

# YGGDRASIL

(Translation: frightening tree)

- comes from the Teutons
- for the Teutons trees have been holy/sacred
- World Tree and first planted tree, which connects heaven, earth and the underworld
- evergreen and splendid
- in the branches are different animals:
  - eagle which has a hawk in his eye, he makes the wind
  - the dragon Nidhög, which bites in the trees' roots, he is there for envy and resentment
  - Squirrel which runs back and forth between the dragon and the eagle to spread deformation with quarrelwords
- goat which is feeding the warriors with milk
  - 4 stags which are eating the buds
  - many snakes which are living with Nidhög
  - bees which are fed by YGGDRASIL's honeydew
  - swans as a symbol of innocence
- 3 goddesses of fate who are weaving the thread of fate
  - Urd: past
  - Werdandi: present
  - Skuld: future
- 3 floors
  - Heaven: seat of the gods
  - Earth: fairies, men, fire giants, the vanir, dwarves, giants
  - Underworld: the dead, Nidhög (=hell)
- If Yggdrasil trembles/wilts the Earth goes down