

Runa



Runa Gottlieb Reid was born on 2nd March 2026, just after dawn on the first sunny week of the year and ice melt in Sweden, and shortly before the full moon and total lunar eclipse visible from the Pacific.

First inspiration: Old Norse *rún*/Old English *rūn*

- Features in both Old Norse *rún* and Old English *rūn* (rune, whisper, secret, mystery, hidden knowledge), and modern Swedish *runa* (rune) where it is used as a feminine name
- It also appears in Irish and Scottish Gaelic (secret, mystery, intention, purpose). Today it is used as a term of affection ("*mo rún*", my darling/my beloved).

Second inspiration: Sanskrit *aruṇa*

- Inspired also by the Sanskrit अरुण (*aruṇa*), meaning "the colour of dawn" or "the red glow of the rising sun".
- Aruṇa is the name of a well-known figure in Indian mythology, appearing in Hinduism (as the charioteer of the sun god Sūrya) and Buddhism (lending his name to Wat Arun, one of the most famous Buddhist temples in Thailand).
- Aruni ("of the dawn") was a revered Vedic sage and is the source of the phrase "Tat Tvam Asi" ("That Thou Art"), one of the most famous Great Sayings in Advaita Vedanta.
- The rune associated with dawn, breakthrough, awakening and transformation is 𐌳 (Dagaz).

Third inspiration: Japanese *runa*

- The name Runa is also known in Japanese, where written as 月菜 it suggests "moonlight over spring blossoms", or as the more poetic 月姫, "moon princess".