

(D) Elder Futhark Runes (I/I)


Old Norse was the language of the Vikings, the language spoken in Scandinavia and in the Scandinavian settlements found throughout the Northern Hemisphere from the 700s through the 1300s. Much as Latin was the forerunner of the Romance languages, among them Italian, Spanish, and French, Old Norse was the ancestor of the North Germanic languages: Icelandic, Faroese, Norwegian, Danish, and Swedish. Old Norse was written first in runic alphabets, then later in the Roman alphabet. The first runic alphabet, found on inscriptions dating from throughout the first millennium CE, is known as “Elder Futhark” and was used for both proto-Norse and early Old Norse.

Below are nine Anglicized names of Old Norse gods and the nine Elder Futhark names to which they correspond. Listed below are also two other runic names for gods.

Anglicized names

- a. Baldur b. Dallinger c. Day d. Earth e. Freya f. Freyr g. Ithun h. Night i. Sun

Old Norse Runes

- (1)  (4)  (7)  (10) 
 (2)  (5)  (8)  (11) 
 (3)  (6)  (9) 

D1. Match the Anglicized names to the correct Elder Futhark names.

- a. b. c. d. e. f. g. h. i.

D2. What are the two leftover Elder Futhark names, in the Roman alphabet?

D3. Write the runic names of the following gods:

- a. Tyr b. Ran c. Sif

a.

b.

c.

