

In attendance:

- Crulsey (Cr)
- B
- Chameleon (Chame/Ch)
- Erin (E)
- Leo was listening in

Crulsey had a plan, start a website and such, too occupied. We're brainstorming what that might look like. Planning with swayne - he highlighted taking away the good parts and leaving the bad. *The website* is nice but the people are not. They have some stuff right but other stuff not so much. Partly making stuff more norske and more eddas-ic; we want to focus on regional belief but that's not something you can do in a group (more individual). Can't take british beliefs and make them american. Less about setup/pantheon and more about what the purpose is for us.

B says its hard to get these things going in a hard/jump-cut manner; it's more than a single meeting. Consistent and regular get-togethers? Weekly/bi-weekly prayers? Get us into a habit of creating and participating in ritual and building cohesion. Three B-s of religion; practicing alone isn't bad, but building regular communication would be important. Do we want to do that? What would the schedule look like? **First action.** We need a time that works both for Brits and Yanks. Crulsey asks B: would you rather grow it as a "virtual" kindred? B: That'd be a good start to get our footing.

C: Less of an organization or source and more of a group? (Yes) Ok that sounds good.

B: The foundation comes first; we can build a source from there. There are a lot of websites that just list the pantheon and tell you knock

Chame: why can't we have a body of work, book of prayer, invocations, rituals written down type of thing?

B: have you read the god's own country? A norske heathen prayer book from yorkshire kindred. Collection of prayers and some rituals that the kindred has put together. If we do this regularly we can start putting something like that together; same thing but for ASH rather than norske.

Ch: if they have that they don't have to go through the process of developing that.

B: Priesthood type program, but open source: the ideal priest is a facilitator for their community. If we had that available bootstrapping and building would be easier (with a solid foundation).

Chame: In the balance between ritual and sincerity (belief) we're currently closer to the latter. Would appreciate that going in the other direction.

B: Christian baggage coming in here; people either want to go alongside xtians or be an anti-xtianity.

Cr: Isn't this a culture that's heavily christian?

Ch: I don't think ASH has to be Christian-like

B: Some things will look like christianity (latent or otherwise)

Erin: Xtianity borrowed from other religions a lot, there's gonna be similarities there

B: Looked into the history of xtian vestments. They're not from xtian history, they're more like these are fancy clothes that people wear, then it became tradition. What would our liturgical

clothing look like (as an ASH)? Ironically it would probably look like an Anglican service, but without crosses, because that's all just displaced medieval stuff.

Cr: I don't think we need to worry overly about xtianity. The important part is staying vague; it's not "this is what we believe". We're so varied that it's impossible to nail down a concrete pantheon. We need acceptance of other "ASH gods". I'd prefer not to focus on that.

Ch: Polytheism is pluralistic. We all have our own gods that we follow, regardless of pantheon (that can include gods outside of a blessed ASH list).

B: People can have personal gods as well, but following our liturgical cycle might be helpful for the kindred, so there are certain gods that we honor throughout the year during certain seasons and others all year.

Cr: Hrethe's month and Eostre's month can stay.

B: God-months/god-seasons might be a way to expand our understanding of different gods and work how those cycles go through

Cr: Nice, good job :sunglas: That's what I was trying to get at. Stay vague. Things as celebration and thanks in public, rather than private. Springtime goddesses in spring as a thank you and celebration. We have to make that together.

Cr: Many of the gods are architectural?

Ch: how about a harvest festival?

Cr: We could take these holidays and put them in a heathen context. We can make a calendar. Months are kinda done for us so we have that, and we have the days-of-the-week gods so that helps. An extensive list would be good but we don't have to sweat in our room coming up with reconstructions: who he is, what he does, how we honor him is better than a reconstruction essay. Getting into ASH is hard right now, we want to make it more accessible and easy for beginners.

B: Let's have prayers to the gods. E.g. "Here's an example: two prayers". Beginners be like "how do I get started" and older people are like "wHy DiDn'T tHeY cHeCk ThE loNgShip". It's sparse! That's why!

Cr: We need more religiosity in ASH! Right Erin? [Yes] See, Erin agrees. We need a guide on how to be an ASH. What to do to worship someone, how to be a heathen and ASH in particular.

B: Being vague might be good, but practice-wise we should dive in firmly.

Ch: It'd be nice if the whole cycle of reciprocity and all the rituals were in one place and not scattered around; there's some core stuff on how to be a polytheist, but you have to get it from all-over.

E: We need to go back to the beginner questions and have those answered in the guide; and add them as they pop up.

Ch: Almost a FAQ.

B: I should start collecting the FAQ questions from beginners on r/Heathenry.

Cr: It would be best if we could do libations etc. from an ASH perspective. There's lots of stuff that doesn't get included that's specific to ASH, would be nice too if that was in there. How to do libations, but how this one person does libations.

Ch: Yes, the hellenists already have this. We need the information to hand.

Cr: What about the anglo saxons, man!? There are some unique methods of worship that we could modernize, it'd make ASH unique. The problem at the moment is it's too norsified. It's norske dlc (says Mark). We can change that! Let's focus on the unique things. We're trying to be a kindred, sure, but let's try to improve the wider ASH landscape.

Ch: We can lead by example.

Cr: Realistically it won't get large like Fyrn or whatever, but it'll be another option that's out there.

E: The website can be a resource for people who need it for solo practice too.

Questions?

B: Pre-emptively we should set up a time. Maybe do a group prayer to start it off. [wide agreement]

Cr: We've covered most of what he was talking about. Roles is another thing. Priesthood, people to write reconstructions. This is a group effort, it'd be nice to have these roles available to fill. What would those be and what would be useful?