in former Times and even today. Through corruption and degeneration, the holy Cross-Rune [*heiligen Kreuzrunen*] became the Character-for-the-Multiplication of Materialism [*Malzeichen des Materialismus*], the Character of black Magic and Selfishness/Egoism [*Egoismus*].

Nonetheless, the Holy Cross is the Rune of the Initiate [*Rune der Eingeweihten*], of the Grail Knight [*der Gralsritter*], and the Character of wise Magic [*Zeichen der weisen Magie*].

Kummer says that he "cannot explain the whole Mystery/Secret of this high Rune because many Vibrations [*Schwingungen*] and inner Sensations are such that they cannot be expressed in words. We must look at the Rune-Position of the holy Cross as a Receiving-Station [*Empfangsstation*] in which high All-Waves and Sensations flow in and out."

To consciously receive and use these high Waves through Rune-Postures is the true way of the wise Magician, of the Initiate [*Eingeweihten*], who in one's Spiritual-Core [*Geisteskern*], the Spark-of-God [*Gottesfunken*], is fathoming the high All-Waves. These Waves are used for one's Higher-Development and to strengthen one's Willpower. Then, with one's Body fully mastered, one thereby reaches true Liberty and becomes a Divine-Human [*Gottmenschen*].

So also Wotan, as he descended from the World-Ash-Tree and found the Runes, became Master [*Herr*] of himself and shined in conscious Spirituality [*bewusster Geistigkeit*]. Christ died on the Salvation-Rune [*Heilsrunen*] of our Ancestors, the Cross, in order to always remind us of high Spirituality and to remain as a Guidepost to God, All-Father.

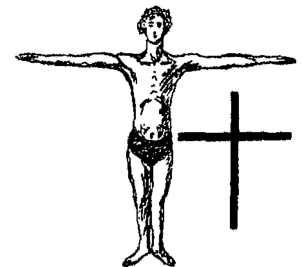
Dear Brother, dear Sister, the Rune-Positions make/set [*machen*] you free. Therefore say daily:

"My Inner Being [*Ich*] is full of Willpower and Force.
My Inner Being [*Ich*] is full of noble Spirituality.
My Inner Being [*Ich*] rules my Soul, my Body.
My Inner Being [*Ich*] is indestructible and eternal!"

Full Body Rune Exercise(s):

The Student should visualize themselves on a Hill, a Mountain, or at the center of open Land (a Field, Heath, Meadow, etc). Take up the *Ich*-Rune Position facing North and do the aforementioned Breathing-Exercise. Then extend both Arms sideways so that they depict the above human Cross as shown (palms down).

No Sound-Formula is given (which implies silence), although the Student may want to use one of Kummer's Poems for this Rune (given above).



Now one tries to feel the immense Heights and Vastness above and around oneself. The Waves which pulsate from East and West through his Arms and Body, meet with the Universal-Waves [*Allwellen*] that flow from above through the Back-of-the-Head, in the upper Chest, in the Thymus-Gland (which is also called the 'Heart of Jesus'). The Student will perceive one of its Sounds.

The Waves now flow through one's Spinal-Cord and speak strongly in the Sympathetic-Nervous-System and in the Solar-Plexus (which is located in the Pit-of-the-Stomach). The so-called 'second Brain' comes into Activity; one's unchangeable innermost Self [*umwandelbares innerstes Selbst*], one's eternal Essence [*ewige Wesenheit*] will make itself felt.

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Hand Rune Exercise ('Mudras' or "Rune-Grips"):

Kummer does not give a Hand Rune practice for the Cross.

Additional Note: Kummer's Comments for the Practitioner

In this same chapter on the *Kreuz* or Cross-Rune, Kummer also says the following:

In the evening, when the Student lets all the experiences of the day pass before their mind's eye [that is to say: they do the Retrospective exercise], they use their memory and recognize the mistakes made. One must be serious about doing better in the future.

Also, the Student always keeps in mind that they want to become an Initiate. Therefore avoid all sensual, sexual thoughts [that is to say: lust]; these thoughts have an effect. One's thoughts must always be directed towards ethical development, then success in all exercises are greater.

The Student is always eager to be kind and friendly to others. To train one's willpower, the student will communicate and speak with unsympathetic people and be friendly and cheerful, but never excited, because the calm one is always the stronger one.

The Student must also awaken in him- or herself an insatiable Longing for the *Ur-Phenomenon* of all Phenomena, for the Focal-Point of all Being, for the Mystery of all Mysteries, for the Sublime-Holy Divine. This Longing, which is becoming ever stronger in them, will drive them to come closer to the high Ideals and thus to develop the highest Virtues in themselves. Their ardent Yearning must focus primarily on All-Knowledge, Harmony, Brotherhood/Sisterhood and Philanthropy.

The Student takes the example of a high Divine-Human as a Role-Model, for a Symbol is a Kind of hypnotic Cue which suggestively evokes infinitely high Mental-Images and thus considerably strengthens the Longing in the Practitioner. Such a Symbol possesses a magical Force that can never quite be described in its final Depths.

Runes depict the conscious Spiritual-Human [*bewussten Geist-Menschen*] who's highest Perfection is in the Divine-Human [*Gottmenschen*]. We are a Spark of the great Fire, a Flash/Glow [*Schein*] of the immeasurable Light, a very small Part of the indescribable, immeasurably great Universe [*Alls*], above which, however, is the great Mystery/Secret... This is the All-Father, God.