

Gardens of the Old Gods: Ecocriticism of Yggdrasil in the Eddas

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Abstract:

The Prose Edda and the Poetic Edda serve as the primary texts from which we draw our modern understanding of ancient Norse mythology. Central in these myths is the role of nature, which is depicted in a ways that are closely associated with contemporary understandings of the world in which we live, and there is no better demonstration in of the ecological concepts in these tales than Yggdrasil. By understanding the ecological connections in ancient Norse mythology through the Yggdrasil imagery, it is possible to make the eco-critical analysis of the mythology while shedding light on the very real contemporary environmental threats to the basis of one of the central images of their mythology.

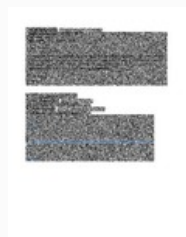
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Schorn examines in detail the evidence for extraterrestrial connections to the legendary lost Gardens of the Elder Gods is an astounding book that presents documentation of extraterrestrial contact throughout history. Schorn explores the issues raised by mysterious archeological sites and demonstrates how the ancient ET tools rivals the sophistication of modern technology. Schorn examines in detail the evidence for extraterrestrial connections to the legendary lost cities of antiquity. He examines the evidence found in ancient and esoteric texts and the geological and archeological records. In Old Norse, Yggdrasil is called Mimameidr. This giant tree supports the Universe. How Yggdrasil came to existence is not entirely clear, but according to most Norse mythology researchers, the sacred Tree of Life grew out of a well called Urd. The name itself comes from Yggr, meaning "The Terrible One", a name frequently given to Norse god Odin. Yggdrasil is one of many variations of the Cosmic Axis or Universal World Tree, known to all human cultures and home to many fascinating creatures. Ragnarök. Yggdrasil is mentioned in two books in the Prose Edda; Gylfaginning and Skáldskaparmál. When Gangleri, the earliest recorded king in Scandinavia asks about the location of holiest place of the gods, he is told it is the ash Yggdrasil.