

THE NORNS

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The Norns are the Three Norns are comparable with the 'Three Fates of The Greeks' (Three old women who spin the thread of life, and control the destiny of men). The Three Norns spin at will the fates of men and women. Their task is to sprinkle Yggdrasil (the tree of life), with mead from the Fountain of Life, so that the tree stays ever green.

The Norns are three sisters:

- 1) **Urd** - Controls the now, that which is. Works with her maids to performing tasks, and acting as guardians of humanity through their lives. Counsel from Urd is passed into humanity through their dreams. Families are cared for as well as unborn babies. The unborn babies are found kindly mothers within the world of men.
- 2) **Verdande** - Spins the past, that which has been. She reveals, the past to the living, so they can understand their present, and plan their future.
- 3) **Skuld** - Spins the future, that which will be. She spins the lesson and tasks elected by the individual's guardians.

Alignment with the Norns opens the individual to great knowledge; magical symbols are the spinning-wheel, the bumble bee, and the two mystic swans of Urd's pond (These are the ancestors of the Swan race of Midgard (Earth)); colours awakened depend upon the thread that the Norns choose to spin into the individual's life.

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