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Algiz

January 28 – February 12

By Sola Dragonhart

Algiz is the fifteenth rune of the Futhark and embodies the concept of protection. This is the primary rune of protection and teaches that forewarned is forearmed. Algiz represents the three polarities of energy – positive, neutral, and negative. In terms of magick it means having your energetic patterns take flight and move toward a successful outcome. By taking precautions and planning ahead, Algiz teaches that you can prevent future problems.

Other Spellings: Yr, Eolh, Elhaz, Algir, Algis, Algs, Elgr

Common Pronunciation: All-geese

Sound: Z

Original Meaning: Elk

Modern Interpretation: Protection

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

Spirit, protection, sanctuary, defense, refuge, support, power, awakening, divinity

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

Hidden danger, vulnerability, consumption, turning away, forbidden acts

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

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Sowilo

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Sowilo is the sixteenth rune of the Futhark and embodies the concept of success. The ancient Norse viewed the sun as feminine, from the concept that the warmth and light of the sun is what gives life to all beings. Similarly, Sowilo represents the sun shining on our thoughts and ideas and giving the warmth and success needed for them to thrive. The sun is the life-giver, but too much of it can burn, parch, and destroy. Sowilo represents everything coming full circle – the fruition and destruction of all patterns. Without failure you can't have success.

Other Spellings: Sol, Sowulo, Sunna, Sigil, Sigel, Saugil, Sighel, Sigo, Sil, Sowela

Common Pronunciation: So-wheel-o

Sound: S

Original Meaning: Sun

Modern Interpretation: Success

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

Partnership, journey, power, energy, transformation, clarity, understanding, confidence, success, good health

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

Destruction, sudden changes, retribution, gullibility, loss of goals, burn out

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