

Viking Rune

Lesson {3} Thurisaz

{3} Thurisaz (T) | danger | a “giant thorn” | Thorsberg Chape, Germany | 200 AD | “Earl” | or when referring to (Harald Sigurdsson) a “Giant”

‡(Thorns) are severely sharp. To any thane
seizing it is an evil, measurelessly cruel
to every man who comes to rest upon it. ~ *Anglo-Saxon Rune Poem*



“*Wolthuthewaz is well-renowned,*” or “*the servant of Ullr, the renowned.*”

Ullr is a Norse god of archery. When Odin was exiled, Ollerus (Ullr) was chosen to take his place and ruled under the name Odin for ten years until the true Odin was called back. In Norse mythology, Ýdalir (“yew-dales”) is a location containing a dwelling owned by the god Ullr in a valley with a stream or river and yew trees for him to make a bow and arrows. At the time, Ullr/Hyperion/Harald was in possession of the Epirus Bow which he was using (in the picture) to point at the overgrown thorn bush (known as *Thurisaz*) left by Baldr. In the picture below, captioned as “Uller,” he leans on a bow and wears ice skates atop a frozen lake.

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In the background stands a building and evergreen trees. The location is presumably the yew dale Ýdalir where Ullr had a dwelling as described in the Poetic Edda poem *Grímnismál*. Wägner, Wilhelm. 1882. *Nordisch-germanische Götter und Helden*. Otto Spamer, Leipzig & Berlin. Page 190. See for picture of the “Epirus Bow.”



Thurisaz is a White Drift Rose that Baldr left transplanted there after he returned from the Fenrir Cave's Spring or Ingwaz (22) ☒. Baldr was given this White Drift Rose by a healer in Turkey which he took and dipped in the Ingwaz spring, from which he drank too much. Baldr then became known as the “Shining Son.” (see pic below) This rose species is named after Baldr who was called by the healer, a *white rose adrift*.

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Each arrow overshot his head - "The Shining Son" By Elmer Boyd Smith - Page 232 of Brown, Abbie Farwell (1902). "In the Days of Giants: A Book of Norse Tales" Illustrations by E. Boyd Smith. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Public Domain.



The spot was marked by a giant or overgrown rosebush or a bush with poisonous or dangerous thorns that Baldr left planted in this spot while he stayed at his "Hamlet" in Northern Germany after his return from the Fenrir Cave [22]. During WWI, Baldr often supplied men with poison from the source *Thurisaz*. Almost all of the men who enlisted to fight during the war were men who had problems with their sexuality (and were considered bisexual, gay or homoerotic). Baldr was a known homoerotic.

Note: Ullr also known as King Hyperion [Helios father] and a Viking from Norway, Harald Sigurdsson. See Harald in the Netflix series Vikings: Valhalla.

See Shakespeare for "Hamlet."

Baldr is also known by the name "Beelzebub."

Questions

Shakespeare wrote a play called *Hamlet*. Were the events that took place in Shakespeare's play related to *Thurisaz*?



Homework Assignment

Baldr left Norway (and returned) when he was still fairly young. See if you can determine by research or by asking others, to within the closest century, *when Baldr left the rose thorn in its place.*

**Hint - Baldr, Odin & Frigg were all born approximately 2400-2300 BC.*

Translation Practice

Notes for the Instructor

Baldr and *Thurisaz* (including WWI) deal with issues that concern male sexuality. Try to address this topic with your students.