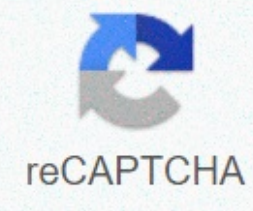




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Sorcery and religion in ancient scandinavia review

© 1996-2014, Amazon.com, Inc. or its Varg Vikernes affiliates Categories: Publisher: Abstract Sounds Files will be sent to your email address. It can take up to 1-5 minutes before you get it. Classification: As the title suggests, this book refers to ancient Scandinavian heism and tradition. Description: Like Varg Vikernes later book Paganism Explanations - Part 1: Thrymskvida, which was created together with his wife Marie Kessett, the meat of Witchcraft and religion in ancient Scandinavia is largely focused on close reading of single poems, in this case Völuspá. Varg's interpretation, which is preceded and followed by a fairly detailed explanation of the pagan classification: As the title of this book is understood, deals with ancient paganism and tradition. 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Key parts: The book begins by framing what can be considered religious edification, as it has emerged from faith in magic before, and Varg discusses the transition from magic as an explanation of the world phenomenon, to the idea of gods and goddesses who manipulate nature and influence people's lives. This also includes discussing the transition from matriar to patriarch and the myth of mistletoe: all this is fundamental information about the larger issues later made. The following sections are a little drier and informative. Varg talks about the Ancient Scandinavian calendars, the idea of days, weeks, months - all named and seen as belonging to different deities. This is important for better conceptualization of the order of events in the Lyuspesa and the time of other traditions. He also explains the runes, discusses what they are and to whom they are attached, and interestingly the basis for how he decides to order and better understand the poems Völuspá, which according to a separate source is rather controversial historically. In this case, it coincides a lot with most modern decisions in this regard, so there seems to be a certain substance to his claims His arguments for using this method are that hawaian becomes clear that the songs and spells of wizards are very related to runes, and thus should naturally be expected from Völuspá. The next part is the main focus of the book and deals with Varg's interpretation of Völuspá not as a creation and destruction myth (which Varg believes was accepted because of Judeo-Christian linear views influencing later reading), beginning with the gods, the creation of man and the world, etc. and the climax of twilight of the gods or Ragnarok. Instead, he describes a series of festivals, traditions and practices regarding the start of the new king and queen after their triumph in races such as Bridal Race and dealing with the end of one year and the beginning of the next. Völuspá covers the myth of the Yulidians and the persecution of winter spirits, which is also synonymous with Ragnarok and happens to usher in the return of summer in the new year. According to Varg, participants dressed as gods/elves/good spirits or evil spirits (called Trolls, Ethins, etc.) and played these myths to physically bring about some positive changes (i.e. There are some stories about field work that would have a real impact) to expel unwanted spirits / kill evil gods in a symbolic sense, or to convey knowledge (entering the tomb, to learn myths, to revive, to reclaim your previous possessions). The difficult thing to explain here, is the interconnectedness between many practices and beliefs that Varg gives: one myth is often explained in combination with another, and they are all connected in some way, also some gods and objects rotate in many names and act similarly through different myths, etc. It is categorically that the author is the densest of 2017. There were times when I felt that both had their strengths and weaknesses in explaining the poem, and in fact, having understood Vargh's reasoning on this subject, you can often predict what he will take in verse after reading it. However, there are points in which he seems to dance around parts that more clearly correspond to the original theory, as well as some deviations from the more widely accepted linguistic interpretations, where there is clearly an effort in Vikernes to navigate things to his eyes. Furthermore, instead of using several Translation, Varg treats these words as regular words and translates them into their noun/adjective partner, so the effect is more similar to a list of forces or phenom rather than as a barrage of useless characters, but this is a significant difference from the first. The book ends with some further integrations of fairy tales and Scandinavian fairy tales, which, according to Varg, reinforce his argument. So, what?: As you can probably guess so far, Varg concludes that Völuspá is not actually a creation myth, and the popular and more widely accepted interpretation is incorrect at macro level and only scratches the surface on a micro level. You'll get a better idea of where Varg comes from here. as you read your other books or follow his presence on YouTube / blog, if you are curious, and I am not here to say that what he thinks is true or something else, I am just interested, but since it is written he is determined he is delitley further reasoning in this order of reasoning, so if you are a new reader you would like to draw on these sources before reading this. In essence, however, it boils down to the belief that gods and gods, etc. are not real in themselves, but they are important phenomena, and in the context of mythology they serve as useful means of understanding nature, culture, society and rudimentary science, even. So while the deities themselves do not exist literally, what they symbolize is much more important and actually connects man's understanding of the world and nature with something that gives him meaning. What can now be seen to be naive or superstitious at a time served is useful, perhaps not always in the way provided by the wizards or Gentiles themselves (i.e. taming gods and influencing nature), but still contributing to society and its functionality. And in many ways, a common environmental myth can do it again. In conclusion, I will say that it is useful if by loving me, you are curious about pagan tradition, mythology and society and want to break course on the unique for Varg' take. I would warn readers to be aware in advance that this is not widely viewable, so if you are looking for a more mythological reading of gods and battles and glory, then you will probably be better served elsewhere, but if you are already of the opinion that paganism is more useful didactic than it is literal, or if you are open to at least something of this nature, then I would say that it is definitely worth your time. I am not deeply educated on this issue and am not enough to confirm or deny the accuracy of what Varg offers as evidence of his theories here, but nevertheless I am not sufficiently read this. Just be sure to approach it with a healthy level of skepticism along with an open mind. ... more Page 2 Show 1-25 Start your review witchcraft and religion in Ancient Scandinavia Hayden. M with rated was amazing February 07, 2018 N ranked did not like it Feb 07 February 2014 Penna rated it was amazing June 25, 2018 hamungusreads rated it amazing August 14, 2018 Amy marks it as the reader April 01, 2014 Fjorgyn marks it as reading August 29, 2017 Metáfora marks it by reading March 21, 2018 Asgeir marks it as reading April 19 , 2018 Hoho marked it as read on May 6, 2019 David marks it by reading Yun 02, 2019 Lady V. marked as read 27 May 2020, Jake Cu marked it as reading 17 September 17, 2020 Page 2 Migliori recensioni Le piää1ã recenti Migliori recensioni Recensioni Varg Vikernes File will be sent to your email address. It can take up to 1-5 minutes before you get it. Yes, Varg Vikernes - Norwegian metal musician, pagan scholar in himself, convicted arsonist and murderer, and some special snowflakes as a neo-Nazi. He wrote a book about what he wrote on the tene. AND THAT'S NONSENSE. I was able to read the foreword and half a page of the first chapter before I had to put it on to resist the sudden urge to throw it out the window. It's definitely the wall-bangs of a book. How much is that, you'll ask? Let's try a few lines from prologue, see if we can afford to be impressed by the scholarship level and think that's what got into this job... I have studied the subject for almost two decades, and yet I can list only two books on the theme of the Golden Bowl by the anthropologist James Fraser and Fedrekult i Norge (Ancestral cult in Norway), by the missionary and historian Otto Emil Birkelli, as any real help in writing this book. My hypotheses in this book are based on the assertion that all the tribes of Ancient Europe originally had the same religion, whether they lived in Europe or emigrated to North Africa or different parts of Asia. When you encounter such obvious mistakes made by me, you must accept them as true and continue to read until you understand that my interpretation is actually true. Scientists tend to ignore any book written without references to specific sources. This book is probably one, but I have to defend it by saying that I cannot list sources when the ideas are mine, my interpretations and my conclusions. In other words, he knows all about it because he made it up himself! Dude's like pagan Jack Chick. But then, I already paid for it. (Don't ask, I blame Imp on the Perverts.) I want to get something from him. And it seems to me that you can get at least a little fun from this ordeal if I had an audience to comment and complain (and with!) as I read together where you come. Does anyone want to join me for biased, outlandry, possibly violence and possibly head-to-head violence in Ancient Scandinavia? Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient by Varg Vikernes - I want to read this man Completely batsman, but it is worth noting that classical pagans are completely open to the idea that all the gods of their respective pantheons are more or less different, called versions of each other. Re: Witchcraft and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - you want to read This man is completely batshit, but it is worth noting that classical pagans are completely open to the idea that all the gods of their respective pantheon are more or less differently-called versions of each other. Really. Of course, Varg takes a few cuts... Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read Gosh. He appears as the pagan version of Dave Sim. No one else knows what [enter religious text] is really trying to say! Re: The Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - you want me to read I'm torn. Sounds like so little, but I can't get anyone else to get out of parts that aren't. This. As much fun as it is to make fun of and make fun of it, I like Max and I don't want to get over it. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read I also like Max, but I want him to suffer for my fun. So, what the hell, you already bought the book, didn't you? CHAPTER ONE! Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read No. You don't understand. None of you understand. You're not going to put me through this with you. We're going to put you through this with me. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - you want me to read ... I'd better buckle up. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read Oh this will be great! Page 2 Re: Witchcraft and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - you want to read but first, some sleep. You don't want me to do this tired and irritable in a room full of sharp objects. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read recorded. I also just found out what I'm going to get for the X-Mas. Re: The Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read that I love some religious things that I get carried away with. Witchcraft and religion in ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read Hey, if you are ready to then I am on my way. I hope Varg doesn't realize we're making fun of him... Re: Magic and religion in ancient Scandinavian language by Varg Vikernes - I want to read this man is completely batsman, but it is worth noting that the Gentiles were completely open to the idea that all the gods of their respective pantheons were more or less different variants of each other, Especially the Romans. These people were getting stuck in the syncreation of religions, as if they had caught Pokémon. 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Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read Little Breastfeeding, slightly broken thumb right now (in no way related to the book, surprisingly), but I'll get to it once I get some groceries and pick up a new sword that just arrived. 3 Re: Witchcraft and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read mostly the Romans. These people were getting stuck in the syncreation of religions, as if they had caught Pokémon. The Phoenicians were big, and as a big energy trade, they spread stories widely. Phoenicians became one of the reasons why religions in North Africa, the Middle East and Mediterranean Europe began to become copies of carbon from each other. (And giving all the alphabet, which will be a prototype in Greek and Latin helped too) But yes, it was in the interest of the tribe to arrange its gods with the gods of its neighbors. Before long after the Celtic Frigian moved to Anatolia that they began to draw up mythical connections of their ancestors to the Trojan War to be part of the Hellenistic culture, and it was not long after Gaul was conquered by Rome that the Gauls began to trace their origin Trojan refugees just as the Romans did. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read Little Breastfeeding, slightly broken thumb right now (in no way related to the book, surprisingly), but I'll get to it once I get some groceries and pick up a new sword that just arrived. Is the sword to defend against Varg? Sofia Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia Varg Vikernes - do you want me to read If the sword will be defended by Varg? No, it's just part of his shopping list, but they don't sell it in the main supermarket, so he listed it separately. Spirit. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - want to read Is the sword to defend yourself against Varg? Sofia... to fight against the works of TheRmaman's witchcraft! Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - you want me to read especially the Romans. These people were getting stuck in the syncreation of religions, as if they had caught Pokémon. Although in their case I understand that there have often been fewer than We worship the same gods! and more than You truly worship our gods!. Re: Magic and religion in ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read Hmm, I just checked amazon for this book. There is a Kindle edition, but the paper appears to be only available from third-party sellers. Curiously, it seems to have been available since October last year and there are no user reviews out there yet. I can't find it on Barnes and Noble's website. This book didn't make much of a splash, did it? According to Amazon, that's 128 pages. So, it's relatively short. I wonder how short the heads are. