

YGGDRASIL means „The Fearsome Tree’’. This gigantic ash tree projects the whole world.

1. The branches of the tree spread over the world and come down to the sky.

The World Tree is divided into sections or rather in 9 worlds. Gods, elves, hobs and various animals are living there.

As well there is a sun system. This tree was created out of Ymir’s dead body. Ymir was a giant. All the Nordic peoples believed in this world view.

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## Yggdrasil

According to the Norse mythology the ash tree Yggdrasil connects with his branches the nine worlds, born from the sacrifice of Ymir. These worlds are Ásaheimr, world of the Aesir, Álfheimr, world of the elves, Miðgarðr, world of the human beings, Jötunheimr, world of the giants, Vanaheimr, world of the Vanir, Niflheimr, world of ice or of the fog, Múspellheimr, world of fire, Svartálfaheimr, world of the dark elves and of the dwarfs and Helheimr, world of the deads. These nine worlds build the entire universe.

Yggdrasil is a huge tree. It immerses into the underworld and on the surface its branches sustain the vault of heaven. It rests on its three roots. One root for the gods (according to other sources: for the human beings), an other one for the giants an the third one reaches Niflheimr. From this last root rises the source with the name of Hvergelmir from here leave all the rivers of the world. Beside this one there are two other sources near the base of Yggdrasil: first of all Mimir, in which science is hidden. Odin had to give one of his eyes to get the permission to drink from this source. Then there is Urðr. From here Norne take fresh clay. They cover the trunk of Yggdrasil with this clay in order to avoid that it dries up and dies.

Around the tree there are many animals, which protect it, feed from it or threaten it. On the edge lives a eagle and between its eyes there is a falcon. Four deer jump between Yggdrasil's branches and eat its leaves. Their names are: Dáinn, Dvalinn, Duneyrr and Duraðrór. Many snakes torture the roots of Yggdrasil. One of them is Níðhöggr, which litigates with the eagle using dirty words. A very quick squirrel is an emissary between these two animals for their dispute. Its name is Ratatoskr.

On the top of Yggdrasil lives also Víðópnir, golden cock, which with its crowing foretells the end of the world.

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Why the YGGDRASIL is a good metaphor or maybe a good name for our project?

The YGGDRASIL is the tree that supports the world. It holds all, but you must pay attention if you say “all” :

A tree has roots, metaphor for the same roots of all the humans, also a trunk, twigs and branches that connect all the world and spheres.

The same roots and the the softly, firm trunk are the basics for all the people all over the world. We are all humans!

But then, after the trunk we all began to separate us in twigs and branches, all this are individual. If you look closer you can, explain so all the “differents” between us: the different languages, cultures and individuality and identity of everybody. All this happens under the same sky and we all breathe the same air. If you thinking of it, the YGGDRASIL is a beautiful metaphor!

So, in this project we are all together, and together we investigate our same roots, trunk and also our different; friendly, helpful and without prejudices.

Together we would make our firm, healthy tree, perhaps idol for others, who only look for our different, using them bad, and all this also happen under the same, and for all the people over the world, their, sky!