

In attendance: Crulsey and Chameleon.

How do we get started? We have

<https://wiki.waifu.haus/#crulsey%20and%20chameleon%3A%20The%20Discord%20ASH%20Rants> - what's next?

B said we could just have a kindred, but that should come after foundation, and we don't have foundation.

Cr talked to fyrn leavers recently: what does ash need? "Less idiots trying to rebrand it, accessibility of information and quality of information; unbiased information not trying to be a centralized priesthood". Fyrn is trying to do that, adding a hierarchy, doing away with the term ASH. Everybody has their own practice, unique to them, and we provide a hub-zone.

When you read about Roman Mars, you read academic stuff; when you read about Woden or Thunor, you read heathen perspectives. We need this information, but non-biased. Allow the reader room to interpret it for themselves, rather than passing down our own interpretation (no edicts from heaven).

Fuck it, make a kindred - but ash is new, very new; creating loads of orgs is creating teams for people to join; would be better to provide a source of truth. Like Galatian - a big tent where people can gather, made of smaller groups. ATM we have Fyrn and Ingwine which are at war with each other trying to provide an ultimate source of truth.

Ch brings up wolf drama - there's a hunger for good heathen sources rn because wolf and ocean are considered less trusted now. Didn't have any suggestions when in Ali's server because of the lack thereof (they ended up boosting beofeld)

Cr: Regional stuff - 7 kingdoms of England; they worshipped the same gods, but had different spirits and different interpretations based on where they were based. We should build on that. We have a gap here that Norse heathens don't have - we can avoid it becoming a universal, boring thing. Holy guild idea - we come together in an All-thing and create stuff together for the good of ASH, not each other, but we're otherwise decentralized. Hence Cr is against the kindred idea.

Beo and Osric and everyone are creating things because they want to be Jackson Crawford - they want to be good scholars, not actually improve the religion. We should do the opposite - we should put ASH before ourselves.

We can't build a small kindred into something larger - can't snowball.

You should be able to read a website, learn about the gods and spirits, and then get up and go - no reliance on a community if you don't want to. We should emphasize how to be an ASH rather than what ASH is. Half of the fun of heathenry is putting theory into praxis.

Tiw for example - here's who he is and what he does, attestations here and here, sources. Compare to Beofeld, prattling on for 20 pages! We shouldn't think of ourselves as academics. We don't need to write a thesis on them.

We definitely need a website. A source for ASH you can learn from; how to be, not just what is; especially from a modern practitioner's standpoint. We should have a page to talk about kindreds. We don't need to be restricted to one website. Podcast, YT channel. Ch noted Ali's blessing on the latter! Server partnerships too.

Ch offered to set up a discord server. Cr said yeah, **action item**. We also need a website, youtube, mb podcast. Probably just Ch, B, and Cr creating things for now; that's fine, if you build it, they will come. Ch noted people are much more willing to collab on an existing base.

Action item for Crulsey: Mission statement. How can we sell it? Once we have a firm goal in mind, we can branch off from there.

Cr: Fellowship - people across the world doing their own thing; isolated, distinct; every so often they meet around a table and we discuss ASH and how to improve it. Even if our practices aren't the same, we're still on the same team - Coreligious. We can use this to host our sessions, rituals, group prayers, etc. Workshops would be cool too!

We're missionaries, trying to spread the good word of ASH! Initially Cr still had reluctance because of sourness with Fyrn, but he's over that now. We're not building something out of spite or hate; we're providing an alternative. Sure, "they don't represent us", but we're an alternative. Charity work with a religious intent? (B's idea). Cr likes this idea. Ch brings up this will require a lot more organization, unless it's more like raising money to go to a good cause (charity streams etc).

Cr: Church sucks, sure, but they do do charity work (they did it in his local church). It's a good way to build a good community sentiment. That's something we need to do for wider paganism, to make it respected and build a good name.

Meeting wrapping up, created GC for B, Cr, Ch to work on this further (since Swein needs some time off).

Action Item: Name. Emphasizing fellowship?

Action Item: Logo. Name and mission statement should come first.

Action Item: Discord. Cr has some good ideas. Ch and Cr to meet on that.

Ch mentioned markdown/easy web building stuff. Would be easy for B and Cr to write articles without having to learn HTML or anything like that.

Existing good resources we should use as a mold for the website (especially galation):
<https://toutagalation.org/> <https://frankisk-allodium.com/about/> <https://followersofthewheel.org/>
<https://www.corupriesthood.com/> (really cool!) Also contrast <https://ingwine.org> and fyrnsidu as what not to do (ingwine is worse than fyrn but has some good sections; book reviews & members section. Newsletter?).

Newsletter seems cool! Gives a level of activity and such. Could do it quarterly or on solstices.

Website wise: **Action item**(?) for ch: start brainstorming website!

Roles(?) for now:

- B: Rituals
- Chame: Admin/Webmaster
- Crulsey: Writer

We can have specific roles for the community too.

Cr likes “big tent!” And the aesthetic of a fellowship. ASH is LotR, let’s go nuts with the fellowship! TOLKIEN IS AN ANCESTOR! His deathday should be our ancestor veneration holiday, BOOM! Would be nice to pay homage to him. He’s our Snorri. We need a workshop - ASH in LotR/Tolkien. Here’s how he influenced us.

We’re at a big-bang moment. This is exciting. Let’s get this underway.

We have our superhero origin story - we’re done with Fyrn, we’re done sharing ASH with folkists and racists - we’re going to build the first good, respectable ASH resource!

Let’s not forget Roman culture. Instead of everything after the saxons - fyrn’s danelore heathenry - we want to go *before* to the Romans and Celts that were there before. We want to answer the question: How is ASH different to Norse heathenry?

Even the dictionary has cool details - Old English has a word that means “to eat the offerings”. Fyrn and Ingwine ignore this. We can use it to make ASH unique!

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Understandable, comprehensible and - uniquely Anglo-Saxon.