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read that the Father has mercy, here... I'll only use quotes as much as I can, summing up when there's too much to get into a copyright-protected sonic rumor, because you really need to see his exact words to believe this nonsense. Chapter 1: From the murky mists of antiquity 1.1 Animism, the Stone Age was as intelligent as we are today, but he knew almost nothing about the world in which he lived. But then it goes on. Everything that happened around him, even the most insignificant, was very frightening or at best, incomprehensible. That sounds a little... Incredible. Even the stupidest animals are smart enough not to be afraid of everything, and understand well what's going on around them. It's kind of a necessity for basic survival. But he continues, ending with this gem of very unconventional wisdom. He did not understand the time, how long it lasted an hour, day, week, month, or year.1. Yes, yes. I don't even know. It's just stupid, not the poor, stone-age dumb man of fucking Varg. Seriously, it's drive me crazy! How can anyone with half a brain think that? How can someone, no matter how stupid, no matter how primitive, does not know how long a day, a month or a year lasts? This is obvious - you'll have to make a deliberate, continuous, concerned cultural effort in conscious ignorance to miss the fucking huge bright lights swirling up there in the sky and seasons repeating over and over again. again at a very predictable pace. Therefore, he did not know how long the sun would disappear when it sat in the west, or how long the winter would last. YES, HE DID! When something has happened in a certain way literally every day for the whole life, and for the life of everyone alive or even in living memory, it is quite easy for anyone capable of realizing that they can notice the fucking pattern! OTHERWISE, THE CUNNING STONE SHAMAN WOULDNT KNOW WHEN TO SET THE RITUALS TO SHOW HIS STRENGTH TO CALL THE FUCKING SUN, WHICH YOU'IL KEEP TALKING ABOUT THE NEXT ONE! ... I need a break. We're not even one paragraph in the book, and I already have a headache. I'm going to go make some coffee, and then we're going to dictate; I hope that ABJECT STUPIDITY is mostly preloaded. (Yes, that's the moment I got stuck the first time.) Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - you want me to read ... We're going to need more popcorn than I thought. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read There are some interesting through the development of time, as the concept we understand. But this is fundamentally different from the fact that ancient people had no idea about the passage of time at every level. Which is pretty problematic. I would also say that ancient humans even the first anatomical modern humans knew a ton of their world. They didn't know how in the modern age we knew, but they certainly knew. They knew very practical botany, for example. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read Though in their case I understand that often there was less than We worship the same gods! and more than you truly worship our gods!. No, the Romans almost wholesale accepted the Greek pantheon as an addition to their own local gods. Re: The Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read When you encounter such obvious mistakes made by me, you have to accept them as correct and keep reading until you realize that my interpretation is actually correct. I desperately want to put this line into my doctoral thesis. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg - I want to read mostly the Romans. These people were getting stuck in the syncreation of religions, as if they had caught Pokémon. ... I love that metaphor. I love him so much. Thank you. 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It is also worth noting that greco-Roman equivalents actually vary a significant amount in some cases. For example, Aphrodite was not presented very favorably in the Iliad, and one of Diomedes' great works took her off the battlefield. In Eneida, this event is presented as a terrible blasphemy that ultimately ruined Diomede's life, because Venus is a much bigger deal for the Romans than Aphrodite is for the Greeks. In fact, Ulysses continues to portray the pious Diomeides who were stabbed, generally the only Achaean leader who did not have a night walk or arrival at home, the IIRC. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read, I have to answer that! As a Norwegian, I actually tried to read his book in the original. It was a very dubious pleasure to say Simply put, New Age, if you're a church, a burning cannibal red-door devil honoring a guitarist with a Viking fetish. I really do not know what else to say, except that it reminds me of Guide Von List with its random processing of sources and alternative, almost mystical methods of research. It's a bit like a mixture of external occultism and external anthropology (as in outsiderism), from which you can say that he almost writes Golden Bough and the Old Norwegian Fam, but since he has never looked at external sources he has a very unique point of view. Oh, please keep reading this! There is even a role-playing angle to all this, if you are interested, in the fact that many of these Satanists started playing role-playing games (why yes,

