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Ansuz

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Ansuz is the fourth rune in the Futhark and embodies the concept of communication. This is Odin's rune, the king of the Norse Gods. Odin was the god responsibly for sharing much knowledge with mankind, including the mead of poetry, and the runes themselves. This rune deals with the spoken word, song, poetry, spells, chants, prayer, and breath. But be careful of what is said, for what is spoken can never be taken back.

Other Spellings: Os, Ass, Aesir, Ansur, Ansus, As, Aza, Easc, Oss

Common Pronunciation: Awn-sooz

Sound: Ah

Original Meaning: Odin

Modern Interpretation: Communication

Positive Aspects (for use with upright position or in overall positive readings):

Order, rebirth, consciousness, knowledge, truth, wisdom, mental agility, communication, speech, spoken word, signals, teaching, language and writing skills, leadership, inspiration, creative expression, reason, good health, harmony

Negative Aspects (for use with reverse positions or overall negative readings):

Misunderstanding, delusion, dishonesty, manipulation, treachery, misinformation, loss, boredom, vanity, neurosis

Sources and Book Recommendations:

Discovering Runes by Bob Oswald

Futhark: A Handbook of Rune Magick by Edred Thorsson

The Little Giant Encyclopedia of Runes by Sirona Knight

Nordic Runes by Paul Rhys Mountfort

Runelore by Edred Thorsson

The Runes Workbook by Leon Wild

Discovering Runes by Bob Oswald