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THE VIKING RUNES Traditional Meanings		
M	The Self	Man, the Human Race
A	Fortitude	A gift, Offerings from the gods or from Chiefs to Loyal Followers
F	Signals	God, the god Loki, Mouth (source of Divine Utterances), Rivermouth
Q	Retreat	Property or Inherited Possessions, also Native Land, Home
h	Strength	Strength, Sacrificial Animal, the Aurochs (for primitive), species of wild ox
E	Initiation	Uncertain Meaning, a Secret Matter (Rune of Mystery)
i	Constraint	Need, Necessity, Constraint, Cause of Human Sorrow, Lessons, Hardship
g	Fertility	Eng, the Legendary Hero, later a god.
v	Defense	Yew-tree, a Bow Made of Yew, Rune Magic, Avertive Powers: Runic Calendars or "Primolaves"
T	Protection	Protection, Defense, the Elk, Sedge or Brigrass
F	Possessions	Cattle, Goods, the Vital Community Wealth
J	Joy	Joy, also in Grendel's Runic Passages, Absence of Suffering & Sorrow
o	Harvest	Yew, Harvest, A Fruitful Year
<	Opening	Tooth, Skull, Ulcer, Associated with Cult of the Goddess Nerthus
†	Warrior	Victory in Battle, a Guiding Planet or Star, the god Tir
B	Growth	Birch Tree, Associated with Fertility Cults, Rebirth, New Life
M	Movement	Horse, Associated with the Course of the Sun
F	Flow	Water, Sea, a Fertility Source (See Grendel's Mere in Beowulf)
H	Disruption	Hail, Sleet, Natural Forces that Damage
R	Journey	A Riding, a Journey: Refers to the Soul After Death, Journey Charm
†	Gateway	Giant, Demon, Thorn, the god Thor
M	Breakthrough	Day, God's Light, Prosperity and Fruitfulness
I	Standstill	Ice, Freezing, in the <i>Prose Edda</i> the Frost-giant Ymir is Born of Ice
>	Wholeness	The Sun
□	The Unknowable	The Rune of Destiny

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