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(There was an unhealthy fixation on being gloomy and unfroared in role-playing circles from the 1990s around, it's hard to be a role-playing game if your main influence was Mentzerian's attitude of honesty and importance in that everyone was having fun and a Smigan romantic with a sensitively strange thing and everyone else was really evil and playing with vampires, well, that my understanding of WoD was influenced by my sisters Anne Rice and Poppy to say that it has nothing to do with those who have played these games.) Re: Witchcraft and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read He had no understanding of the time, about how one hour, day, week, month or year continue. ... Therefore, he did not know how long the sun would disappear when it sat in the west, or how long winter would last.1 Is it possible for Vikernes to say that the ancient Skan proto-Pagans did not have a formally defined system of time growth? 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It may be that he is in fact wrong, and Doris Norvus has actually picked up a detailed measurement of time from some source or another; Anthropology surprised me with weirder things. But I like to relax on new things as much as I can. You really give the man too much benefit from doubt, his meeting of history, based on his interviews is quite right: cavemen -> Vikings -> waah! Christians ruin all -> modern days -> future racial war Pre-Christian Norse (which is not the same thing as the Stone Age) had their calendars. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - you want me to read that it's not that simple. The original Roman religion was a pantheon of animism rather than Greek-style polytheism. The Romans had a concept of numina, which is a kind of universal god-like work that is present everywhere and in all things. 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The other problem is that it is impossible to explore the Roman religion as a unique phenomenon, since we have no real evidence of it before their contact with Greek culture. Any attempt to reconstruct it would be completely conjecture, but I would say it's wrong to start. Roman culture developed in an Hellenistic context, in which even non-Greeks are defined in terms inherited from Greek culture. Trying to find the element essentially Roman of the Roman religion by removing the Greek elements is more like trying to find an essentially Chinese element of the Chinese religion by removing Buddhism. Both are impossible, since you argue that foreign elements are actually essential parts of the tradition, which develops from a very early stage. You can try to define North American culture by exhausting everything remotely. The Greeks and Romans practiced the same religion for all and objectives. Even that's what they thought. The differences existed as a result of localization, not a significant difference between cultures. The Greek religion was already highly localized, so the Roman religion differed from others in the same way that the Athenian religion was distinguished from the religion of Thebes or Pergam or Kieran. By the way, syncretism, etc. is the rule, not the exception for every ancient people we know of. The concept of a fixed pantheon of gods with discreet conditions, specific to this culture, is completely modern, which the ancient man would probably have great difficulty accepting. Of course, they did not consciously consider it syncretism; it's just a natural result of trying to find common ground with different cultures and suggesting that there should be some basic resemblance there. Re: The magic and religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read people really should have more respect for our stone age ancestors. Syncretism is also not a dead phenom. People still take elements of different religions and mix it with their own original tradition. Re: Magic and religion in ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read rocket-propelled grenade said: No, it's just part of his grocery list, but they don't sell it in the main supermarket, so he listed it separately. Spirit. Here it is illegal to sell alcohol in stores, so they sell it in a separate room, which is clearly attached to the store and has large windows that look through, but you need to go out on the sidewalk to enter. That's how I imagine Norwegian sword dealers. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read the longest coffee break this month. Short: I hit a critical blow to my right thumb, I didn't take it seriously, so nice, but the cross doctor split an entire arm to stop me making it worse. I'm sorry, I can't read and write it down with one hand, so let's keep it. Writing with your left hand takes forever. I can't play games. I can't even handle the new sword properly (I feel you, Tyre). A thorn in, not to mention even in the hand. Protip: DO NOT PUT A STRAIN ON BROKEN BONES. IT'S VERY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. Here it is illegal to sell alcohol in stores, so they sell it in a separate room, which is clearly attached to the store and has large windows that look through, but you need to go out on the sidewalk to enter. That's how I imagine Norwegian sword dealers. I'm Finnish, but the principle applies. There are no guns in the liquor aisle. