

## **Nine Steps to the Odin Brotherhood**

*“When the world is pregnant with lies, a secret long hidden will be revealed.”*

**- An Odinist Prophecy**



**The Odin Brotherhood is a pagan secret society, formed in the 15th century, to preserve the Lore of the Norse gods and goddesses. Today, these ancient practices are sometimes referred to as Odinism or Asatru.**

**Acting as a form of cultural lifeboat, the Odin Brotherhood has survived over five hundred years of persecution as well as massive cultural and global sociological change. It bears the teeth marks of the mono-religions but has survived into the 21st century.**

**The Odin Brotherhood is a return to a heroic way of thinking. It is pagan men and women returning to their roots and remembering the old tribal ways of our forebears. It is discarding the mind-numbing ways of media culture and returning to the hearth-fires within. It is, quite literally, a process where one might grow as a person of power and become a friend of the Old Gods.**

**For centuries the Odin Brotherhood has remained silent in the shadows of history, patiently passing on its lore from carefully selected person to carefully selected person; from mentor to student. This process was a slow and hallowed tradition.**

**Many in our age believe that there is a storm coming: a time of ecological and sociocultural change in which the human species will undergo many challenges. It is in the face of such coming changes and challenges that the Brotherhood has chosen to reveal itself - that it might be of service to the Gods and their people during the time of the reawakening.**

**The Odin Brotherhood looks for those who are willing to seek the heroic ideal within themselves and to re-evaluate the way they walk in the world. They seek those who have thrown off the mental shackles of the so-called modern world. They seek the free, the strong and the proud.**

**Membership is not for everyone.**

**1. Candidates for membership are those who have opened their minds and hearts to the Old Ways and the Ancient Gods of the North. Indeed, they will be people of deep spirit who will know**

**without question that our Gods and Goddesses live. They know that there is an afterlife awaiting them amongst their ancestors and Elder Kin.**

**2. Candidates for membership are people who have experienced the revelation that they are not of the herd. In fact, they must think of themselves as unique and unquestionably elite: wolves rather than sheep. Members believe that worship is for the weak and contrition is for the terrorized.**

**3. Candidates for membership are those who are self confident; natural leaders. The Odin Brotherhood is an order of equals. There are no followers in the Brotherhood.**

**4. Candidates for membership are those who value strength and self reliance. The Odin Brotherhood has no place for the weak-spirited. Members would rather steal than accept charity.**

**5. Candidates for membership will be trustworthy and honorable. Their word must always be a sacred bond.**

**6. Candidates for membership are those who have come to the realization that fear profits a man nothing.**

**7. Candidates for membership are folk who renounce faith as a poison of the mind.**

**8. Candidates for membership are those who have received a sacred revelation, a calling of the Gods, often received in a potent dream or vision.**

**9. Candidates for membership are those who will, when properly prepared, venture to the wild where they will hallow, devote and sanctify their blood to the Gods-Who-Live.**

**The Odin Brotherhood represents an ancient way for those who walk the Warrior path of their ancestors. It is a creed of iron for those who understand the meaning of power, a guidepost for those who seek freedom and a sanctuary for those who value knowledge.**

**For those who seek, the way is not an easy one. The Brotherhood demands much of its members and promises nothing in return. One must look deeply within before taking to the path of honor for honor's sake alone. Few are successful.**

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