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read the longest coffee break this month. Short: I hit a critical blow to my right thumb, I didn't take it seriously, so nice, but the cross doctor split an entire arm to stop me making it worse. I'm sorry, I can't tell you. and take notes with just one hand so that you keep this on hold. Writing with your left hand takes forever. I can't play games. I can't even handle the new sword properly (I feel you, Tyre). A thorn in, not to mention even in the hand. That sucks, dude. I hope you'll be all right soon. Re: Magic and Religion in ancient Scandinavian language by Varg Vikernes - you want to read It Sounds Like the Universe Is Trying to Tell You Something - mainly not to read this terrible book. 6 Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - you want to read This Sounds Like the Universe Is Trying to Tell You Something - mainly not to read this terrible book. I'm not going to let the universe tell me what to do. The bastard's been trying to kill me since I was born. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read Vint, I won't let the universe tell me what to do. The bastard's been trying to kill me since I was born. If you're not going to listen to the universe, listen to your doctor. Don't use the hand. However -- have you considered getting the DragonDictation app for your phone or tablet? Voice capture software so you can read aloud parts of the book aloud, along with your reactions, and save them as text files to post here. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read I have a broken arm and combine left-handed typing with voice dictation on the iPhone. For whatever reason, I've been looking to use iPhones anyway. Maybe I can make Jaime Lannister. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read I have a broken arm and combine left-handed typing with voice dictation on the iPhone. For whatever reason, I've been looking to use iPhones anyway. Maybe I can make Jaime Lannister. ... You don't have a sister, do you? Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - you want me to read ... You don't have a sister, do you? NOT AS MUCH AS I KNOW! Edit: anyway, that's the point of his arc of character, where he stops banging his sister. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read well if you are not going to listen to the universe, listen to your doctor. Don't use the hand. yes, I guess I'm not anymore. I didn't figure out how to tie ties with one hand... So I watch movies and play House of the Dead Left. It's not as much fun as my usual two-gun approach. However -- have you considered getting the DragonDictation app for your phone or tablet? Voice capture software so you can read aloud parts of the book aloud, along with your reactions, and save them as text files to post here. You don't have a smart phone or tablet. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient by Varg Vikernes - you want me to read I am Finnish, but principle of subsidiarity applies. There are no guns in the liquor aisle. I remember being funny in the supermarket when I bought four cans of beer and a kitchen knife. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read that I love this thread! I'm not going to let it end! I love you for all your comments here, and you Max for giving us this thread. Please return to it as soon as possible, health allows. Re: Witchcraft and religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read by the way, syncretism, etc., is the rule, not an exception for every ancient people we know. The concept of a fixed pantheon of gods with discreet conditions, specific to this culture, is completely modern, which the ancient man would probably have great difficulty accepting. Of course, they did not consciously consider it syncretism; it's just a natural result of trying to find common ground with different cultures and suggesting that there should be some basic resemblance there. Largely, but syncretism is a very general term. Both the God of your city's harvest and the god of my vintage city must be the same being who will be tossed with different names and your city of god of harvest and my city of harvest god are real, but individual divine beings who perform the same role in different geographical places fall into the broad course of syncretism, but they have very different consequences in terms of the relevant worldly views that inform them. Re: Magic and Religion in Ancient Scandinavia by Varg Vikernes - I want to read the longest coffee break this month. Short: I hit a critical blow to my right thumb, I didn't take it seriously, so nice, but the cross doctor split an entire arm to stop me making it worse. I'm sorry, I can't read and write it down with one hand, so let's keep it. Writing with your left hand takes forever. I can't play games. I can't even handle the new sword properly (I feel you, Tyre). A thorn in, not to mention even in the hand. Protip: DO NOT PUT A STRAIN ON BROKEN BONES. 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